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## Graduation day

**Fully-certified Thumb sobriety court to mark 94 grads to-date following ceremony set Friday**

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Thumb Regional Sobriety Court (TRSC) officials will have two big reasons to celebrate when they gather for the court's next graduation ceremony, set for Friday morning in the Tuscola County Circuit Courtroom in Caro.

The first is recognition of more than a dozen individuals who have successfully completed the intensive treatment court program, boosting the number of "graduates" to more than 90 since the specialized court program began operations in 2014 to address the impact alcohol abuse/addiction has on repeat driving-related offenses among Thumb defendants.

The second bit of good news came in the form of an email from the Michigan State Court Administrative Office, according to TRSC Program Coordinator-Case Manager Heather Walther.

"The Thumb Regional Sobriety Court was notified on May 2 that it meets the requirements to be approved as a fully-certified treatment court program," she said.

"In 2018, the state of Michigan decided that they were going to conduct site visits and review the documents/data/policies/procedures of each treatment court in order to make sure that they are operating properly and worthy to continue to receive funding. They came to conduct a site visit with our program on April 12," Walther explained.

"From what I have heard, typically they complete the visit and then issue a report about the changes that the programs need to make, and give them 30 to 90 days to prove that they can make those changes in order to become certified. However...I received an email that the Thumb Regional Sobriety Court meets the state requirements to become

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**Sign of summer...**

**JIM TOMLIN (top photo) of End of the Lane Greenhouse, Cass City, bags up a purchase for Marilyn Peters at the Cass City Farmers Market, which reopened for the season last week and will continue to run on Thursdays from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. in downtown Cass City. Below, Jade Rockwell, Cass City, the daughter of Roger Rockwell and Sherry Luana, takes time to smell some flowers on display.**



## Lawmakers in Thumb praise bills targeting insurance rates

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Thumb lawmakers lauded legislation introduced last week that they say will reduce auto insurance rates in Michigan by providing drivers more coverage choices, cracking down on fraud and lawsuit abuse, and reducing inflated medical costs.

However, bills passed in both the Senate and House drew criticism from Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, who threatened to veto both.

Whitmer said the Senate bill passed last Wednesday "creates more problems than it solves. It preserves a corrupt system where insurance companies are allowed to unfairly discriminate in setting rates, and the only cuts it guarantees are to drivers' coverage."

Among the lawmakers lauding the plan was 25th District Senator Dan Lauwers (R-Brockway Township), whose district includes Huron and Sanilac counties.

"A constant theme as I travel the district has been, 'fix the high cost of auto insurance — now'; in fact, in the past seven years, I haven't been in a public setting where this issue hasn't come up," Lauwers said. "(This legislation) finally addresses this problem and provides long-overdue relief."

Senator Kevin Daley (R-Lum) also supported the Republican-led Senate plan to cut Michigan's highest-in-the-nation auto insurance rates.

"Auto no-fault was approved in 1972 under the promise that it would save drivers money and re-

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## County board hires new controller in split vote

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

A divided Tuscola County Board of Commissioners selected the county's new controller-administrator during a special meeting last week.

Commissioner Kim Vaughan nominated veteran Tuscola County employee Clayette Zechmeister for the position. Fellow commissioners Mark Jensen and Tom Young supported his recommendation, while board Chairman Thom Bardwell and Commissioner Dan Grimshaw cast the dissenting "no" votes.

The job is Zechmeister's, pending background check, which isn't expected to be an issue considering she has worked for the county for 30 years.

Zechmeister started out in the county clerk's office and then spent the past 20 years working in the controller-administrator's office. She has served as Tuscola County's chief accountant since 2004.

Zechmeister fills a vacancy left by the retirement of veteran Controller Mike Hoagland, who has served in the position for more than three decades. He is slated to officially retire in mid-June, closing out his 33-year tenure. He was the first person hired for the post.

"I am confident that I have the necessary skills. I am committed to

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## Quality Roasting officials gearing up to break ground on new plant

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

When farmers harvest their soybeans this fall, they should have a value-added option available to them.

Quality Roasting LLC has cleared all of the hurdles to build its new processing plant in Tus-

cola County's Gilford Township. A groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for 11 a.m. Friday at 135 S. Bradleyville Rd., Reese, near the Star of the West facility.

Quality Roasting, a Wisconsin firm, plans to build a 16,200-square-foot facility at an estimated cost of \$12 million.

"We have all of the building per-

mits we need, and we started moving ground last week for the access road," said the company's chief executive officer, Scott Rabe. "The plan is to have the site ready for accepting (soybeans) this fall — if the weather cooperates."

When the site is completed, it will include a processing building with a small office, truck scale, soybean storage bins and finished product storage. The plant will operate on a 24/5 schedule, Sunday through Friday evenings, and initially employ eight people.

The soybean harvest takes place over roughly a three-week period between September and November.

The operation will have the capacity to process about 2.2 million pounds of soybeans a year. Tuscola County produces about 3.67 million bushels of soybeans annually.

According to Rabe, even though the plant will be located in southwest Tuscola County, the company will be accepting soybeans from neighboring counties as well.

"We will take the soybeans that are brought to us," he said, noting producers should find the prices attractive.

It's estimated the processing of \$2.2 million soybeans will translate into additional income of about \$500,000 annually for area farmers, and that amount could increase.

"This could just be phase one," said Rabe. "There could be a

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## Teacher of the Year

**Ubly's Kieliszewski is state lottery's pick for top award**

A Huron County teacher has won the 2019 Educator of the Year award and a \$10,000 prize from the Michigan Lottery's Excellence in Education program, lottery officials announced last week.

The award winner, Stewart Kieliszewski, teaches Earth science, biology, mechatronics, and media to students in the eighth through 12 grades at the Ubly Community Schools. He also coaches track.

Kieliszewski is known for working tirelessly to provide students with fun, hands-on learning experiences, such as two successful robotics programs and raising funds to buy a 3D printer for technology-related experiments.

The Michigan Lottery established the Excellence in Education awards in 2014 to recognize outstanding public school educators across the state during the school year. Winners of the weekly award receive a plaque, a \$1,500 cash prize, and a \$500 grant to their classroom, school or school district.

Each year, one of the weekly winners is selected as the Educator of the Year and receives a \$10,000 prize.

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**THE 2019 Michigan Lottery Educator of the Year award winner, veteran Ubly Community Schools teacher Stewart Kieliszewski (second from left), poses for a photo with (left to right) Ubly Junior-Senior High School Principal Jeremy Warner, Michigan Lottery Commissioner Brian O. Neill, and Ubly School Supt. Joe Candela.**

# Area lawmakers praise insurance bills

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duce lawsuits. Today, our insurance rates are out of control and auto accident-related lawsuits are flooding our courts," said Daley, who represents the 31st District, comprised of Tuscola, Lapeer and Bay counties.

Another bill, passed in the House Thursday, drew the praise of state Rep. Phil Green (R-Millington), who said the legislation would also significantly lower car insurance premiums.

"After receiving input from Michigan residents over multiple months and holding 15 hearings through a special committee on the issue, the plan the House developed guarantees lower rates for all drivers in Michigan," said Green, who represents the 84th District (Tuscola and Huron counties). "The changes will help to reduce what currently is the highest average car insurance premium in the nation — giving drivers a choice on car insurance policies, easing excessive charges on medical services for car accident victims and combatting fraudulent claims to help lower costs."

Green pointed out that the House plan allows those currently using unlimited lifetime health coverage to keep it, and those who want it in the future to continue buying it — all while providing more afford-

able options with a mandatory rate reduction.

State Republican Party officials blasted Whitmer's dismissal of the legislation.

"Despite the fact that the House amended the bill to include major provisions that the governor had insisted on, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer issued a veto threat within hours of the bill's passage. Previously, Whitmer issued a similar veto threat on (the) Senate auto insurance relief bill, claiming it did not go far enough protect consumers from insurance companies who use metrics such gender, credit score, and zip code in determining a driver's insurance rate," party chairman Laura Cox said in a prepared statement.

"Republicans worked...to specifically address this issue and set up state oversight of the usage of such metrics. In addition, the House bill also addressed another of the governor's previous sticking points by requiring immediate rate reductions," Cox said. "Despite these compromises the governor's veto threats continue."

According to an October 2018 report, Michigan drivers pay an average of \$2,693 in annual auto insurance premiums — 83 percent higher than the national average. A recent University of Michigan study also revealed that auto insurance rates are unaffordable in

97 percent of the state's ZIP codes.

"There are several reasons for this; the current no-fault system is riddled with lawsuits, there is a lack of transparency in medical treatment, causing overpayments for the care provided, and the cost of uninsured drivers is being passed on to law-abiding Michiganders," Daley said. "Additionally, drivers are not provided with any options for coverage. Instead, they are forced to pay for a premium benefit package whether they can afford it or not."

Lauwers says Senate Bill One would require auto insurers to offer Michigan drivers at least three new personal injury protection (PIP) coverage options, including the ability of drivers with qualified medical coverage — such as health insurance, Medicare or Medicaid — to opt out of PIP coverage because they already have medical coverage for injuries.

Lauwers said the bill would also reduce out-of-control medical costs that are passed on to drivers via higher rates, and cut fraud and conflicts of interest in the auto insurance system. It will also reduce the announced \$220 annual Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association (MCCA) fee by 80 percent, he added, referring to the MCCA's decision earlier this year to impose an additional fee increase of \$28 on drivers, which is added to a driver's insurance premium, bringing the total fee to \$220 per vehicle.

"This provision alone means an immediate savings of \$180 per vehicle," Lauwers said.

The MCCA vehicle assessment fees go into a fund that covers the cost of medical care for people injured in car accidents when the cost of medical care exceeds \$580,000. The increase, assessed to every car insurance company doing business in Michigan and charged to consumers, is scheduled to take effect July 1.

"The current system is failing Michiganders in many ways," Daley said. "We need to crack down on unnecessary medical treatments, reduce the system's susceptibility to fraud, and reduce the number of uninsured drivers through more affordable rates. If nothing is done, the system will simply continue to spiral out of control."

The Senate bill also received a "thumbs up" from officials at the Mackinac Center for Public Policy.

Michael Van Beek, director of research for the Mackinac Center, said the proposed reforms would stop forcing all drivers to purchase expensive coverage few will ever need, and instead empowers consumers to choose a level of coverage that best suits their pocketbooks and personal preferences.

"Michigan's current auto insurance system is entirely unique when compared to other states, and so are the absurd prices drivers are forced to pay for coverage," Van Beek said. "These reforms would modify Michigan's system to make it similar to those in other states where insurance premiums are much more affordable. Drivers will finally be able to take control of their auto insurance costs."

Van Beek praised the bill for tackling the two factors that, he says, contribute the most to Michigan's out-of-control insurance costs: forcing drivers to purchase unlimited PIP coverage and no fee schedule for medical providers.

But Brian Peters, chief executive officer of the Michigan Health and Hospital Association, called the Senate legislation "a shocking step backwards" in the effort to fix Michigan's auto insurance system.

"Instead of holding insurers accountable for discriminatory rate setting and lowering rates, Senate Bill One limits coverage and asks drivers to simply trust the insurance companies," he said. "Accident victims lose, drivers lose and healthcare providers lose."

"Testimony (last week) included mention of consumer choice," Peters added. "Yet under this bill, consumers would have little choice but to hope they avoid an accident, and hope their insurance company slashes their premiums — because the amounts of coverage (this legislation) offers would do little to cover a catastrophic injury."

## Senior movies slated Friday at Rawson Memorial Library

Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City will host its next Senior Citizen Movies Friday, May 17, starting at 1:30 p.m.

Films slated to be shown are:

\*"Africa's Lost Eden" — Journey with National Geographic to Mozambique's Gorongosa National Park, which was once known as "the place where Noah left his Ark." Discover what is being done to bring this African oasis back to its former glory following 15 years of civil war that has taken a heavy toll (50 minutes).

\*"The Best of Sicily" — Join Rick Steves as he travels to Sicily, the island that is the southernmost part of Italy. Fill up on some unforgettable culture (30 minutes).

Refreshments will be served. This older adult program is offered free of charge. More information is available by calling the library at (989) 872-2856.

## Collins earns bachelor's degree

Rachel R Collins of Cass City recently graduated cum laude from Bethel College, Mishawaka, Ind., earning a Bachelor of Arts Degree in psychology.



Rachel Collins

A 2015 graduate of Cass City High School, she is the daughter of Chris and Melanie Collins of Cass City.

Collins is enrolled at Michigan State University (graduate study) in the Master of Social Work Program and will be working at Behavior Solutions, Grand Rapids, doing ABA (applied behavioral analysis) therapy.

## NOTICE FOR GILFORD TOWNSHIP

APRIL 11, 2019- MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting called to order at 7:30 P.M., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present: D. Strasz, Treasurer; R. Haines, Clerk; J. Stockmeyer, Supervisor; A. Goss, Trustee; K. Houghtaling, Trustee. Order of agenda approved. Ten members of the public present.

Public Comment: Concerns presented to Board regarding narrow roads and bridges and bridges with weight restrictions, also request widening and paving of 1 mile of Quanicasse Rd. Safety concerns were cited. Presenter willing to give additional land if needed to widen road and assist in paving. TWP will send letter of support to Road Commission.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion by K. Houghtaling, second by A. Goss to approve minutes. Motion approved.

Treasurers Report: Motion by A. Goss, second by K. Houghtaling to approve Treasurers Report. Motion approved.

Election Commission Meeting: Called to order at 7:48 P.M. Motion by D. Strasz, second by J. Stockmeyer to appoint election inspectors as presented. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:51.

REPORTS:

Supervisor: 2 Reese runs. Public Officials Conference, A. Goss will attend for Gilford TWP. AMAR letter to State regarding assessing issues. Attorney has been hired to assist our Assessor in preventing the State from taking over assessing of Gilford and some other townships. Will run advertisement for road side mowing. Fairgrove Fire contract discussion. Motion by D. Strasz, second by J. Stockmeyer to approve the Fairgrove contract. Motion approved. Motion by D. Strasz second by K. Houghtaling to approve 2019 road paving. Motion approved. Suggestion to get estimate to widen and bring grade up on Quanicasse Rd. J. Stockmeyer will seek estimate from TCRC.

Treasurer: Nothing new.

Clerk: Spring clean up discussion, Saturday May 18 8:00 A.M. till 4:00 or until dumpsters are full. Discussion on Airadvantage VOIP phone service. Will request 1 phone on a trial basis. Public accuracy test on April 29 at 11:00 A.M. Discussion on MTA request regarding Non Partisan option for elected officials. Resolution presented, supported, roll call vote adopting option of Non Partisan issue, resolution adopted. Deputy Clerk needed, will research advertising options. Discussion on Cemetery Sexton duties. Will bring draft of revised duties to May meeting. Motion by A. Goss second by D. Strasz to pay bills. Motion approved.

Trustees: MTA conference report, classes attended, solar energy becoming popular, lots of handouts.

Ambulance Representative: No March meeting, next meeting to recognize Ruth Ann Kajjala for her years of service.

Fire Department Representative: Reese meeting: looking for better quality flags, attended Stop Bleed Class, voted to sponsor car show. Fairgrove meeting: ordering spectacle kits for helmets, active shooter training, need 3 bids for helmets and gloves in order to secure Star of the West donation.

Zoning Administrator: None

Public Comment: Contact Novesta TWP for their road side mowing contractor, also put mowing advertisement on website. Suggest we look into why bank is charging \$40.00 per month for analysis. Complaint about Republic dumping front bucket while going down road, losing trash. Suggest newsletter include reminder to BAG their trash. Board commended for their professionalism during meetings, compared to some other townships. Who is watching over the Townships? For example, Juniata TWP problems. Tire drive in Reese cancelled, will be held at Denmark TWP Hall in August.

Motion by J. Stockmeyer, second by K. Houghtaling to adjourn at 9:35 P.M. Motion approved.

Robert L. Haines, Gilford Township Clerk

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# In Our OPINION...

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## May is Hepatitis Awareness Month

*The number of new Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) diagnoses among young adults has increased substantially over the last decade, largely as a result of the opioid epidemic, and roughly half of these new infections have been identified in females.*

*From 2007 to 2018, the number of women of child-bearing age diagnosed with HCV more than doubled, from 817 to 2,027 new diagnoses.*

*As a result, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is recognizing May as Hepatitis Awareness Month and highlighting the importance of testing for hepatitis B and C during pregnancy. The American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases has recommended all pregnant women get tested for HCV, ideally at the start of prenatal care.*

*The hepatitis C virus is a blood borne pathogen transmitted primarily through exposure to infected blood, most commonly through unsterile "works" used to prepare or inject drugs.*

*Perinatal HCV occurs when a mother infected with HCV passes the virus to her child in utero or during childbirth. Transmission occurs in approximately 5 to 15 percent of pregnancies in mothers infected with the virus, and about 15 to 40 percent of children who receive HCV from their mother will clear the virus without treatment.*

*There are currently no known methods to reduce the rate of HCV transmission from mother to child, no vaccine or prophylaxis for HCV, and the method of delivery has not been shown to decrease mother-to-child transmission.*

*Early detection and treatment are key to identifying current HCV infection, slowing disease progression and liver damage, and lowering risk of liver cancer.*

*People can live with hepatitis C for decades without experiencing any symptoms or feeling sick. The only way to know if you are infected is with a blood test. The good news is there are new HCV treatments available with minimal side effects that can cure more than 90 percent of persons living with HCV.*

*Hepatitis B virus (HBV) is transmitted from person-to-person through contaminated blood or body fluids. HBV can be spread from infected mothers to their infants at birth (perinatal HBV), through unprotected sex or through contact with blood or body fluids of a person who has the virus.*

*The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends all women be tested for hepatitis B surface antigen during each pregnancy. Hepatitis B vaccine is also recommended for pregnant women who are identified as being at risk for HBV infection during pregnancy.*

*The HBV vaccine contains no live virus and there is no apparent risk of adverse events to developing fetuses when hepatitis B vaccine is administered to pregnant women.*

*In recognition of May as Hepatitis Awareness Month and May 19 as Hepatitis Testing Day, MDHHS encourages all pregnant women to: Get tested for hepatitis C, ideally at the start of prenatal care; get tested for hepatitis B virus during every pregnancy; and get vaccinated for hepatitis B.*

*For more information on perinatal HBV, visit [Cdc.gov/hepatitis/hbv/perinatalxmtm.htm](http://Cdc.gov/hepatitis/hbv/perinatalxmtm.htm).*

## Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

When a bow says it all?



There are days when a column virtually writes itself, and then there are days like today when inspiration remains just out of reach.

My mother was on my mind this past Mother's Day. She was the only girl and the oldest of seven brothers in her family. She never talked much about her life growing up or the trials and tribulations of being the only girl. I'm sure, with seven brothers, there must have been plenty of stories she could tell, but she never did. I wish now I would have asked more questions about her life.

My mother was not a "girly girl." She was a no-nonsense woman who cut to the chase in life and in getting things done.

I never thought much about it at the time, but she was never one to primp. She had beautiful naturally curly hair that only needed combing. And, seeing as how she was the only girl in her family, I'm surprised that she didn't do girly primping on me. The only concession towards that was allowing me to wear a bow in my hair, but I could only have it pinned to the back of my head. I was not allowed to wear a bow on the right or left side, and not on the top of my head.

And, she had an old-fashioned curling iron that had to be heated over a flame on a stove. On special occasions, she would use that on my hair.

Those are a few of the memories I have of my mother.

Because I had a house fire, nearly all of the items I had of hers were destroyed. One item that survived was an old jewelry box that contained clippings, sayings, quotes, and little pieces of wisdom she had collected over the years.

One of the items I found in that box was an explanation of why she would only let me wear a bow in my hair only on the back of my head when I was a child. No matter how much I begged to wear the bow on one side or another, she would not allow it. She would never say why. I found a little booklet in her box of snippets that explained the different meanings of where a bow is worn in the hair.

The booklet even had drawings that showed the different locations a bow could be placed in hair and explained what each location meant.

According to the booklet, when a girl wears a bow on the top of her head, it shows "she is out to get herself a man."

When a girl wears a bow on the right side of her head, it means she is deeply in love. When a girl wears a bow on the left side of her head, it shows she

is going steady. When a girl wears a bow on the back of her head, it shows she is not interested in men.

Who knew a simple bow worn in a girl's hair could have so many different meanings?



### Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

This tidbit courtesy of Mary Drier, The 66th opening night of races at the Silver Bullet Speedway at 5801 Sebewaing Rd., stalled before it started. The start of the season - slated for last weekend - was delayed because of the weather.

"The pit area was just too wet. We tried drying it out. We did our due diligence in trying to get it ready but Mother Nature had other ideas," said Matt Hoonhout, who co-owns the track with his brother, Nick.

"This season we expect to see a lot of new races and old (favorites) return."

The brothers have owned the track since 2013, and have made some changes.

Last year they signed papers to make the track a fully sanctioned IMCA (International Motor Contest Association) Modified Track so national and regional points could be awarded to racers there.

According to Hoonhout, the change was made because it opened racing opportunities for more drivers.

Several improvements have been done over the last few weeks.

Some of the improvements included: a new fence by the flag stand, the gift shop has been moved and has a lot more merchandise, two new infield lights have been installed and upgraded to 1,500 watt lighting.

And, there will be new and furry faces at the track this year.

"We have new track dogs. Chief passed away from cancer, and we have new dogs to greet everyone," said Hoonhout. "The new dogs are Marv and Bullet."

On race night, the pit gate opens at 4 p.m., the front gate opens at 5 p.m. and racing starts at 7:30 p.m.

There is a different event featured nearly ever Saturday. The following is a list of events: May 18th is teacher appreciation night; May 25th is hall of fame night with old time racers; On June 1, is the Sam O'Connor Memorial Race - "He was well known at our track, at (former) Thunder Road, and on the racing circuit," said Hoonhout. "There will be a \$3,700 prize with 37 laps to compete; June 8th is autograph night; June 15 is Sprint Car showdown round one; June 22 is topless night (for vehicles only); June 29th is military appreciation night with veterans and active duty members getting in free with papers; July 6 is fireworks night with an awesome display; July 13th is kids night and bike races for kids age 14 and under free; July 20th is first responder appreciation night with police, firemen, and EMS personnel getting in free with an ID; July 27th is Sprint Car showdown - round two; On Aug. 10th is spectator drags.

On Aug. 15th there is racing on Thursday; Aug. 24th is the third Sprint Car showdown; Aug. 31st is the season championship with six champions crowned.

The race track has free rustic camping and allows coolers but no glass.

The race track in Owendale has been around for 66 years, which makes it the oldest dirt track. For more information, call 989-678-4447.

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The Michigan Bean Festival and Michigan Bean Commission are seeking applicants for the 71st Michigan Bean Queen contest. The 2019-20 winner must be a high school graduate; 17-22 year old, single female.

The newly crowned Bean Queen will receive a \$1,250 scholarship for college, sash, and official photograph. She will be required to attend a minimum of ten events throughout the year representing the Michigan Dry Bean industry.

For more information or an application, visit the Michigan Bean Festival website of contact Stephanie Robinson at 989-259-0595. The deadline for applications is Saturday, July 20, 2019.

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This too from Mary Drier,

There will be a blessing of the fleet at the Bay Port Fish Company, at 1008 First St., Saturday, May 19th, at 1 p.m.

Following the blessing is a free fish fry at the McLeish Park. Donations for the fish fry would be appreciated to support the Bay Port Area Historical Society.

The Bay Port Fish Company, which has operated since 1895, is the oldest continuously operated business on the Great Lakes. The Williams family has owned the fish company for 41 years.

This will be the second year a blessing of the fleet has been done. The blessing used to be an annual event in Bay Port but it had not been done for about 15 years until it was revived last year.

Back in the day, traveling by waterway was the main form of transportation and was fraught with danger. Although shipwrecks are often associated with oceans, traveling whether commercial or passenger on the Great Lakes wasn't without peril.

It is difficult to estimate the number of ships lost on the Great Lakes because many have never been found so the exact number is unknown. The Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum estimates about 6,000 ships and 30,000 lives lost were lost on the Great Lakes. However, historian and mariner Mark Thompson estimates the total number of wrecks might be about be closer to about 25,000.

## Letters to the Editor

### This nation's citizens need to pull together

Editor,

I don't like talking politics, but I have to vent. So many people are blasting Trump. For what? Making past mistakes, doing good for this country?

Every president has done bad and good for this country. I didn't care for Obama, but I didn't go around blasting and blaming him for everything that went wrong during his administration. I also didn't treat others badly because they supported him.

This country is in great turmoil and we all need to pull together to make it great again. Stop the blaming and support our president. Stop all the hatred and focus on the good things. We need to take care of Americans' needs first. All these illegals and people from foreign countries entering the United States are harming our way of life and the ability to think for ourselves.

It's time to stand up and get America back!

Patty Soldan  
Cass City

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### Wednesday, May 15

•Spoonfuls of Plenty Free Community Meal, 3:30-6 p.m., Humand Development Commission at 429 Montague Ave., Caro. Open to anyone wanting a hot, home-style meal.  
•Spaghetti Dinner at Cass City VFW Hall from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Take out available. For more information call (989) 872-4933.

### Thursday, May 16

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

### Friday, May 17

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

### Saturday, May 18

•Al-Anon meeting, 11 a.m., Cakima Serenity Home, Mayville. Call 989-912-5478 for more information.  
•Revive Food Pantry, from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Must live in the Cass City School District and meet the financial guidelines. For more information, call (989)551-7803.

### Sunday, May 19

•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.

### Monday, May 20

•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.  
•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.

### Tuesday, May 21

•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.  
•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.

## Accused cop shooter back in court

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

A Vassar man returned to Tuscola County briefly last week to enter pleas of no contest to a pair of charges stemming from incidents that marked the start of a crime spree during which he allegedly shot a Saginaw Township police officer earlier this year.

Joshua M. Rosebush, 30, who has remained in the custody of the Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC) since the alleged crimes, appeared in Tuscola County Circuit Court, where he had been charged with tampering with an electronic monitoring device and unlawfully driving away an automobile.

After pleading no contest to both counts, Rosebush was remanded to the custody of the MDOC. Sentencing in the case is to be scheduled.

Police say Rosebush, who had been paroled from prison last spring, removed his electronic tether and stole a truck in early January.

He now faces 26 felony charges in Saginaw County, including two

counts of assault with intent to murder after he allegedly shot Saginaw Township Officer Jeff Koenig, 48, in the face, and shot at a second officer — the Shiiawasse County detective who apprehended him — during a crime spree that covered three counties Jan. 22.

In addition to assault with intent to murder, he faces felony charges of receiving and concealing a stolen firearm, three counts of vehicle theft, six counts of being a felon in possession of a firearm, 13 counts of possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony, and one count of assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer.

Investigators say Rosebush allegedly shot Koenig in the face during a traffic stop in Saginaw County's Kochville Township while driving a stolen pickup

truck. Koenig, who underwent surgery and survived, was able to radio for help. Rosebush fled the scene and allegedly stole a construction equipment truck that police later found abandoned in Flint Township.

According to reports, Rosebush was next spotted driving a stolen van on I-69. Shiawassee County Sheriff's Detective Scott Shenk started following the suspect vehicle, but before back-up officers could arrive, Rosebush exited the freeway, stopped and engaged the detective in a gunfight. Rosebush suffered a minor facial injury, and Shenk was not hurt.

Rosebush was already wanted for questioning in Tuscola County in connection with a series of vehicle break-ins and thefts when the shootings took place.

MDOC records show he has a long criminal history, including convictions for breaking and entering vehicles, vehicle theft, assaulting a police officer, and stealing and/or retaining financial transaction devices.

If convicted on the latest string of charges, Rosebush could spend the rest of his life in prison.



Joshua Rosebush

## Three hurt in Sanilac accident

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Two adults and one teenager suffered injuries in a two-vehicle traffic crash in Sanilac County's Marlette Township last week.

Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies along with the Marlette police and fire departments and Marlette and Lapeer EMS units were dispatched to the scene of the accident — M-53 near Clifford Road — at about 8 a.m. Tuesday, Sgt. Ron DuBois of the sheriff's

department reported.

According to Deputy Otto Kutach, the investigation revealed that a 2006 Chevrolet Silverado, driven by 37-year-old Meagan Anderson from Kingston, was southbound on M-53. At the same time a 2006 Chevrolet Impala, driven by a 16-year-old from Marlette, accompanied by her 54-year-old passenger, Tammy Barton, were traveling eastbound on Clifford Road and approached the stop sign at M-53.

"The Impala proceeded to turn

northbound onto M-53, colliding with the Silverado," Kutach said. "The 16-year-old driver was trapped in her vehicle and had to be extricated by the Jaws of Life. All occupants were treated on scene and transported to Lapeer Hospital by the two EMS Services.

"The accident remains under investigation," Kutach said. "All occupants reported wearing their seatbelts, and speed and alcohol were not factors in the collision."

## Circuit court proceedings

## Several appear on felony charges

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

\*Jeffrey C. Hammond, 62, Saginaw, was sentenced to five to 25 years in prison following his plea of guilty to breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny Sept. 7 in Denmark Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions). In addition to prison time, he was ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$258.

\*Robert J. Bliss Jr., 38, Cass City, was sentenced to 90 days in the county jail, with worksite privileges, following his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Oct. 21 in Ellington Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

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

\*Bryant K. McCain, 50, Bay City, pleaded guilty to possession of cocaine, heroin or another narcotic (less than 25 grams), subsequent offense, Sept. 3, 2017, in Watertown Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$10,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*Jessica L. Day, 28, Cass City, pleaded guilty to charges of identity theft, obstruction of justice, driving without insurance and driving while her license was suspended or revoked Nov. 29 in Gagetown. She was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$1,500. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*John A. Loughner II, 43, Unionville, was sentenced to 180 days in jail, with work release/worksites privileges, following his pleas of guilty to two counts of delivery/manufacture of marijuana or a synthetic equivalent Feb. 13, 2018, in Akron Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs

and fines totaling \$826.

\*Joseph F. Gaertner Jr., 47, Akron, was sentenced to 365 days in jail following his pleas of guilty to operating a motor vehicle with a high BAC (blood alcohol content) and possession of a controlled substance Nov. 29 in Wells Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (two prior felony convictions).

In addition to jail time, he was placed on probation for 60 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,426.

\*Paul D. Robinson, 44, Vassar, was sentenced to 78 months to 20 years in prison following his plea of guilty to conducting a criminal

enterprise between March 12, 2018, and June 20, 2018, in the cities of Saginaw and Vassar, and the townships of Indianfields and Juniata. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to prison time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$258.

\*Tiffany L. Cunningham, 30, Unionville, pleaded no contest to charges of killing/torturing animals and attempted abandoning/cruelty to four to 10 animals Sept. 29 in Unionville.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$4,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

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## Reporter's notebook

### Commercials: no sense of reality

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor



I'm pretty sure the folks who create television commercials for various products have no sense of reality. Either that or I've just never been fortunate enough to live in the sort of neighborhood or community where life unfolds the way it does in their sales pitches.

I doubt most of the actors are parents or have ever owned a pet.

Case in point: flea and tick treatment commercials featuring loving pet owners gently applying medication to the fur of their dog or cat as the animal just sits there, so content and relaxed.

Back in the day – at least in our household when the kids were young and dragged every stray in the neighborhood to our place – a cat or dog would get one sniff of a medicine and it would be off to the races. Same thing for bath time, unlike the (obviously well trained) animals loving every minute of being bathed on a commercial touting the latest pet shampoo.

Or how about the commercials hawking those high-tech exercise cycles? You know, the ones with the professional trainer on the screen in front of the rider, encouraging them on to health. Towards the end of the sequence, the woman or man on the bike (presumably a young parent, already in amazing physical shape), steps off the equipment, wipes their brow with a towel and smiles as a youngster quietly shuffles in the room, smiling and blowing some bubbles or hugging a small stuffed animal.

Yeah, right. Wouldn't it be more believable if the kid walked into the room covered in flour and syrup?

As I recall, when our kids were very young, my wife couldn't have gotten away with that on her best day, because there was certain to be a toddler hanging on to one of her legs while another was demanding a snack and, not far away, another was calling "mommy" from the bathroom in a tone that would elicit a sense of dread in any parent.

My guess is that the model in the exercise bike commercial walks off that set and onto another set in order to sell wrinkle cream that is obviously a modern day miracle because the 20-something actress/spokesperson has no wrinkles.

Well, it was either wrinkle cream or another commercial for one of the weight loss giants that tend to be represented by young models who wouldn't recognize an extra ounce of fat on their bodies if their life depended on it.

Oh, boy.

Speaking of reality, have you ever purchased a fast food sandwich that even remotely resembled what you see on television. Ever?

Have you ever found yourself rushing to the hospital after a loved one has been involved in an accident, and found yourself immediately dialing the number of an attorney who promises to be right there? Must be the way to go, because the man or woman is holding up a check for \$750,000 a few moments later.

I wonder if the scenarios playing out on those commercials ever really play out that neat and clean. I also wonder if the folks smiling at me (from the television screen) are really all that happy because their car needed repairs and they were smart enough to buy into one of those extended warranty plans that start at just pennies a day, or because they were just lucky enough to be hired to do the commercial.

We experimented with an extended auto warranty plan some years ago after buying a used car. Unfortunately, unlike the retirement-aged actors on the commercial, the mechanics we dealt with out here in the rural Thumb weren't all that enthusiastic about dealing with the plan.

Maybe those things only work if you live in the big city?

I'll never fall for that again. I'd rather try to give the cat a bath.

# Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



## 5 YEARS AGO (2014)

The annual Gavel Club Golf Tournament held Saturday at Rolling Hills Golf Course in Cass City was up 8 players over last year's total. This year's winners, with a score of 60, are Derrick Bellew, Kevin Keys, Brandon Fanion and Stan Kasper. "The weather was gorgeous and the money we raise goes directly back in to helping the entire community of Cass City," said Al Patrick, Cass City Gavel Club Golf Tournament Chairman. Also at this year's fundraiser, Cass City farmer John Sommerville recorded a hole-in-one. Yep, that's how we hackers get it done in the local Wednesday night late division league play, of which Sommerville is a proud member.

Jacob Perry won the Paul Smarks Award for being the most outstanding male athlete in the graduating class, as well as excelling in extracurricular involvement.

## 10 YEARS AGO (2009)

Kingston High School juniors Mack George and Steve Miller have been selected to attend the Young People's Citizenship Seminar at Northwood University in Midland. For more than 40 years, Michigan Farm Bureau has sponsored the annual 5-day event for high school students in an effort to provide them with a wealth of knowledge about the democratic process at the local, state and national levels. Both George and Miller are outstanding students who were selected based on their interest in politics, government, international relations and economics.

Carl Nicol displayed the Louis Armstrong Jazz Award presented to him during the senior honors night at Cass City High School.

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

## 25 YEARS AGO (1994)

Mr. and Mrs. Roger D. Cooper of Cass City announce the engagement of their daughter, Denise L. Cooper, to Charles A. Kennedy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Kennedy of Middletown, Conn.

Mary and Dale Damm and Mrs. Marion McClorey attended the band concert Sunday afternoon. Jason Damm participated with the sixth grade band.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Williamson of Sterling Heights and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Maurer returned home from a week's trip to Branson, Mo., Thursday evening. While there they saw the Mel Tillis, Bobby Vinton, Andy Williams Country Night variety show, the Shoji Tabuchi violin show and the Lennon Sisters show at the new Lawrence Welk compound.

Dan Gibbard, Tory and Wesley, Theresa Gibbard, Cheryl and Becky, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Taylor and Brian, Tom Talaski, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Moore and family were Mother's Day barbecue dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Evans Gibbard and Kim where they celebrated the birthdays of Michael Moore and Tory Gibbard.

Two Cass City residents were part of the December graduation at Central Michigan University last year. Linda Volz received a master's degree in community development. Volz plans to use her degree as she continues to work as the director of Great Lakes Junior College's Bad Axe campus. Volz is the wife of Charles Volz and mother to Jocelyn and Aaron, all of Cass City. Scott King completed a Bachelor of Applied Arts degree in graphic design with a minor in industrial engineering and a computer science concentra-

tion. He is working in the graphic arts department at Wolohan Lumber in Saginaw. King, a 1989 Cass City High School graduate, is the son of Terry and Joyce King of Cass City.

## 35 YEARS AGO (1984)

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ashmore recently took a two-week vacation trip. They visited their son and family, Rev. and Mrs. David Ashmore at Upton, Wyo. The trip was made by bus and they returned April 21 after touring scenic high-lights in that area.

Lesley Green, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Green, has been named valedictorian at Avondale High School in Auburn Hills. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Morell of Robinson Road, Cass City. Lesley plans to attend Michigan State University.

Top sellers of Girl Scout cookies in the Cass City and Deford areas were Sharie DeLong, Junior Troop 221, 373 boxes; Heather Wright, Brownie Troop 414, 201 boxes, and Janet Koch, Cadet Troop 239, 195 boxes.

Geraldine Prieskorn and Tom Herron were honored last Thursday at the Cass City Chamber of Commerce annual banquet as Citizens of the Year and Suzy Scollon was honored as Junior Citizen of the Year. The citizen of the year presentations were made by Holly Althaver, the 1982 citizen of the year, who was a member of the selection committee.

## 40 YEARS AGO (1979)

Mr. and Mrs. Juan Medrano and two sons, 3-year-old Curt and two-year-old Jason, who have been in Germany, arrived May 3 and have been visiting Mrs. Medrano's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Francis, and other relatives. Medrano has reenlisted in the U.S. Army and after visiting his parents in Texas they will be living in Arizona where he will be stationed at Fort Huachuca.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane DeLong announce the birth of their fifth child, Davon Lee, May 8 in Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon. She weighed seven pounds and 9 3/4 ounces. Mother and baby returned to their home Saturday. The new baby joins three brothers, Dennis Lee, Dana Lee and Dirk Lee and one sister, Denelle Lee, all at home.

## 50 YEARS AGO (1969)

Pfc. Philip J. Nichols, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harmond Nichols of Decker, has been assigned to a new unit, where he serves as a rifleman. After a week of intensive instruction in the 9th Infantry Division's Reliable Academy; Nichols has joined the "Hard Core Recondos" of the 4th Battalion, 39th Infantry. Presently based in Dong Tam deep in the Mekong Delta, the 4th Battalion, 39th Infantry, has compiled a brilliant combat record since entering the Vietnam conflict in 1966. As part of the 9th Infantry Division's 1st Brigade, the 4th Battalion, 39th Infantry has helped earn two Armed Force Crosses of Gallantry for the Brigade's defense of the Mekong Ricebowl during major Communist offensives. Nichols graduated from Cass City High School in 1967 and entered the Army Oct. 31, 1968. He completed basic training at Fort Knox, Ky. Jan. 18 and was stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash., before arriving in Vietnam April 10. He was formerly employed at Saginaw Steering Gear.

Mr. and Mrs. Voyd Dole of Kingston were honored Sunday, May 18, for their 50th wedding anniversary. An open house was held at the Kingston high school cafeteria. The event, also a family reunion, was hosted by the couple's children. Guests came from Iowa, Saginaw, Flint, Lansing and the Kingston area. A four-tier

wedding cake was presented to them by friends, Mary and Louis Gyomory. Mr. and Mrs. Dole were married Feb. 12, 1919, in Worthington, Missouri, and they moved to the Kingston area in 1959 from Detroit. They have three children, Harold, Russell and Mary, all of Detroit, one granddaughter, seven grandsons, four great-granddaughters and one great-grandson.

## 75 YEARS AGO (1944)

Pvt. Arthur Haley, who has been in army service for nearly two years and overseas since January, 1943, is on his way home. Relatives believe he has been serving in the Solomon Islands. His sister, Mrs. Ethel Dickinson, talked to him over the telephone Saturday evening when he called from Chicago. He expects to arrive home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Spiers of Detroit, formerly of Novesta, have received a telegram from the war department stating that their son, Staff Sergeant Robert Spiers, is a prisoner of the Germans. He had previously been reported missing in action. Staff Sergeant Spiers was recently awarded an air medal with oak leaf cluster. A member of the Army Air corps, he left for overseas early in 1944. He is a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Ray T. Lapp of Cass City.

Harold McComb, formerly of Cass City, has completed his basic training at Great Lakes Naval training station in a little less than six weeks and is in his home in Detroit spending a 15-day leave. Relatives here expect him to come for a visit here this week.

## 100 YEARS AGO (1919)

Major L. E. Aldrich, D. C., received honorary appointment to serve as Assistant Attending Dental Surgeon to the Peace Conference at Paris. In this work, Major Aldrich will be associated with one of the world's leading specialists in removable bridgework. Major Aldrich reported for duty in Paris April 20.

Dear Mother and Father: Well, it has been some time since I have written to you but I have been busy the last month. We have at last received word that we are going to get out of this country before long by June anyway. Well, it can not happen any too quickly for me. I am in Archangel now—my first trip here. Have been about 300 miles from Archangel most of the winter. It is quite a city, about 45,000 population. We are having some very cold weather just now—45 below last night. I had a fine ride behind a team of reindeer yesterday. They sure can travel. They have some very nice furs here. I have been feeling fine all winter and am all O. K. now. I am writing this letter from the Y. W. C. A. Come over here every afternoon and get some good eats. Only Americans are allowed here. There are English and Italian troops here and plenty of Russians. I saw my first street car for some time when I came into this town and they also have a railroad, but the old P. O. & N. is like ridin on a Pullman along side of this railroad. I would like to tell you lots of things, but it would not get past the censor, so you will have to wait until I get back [which won't be long now. Don't worry about me as I am fine and gettin along all right. Have not received any mail in some time. It is hard to get mail in or out of here now. I saw them cutting ice yesterday, about five feet thick so you see it gets a little colder here than in Michigan. They build a railroad track across the ice on the river here in the winter. Well, I have written about all the news there is for this time. Hoping this letter finds you both well, will close. With love, your loving son, Stanley Graham, Co. A, 339 Inf., Archangel, Russia, A. E. F.

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## Honoring the fallen

CASS CITY Police Officer and Greater Thumb Area Lodge 148 Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) President Bill Strasz (at right) welcomed those attending last Wednesday's Law Enforcement Memorial Service for Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties, held at the Indianfields Township Cemetery in Caro and hosted by the FOP and Tuscola County Chaplain Corps. The ceremony honored the memories of the late Sheriff Joseph J. Murray, Huron County, end of watch (EOW) June 2, 1932; Officer William O. Putnam, Caro Police Department, EOW Dec. 25, 1961; Chief James C. Lounsberry, Marlette Police Department EOW Jan. 19, 1986; and Deputy Kelly J. Vermeersch, Huron County Sheriff's Department, EOW June 11, 2000.



THE HURON County Sheriff's Department displayed its five-ton cargo truck honoring fall law enforcement officers in the Thumb during last week's ceremony. Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson said the truck will be parked at different locations throughout Huron County this week in observance of National Police Week.

## TRSC graduation Friday

Continued from page one.

fully certified — with no changes to be made.”

Walther noted the certification remains in effect for four years and enables the treatment court program to continue operating and receive state funding.

### Graduation day

The ceremony on tap Friday marks the TRSC's 11th graduation and the fifth annual TRSC Stakeholders Meeting.

Walther said the court will be acknowledging the latest 13 individuals to successfully complete the program.

Judge Linda Davis (retired) will be the keynote speaker. Appointed by then-Gov. John Engler in 2000 and elected thereafter, she retired from the 41B District Court in Clinton Township in March 2019.

Davis served as a Macomb County Prosecuting Attorney from 1987 until 2000 and as a teacher/counselor at Centerline Public Schools from 1973 until 1987. She is the co-founder and executive director of Families Against Narcotics (FAN), a community-based support group program for individuals that struggle with addiction, their family members, and community supporters. FAN strives to provide support, educate the community, and transform the stigmas associated with addiction.

With Friday's graduation, the TRSC will have graduated a total of 94 individuals, according to Walther, who noted Thumb treatment court program follows the standards and best practices established by the Michigan's State Court Administrative Office and the National Association of Drug Court Professionals through requirements such as intensive court supervision, individual and group treatment, intensive drug/alcohol testing, and 12-step/support group meeting attendance for participants who have been convicted multiple times of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated or impaired.

“These requirements have proven to improve public safety, reduce recidivism (repeat offense) rates, minimize incarceration time, decrease jail expenses, and promote participants to become productive, law-abiding, substance-free citizens within Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties,” she said.

Courts such as the TRSC are also known as problem-solving courts — innovative programs designed to address an offender's underlying problem, in this case alcoholism. Tuscola County Circuit Court Judge Amy Grace Gierhart and recently-retired longtime district court Judge Kim D. Glaspie were among those who spearheaded the program in the Thumb.

The TRSC was officially established in 2013 through a partnership of the trial court judges in Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties. The goal was to create a specialized central treatment court that could utilize tools outside of the traditional fines and jail time to encourage those repeatedly convicted of driving under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol to turn over a new leaf.

The TRSC was one of four pilot programs launched by the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) in an effort to bring sobriety courts to rural parts of the state on a regional, multi-county basis.

The first offenders accepted as participants in the program began their journey to “graduation” in early 2014.

The program has since demonstrated a pattern of success proving the court is changing lives, according to Walther.

Last year, for example, among the individuals who were approved for participation in the TRSC, 77 percent successfully completed the program. The participants spent a combined 537 days in the program, underwent a combined 260 drug/alcohol tests, and compiled a total of 457 sober days, Walther said.

She added nearly 90 percent of the graduates were employed full- or part-time when they were discharged from the program, with 82 percent experiencing an improvement in their employment status.

Friday's graduation will be preceded at 10 a.m. with the annual stakeholders meeting, which will also take place in the courtroom.

“This presentation will outline the statistics and progress that the program has made since it became operational in January 2014. Both events are open to the public,” Walther said.

## News briefs

### Clean-up day set in village

CASS CITY — Cass City Village officials will be hosting a community clean-up event Saturday, May 18, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parking lot behind the municipal building, 6506 Main Street.

The event, for Cass City residents only, will include collection of old tires — up to eight per vehicle (no businesses, farm tires, semi tires or tires on rims).

Large items such as couches, mattresses and carpeting will be accepted, as will scrap metal and appliances (refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners and dehumidifiers must be tagged showing Freon has been removed).

The collection is being sponsored by the village, Emterra and the Cass City Police Department (code enforcement).

### 4-H shooting club forming

CARO — Tuscola County 4-H is starting its own shooting sports club for youth, starting with an informational meeting today (Wednesday) at 5 p.m. at the Tuscola County Conservation Club, 1060 Gun Club Rd.

The club will focus on learning safety, shooting techniques and competitive shooting, including target and trap shooting, utilizing shotguns, .22 firearms and BB guns.

The club will be free for 4-H members and \$20 for non-members. More information is available by contacting Katie Cooper at (989) 672-3870 or via email at coope305@msu.edu, or Eric and Jenni Hoard at (734) 812-7104.

### Library activities coming up

CASS CITY — Rawson Memorial District Library is planning a host of activities this summer, including the continuation of its popular Color Me Calm and Lego Club events.

The Color Me Calm day, offering 90 minutes of stress-free coloring for adults, will be Friday, June 14. Coloring pencils, markers and coloring pages are all provided, or you may bring your own. This is a free, drop-in event; no registration required.

The Lego Club is offered on the second Tuesday and Third Thursday of each month, including Thursday, May 16, Tuesday, June 11, and Thursday, June 20 from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Participants are invited to bring their creativity but leave their Lego bricks at home, because the library provides all Legos for use during the program. Those ages seven and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery



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**Knights of Columbus honors...**

MEMBERS OF the Knights of Columbus Council 8892 in Cass City recently honored its own, including the 2019 Family of the Year for their kindness and charitable involvement in the local council, parish and the Cass City community. This year's recipient is the Estrella Family — (from left), Maia, Karla, Marco and Kevin, pictured with Grand Knight Richard Kloc (far right), who presented the award to them.



THE LOCAL Knights of Columbus council also recognized Gordy Kujawski as this year's Knight of the Year. Officials described Kujawski as "a charitable man deeply involved in the St. Agatha Food Pantry with his wife, Edna. Also, he is involved with getting items donated to needy individuals. Gordy is a faithful Catholic and K of C member." The Kujawskis are pictured at left with Kloc (far right).

HONORED FOR their dedication and work in the Our Lady of Consolata Parish and for their kindness and charity in the community were (in photo at right) Mary Ann Hirn (left) and Jill Susalla, pictured with Kloc.



# Survey draws much interest in village as officials look ahead

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

Cass City village residents love their community and want it to continue to make strides for the future.

Towards that end, village officials have been working with McKenna, a community planning, design, architect and consultant firm, to develop a five-year master plan to guide the development and redevelopment of the community.

Part of the plan's development has included soliciting input from the public via a survey, an effort that was rewarded with an overwhelming response, according to McKenna Senior Planner Susan Cronander.

"There were 463 who responded to the survey. In a community of this size, it is a very good response. Even third-grade elementary students responded," Cronander said during a recent public meeting. She noted the Michigan Department of Economic Development and the Tuscola County Economic Development also weighed in. "There was a lot of input from a wide variety (of sources) and a lot of hard work put into this by the community."

Among the items on some elementary school students' wish lists were a slide at the pool, a public water fountain, a place to watch concerts, public art work, and retail options such as a pet store, a kitten cafe, an ice cream store, and a Taco Bell restaurant.

The plan examined the past, looked at the present, and included envisioning the community's goals and objectives for the future.

When residents were asked what they would like to see in their community, the first and overwhelming response was a grocery store with 96.2 percent.

And it appears that wish may be a reality soon following the local planning commission's approval of a site plan for a new grocery store slated to open in the former Erla's Food Center building on Church Street.

The community has been without a grocery store since Erla's closed about 4 1/2 years ago.

The lack of a grocery store is felt by everyone in the community.

"When I look around Cass City, I see firsthand the toll living in a food desert takes on our community. Driving for 15 miles to buy groceries takes an economic toll on even our wealthiest residents, but for a low-income family it means all the difference for what's in the fridge," said Cass City resident Addy Battel, a high school junior who attended the meeting.

Battel along with good friend Pearl Daskam, also 16, spearheaded the successful "Meeting the Need for Our Village" project in town, helping to provide food for those in need. The teens also organized a recent hunger summit in the community that was well attended.

Some of the other desires expressed by residents in the survey were: more shopping and dining options (78.82 percent), downtown vibrancy (59.29 percent), recreation opportunities within the community (37.41 percent), youth activities (35.76 percent), and cultural events and entertainment options (32.71 percent).

The report revealed 77 percent of respondents are in favor of developing access locations on the Cass River for canoeing and kayaking.

The survey also addressed the issue of medical marijuana.

"Survey results reflect that the village of Cass City is almost evenly split on whether the village should support a medical marijuana grow facility in the industrial park. The results were 53.61 percent of the residents reported they would support medical marijuana and 46.39 percent reported they would not," the report states.

Because a master plan is a guide, adjustments can be made as the document should be updated every five years.

The plan addresses a host of capital improvements related to local government, including the village hall, police department, streets, street signs, wastewater treatment plant, water system, and the pool and park.

The initial focus has been on the pool and completing a host of major upgrades in order to have the facility up and running on time this year. Plans call for a splash pad in 2020. The proposed plan for 2021 is a campground facility. From 2022 to 2024, improvements target upgrades to Northwood Park, a park-wide replacement of playground equipment, and park building improvements.

While a master plan is different from a parks and recreation plan, both are necessary for guiding future growth and development, and helpful in obtaining grants.

A draft of the master plan is available on the village's website, [casscity.org](http://bit.ly/CassCity) at <http://bit.ly/CassCity>.

## Groundbreaking set Friday

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phase two — a second facility in about five years when we could double in size."

Quality Roasting processes soybeans to produce crude soybean oil and Exceller Meal. The soybean meal is designed for high-producing dairy cattle.

Rabe says the process is solvent-free and involves no use of any chemicals. The soybeans are processed naturally using only heat and pressure," he explained.

In support of the development, Quality Roasting received \$10 million from the Michigan Strategic Fund, the Michigan Business Development Program approved an \$80,000 performance-based grant, and the Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development approved \$75,000 to help finance the project.

Michigan boasts about 1,747 dairy farms, including 1,498 Grade A farms and 249 manufacturing grade farms. The average farm in the state has 176 cows. Michigan ranks fifth in the nation for total milk production, with dairy farmers contributing \$15.7 billion to the state's economy.

And, Michigan ranks 15th in the country for soy production, with soybeans ranked among the state's top agricultural exports, which total more than \$158 million. Soybean farming in the state accounts for about \$1.2 billion in economic activity, according to the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development.

# NOTICE

## TO USERS OF VILLAGE WATER SERVICE

During the flushing of the hydrants **Wednesday and Thursday, May 22 and 23, starting at 4 a.m.** there may be an abundance of crystallized iron (rust) in the water supplied to your area of the village.

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## Commissioners approve hiring

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carry out the policies established by the board of commissioners, and deliver public services efficiently, effectively and equitably," Zechmeister told commissioners during her interview for the job.

Initially, there were 26 applicants for the position. The field was narrowed to seven candidates, and then three candidates who were interviewed April 25.

Zechmeister, who has received the Award of Financial Reporting Achievement for the last 18 years in a row, was appointed acting controller-administrator from July to August 2018.

She completed the county government basics course at the Mid-Michigan Community College. She also has certificates of continuing professional education in pension funding and plan design, Human Resources Certification Institute, and Society of Human Resources management. Zechmeister's resume also includes program certificates related to Department of Justice regional financial management training and government budgeting.

Zechmeister and Hoagland will spend the next few weeks working together to complete the transition.



### When the thunder rolls...

CASS CITY'S Cheryl Viney Osentoski captured this dramatic image of a V-formation of clouds rolling into the Thumb Thursday morning. In spite of their ominous appearance, the clouds brought only scattered showers to the region.

## Ubly educator Kieliszewski named "teacher of year"

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Michigan Lottery officials presented Kieliszewski with the award Wednesday night during a school honors assembly in Ubly.

"I'm just awestruck. I can't believe out of all the teachers in Michigan that I was selected for this award. It's a great honor. I'm about six feet tall, but walking out of here tonight, I'm going to feel like I'm eight feet tall," Kieliszewski said.

"I think that I'm going to get a lot more invitations to graduation parties this year," he quipped as he accepted the \$10,000 prize in front of a cheering crowd of students, parents and other educators.

Ubly Junior-Senior High School Principal Jeremy Warner said Kieliszewski deserved the reward in recognition of his performance and impact as an educator for nearly three decades.

"He has built the robotics and mechatronics programs from scratch in our school, continues to coach athletics, and is a highly effective teacher," Warner said. "It seems that one person wouldn't be able to accomplish all these things, but Stew is always at the school working with students and parents. It is very common for him to be here into the late hours of the night, on weekends, and even snow days.

"He continually pushes the students to do their best while supporting them and building a great rapport with them," Warner added.

More than 500 educators from across the state were nominated for an Excellence in Education weekly award during the fifth year of the program, and 34, including Kieliszewski, were selected to win a weekly award.

Kieliszewski says his favorite part of being an educator is "working with young people and being around all the energy that they have. My days are never the same. Each day brings new experiences and challenges."

He added that his students motivate him to do his best every day. "I feel it's my duty to provide as many educational experiences as possible for my students. Although our school is in a rural area, I feel it's important to provide my students the same experiences (available) in larger schools."

The father of two former students and a volunteer for the Ubly FIRST Robotics team nominated Kieliszewski for the Excellence in Education award, saying Kieliszewski "is a person who is meant to be a teacher. He has a sense of wonderment and enthusiasm for learning that excites and motivates the students. He talks to the students as people, not as kids that know less than him. Walking down the school hallways, he is continually greeted by students with smiles on their faces. He has been voted 'Teacher of the Year'

by the Ubly High School students many times.

"Even though I have owned businesses for 27 years, working 55 to 60 hours a week, it still astounds me how much energy, enthusiasm and time Stew puts into his students and after school activities," the parent added.

"Stewart has developed a group of dedicated mentors for the robotics program, and all of us look up to him. We all know he will be honest and do the right thing for us and the students. The students know they can trust him. We all also know that he is just a phone call, text, or email away if we need him."

Over the past two years, Kieliszewski has helped develop a VEX robotics program at Ubly schools. VEX provides kits resembling Erector sets to help introduce younger students to the world of competitive robotics and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) concepts.

"I am also happy to report that Ubly has more girls than boys involved in these programs, partly because of how comfortable they are with Stewart," the nomination letter states, noting Kieliszewski teaches students practical life skills such as "how to use hand and power tools, measuring with calipers, using voltage testers and multi-meters, soldering, how to do house wiring, and much more."

"A couple of years ago, he applied for and received a grant to

purchase a 3D printer for the school. Over the past couple of years, he has bought three nearly identical Craftsman band saws. Two of them had the same non-functioning part, which was no longer available from Sears. Stewart took the good part off of the third one and had his students reproduce it with the 3D printer, showing them how to problem solve with technology," the nomination letter continued.

"I recently stopped by his house, and in his garage he was mounting a toilet on a wooden frame with a tank under it, with a small pump to recirculate water. He planned on teaching 'toilet technology' to his class! Seriously, how many teachers would think of — or be willing — to do that?"

The nominator noted Kieliszewski also teaches a media class. "As part of that, he attends many sporting events, band concerts, school plays and just about every other school activity, helping his students learn how to use the recording and lighting equipment in real-life situations. Plus, he is a substitute bus driver, sometimes driving routes at the last minute, before or after school.

"Stewart is a juggernaut of positive energy that any school would be proud to have."

Kieliszewski earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from Central Michigan University and a master's degree in educational leader-

ship from Saginaw Valley State University. He has been an educator for 27 years, including the past 25 years with the Ubly Community Schools.

Excellence in Education award nominees are evaluated on criteria that includes:

\*Excellence – Their work consistently helps students and/or their schools or school districts advance to higher levels of academic achievement.

democratic achievement.

\*Dedication – They consistently go above and beyond expectations to help students succeed.

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**RED HAWK** Lukas Haynes keeps his head down during a tee shot at Scenic Golf and Country Club.

## Hatchet Meeks rules GTC golf jamborees

Bad Axe continued their dominance on the links Friday, winning the Greater Thumb Conference Jamboree hosted by Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Schools at Scenic Golf and Country Club.

As usual, the Hatchets were led by Colby Meeks, who turned in the only sub-40 round on the day, carding an impressive score of 39 on the par 36 front nine at the Huron County track.

The well-balanced showing by the winners that recorded a team score of 172 also had Nick McAlpine shoot 42, Clark Wehner 45, and Sam McAlpine 46.

Following Bad Axe in the team standings were Vassar (182), Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port (188), Caro (197) and Cass City (204).

For the Vulcans, Ian Hubbard was low man with a score of 41, while Dalton Hook finished with a tally of 46, and Blanca Garcia 47 to lead the way.

For the Lakers, Brandy Rosenthal shot 40, two strokes better than Brady Krohn with a score of 42, while J.T. Warren chipped in a score of 52, Koty Shetler 54 and Jared Reiter 59.

For the Tigers, Jared Sattelberd was best with a score of 45, and was followed by Hunter Dickson with a sum of 47, Clinton Davison 52, and DJ Daniels 53.

For Cass City, Matt Roth was low man with a score of 45, Ryan Pisarek shot 46, Lukas Haynes 52, and Race Woloshen 59.

"We're getting better, but we are not where we want to be yet," said

Cass City Coach Jon Ligrow.

### CASS CITY JAMBOREE

Rolling Hills Golf Course in Cass City was the site of the Greater Thumb Conference Jamboree held earlier in the week.

Once again Bad Axe proved best with a score of 168. Next in the team rankings at Tuesday's affair was Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port with 186, while Caro with 196, Vassar 203 and Cass City 209 completed the listings.

For Bad Axe, Colby Meeks shot a 3-over par 38 to pace Bad Axe, who had Sam McAlpine with 42, Tyler Bismack 43 and Clark

Wehner 45.

Brady Krohn led the Lakers with 42, while Brady Rosenthal had 47, Koty Shetler 48 and Zac Kretzschmer 49.

DJ Daniels topped Caro with 45, while Jared Sattelberd, Hunter Dickson and Clint Davison had scores of 47, 52 and 52, respectively.

Ian Hubbard turned in the low round for Vassar with 46, Dalton Hook 52, Blanca Garcia 52 and Nolan Villalobos 53.

Ryan Pisarek's shot 43 to lead Cass City, who had Matt Roth with 47, Lukas Haynes 54 and Imogen Sanders 65.



**MARKING** her ball on the green at the GTC Jamboree Friday is Red Hawk Imogen Sanders.

## Regional track action on the horizon for area thinclads

### Cass City men win own invite

by Clarke Haire  
Publisher

With regional action fast approaching, Coach Jon Zdrojewski likes what he sees from his Cass City men's track team.

"We are only one week away from regionals in Brown City - scheduled for May 17 - and our team seems to be peaking at the right time," he said.

In the Red Hawks' final tune-up before their GTW League Meet, Zdrojewski's thinclads recorded several outstanding performances at Friday's Bad Axe Hatchet Invitational.

Frankenmuth was a double winner on the day, winning the 11-school men's field with 189.5 points and women's competition with a score of 155.

Closer to home, Bad Axe was the team runner up with a score of 102.5, while Ubyly was fourth with 49 points and Cass City sixth with 46.5.

Cass City had just two athletes land in the top 3 spots. Dylan Halpin finished second in the long jump (19' 6") and Nick McArdle placed third in both the 3200 and 1600 meter runs with times of 10:31 and 4:52, respectively. However, several Red Hawks brought home medals, awarded to the top 6 finishers, at the highly competitive meet.

Halpin was fourth in the high jump, while Justin Schaufele took fifth in the long jump as did Drew Markel in the 3200 meter run. Completing the medal count for Cass City on the day was the 800 meter relay team of Zac Brunke, Alie Kalokoh, Jacob Shantz and Alex Hopper that came in sixth.

For Bad Axe, David Knarian won three individual events. He was best in the 800 meter run (2:04), 1600 meter run (4:39) and 3200 meter run (10:02.) Knarian also was part of the Hatchets' win-

ning 1600 meter relay team, along with James Kervin, Jack Fitzpatrick and Jensen Emerick.

Emerick, who won the 400 meter dash (51.51), also was part of the hosts' winning 800 meter relay team that had Kervin, Fitzpatrick and Juan Castillon all running legs.

For Ubyly, Levi Peruski won the 300 meter hurdles (43.58) and Logan Mueller was third in both the 110 meter and 300 meter hurdles. Also with top 3 finishes for the Bearcats was Josh Brandel with a third place effort in the 400 meters, while the 1600 meter relay team of Peruski, Ethan Sabins, Zachary Garner and Brandel completed the team's third place winners.

### CASS CITY INVITE

Earlier in the week, on Tuesday in nearly perfect conditions with temps in the 50's and very little wind, the Cass City men's team won their own quad meet by defeating Capac for the first time this season as well as Brown City and Ubyly. The final team scores were Cass City 95, Capac 69, Brown City 43 and Ubyly 39.

The Red Hawks won seven events on their way to victory. Anthony Boscaglia captured the 100 meter dash (11.93), Brandon Witherspoon won the 800 meter run (2:14), Nick McArdle the 1600 meter run (5:08) and the 3200 meter run (10:58), and Dylan Halpin won the long jump (19' 8 3/4") to round out the individual first place finishers. Witherspoon and Halpin delivered personnel records to win their events.

The champs also were best in the 800 meter relay and 3200 meter relay. Running the 4x200 event were Zack Brunke, Jacob Shantz, Alex Hopper and Allie Kalokoh. Running the 4x800 event were Gabe Farver, Lucas Swiderski, Brandon Witherspoon and Nick McArdle.

"I want to make note of the new personal bests that were set at the meet," said Zdrojewski.

"Jacob Shantz set a new personal record (PR) in the 100 meter dash

with a time of 12.46 seconds. Anthony Boscaglia took third in the 200 after winning the 100, but set a new PR in the 200 in a time of 24.87 seconds. Dylan Halpin once again had a great meet where he set three new PRs. He finished second in the high jump at 6'0", and took third in the 400 meter dash with a new PR of 55.78 seconds. Colby Sutton finished in second place in the discus, but set a new PR of 96'1" and Ghazi Shawish ran the 110 meter hurdles for us setting a new PR of 21.74 seconds.

For Ubyly, Josh Brandel was the 400 meter winner with a time of 54.10 and Levi Peruski won the 300 meter hurdles in 43.25.

### Hawk women display depth

Overall, it was a great day for the Cass City women's track team Friday at the Bad Axe Hatchet Invitational as they set four personal records, according to Coach Adam Dorland.

Frankenmuth was the easy team winner, while Brown City was runner up with a score of 129 and Deckerville finished a distant third with 69.5. Cass City came in seventh with 37.5 points.

Madison Beckrow led the Lady Red Hawks with a first place showing in the pole vault, improving her previous best by 6 inches.

"Madison Beckrow jumped 9'6" in the pole vault, which has her ranked sixth in the state in Division 3. With one week remaining in the regular season, we are in a good spot and seem to be staying healthy to make a run at the league meet and hopefully push some athletes through to the state meet," said Dorland, noting the GTW League Meet was slated for Tuesday at USA High School.

Other season best showings for Cass City, at the nearly dozen school event, came in the 3200 meter relay and 100 meter hurdles, both with third place efforts.

"Improving on performances were the 4x800 meter relay team

of Riley Copeland, Layna Mathewson, Marla Muter and Mary Muter, taking their time to 11:06 from 11:25 and Hailey Schmotzer bettered her 100 meter hurdle time to 16.85, which would qualify her for the state meet if she can do it again Friday at the regional," Dorland said.

Earning fourth place points for Cass City was the 4x100 meter relay team of Layna Mathewson, Haven Bouverette, Madison Beckrow and Brittany Hamilton and Madison Ware in the pole vault.

Finally for Cass City Sierra Spry was sixth in the long jump with a leap of 13' 10 3/4", while Bouverette was seventh in the shot put with a new personnel best of 28' 3 1/4".

Meanwhile, Ubyly's Isle Roggenbuck won the discus with a distance of 114' 1" and was second in the shot put with a distance of 34' 8 1/2".

### CASS CITY INVITE

Brown City held off Cass City to win the Red Hawks' quad Tuesday 115-77, while Ubyly was third with 45 points, followed by Capac with 12.

"I thought the girls came together well for this meet and our team

depth was again evident as we gained a lot of extra points in multiple events," said Dorland.

Winners for the hosts included Mary Muter in the 800 meter run, Hailey Schmotzer in the 300 hurdles, Madison Beckrow in the pole vault and the 4x200 relay team of Haven Bouverette, Sierra Spry, Autumn Sutton and Brittany Hamilton.

Cass City received runner up finishes from Madison Beckrow in the 100 meter dash, Madison Ware in the 400 meter dash and pole vault, Hailey Schmotzer in the 100 meter hurdles, Sierra Spry in the long jump and the 4x800 meter relay team of Riley Copeland, Marla Muter, Mary Muter and Layna Mathewson.

Finishing in third place for the hosts were Brittany Hamilton in the 200 meter dash, Riley Copeland in the 3200 meter run, Autumn Sutton in the high jump and the 4x100 relay team of Madison Beckrow, Hailey Schmotzer, Haven Bouverette and Brittany Hamilton and the 4x400 meter relay team of Mathewson, Sutton, Ware and Hamilton.

Ubyly's lone champ was Lily Kieliszewski who was tops in the 400 meters with a winning time of 1:10.

## Dozen wins and counting for CC

In limited action last week, the Cass City Red Hawk baseball team collected their 12th straight win Thursday with a sweep of visiting Harbor Beach.

After cruising to an easy 10-0 victory in game one, the hosts squashed a late comeback bid by the Pirates in game two, improving to a lofty 17-1 on the campaign with an 8-5 decision.

In the early Greater Thumb Conference crossover contest, Cass City scored twice in the first inning and then added four more

runs in the second and three insurance markers in the third to remove most doubt from the non-conference outcome.

Red Hawk ace Kendall Anthes tossed four scoreless innings to run his season mark to 7-0. He allowed two hits - both singles - and fanned six.

Cass City pounded out 11 hits en route to the mercy rule win including two each by Anthes, Sandyn Cuthrell, Luke Stern, Hayden Horne and Collen Wrubel.

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# Hawks unleash power

The Cass City Red Hawk softball team remains hot at the plate. Most recently, at the Hemlock tourney, despite missing three of the team's proven sluggers, Coach John Hacker's team won three times in four tries that followed Thursday's sweep of Harbor Beach. "We've been hitting the ball pretty well," Hacker said, noting that over the weekend missing in action were proven sluggers Macey White, Kacey Haire and Jalene Krol. Despite falling 3-1 to eventual champs John Glenn to kickoff play Saturday, the Lady Hawks ended the day with victories of 7-0 over St. Mary's and 14-2 over Valley Lutheran. In their opening affair, Abbey Halabis delivered at the plate with a 3-for-3 effort and Cass City's lone RBI. But following a somewhat dismal start, Cass City's bats came alive against St. Mary's, when a 10-hit attack was highlighted by Brittany Hamilton who collected four hits - including a double and triple - for the winners. In Cass City's final game Saturday, they exploded for 13 hits. This time it was Hailey Beckrow leading the way with four knocks - once again including a double and triple - that produced six RBIs.

## HARBOR BEACH GAMES

On Thursday, Cass City used six home runs to help turn back guests Harbor Beach in a Greater Thumb Conference crossover doubleheader. In the opener, Krol started the home run show with a fence clearing blast in the fourth inning that broke open a 1-1 tie on the hosts' way to a 4-1 win. Adding multiple hits for the Red Hawks were Beckrow, White and Abbey Salcido. In the late game, Cass City broke open a 7-4 contest with three runs in both the third and fourth innings, resulting in a 20-5 mercy rule decision. Back-to-back homers by Haire and Beckrow, were followed by round trippers from Halabis, Krol and Morgan Russell for the winners.

# Cass City sweeps Vassar

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In the late affair, Cass City jumped out to an 8-1 advantage, only to see the Pirates answer with four runs in their last at bats that proved too little, too late. Zack Beecher shined on the mound and at the plate for the hosts. He collected pitching honors, working three innings, surrendering just two knocks and whiffing three. At the plate, his first inning home run accounted for three RBIs, highlighting a 2-for-3 showing. "Harbor Beach is a good team and I thought they had a very good approach at the plate. The last inning got a little shaky but we thought that the strike zone shrunk quite a bit for our pitchers in that last inning and that a couple of the runners reached base when perhaps they should have been out. It was a good reminder to the guys that we have to stay focused and finish games even when we have a good lead," said Cass City Coach Josh Stern.

## TEAM OF THE WEEK

Cass City was named the PBR Michigan Division 3 Team of the Week recently, according to the May 7, 2019 story by Bruce Heflinger, PBR Michigan Senior Writer, who wrote: "Winning three league games in the same week is a great feeling. It not only has Cass City riding high, it also has the Red Hawks as the Michigan Prep Baseball Report Division 3 Team of the Week. "These guys have goals they set at the beginning of the year," head coach Josh Stern said of his squad. "They know what they want to do. They're glad when we win, but they often expect more out of themselves." In a 15-1 start to the season, Cass City has allowed just 10 runs in those wins while giving up 13 in

the one loss using pitchers far down the rotation. "Our pitching has been phenomenal," Stern noted. "We have four guys that have pitched the bulk of the innings." Kendall Anthes, Kenton Wiseman, Zack Beecher and Luke Stern have all provided solid performances on the hill. Anthes, a junior, is 6-0 with a 0.00 ERA, striking out 67 and walking just three in 32.2 innings. Wiseman, a sophomore ranked 45th in the state's 2021 class, is 5-0. All four not only pitch, but are key players in the field and at the plate as well. Anthes, a catcher and third baseman when not on the mound, is hitting .354 while Wiseman, a third baseman/pitcher, is batting .431. Beecher, a senior committed to Delta College, plays left field and is averaging .405 while Stern, a senior and son of the head coach, is the catcher and currently batting .409.

The top batter to-date is junior shortstop Sandyn Cuthrell, the 33rd-ranked player in the state's 2020 class. The 6-1 185-pounder is hitting .471. Another junior helping out is right fielder Hayden Horne, who is averaging .375. "Last year we really played well and only lost two seniors," Stern said. "Most of these guys played summer ball and worked hard at what they do. It's not surprising how they're doing, but at the same time to have four guys batting over .400 and two others close, you can't ask for more." In 16 games, the Red Hawks have scored an impressive 142 runs. "Every single one of these guys is looking for their pitch," Stern explained. "For the most part, when they get it they put it in play or get a base hit. The number one thing we stress is hit the ball hard some place. That's our philosophy and we've been successful with it."

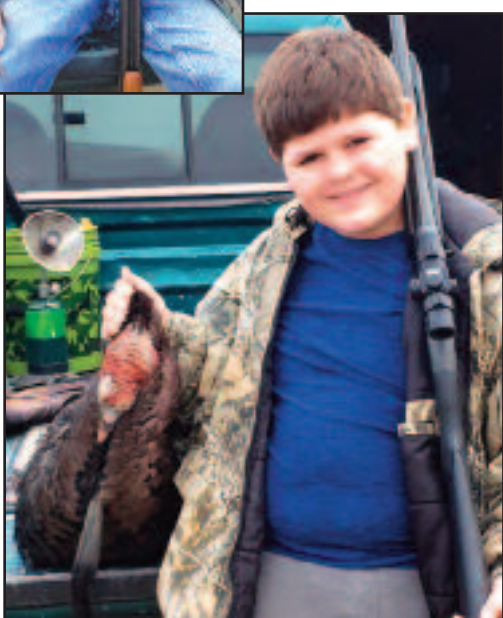


CASS CITY'S Madilyn Tschirhart beats the throw to home plate for the Red Hawks' lone run against John Glenn.



NEVER TOO OLD. George Williams, 76 years of age, took this tom using a double barrel 12-gauge shotgun in Sanilac County. His trophy had an 8 1/2" beard.

NEVER TOO YOUNG. Christian Lee Ladnier, age 11, bagged this tom turkey - his bird had a 10 1/2" beard - using a 20-gauge shotgun in neighboring Sanilac County.



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



## BOYS' BASEBALL (VARSITY)

**W-L 17-1**

DATE	OPPONENT
4/4	CC vs. Imlay City: <b>W</b> 12-0   <b>W</b> 13-1
4/9	CC vs. Marlette: <b>W</b> 10-0   <b>W</b> 8-3
4/12	CC vs. Memphis: <b>W</b> 15-2   <b>L</b> 13-3
4/13	CC vs. Mayville: <b>W</b> 15-0   CC vs. Reese: <b>W</b> 4-0   CC vs. Lakers: <b>W</b> 12-0
4/23	CC vs. Sandusky: <b>W</b> 8-0   <b>W</b> 7-0
4/25	CC vs. Vassar: <b>W</b> 10-0   <b>W</b> 11-2
4/30	CC vs. Bad Axe: <b>W</b> 6-1   <b>W</b> 6-2
5/2	CC vs. USA: <b>W</b> 2-0   <b>Game 2: Postponed</b>
5/9	CC vs. Harbor Beach: <b>W</b> 10-0   <b>W</b> 8-5
5/13	EPBP Lakers
<b>5/17</b>	<b>Caro</b>
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 16-5**

DATE	OPPONENT
4/9	CC vs. Marlette: <b>W</b> 15-0   <b>W</b> 20-1
4/12	CC vs. Memphis: <b>W</b> 1-0   <b>W</b> 18-1   <b>W</b> 15-10
4/13	CC vs. Millington: <b>L</b> 7-4   CC vs. Sandusky: <b>W</b> 15-0   CC vs. Lakers: <b>L</b> 7-8
4/22	CC vs. Vassar: <b>W</b> 14-4   <b>W</b> 13-2
4/23	CC vs. Sandusky: <b>W</b> 12-9   <b>W</b> 17-2
4/30	CC vs. Bad Axe: <b>W</b> 16-3   <b>W</b> 7-6
5/2	CC vs. USA: <b>L</b> 15-4   <b>L</b> 9-3
5/9	CC vs. Harbor Beach: <b>W</b> 4-1   <b>W</b> 20-5
5/12	CC vs. John Glenn: <b>L</b> 3-1   CC vs. St. Mary's: <b>W</b> 7-0
.....	CC vs. Valley Lutheran: <b>W</b> 14-2
5/13	EPBP Lakers
<b>5/17</b>	<b>Caro</b>
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	<b>Caro</b> /Bad Axe at 4:30 p.m.
4/9	<b>Brown City</b> /Lakers at 4:30 p.m.
4/12	Brown City Invite at 4:00 p.m.
4/16	<b>USA</b> /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	<b>Bad Axe</b> /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.
<b>5/7</b>	<b>Capac</b> /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.
<b>5/7</b>	<b>GTC Jamboree @ Cass City</b> 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	<b>Vassar</b> /Reese
4/15	<b>Bad Axe</b> /Brown City
4/17	<b>Caro</b> /Marlette
4/22	<b>Lakers</b> /Marlette
4/24	<b>Brown City</b> /Memphis/H.B.
4/29	<b>Ubly</b> /USA/HB/Reese/Capac/BA
5/1	<b>Vassar</b> /USA
5/6	<b>Harbor Beach</b> /Sandusky/Caro
5/8	<b>Capac</b>
5/15	GTC West League Meet @ Reese <i>time to be announced</i>

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# Obituaries

## Keith Lowe

Keith J. Lowe, 92, of Deford, died Friday, May 10, 2019 in Hills and Dales General Hospital, Cass City.

He was born January 16, 1927 at home in Snover, the second of nine children born to James and Norma (McAllister) Lowe.

He married Mary Ann Anthes on March 20, 1954 in Cass City Methodist Church.

Keith attended Starr Country School and went straight to work hauling milk. He worked for several companies over the years including: Croft-Clara Lumberyard, Farm Produce Elevator and Cass City Oil and Gas. Keith always kept busy and enjoyed many walks with his dog, Beau. He and Mary Ann wintered in Lakeland, FL for twenty-seven years. Keith enjoyed playing golf and working in his yard and garden. He loved traveling with his Canadian friends all throughout Michigan.

Keith is survived by his wife, Mary Ann; children: Richard (Daria) Lowe of Raleigh, NC, Mike (Diane) Lowe of Deford and Diane (Richard) Spooner of Rives Junction; brother, Dale Lowe of Snover; sisters: Georgene (Clare) Brown of Ubyl and Linda (Elwyn) Helwig of Cass City; granddaughters: Becky (Nick) Schmidt, Kathy (David) Gilman, Michelle Spooner and Julia Lowe; great-grandchildren: Eric Brott, Allie Brott, Kelsey Brott and Aubrey Gilman; sisters-in-law: Anna Lowe of Shields and Arlene Lowe of Caro; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his infant son, William Lowe; grandson, Robert Lowe; brothers: Orwood Lowe, Jerry Lowe, Dean Lowe and Robert (Wenola) Lowe; sister: Elaine (Russell) Hillaker.

Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 14, in Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City; and from 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 15, in Novesta Church of Christ, Cass City.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 15, in Novesta Church of Christ, Cass City with Brad Speirs officiating.

Interment will be in Novesta Township Cemetery. Pallbearers for Mr. Lowe will be: Ed Lowe, Ken Lowe, Al Lowe, Gary Lowe, Jim Hillaker, Jack Hillaker, Bill Brown and Craig Helwig.

Memorials may be made to Novesta Church of Christ. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and photos with the family at [www.kranzfuneralhome.com](http://www.kranzfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.



## Lorraine Martin

Lorraine Bernadette Martin, 88, of Mt. Pleasant, formerly of Cass City, died following a brief illness Thursday, May 9, 2019 in the Laurels of Mt. Pleasant.

She was born December 17, 1930 in Waltham, MA, one of nine children born to William and Melanie "Minnie" (Aucoin) Chiasson.

She married Sheldon Chauncey Martin August 29, 1953 in Waltham, MA. He died March 26, 1993.

Lorraine and Sheldon lived in Cuba where he was stationed during the Korean War. They returned to Cass City to make their home. She worked briefly at the Eat Shop as a dishwasher. Lorraine was an active member of St. Pancratius Catholic Church, Cass City. She served with its Women's Council and sang in the church choir. Lorraine enjoyed knitting mittens and socks, embroidery, and was fond of playing BINGO. She was a wonderful wife, mother, sister, aunt, cousin and friend.

Lorraine is survived by her children: Mary McClorey of Cass City; Sharon (Jeff) Bruno of Shepherd; Karen (Bill) Yanna of Lansing; Michael (Carol) Martin of Kennesaw, GA; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

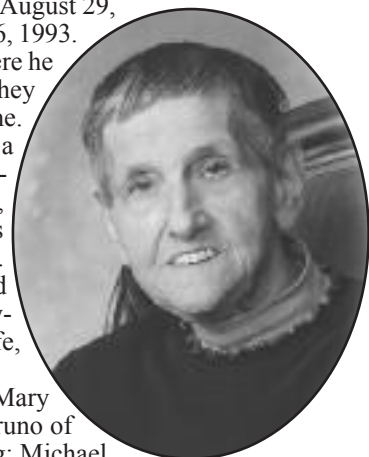
She was preceded in death by her husband, Sheldon; grandson, Johnny Bruno; five brothers; three sisters; son-in-law, Dan McClorey.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, May 14, in Our Lady Consolata Parish, St. Pancratius Catholic Church, Cass City with the Rev. Theodore Nnabugo officiating.

Interment will be in Elkland Township Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. Pancratius Catholic Church or American Cancer Society.

Family and friends may share memories, prayers and photos with the family at [www.kranzfuneralhome.com](http://www.kranzfuneralhome.com).

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## Karen Wills

Karen Hope Wills, 80, of Cass City, died peacefully at home in the comfort of her family Thursday, May 9, 2019.

She was born February 13, 1939 in Highland Park to Merritt Eugene and Eleanor Edith (Surbrook) Otis.

She married Harold Theron Wills June 15, 1957 in Cass City Baptist Church.

Karen graduated from Cass City High School in 1956. She worked for General Cable for thirteen years. Karen and Harold worked the family dairy farm together. Later she took a job at Thumb National Bank, where she kept the bank neat and tidy for forty years. She was a long-time attendee of Cass City Missionary Church. Karen had a deep appreciation of antique cars, especially her 1928 Ford Model A Coupe and was a member of Thumb Area Antique Car Club. She was known for her great baked beans and made friends with everyone she met.

Karen is survived by her husband, Harold and their children: Chloe Ann (Paul) Valentine of Fostoria, Kippen Wills of Ypsilanti and Tonna (Dan) Wilcox of Grand Blanc; grandchildren: Amy (Brian) Jaskiewicz, Scott (Kristen) Valentine, Katelyn Valentine, Taryn Kelley and Lane Wilcox; great-grandchildren: Piper Valentine, Jameson Jaskiewicz and Sawyer Valentine; sister, Mary (Dave) Baker of Grayling; nieces and nephews; and many loving friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents. A funeral service was held Tuesday, May 14, in Cass City Missionary Church with Pastor Phil Burkett officiating.

Interment is in Elkland Township Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Cass City Missionary Church.

Pallbearers for Mrs. Wills will be: Brent Mitchell, Lee Kilbourn, Paul Valentine, Dan Wilcox, Kippen Wills, Scott Valentine and Brian Jaskiewicz. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and photos with the family at [www.kranzfuneralhome.com](http://www.kranzfuneralhome.com).

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**Pastor's Corner**

# It appears the Lord believes in building walls

"Build That Wall" was a popular mantra begun during the last election cycle and still heard today. Yet, there is much debate surrounding this un-debatable topic. Certain folks say walls are immoral and should not exist. But that argument often comes from those who enjoy the security of protective walls that stand around their homes as well as places of business - "Do as I say, not as I do."

Despite all of this manufactured controversy, walls make perfect sense, more importantly, they are biblical. The theme of the book of Nehemiah is the reconstruction of Jerusalem's

walls destroyed during the Babylonian invasion. God appointed a Hebrew captive, a man named Nehemiah, to do His will rebuilding them. Nehemiah served in the royal court of Artaxerxes I of Persia and was given permission to return to Judea to supervise the work of wall construction. Of course, God's work is always opposed and in this case its enemies were Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite, and Geshem the Arab. You see, these men would lose power and influence if the walls of Jerusalem were ever finished. Sound familiar? Yet, it was God's will

that Jerusalem's enemies be kept out and His people protected.

Walls have been a passive defensive measure built to protect what they contain since the fall of man. Their existence allows the owners to carry on with life's daily matters instead of worrying about security 24/7. When we think of walls we think of the great stone works that surrounded medieval castles, of stockades that protected forts, of the Great Wall of China that kept out northern invaders, not to mention the giant wall around the Vatican, home of the Pope. We all like security, don't we? We lock our

doors and our automobiles, our gates, our safes, our businesses, etc.

Interestingly, as Nehemiah built the wall around Old Jerusalem, we find God Himself builds a wall around the New Jerusalem that descends down from heaven in Revelation 21. Verse 12: "It had a great high wall with twelve gates..." Verse 14: "And the wall of the city had twelve foundation stones..." Verse 17: "And he measured its wall..." Verse 18: "The material of the wall..." etc. The term "wall" is used seven times in its detailed description surrounding the Great City. Verse 27 de-

clares: "Nothing unclean, and no one who practices abomination and lying, shall ever come into it [New Jerusalem], but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life."

It appears the Lord believes in walls. In fact, to get into His heaven, you must enter by the gate and possess certain qualifying credentials that are kept on record.

It might be a good idea to follow God's example when it comes to America's borders, don't you think?

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**Cass City Missionary Church**

4449 Koepfgen Rd., Cass City, MI 48726 • 989-872-2729

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](http://www.casscitymc.org)



Associate Pastor: Joel Schwendinger

**Cass City United Methodist Church**

872-3422 - 5100 Cemetery Rd., Cass City, MI 48726

[www.casscityumc.org](http://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](http://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.



EFCA

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](http://www.fbccc.us)



**First Presbyterian Church**

*Barrier Free • State & National Historical Registry*

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](http://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



**Novest Church of Christ**

*"the friendly church that cares"*

2896 Cemetery Rd., Cass City, MI 48726 • 872-3658

Sunday School 9:00 a.m. ~ 1st Worship Service 9:00 a.m.

2nd Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Senior Minister: Brad Speirs,

Associate Minister: Austin Keller at Uibly &

Student Minister: Don Mecomber

Visit our website at: [www.novestachurch.org](http://www.novestachurch.org)

**Our Lady Consolata Catholic Church**

4292 S. Seeger St., Cass City, MI 48726 • 665-1027

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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**Pentecostal**

• 6455 Sixth St., Cass City, MI 48726 • 872-5186

• We enjoy singing from the Hymnals and

Spiritual Preaching From

The Word of God

• Find us on Facebook: Potter's House

Church of Cass City

• Sunday: 11:00 a.m.



*List your church here, call (989) 872-2010.*

# 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 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, 2005  
 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.  
 This notice is from a debt collector.  
 Date of notice: April 24, 2019  
 Trott Law, P.C.  
 1382401

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

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.  
 1382788

4-24-4

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

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

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on June 13, 2019. Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as: Commencing at a point 20 rods North of the Northwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 25, Town 11 North, Range 8 East; thence East 330 feet; thence South 280.50 feet; thence West 330 feet; thence North 280.50 feet to the point of beginning.

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

4-24-4

Date of Mortgage Recording: July 18, 2007

## 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): David Holsberry and Lori A. Holsberry, 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,

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

The redemption period will be one year from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Ditech Financial LLC F/K/A Green Tree Servicing LLC Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335

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5-15-4

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FOR SALE - 2007 Jayco Eagle 34 ft. Travel Trailer. Has one 12 ft slide out in kitchen/living room. Very nice. Non-smoker, priced right to sell. Only \$12,500 call Kim Donovan 989-670-8129. 2-5-1-3

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 Sunday, May 19th 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
 Discounts and drawings Light Refreshments  
**End of the Lane Greenhouse**  
 6600 Costaplenty Lane Deford, MI  
**989-912-9511**  
 4 1/2 miles south of Cass City on Cemetery Rd. 1/2 mile East onto Costaplenty Lane

## Household Sales

LARGE GARAGE SALE - Sewing machine, garden tools, chickens, lots of speakers all sizes, furniture, canning jars MANY, antique jars & bottles, wood chipper, many Kirby G3 attachments, hat boxes & hats, rabbit pens, Christmas, golf clubs, air compressors (one gas), tether ball pole, volleyball poles and net, wallpaper, utility pump, generator, garden seeder, wood glider set, tools, clothes, electric pallet lift, bear compound bow, air hoist, 3 riding lawn mowers don't run, barrel wood stoves, paint ball gun, lots more! Friday, May 17th from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. & Saturday, May 18th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. 2 south 1-1/8 west of Cass City at 5961 Kelly Road. 14-5-15-1

GARAGE SALE at 6201 Dale St., Cass City; across from Hills & Dales Hospital. Thursday, May 16 only from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. - Household things, books, woman's clothes (sizes m-2x), men's clothes (size 2x) and much more. 14-5-15-1

## Household Sales

### ANTIQU ESTATE SALE

#### GLASSWARE

Roseville Hull Senton Carnival

in cranberry, white, blue, green, opalescent colors.

Siesta, prussia, cabinets, pictures, clocks, tools, furniture, showcases, rolling pins, crocks, cookie jars, lamps, cow memorabilia numerous antique items.

**May 17, 18, 19** from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at **3051 Wildner Rd., Unionville.**

## Real Estate For Rent

FOR RENT - 2 bedroom Ranch house with 2 bath in a quiet neighborhood in Cass City. Finished basement and garage. \$700/mo. includes lawn maintenance. Call 989-980-8410. 4-5-8-3

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" 4-2-21-tf

## Facilities For Rent

VFW HALL - weddings, parties, funeral, dinners. Please call 989-872-4933. 4-2-22-tf

### Cass City Mini Storage

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 Starting May 9th EVERY THURSDAY 2:30p.m. - 5:30p.m.  
**Downtown Cass City**  
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SALT FREE iron conditioners and water softeners, 24,000 grain, \$750. In-home service on all brands. Credit cards accepted. Call Paul's Pump Repair, 673-4850 or 800-745-4851 for free analysis. 8-9-25-tf

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**SALES OPENING** - Tuscola, Sanilac, Huron, Lapeer Counties - Online and print directory experience helpful, training provided, need car for on-site appointments; commission and bonus. Send resume to Thumbs Up Directory, P.O. Box 34, Reese, MI 48757 or call 989-868-9799 for more information. 11-4-17-6

**HELP WANTED** - Full Time - Part Time - Some Time - Any Time. Medilodge of Cass City is actively recruiting nursing professionals to join our team. We provide services for rehabilitation, dialysis, hospice, challenging medical/surgical recovery and long term care. RN's, LPN's and CENA's will benefit from our team centered philosophy, benefits package, education reimbursement, flexible scheduling, bonuses (\$6000 for all FT Nurses) and salary commensurate with experience. Call today for an appointment 989-872-2174 or apply on line at [www.MLCCTeam.com](http://www.MLCCTeam.com). 11-4-24-4

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**HELP WANTED** - Village Service Center. Night and weekend shifts, Monday-Saturday. Full time position. Must be 18 to apply. 6392 Main St., Cass City, Mi 48726 or call 989-872-2065. 11-5-8-4

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# Homeschoolers look to play key role in nature trail project

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

When students with the Cass City Homeschoolers were deciding on a project to incorporate into their Envirothon competition, they didn't have to look any farther than their backyard. They chose to volunteer to help with upgrades to the nature trails at Cass City Recreational Park.

They also set their sights on contributing more than a few hours of volunteer work, clearing brush or bagging trash.

Much more. "They really wanted in on the planning process. These kids have a lot of great ideas of what these trails should look like," said homeschoolers parent Tamara Daskam, whose son, Royce, 14, and daughters, Pearl, 16, and Evelyn, 13, are part of the group.

The students, about a dozen in all, have since worked with the project's other partners, including the village of Cass City and officials with the Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy (SBLC), on a plan to create new nature trail loops and update the existing trails.

The youths have assisted with surveys of the trails, located at the north end of the park, as well as mapping out existing and new trails and brainstorming various projects – creating various signs, for example – that will be designed to make the recreational area more user-friendly.

"The project partners walked the forest to make decisions about upgrading existing trails, building two bridges to traverse the stream and adding some trails to complete loops," said parent Sue Stuever Battel, another member of the Cass City Homeschoolers whose daughters, Addy, 16, and Dori, 13, are participating in the project.

"The Rotary Club of Cass City is also part of the project, as they are fundraising to add nine more holes to their community disc golf course, which will make it an 18-hole course, large enough to host disc golf tournaments," she noted. "Some of the holes are in the forest and are connected by the nature trails."

The Cass City Homeschoolers is an organization comprised of 25 to 30 local homeschooling families, according to Stuever Battel, who explained the students' participation in the trail project stems from their competition in the Envirothon, a national competition and community outreach program for teens ages 13 to 19 and sponsored by the National Association

of Conservation Districts.

"Participants learn about environmental topics such as forestry, wildlife, invasive species, aquatic ecology, energy, soils and agriculture. Each team is tested on their knowledge in these fields," said student Cody McArthur, 15, the son of Angela and David McArthur.

"Those teams who qualify at regionals may move on to the state level, and then possibly to nationals," he added. "Students also participate in a community outreach project and give a presentation before a panel of judges."

The Cass City Homeschoolers has two teams in the competition; the Stinging Nettles (ages 13 and 14), composed of Dori Battel, Evelyn Daskam, Royce Daskam, Seth Mika and Mariana Sanchez, and three Phightin' Phragmites (ages 15 to 17), composed of Addy Battel, Pearl Daskam, Anna Hill, Kirstin Mika, Cody McArthur and Tabbytha Sanchez.

Both teams have qualified for the state-level competition this week at the Fort Custer Training Center in Kalamazoo.

As for their work on the trail project, McArthur and his fellow students are continuing to work with the village and SBLC officials to identify specific projects such as repairing and expanding current trails, including connecting loops in an effort to eliminate dead-ends throughout the trail system, removing invasive species of plant life where needed, and creation of an informational kiosk and entrance/exit signs.

Another focus will be designing and installing signs along the trail that will educate the public, according to Dori Battel, who explained the signs will describe specific tree species and habitat that can be found in the local nature area.

The group would also like to incorporate into the project "way finding" or directional signs designed to help visitors reach their trail destination quickly and easily.

Stuever Battel said SBLC officials have applied for and are confident they will be awarded at least a portion of the \$14,000 in funding needed to complete the first phase of the upgrades starting in the fall. After that, she said, the students have a number of ideas for more improvements should some extra funding become available – interactive signs and development of physical activity stations, for example.

The first round of funding will pay for lumber to construct the

small foot bridges, clearing of some trees, wood chips/mulch, gravel, signs and posts, and at least one bench.

While the trail upgrades will be an on-going effort over a period of

years, the initial work is expected to provide users – local residents, visitors, adults, students and other children – with another opportunity to enjoy the community's already expansive recreational

opportunities in a safe setting.

Anyone interested in more information related to the homeschoolers' efforts is encouraged to contact Stuever Battel at (989) 872-4794.



CASS CITY Village President Dan Delamarter (from left), village Public Utilities Director Dennis McCabe, SBLC Director of Community Conservation Ted Lind, SBLC Director of Land Preservation Trevor Edmonds and Cass City Homeschoolers students Pearl Daskam and Dori Battel survey sections of the natural trail to be upgraded in the fall.

## Church Street to close Wednesday

Cass City Village officials announced Monday that Church Street will be temporarily closed between Hill Street and Nestle Street, starting this week, due to a construction project.

The closure will be in effect today (Wednesday) through Tuesday, May 28, according to village Manager Debbie Powell, who explained crews will be replacing 600 feet of four-inch water main with six-inch water main.

"The contractor, Nicol and Sons, will try to keep one traffic lane open during construction," Powell said.

"The hospital and emergency personnel will be alerted to road closures and detours, if necessary, during the water main project," she added. "Residents can reach Hills and Dales General Hospital by taking West Street to Huron Street and then to Dale Street."

"The village will work with local businesses to minimize the impact to them and provide updates on the project," said Dennis McCabe, village public utilities director. "Residents should use extra caution when traveling in the vicinity of the construction zone."

More information is available by contact McCabe at the Cass City Municipal Building at (989) 872-2911.



STEVE SCHAUB from the Tuscola Conservation District (standing on ground) helped the students during one of their forest surveys as they conducted a forest inventory. The students – (from left) Cody McArthur, Seth Mika, Royce Daskam, Pearl Daskam, Dori Battel, Kirstin Mika, Evelyn Daskam and Addy Battel — are noting key features of the forest, species, habitats and other interesting points so they can write informational signs that will be posted around the village's nature trails in the fall.



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