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Tuscola County foundation giving tops \$5 million

Annual spring grant distribution set this week at tech center

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Tuscola County Community Foundation (TCCF) officials will soon be adding to an impressive total of grant awards – now topping the \$5 million mark – since the foundation was established in 1997.

“With the 2019 Spring Grant Awards, TCCF will have granted out a total of \$5,256,670,” said foundation Executive Director John Hunter, who last week an-

nounced the organization’s annual spring grant distribution ceremony has been scheduled for Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at the Tuscola Technology Center, 1401 Cleaver Rd., Caro.

Officials will be presenting a combined \$144,275 in grant awards from various funds plus another \$182,375 in scholarships for a total of about \$326,650.

The following grants have been approved during the latest round of funding:

***Janks (William and Ruth) Fund** — \$7,000 to the St. Paul Lutheran Church/Fixin’ Up the Thumb (purchase building materials/home rehab for the elderly, disabled and needy); \$5,000 to the Good Samaritan Fund of Caro

Area Churches (emergency food, utility, transportation, house and medical assistance); \$4,500 to the city of Caro (construct public art

and trailhead connector from fairgrounds/Beith Park to downtown area; \$5,000 to the Tuscola Homeless Coalition (assist with rent and

security deposits); \$5,000 to Great Start Tuscola Imagination Library (purchase books distributed free

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County gearing up to unveil legal self-help center at Caro library

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Navigating the legal system can be an exercise in frustration, whether you’re facing a family law matter, personal safety issue or housing problems.

But help is now available for Tuscola County residents seeking the information they need, thanks to the new Tuscola County Legal Self-Help Center, located inside the Caro Area District Library, 840 West Frank St. in Caro.

“The center offers support, advocacy, referrals, resources, and education to residents of the surrounding areas,” explained Tuscola County Chief Judge Amy Grace Gierhart, who played a key role in establishing the resource. “The self-help center (SHC) is open to the public during normal library hours: Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.”

Staff members, known as “navigators”, are available to help visitors find the information they need from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, according to Long, who noted a grand opening for the self-help center has been scheduled for Thursday, June 6, at the Caro Area District Library from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

The event is open to the public and will feature presentations by members of the Tuscola County Bar Association in conjunction with the celebration of Law Day. Members of the Tuscola County Court staff and Caro Historical Commission will also be on hand.

The Tuscola County Legal Self-Help Center is the nineteenth SHC to open in the statewide network.

“Visitors to the center can use the Michigan Legal Help (MLH) website in English (MichiganLegalHelp.org) or Spanish (AyudaLegaldeMichigan.org) to get information about common legal problems,” Gierhart said. “The library staff...are trained to help visitors find the resources they need.”

While the “navigators” cannot give legal advice, they can answer questions about court practices and processes, help visitors locate and complete the court-approved forms available on the website, and find

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LAST WEEK’S weather was typical of this spring – dreary and a bit cool – but that didn’t keep residents away from the Cass City Farmers Market, where vendors, including Jim Tomlin (above, left) of End of the Lane Greenhouse, Cass City, continue to offer up fresh produce along with other foods, treats and crafts every Thursday from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the downtown area.

Governor signs insurance bill

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer Thursday signed legislation designed to reform Michigan’s auto insurance system in an effort to cut the state’s highest-in-the-nation premiums.

Whitmer said the new law guarantees lower rates for every Michigan driver – at least for the next several years — protects insurance coverage options and strengthens consumer protections.

“By signing this legislation, we are providing relief to millions of drivers across the state and guaranteeing a better auto insurance system for everyone,” Whitmer said. “This historic deal shows that, when we put party aside, we can find common ground on our state’s toughest issues to provide realistic and affordable coverage options for drivers across

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Despite legal issues, work continues at recycling site

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

Although legal wrangling continues over the new Tuscola County recycling site, work to get the facility ready to use is progressing.

In 2017, county commissioners approved purchasing Riverview Auto and Recycling, a former salvage yard just outside the city of Caro at 987 Ellington St. (M-24), to relocate recycling operations. The site consists of 10-acres along with a 7,000-square-foot building.

A variety of issues have surfaced since the property was purchased.

In an effort to ensure there were no significant contamination issues, county officials hired AKT Peerless to conduct an environmental study at the site. According to Peerless, only minor traces of contaminants were found. However, officials later discovered there was more contamination, upping the cost to clean up the site by roughly \$16,000.

Back when the county bought the former salvage yard, they based the decision to buy the property for \$140,000 based on the determination of “limited contamination” provided by AKT Peerless Environmental and the legal firm of Braun Kendrick.

In an effort to resolve the issue, the legal firm agreed to pay \$4,000 of the cost of the clean up as well as pursue recovery of \$4,000 from the former landowner. The firm proposed that if they were unable to secure the funding from the former owner within 60 days, they would provide the county with \$4,000 worth of legal services.

The county refused the offer, saying the law firm did not do its due diligence, as the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality

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Friend of Youth

Speirs honored for impact on community’s kids

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Brad Speirs would just as soon avoid the spotlight, but Cass City School officials had other ideas when it came to nominating a representative of the district for this year’s Friend of Youth Award presented during last week’s Thumb Track and Field Meet of Champions in Caro.

The organization honored Speirs with a certificate recognizing the Cass City native’s “personal involvement and dedication to the ongoing well-being and development of the young people of the Thumb of Michigan.”

“Brad loves Jesus, people and sports. He spends his extra time coaching youth baseball,

soccer, football and basketball, and even hosted a volleyball camp this spring,” officials noted.

Cass City Schools Athletic Director Don Markel nominated Speirs for the honor, saying it was “not a difficult decision at all.”

Speirs has poured himself into mentoring the community’s youth as a coach and in conjunction with his leadership as senior minister at the Novesta Church of Christ, “and he’s done that for a lot of years,” Markel said. “He’s had a very positive impact on our student body.”

Speirs, who grew up attending the Novesta church, was working with youth groups long before he agreed to serve part-time at the church as a youth minister while attending Saginaw Valley State University.

The 1997 Cass City High School

graduate went on to earn his bachelor’s degree in business administration with a major in accounting, but by that time had decided to devote his life to the ministry. He was named senior minister about eight years ago.

Speirs has a family of his own – he and his wife, Kristy, have two children, Emily, 12, and Ethan, 10 – and you won’t find anyone more supportive of his efforts to mentor young people throughout the community.

“No matter what Brad is coaching or leading, he doesn’t just want ‘some kids’ involved — he wants every kid that may even be remotely interested to join his group or team,” Kristy said.

“He’s always recruiting and encouraging kids to join whatever it is he may be leading at the time.

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BRAD SPEIRS, honored as this year’s Friend of Youth in Cass City and honored during the 2019 Thumb Track and Field Meet of Champions last week, is pictured above with his wife, Kristy, and the couple’s children, Emily, 12, and Ethan, 10.

Cass City Schools announce May students of the month



**Kindergarten
Student of the Month is
Ekko Scott**

Nominated by:
Mrs. Stoutenburg

Characteristics she displays:
Ekko is a super student!
She displays all the characteristics of SOAR. Ekko always gives her best effort. She is helpful and kind to others.

Some of her favorite things:
Playing on her swing set, going to the beach, playing with her cat, Eddie, and her puppy, Lucy; and eating macaroni and cheese.



**1st Grade
Student of the Month is
Aviva Bearinger**

Nominated by:
Mrs. Peruski

Characteristics she displays:
Aviva is an excellent student in all subjects. She is always interested and engaged in learning everything! We all like spending time with Aviva because she is fun, kind, and includes everyone.

Some of her favorite things:
Eating ice cream with my family, swimming in the pool; and laptop computers.



**2nd Grade
Student of the Month is
Gavin Ulfgr**

Nominated by:
Mrs. Dorland

Characteristics he displays:
Gavin is a great helper. He is always willing to do whatever is asked of him. He completes his work on time and is very quiet and well mannered. Gavin is a role model to others.

Some of his favorite things:
Riding my bike, playing with my dog, Scruffy; and skateboarding.



**3rd Grade
Student of the Month is
Gage Mallory**

Nominated by:
Mrs. Murdoch

Characteristics he displays:
Gage is an excellent student. He is kind and helpful. He is a hard worker and always does his best. He is well behaved and follows the SOAR rules. It is a pleasure to have him in class!

Some of his favorite things:
Pizza, playing basketball; and playing soccer.



**4th Grade
Student of the Month is
Michael Ganl**

Nominated by:
Mrs. Schinnerer &
4th Grade Teachers

Characteristics he displays:
Michael has really made some awesome improvements this year. He has become much more vocal in class and has a wonderful sense of humor. We appreciate his hard work ethic. He also works well independently as well as in a group. Way to go Michael! We are very proud of you.

Some of my favorite things:
Playing Jail Break from the game Road Block, favorite color is red, loves Toaster Strudels; and playing outside with his dog Ellie.



**5th Grade
Student of the Month is
Rylee Bliss**

Nominated by:
Fifth Grade Teachers

Characteristics she displays:
When you think of a hard-working, self-disciplined, well-mannered student, you think of Rylee Bliss.

Her behavior and attitude toward school serves as a model to those around her. She is a definite asset to any classroom.

Some of her favorite things:
Sports, riding four-wheelers, playing drums, watching football.



**6th Grade
Student of the Month is
Elsa Ibarra**

Nominated by:
6th Grade Team

Characteristics she displays:

Elsa is one of those students that you love having in the classroom. Her answers are thoughtful, show real thought and respect. In the classroom discussions, she displays a very high maturity level. Her work is well done and penmanship is excellent. She even writes well in cursive! She has a smile for everyone and is helpful to her classmates.

Some of her favorite things:
Elsa loves to draw, read and listen to music. She is a little bit country, Christian and 2012 pop. She loves to play outside with her family. Her favorite foods include macaroni and cheese and rice. Her long range goal is in the area of theater and law.



**10th Grade Student of the Month is
Riley Copeland**

"Riley is the true definition of a selfless kid. She is always kind, caring, and truly wants what is best for those around her. She is a student advocate and stands up for what is right. When new students come to our school, Riley is wonderful at showing them around and assisting in acclimating them to the building. One of the most impressive things about Riley is her positive "can-do" attitude. She always has a smile on her face and is a joy to be around and work with. If ever we need something done at the school, or a project lead, Riley is a key go-to person. With her motivation and drive, it is clear that Riley will be very successful in many aspects of her life."
~ Mrs. Christin Hempton.



**10th Grade Student of the Month is
Mackenzie Lawhorn**

"I nominated Mackenzie because she has been working very hard all year - she is motivated to do as well as she can. She has maintained a positive attitude, even when she was struggling. I have really enjoyed getting to know her this year and know that she will continue to put forth her best effort moving forward!"

~ Mr. Chris Kimble

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In Our OPINION...

Clarke Haire
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Protect your family from risk of rabies

Warmer weather creates additional opportunities for outdoor activities in Michigan and increases the chances of wildlife encounters. Michiganders are reminded to adopt practices that protect their families and animals from rabies.

Rabies is a viral disease of mammals that is transmitted through the bite or scratch of an infected animal. Bats and skunks are the most common carriers of rabies in Michigan.

In 2018, there were 79 cases of rabies in animals in the state, including 77 bats and two skunks.

Rabies testing at the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is ramping up, and as of May 22, the MDHHS Bureau of Laboratories has identified rabies in five bats and two skunks out of 928 animals tested.

Michigan health departments experience increased calls from citizens about bat encounters during the warm weather months between May and September. During this time, bats are more active, searching for food and rearing their young. While bats are beneficial to the ecosystem, they are also one of the species that is a natural host for the rabies virus.

People or pets are usually exposed to rabies when they are bitten by an infected animal. Other situations that may present a risk are when a bat is found in a room with people who have been asleep, or a bat is found with an unattended child or an impaired adult who cannot be sure they didn't have contact with the bat. In these cases, it is important to collect the bat for rabies testing.

Rabies is fatal to humans. Post-exposure treatment is given to people who are exposed to a potentially rabid animal.

You can protect your family and pets from rabies by taking a few simple steps:

*Avoid contact with wildlife. Do not keep wild animals as pets and do not try to rehabilitate wildlife yourself. Wild animals can carry rabies without looking sick.

*If a wild animal appears sick, contact the DNR at Michigan.gov/eyesinthefield or at (517) 336-5030.

*If you are bitten or scratched by an animal, seek immediate medical attention and alert your health department.

*If you find a bat in your home, safely confine or collect the bat if possible and contact your local health department to determine if it should be tested for rabies. More information on how to collect a bat safely can be found on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) website.

*Protect your pets by getting them vaccinated against rabies. Even cats that live indoors and never go outside need to be vaccinated, as they can encounter a bat that gets inside the home.

*If your animal is bitten or scratched by a wild animal or if you believe they have had unsupervised contact with wildlife, contact your veterinarian, even if a pet is vaccinated against rabies. If possible, safely confine or capture the wild animal without touching it and contact your local animal control officer or veterinarian, as the animal may need to be tested for rabies.

More information about rabies and a map of rabies positive animals in Michigan can be found at Michigan.gov/rabies.

Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

Grave coins not chump change



As part of Memorial Day, I go to some parades to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice, showing that freedom comes at a cost — lives.

And, I go to the Ellington Cemetery to visit my oldest son's grave. Army Sgt. Charles A. Drier was killed in action May 24, 2005, in Iraq. He was killed while doing a second tour. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 76th Field Artillery, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, out of Fort Stewart, Ga. I have visited Chuck's grave in the Ellington Township Cemetery numerous times over the last 14 years.

When I first noticed a variety of coins on his headstone and on some of the other soldiers, I had no idea why they were there.

When I commented on that in a column several years ago, I received a letter explaining the meaning of the coins left on a grave of someone who died in service to their country.

During my visits to his grave, I have heard some others question why there were coins on the headstone of some of the graves. And, I was surprised to learn some veterans also didn't understand the meaning of the coins left behind.

So, I'm sharing the following information again to help others understand the meaning of the coins and their significance.

A coin left on a headstone is supposed to be a message to the deceased soldier's family that someone had visited the grave to pay their respects.

Each coin's denomination has a distinct meaning. Leaving a penny at the grave means someone visited. Leaving a nickel indicates the visitor and the deceased trained in boot camp together, while a dime means the visitor served with the soldier in some capacity.

A quarter left at the grave is to tell the family the visitor was with the soldier when he was killed.

According to the information that I had received, the money left at graves in national and state veterans cemeteries is eventually collected, and the funds are put toward maintaining the cemetery or paying burial costs for indigent veterans.

It is my understanding that leaving a coin became common during the Vietnam War because of the political controversy in the country over that war. Leaving a coin was seen as a way to communicate that a person had visited the grave rather than contacting the soldier's family.

And, some veterans leave coins as a "down payment" to buy their fallen comrades a beer or to be used for grave maintenance.

I have never been able to verify if the information I received about the coins is true or not. I like to think the information is true.

Over the years that I have gone to my son's grave, I've seen many pennies left. Several nickels and a few dimes have also been left on his headstone. After I learned the meaning of the coins, they gave me comfort knowing Chuck is remembered and not forgotten.

gotten.

I hope this information on coins brings comfort to others as well when they see coins on the headstone of their loved ones.



Looking for a great reason to get outdoors? How about three?

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has brought back the popular "Three Free Weekend" — this year it's Saturday and Sunday, June 8 and 9 — featuring two full days when residents and out-of-state visitors can grab a fishing pole, ride the off-road trails and visit state parks, all free of charge.

"Michigan is home to some of the best outdoor recreation opportunities and most beautiful natural spaces you'll find anywhere," said DNR Director Dan Eichinger. "Whether you're already an avid outdoors-person or someone just beginning to explore the outdoors, our 'Three Free' weekend makes it easy to explore a new hobby, visit a new park or introduce friends to an outdoor experience you love."

These two days include:

*Free fishing. Twice a year (once in the summer, once in the winter), residents and nonresidents can enjoy Free Fishing weekends and fish without a license, though all other fishing regulations do apply. To get more details or find a local event, visit Michigan.gov/FreeFishing.

*Free state park entry. To encourage people to pursue free fishing and other outdoor fun within state parks, the DNR waives the regular recreation passport entry fee that grants vehicle access to Michigan's 103 state parks. Add state park stops to your itinerary and enjoy special programming and events during this state parks centennial year. Learn more about the passport at Michigan.gov/RecreationPassport.

*Riding ORV trails for free. During two Free ORV weekends each year (the second one this year is set for Aug. 17-18), Michigan residents and nonresidents legally can ride DNR-designated routes and trails without purchasing an ORV license or trail permit. Visit Michigan.gov/ORVinfo for the latest ORV trail, safety and closure information.

The Arbor Day Foundation has a book that helps people identify trees in a simple, step-by-step process. The book, What Tree Is That?, is available for a \$5 donation to the nonprofit tree-planting organization.

What Tree Is That? is a fun, easy-to-use tree identification guide that features hand-drawn botanical illustrations highlighting the distinctive characteristics of many tree species.

Nature lovers and professional arborists alike have called this pocket field guide a must-have, user-friendly resource. Its beautiful, full-color illustrations are in precise detail and depict natural colors, shapes and textures so users can make a positive species identification in a few steps.

The Arbor Day Foundation offers this book to help people identify trees throughout the Eastern and Central regions of the United States. What Tree Is That? uses a unique step-by-step approach for identifying the species of each tree, explaining what to look for in the shape and arrangement of the leaves, differences in the leafstalks and specific characteristics of fruits, flowers, buds and bark.

"Our What Tree Is That? Pocket guide is an ideal resource for developing a greater appreciation for trees," said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "The Arbor Day Foundation strives to help people enjoy and appreciate trees, and we feel our pocket field guide will do just that."

What Tree is That? is also available as an online interactive version at arboraday.org.

To obtain a tree identification guide in full color, visit arboraday.org or send your name, address, and \$5 for each guide to: Arbor Day Foundation, What Tree Is That?, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410.

The 2019 Tuscola County Sparty Party is set for Tuesday, June 25th, at Caro Rental, 466 Ellington, Caro.

Enjoy a night full of fun and Spartan Fellowship - \$35 per person or \$40 at the door. Tickets can be purchased online at www.eventbrite.com and search "Sparty Party 2019". Tickets can also be purchased by check — include the guest names and mail to: Tuscola Spartans, 1684 Edgewood Dr. Caro MI 48723.

Guest speaker for the festivities is Bill Beekman, MSU Athletic Director.

A VIP Experience is available for \$200 and includes appetizers, drinks, and a private meet and greet in the Fullmer Spartan Saloon from 4-5 p.m.

Did you know, within the 240-acre state park, the Sanilac petroglyphs are the only known rock carvings attributed to Native American workmanship in the Lower Peninsula of Michigan?

The carvings, known as petroglyphs, were discovered after an 1881 fire cleared the thick brush in the area and revealed the rocks underneath. The petroglyphs, which are believed to have been carved between 300 to 1,200 years ago, include depictions of swirls, lines, handprints, flying birds and bow men. The petroglyphs are open to visitation through Sunday from Memorial Day and Labor Day.

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

Thursday, June 6

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

Saturday, June 8

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

Monday, June 10

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

Tuesday, June 11

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

Driver deceased at crash scene

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

An elderly Huron County man was discovered deceased at the scene of a one-vehicle traffic accident in Meade Township, Huron County Sheriff's deputies reported Friday.

"A passerby called Huron Central Dispatch to report that they had just come across a vehicle, which had impacted with a utility pole and was on the bottom of the ditch. It was further reported that it was occupied by a single occu-

paint, seat-belted driver and it was believed he was dead," Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson reported.

"Our deputies and other emergency personnel responded to the scene, which was on the east side of the intersection of Filion Road and Pinnebog Road," he said. "They found the driver deceased, and an investigator from the Huron County Medical Examiner's Office was called. Accident investigators from our office responded as well."

A preliminary investigation indicated the victim — identified as a

91-year-old Port Hope man — was driving westbound when his pickup truck veered off the roadway and into the north ditch, hitting the utility pole and setting off the airbags.

"At this time it is not known how long the victim may have been there, but it is appearing possible that the victim had a medical emergency just prior to the accident," Hanson said. "An autopsy has been ordered and his name is being withheld pending proper notification of next of kin. This investigation will continue."

Sebawaing memorial ceremony honors Vietnam-era veterans

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

Sebawaing did Cass City proud with its veterans parkway and a recent special program honoring Vietnam veterans at American Legion Post #293.

Bill Mielke of Sebawaing attended the dedication and pinning ceremony held last fall in Cass City, and he says the event inspired him to organize a memorial and pinning ceremony in Huron County.

"I was moved by the ceremony in Cass City and appreciated being honored," said Mielke, who served in the U.S. Marine Corps as an E-4. "I wanted to make other Vietnam veterans also feel appre-

ciated.

"Tuscola County Veteran Affairs Director Mark Zmierski helped me (put together) the ceremony here."

Although those who served during the era left the jungles of Vietnam 50 years ago, some veterans never felt they truly returned home because of how they were treated when they arrived state-side. They were spit on, called baby killers, and worse.

"(Former president) Obama's speech (stating) that 'It was a national shame and disgrace the way (Vietnam) veterans were treated when they came home' was right," Mielke said.

Vietnam veterans attending Cass City's and Sebawaing's events each received a special pin —

honoring their service — that they can wear on a lapel or on a hat.

The Vietnam War was America's longest-running war. During that 20-year span, 7.2 million veterans served, with 58,272 killed. One out of every 10 was either injured or killed. Michigan currently has about 600,000 veterans, and of that number about 200,000 are Vietnam veterans.

Sebawaing's veteran memorial includes flag poles, benches and decorative memorial bricks that can be inscribed to honor any veteran who served their country. About 150 bricks have been sold so far; and although the memorial is done, bricks can still be bought, inscribed and placed by calling (989) 977-2079.

Obituaries

Mary Lou Spencer

Mary Lou Spencer, 81, of Deford died following a lengthy illness Thursday, May 30, 2019 in Covenant Medical Center Cooper Campus, Saginaw.

She was born September 15, 1937 at home in Greenleaf Township to Floyd and Lora (Lewis) Stevens.

She married Bernard Dale Spencer October 18, 1952 in Novesta Church of Christ, Cass City. He died June 12, 1991.

Mary Lou attended Cass City High School. She enjoyed time spent outdoors working in her flower and vegetable gardens. Mary Lou loved playing BINGO. She was known as a great cook. Mary Lou's lemon merengue pie and boiled dinners were special dishes. She was fond of watching birds, orioles and cardinals were her favorite.

Mary Lou is survived by her children: Leo (Julie) Spencer of Caro, Jean (Elmer) Schulz of Deford and Cindy Donaghy of Sandusky; grandchildren: Rosemary (Dan) Wilkinson, Leo (Deb) Spencer Jr., Adam (Brooke) Spencer, Michael Spencer, Jeremy (Sarah) Schulz, Deirdre (John) Repinski and Chad (Jaimie) Donaghy; ten great-grandchildren; six great-great grandchildren; brother, Dale (Joyce) Stevens of Cass City; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband; son-in-law, Donald Donaghy; sisters: Evelyn (Mason) Spencer, June Szappon, Shirley (John) Periso.

A funeral service was held Monday, June 3, in Novesta Church of Christ, Cass City, with Brad Speirs and Chuck Emmert of Duplain Church of Christ, St. Johns officiating.

Interment is in Novesta Township Cemetery.

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.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.



Clyde Wells

Clyde Eugene Wells, 90, of Cass City died Tuesday, May 28, 2019 following a lengthy illness in Medilodge of Cass City.

He was born September 18, 1928 in Muskegon to Milfred and Helen (Posey) Wells.

He married Georgene "Pat" H. Tate on August 3, 1951 in the First Baptist Church of Cass City.

Clyde graduated from Allegan High School in 1947, where he earned fourteen letters playing football, basketball, baseball and track. Having received all conference, honorable mention and all state in football, he was inducted into the Allegan High School Hall of Fame. Clyde attended Grand Rapids Bible School and Seminary where he met his future wife, Pat. Together they worked at Youth Haven Boy's Home in Muskegon for three years until it closed.

Clyde and Pat moved to Cass City, where he got a job with Walbro Corporation and worked for twenty-five years. He enjoyed golf and worked at Rolling Hills Golf Course repairing golf carts. Later, Clyde started his own golf cart repair business, Quality Golf. He loved the challenge of fixing things. Clyde was a Cub Scout Leader for seventeen years and pastored two churches, one in Caseville and the other in Clifford. Clyde and Pat were great Red Hawk fans and supporters. They supplied and laundered towels for both junior varsity and varsity basketball teams. When it became difficult for Clyde to drive at night, they rode the bus to games.

He and Pat were active members of First Baptist Church of Cass City.

Clyde is survived by his wife, Pat; their children: Steven (Charla) Wells of Riviera Beach, FL, Sandy Sherman of Cass City, Sheryl (Jeff) Parker of Woodstock, GA and Sharon (Rob) Groenewold of Holland; grandchildren: Micaiah Wells, JoBeth (Bill) Syers, Nate Sherman, James (Carla) Parker, Chase Parker, Courtney (David) Knewton, Kaylee (Tyler) Flieman, Brittney (Quinten) Steenwyk and Garrett Groenewold; great-grandchildren: Carter Meinert, Brennon Syers, Dustin Syers, Luke Parker, Noah Parker and Brooke Parker; a brother, Jack (Marge) Wells of West Palm Beach, FL; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his twin infant grandchildren, Gabriella Wells and Jedidiah Wells; brothers: Edward (Elaine) Wells, Kenneth (Eleanor) Wells.

A funeral service was held Monday, June 3, in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Pastor Christian Wright of First Baptist Church of Cass City and Pastor Mark Shaw of Calvary Baptist Church of Greenville officiating.

Interment is in Elkland Township Cemetery.

Pallbearers for Mr. Wells were: Micaiah Wells, Nate Sherman, Chase Parker and Garrett Groenewold.

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

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

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Circuit court proceedings

Several appear on felony charges

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

*Frederick R. Colosky Jr., 51, Vassar, pleaded guilty to charges of operating a motor vehicle with the presence of a controlled substance in his body; possession of marijuana or a synthetic equivalent, third offense; and driving while his license was suspended or revoked, second offense, Oct. 22 in Vassar. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$5,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Scott A. Curtis, 33, Ruth, pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana or a synthetic equivalent, second offense, Sept. 25 in Ellington Township.

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

*Sara A. Burwell, 15, Akron, pleaded guilty to two counts of criminal sexual conduct, third degree, and three counts of criminal sexual conduct, second degree, all involving a victim under the age of 13 years between Sept. 1, 2018, and Jan. 13, 2019, in Wisner Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$10,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to

be scheduled.

*James D. Phillips, 56, Millington, pleaded guilty to interfering with electronic communications Jan. 26 in Millington Township.

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

*Nathaniel T. Zaveta, 22, Millington, pleaded no contest to two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault), possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony, and attempted possession of a loaded firearm in a motor vehicle Dec. 17 in Vassar Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$15,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Jeffery S. Cummings, 52, Mayville, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor Nov. 22 in Dayton Township.

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

*Cloys C. Heath, 44, Mayville, was sentenced to 369 days in the county jail following his pleas of no contest to accosting children for immoral purposes between October 2017 and May 2018 in Mayville.

He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,644.

*Robert J. McPherson, 35, Millington, pleaded no contest to three counts of criminal sexual conduct, third degree, involving

the use of force or coercion, between Feb. 15, 2014, and June 23, 2018, in Millington.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$75,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Noah L. Martin, 36, Caro, was sentenced to 365 days in jail following his plea of guilty to home invasion, second degree, Nov. 16-24, 2016, in Almer Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to jail time, he was placed on probation for 24 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,008.

*Willie E. Triplett, 26, Grand Blanc, pleaded no contest to charges of armed robbery involving serious injury to the victim, armed robbery and two counts of unlawful imprisonment Sept. 12 in Millington Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, Triplett's \$500,000 bond was revoked and he was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Jayme L. Hix, 33, Vassar, pleaded no contest to charges of domestic violence and attempted child abuse, third degree, March 12 in Vassar.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$5,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

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Reporter's notebook

Thanks again, Mr. D. Rest in peace

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



I can't imagine too many jobs are more satisfying than teaching. I'm not talking about the pay or the hours or the thankless tasks that are completed daily but rarely noticed. Or the mountain of standardized testing materials and the latest mandates from experts — I'm guessing a number of whom have probably never stepped foot in a classroom — that clog their days.

I'm talking about a gift, an array of skills and emotion and passion that a great educator passes on to future generations, knowing they may not ever be rewarded with any sort of tangible evidence that they've made a difference in those young lives.

But make no mistake — there are teachers who make all the difference.

I know that because I've been fortunate to have wound up in the classrooms of a few of those educators whose names and passion for encouraging students of all ability levels to achieve success have stuck with me for a lifetime.

Don Druart — Mr. "D" as I knew him back in the day — was one of those teachers.

Don recently passed away at the age of 76 following a career in music education spanning nearly four decades in the East Kentwood and Allendale school districts on the west side of the state. And he didn't just teach music; he had a passion for the art as a performer, lending his talents as a percussionist with the Holland Symphony Orchestra, West Michigan Concert Winds and Allendale Jazz Orchestra.

I met Don for the first time about 40 years ago. I had just moved to East Kentwood, a large and amazing school district, especially from the viewpoint of a 15-year-old coming from a rough neighborhood in Grand Rapids. I had always been involved in music, but the programs at East Kentwood were well-funded and overflowing with talented kids, and I mean in everything from music to athletics to extracurricular offerings. This was a school that boasted a marching band of 150 kids back in the late 1970s, and I really wanted to be a part of that.

Problem was, this was my first experience with marching band, and I wasn't exactly what you would consider loaded with talent as a drummer.

Anyway, not long after we moved into the district, I found myself in front of Don for an audition. As I recall, I struggled to demonstrate any sort of mastery on the snare drum and was prepared to hear him thank me for coming in and then suggest that I not let the door smack me on the backside on the way out.

I'm not sure if it was the tiny glimmer of talent I managed to demonstrate, or my desperation to be part of this program, but Don stood up, smiled and motioned to a set of bass drums, where he set up some music and asked me to play. He just seemed to know instinctively that I belonged behind one of the four bass drums in the East Kentwood Falcon Marching Band.

And, I proved him right.

The next couple years, performing with that drumline in front of sizeable crowds under the Friday night lights and in the occasional weekend marching band competition was amazing — glory days for a bonafide band geek, if you will. Looking back, those times offered me the rare opportunity to stand out in anything in high school.

Not only that, music kept me in school and motivated me to pay attention in my other classes.

Which led to the introduction of another outstanding teacher, Dirk Nebbling. I needed a last-minute class in my junior year and ended up in Nebbling's journalism class, and in a few short weeks, I went from having no clue about what sort of career I wanted to pursue, to settling on journalism after Nebbling pulled me aside after completing a few assignments and told me I had a real talent for writing and, if I was interested, he believed I had what it took to make it in the field.

I kept in touch with Nebbling for a few years after graduation as I worked my way through junior college and then graduated from CMU with a bachelor's degree in journalism. He passed away years ago, but not before I told him what a difference he had made in my life.

I stayed in touch with, Don, too, up until a couple years ago. I guessed health issues must have been catching up with him, and my fears were confirmed when I spotted his obituary on Facebook last week.

I made a point of telling Don more than once that he really touched my life years ago — really made a difference in its direction. And I'm certain I'm not the only former student to reach out to him years after leaving his classroom.

Thanks, again, Mr. D. Rest in peace.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2014)

Jacob Esau Ballard recently graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science Degree in chemical engineering from Rose-Hulman Institution of Technology, Terre Haute, Ind. He has accepted a position with Parker Hannifin's O-Ring Division in Lexington, Ky. A 2010 graduate of Cass City High School, Ballard is the son of Steve and Anne Ballard of Cass City.

The Huron County 4-H Council has awarded four \$100 scholarships and recently announced this year's recipients. They are: Rebecca Balcer, the daughter of Dan and Kay Balcer of Harbor Beach and a member of the Happy Gals & Guys 4-H Club for the past 13 years. Kylie Bates, the daughter of Dan and Bonnie Bates of Sebewaing and a member of Sebewaing Jets 4-H Livestock Club for the past nine years. Edward Murray, the son of Tom and Sharon Murray of Ubyly and a member of Growing Go-ers 4-H Club for the past 10 years. Holly Tait, the daughter of Michael and Mary Tait of Caseville and a member of Laker 4-H Club for three years.

10 YEARS AGO (2009)

Area resident Nicole Froede was recently named to the dean's list at Albion College, Albion, after earning a grade point average of at least 3.5 during the 2009 spring semester. Froede is a senior majoring in economics and management, and minoring in communication studies. A Cass City High School graduate, she is the daughter of Bryan Froede of Bad Axe and Gloria Froede of Cass City.

Officials at the University of Northwestern Ohio, Lima, Ohio, recently announced that James R. Luana of Deford has been named to the dean's list for the March 2009 session in the school's College of Technologies. Full-time students must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or better to be named to the dean's list.

Courtney Hacker, the daughter of Brian and Melissa Hacker of Ubyly, was recently named to the dean's list for the second semester of the 2008-09 school year at Hope College, Holland, Mich. To be named to the dean's list, a student must earn a minimum 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Nicholas Chappel of Cass City, a current eighth trimester student in the Doctor of Chiropractic Program at Palmer College of Chiropractic, Davenport, Iowa, has been named to the dean's list for the ninth trimester. To be eligible for the dean's list, a student must achieve a minimum grade point average of 3.50 in all studies for the respective term. The highest possible GPA is 4.00.

25 YEARS AGO (1994)

Jill and Joe Leeson and daughter Stephanie of Ferndale spent Memorial Day weekend with his parents, Linda and Fred Leeson, and visited Dianne and Theron Middaugh and Chuck and Tracy Middaugh. They returned home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill MacDonald of Saline visited Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord LaPeer Thursday afternoon. Debbie and Pattie Timmons, Wayne Curry and Brent Fritz were Saturday evening dinner guests and Clarence Ashmore from Tawas visited the LaPeers Sunday night.

35 YEARS AGO (1984)

Brenda Schwartz, a recent graduate of Owendale-Gage-town High School, has received

a United States Achievement Academy award for leadership merit. She was recommended by teacher Phil Gray. The academy selects students based on recommendations of teachers and standards including academic performance, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm and citizenship. Miss Schwartz is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schwartz, Williamson Road, Gageton, and the great-granddaughter of Cecilia Lenda of Caro.

Mr. and Mrs. Audley Horner, who had spent the winter at their home in Panama City, Fla., returned home May 18. In March, they travelled by Amtrak to Seattle, Wash., to attend the wedding of their granddaughter, Carrie Lynne Lester, and Richard King. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Lester. Also attending from here were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wright.

Tom Stimpfel, a Cass City High School junior, was chosen by his Tuscola Area Skill Center classmates in drafting as "drafter of the year," based on quality of work, attendance, attitude and initiative. The son of Thomas and Doris Stimpfel received a certificate and drafting equipment donated by two Caro businesses.

40 YEARS AGO (1979)

Bradley Hartel, who just completed his sophomore year, is a member of the all-star Lions honor band of Michigan. He left June 13 for Montreal, Canada, to attend the Lions convention and from there will be with the Michigan band on tour, returning home the last of the month. The band performed Friday evening in Lansing. Mr. and Mrs. Forest Walpole of Caro, Mrs. Scott Hartel, Mrs. Roger Reid and Mrs. Lota Hartel attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Hunt, Mrs. Ina Hool and their granddaughter, Kim Hool, who is home for the summer from Alma College, went Tuesday to Windsor, Ont., to attend high school graduation. Hunt Hool was among the grads. They will come home by way of Adrian where they will visit Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Forthun and children. They were to return home Thursday.

Married June 11 in Sutton-Sunshine Methodist Church by the pastor, Rev. Wayne Thomas, were Timothy Tracy and Diane Caw. Relatives of the couple attended the 4:30 ceremony and the reception in the church fellowship hall. They returned home Saturday from a trip to the Smoky Mountains and are making their home at Watrsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Innes of Decker announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura, to Terry Lyons, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Lyons of Davison. Laura is employed as a registered nurse at Hills and Dales General Hospital. Terry is self-employed in Davison. A Sept. 8 wedding is planned.

50 YEARS AGO (1969)

Richard L. Hartwick of Cass City has been placed on the Dean's List at Alma College with a 3.90 academic record in the winter term. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Hartwick of 7173 Bay City-Forestville Rd., he is a 1966 graduate of Cass City High School.

Mr. and Mrs. James Evans and daughter Brenda arrived last week in Iquitos, Peru, where they will resume their missionary work. They flew Thursday from Miami, Fla., making only one stop in Venezuela.

Mrs. Paul Craig attended graduation exercises Friday evening at Fairgrove-Akron high school where Janet Homakie was a

member of the graduation class. Sunday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Craig attended open house at the John Homakie home, north of Caro, honoring Janet, a grandniece of Mrs. Craig.

Born June 3 in Caro Community Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. James LaRoche of Cass City, their fourth daughter, Kelly Lynn, who weighed five pounds, 13 ounces. Mrs. LaRoche's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill DeLong of Clare, are the parents of three daughters but no sons and now have 10 granddaughters but no grandsons. Mrs. LaRoche and baby returned to their home on Koepfgen road Friday.

Pvt. Dean Stine, son of Mr. and Mrs. Garrison Stine of Cass City, completed his basic training at Fort Knox, Ky., in April. Following a 15-day leave at his home, he is now stationed at Fort Benning, Ga., where he had four weeks of schooling in law enforcement. He presently is undergoing on-the-job training at Fort Benning.

75 YEARS AGO (1944)

A-S Delbert Reagh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Reagh, has completed his basic training at Miami Beach, Fla., and is attending an A and M college in Colletown, Texas. Mrs. Delbert Reagh and small daughter are still in Port Huron where Mrs. Reagh is employed.

Jack Downing, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Downing, was the first person to purchase a bond from the post office in the Fifth War Loan drive which started on June 1. Jack, who will enter high school this fall, has so far purchased five bonds which might be a record for any ninth grader. He has a paper route delivering a paper each day to 35 patrons.

Douglas Weaver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Weaver, of Flint leaves next Sunday for service in the Navy. Last Sunday the relatives enjoyed the day together in the Weaver home. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Smiley of Drayton Plains, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Nique of Decker, Mrs. Sophia Striffler, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Ricker, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Striffler and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Dillman and children, all of Cass City. Mr. and Mrs. Ricker accompanied the Geo. Dillmans to Saginaw last Wednesday, going on from there to Flint where they visited in the Weaver home until Sunday.

100 YEARS AGO (1919)

Miss Helen M. Carpenter, youngest daughter of Mrs. Amy Gekeler, and Archie E. Caryl were married Friday evening at eight o'clock by Rev. J. D. Young at the Methodist parsonage. The bride was charmingly attired in a gown of ivory white crepe de Chine and the groom wore blue serge. They were attended by Miss Edna Collins and Hazen Warner. The bride is a charming girl and enjoys a large circle of friends. She recently closed a successful year as teacher of the Wickware school. Mr. Caryl served in the army at Camp Eustis, Va., receiving his discharge in December. They both have a host of friends who see for them a bright future.

On Friday afternoon, May 30, at the M. E. parsonage occurred the marriage of Miss Audrey Miller, youngest daughter of Mrs. Adah Miller, to Floyd Rushlo, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Rushlo. The bride was becomingly gowned, in brown satin with hat to match. They were attended by Ernest Beardsley and Miss Lela Flint. The ring service was used.

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July Events:

Sat. July 6th look for our float in the Freedom Festival Parade.

Sat. July 6th Annual Fireworks Tailgate in our Parking Lot. 8:00 pm

Sat. July 27th 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Thumb Arts, Music, Food & Fun. Bouncy House 4 Kids, Food, Fun and Music and vendors selling lots of items.

August Events

Sat. August 3rd 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Kids Fly a Kite or Teens/Parents Fly a Drone. Picnic at the church grounds. Prizes.

Sat. August 17th 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Classic Car, Tractor & Motorcycle Show Salute to our Veterans Sponsored by the Cass City UMC - Progressive Group Music, Food & Fun. Bouncy House 4 Kids, Food, Fun and Music.

Sunday Worship 9:30 am

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Foundation giving tops \$5 million

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of charge to county children); \$2,050 to Frank E. Schall Elementary (assist students in increasing focus and achievement through the use of sound); \$2,500 to Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy (for walking trail and disc golf course improvements at Cass City Recreational Park); \$3,000 to Great Start Tuscola Parent Coalition (purchase 200 welcome baby bags and items for the parents of newborns); \$2,500 to Almer Charter Township (removal of dangerous dead/fallen ash trees from walking trails); \$5,000 to McLaren Caro Region (purchase furniture for hospice room); and \$5,000 to Tuscola County Fair Association (improve access to grandstand for handicapped patrons and senior citizens).

***Andrews (Claude and Etta) Fund** — \$3,500 to Good Samaritan Fund of Caro Area Churches (emergency food, utility, transportation, house and medical assistance); \$4,500 to city of Caro (trailhead connector project); \$2,000 to Great Start Tuscola Imagination Library (free books for children); \$2,000 to Great Start Tuscola Parent Coalition (welcome baby bags for parents of newborns); and \$2,000 to Almer Township (removal of downed trees from walking trails).

***Future Youth Involvement (FYI) Fund** — \$500 to Tuscola Intermediate School District (TISD)/Transition (to enable 60 10th graders to learn independence through outdoor challenges at Camp Fowler); \$5,000 to Millington Schools (provide stations with a one-to-one advanced technology classroom environment); \$1,000 to Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy (walking trail and disc golf upgrades at Cass City Recreational Park); \$2,800 to Mayville Museum of History and Genealogy (replacement windows); \$5,500 to Millington Schools (purchase Chrome books); \$2,000 to MDA (summer camp for kids ages eight to 17 diagnosed with neuromuscular disease); \$1,599 to Cass City Schools (purchase AED for sporting events outside school buildings); \$1,840 to Cass City Schools (CPR training manikins and instructor materials); \$4,490 to Cass City Schools (science lab equipment); and \$3,000 to Reese High School Out-of-Doors Club (purchase 3D animal targets for indoor archery league).

***Dale and Patricia Wingert Fund** — \$96.66 to Mayville Area Share Shop (provide Christmas dinners to needy) and \$2,000 to Mayville Museum of History and Genealogy (construction of parking lot).

***Founders Fund** — \$1,000 to Saginaw Bay Land Conservancy (walking trail and disc golf upgrades at Cass City Recreational Park), and \$1,000 to Fowler Center for Outdoor Living (purchase wheelchair platform swing and frame).

***Healthy Youth/Healthy Seniors Fund** — \$3,500 to Child Advocacy Center of Tuscola County (purchase of body awareness/prevention of sexual abuse curriculum), and \$500 to Fowler Center for Outdoor Living (wheelchair platform swing and frame).

***Homelessness Fund** — \$1,000 to Good Samaritan Fund of Caro Area Churches (emergency food, utility, transportation, housing and medical assistance) and \$1,000 to Tuscola Homeless Coalition (assist with rent and security deposits).

***Anne S. Laethem Fund** — \$500 to Mayville Museum of History and Genealogy (window re-

placement).

***Greater Millington Area Fund** — \$1,000 to Great Start Tuscola Parent Coalition (welcome baby bags for parents of newborns) and \$2,500 to Millington Helping Hands/Kids Ministry (purchase socks and underwear for school-age children).

***List (Don) Fund for Special Needs Children** — \$900 to Great Start Tuscola Imagination Library (free books for children).

***Millington Community Center Fund** — \$500 to Millington Community Center (parking lot repair).

***Rawson Foundation Fund** — \$15,000 to Hills and Dales Foundation (year three of five commitment to building campaign).

***Jerry W. Zuercher Endowment Fund** for the Musical Arts — \$500 to the Caro Music Boosters (drum major camp for two students).

Scholarships

A host of scholarships will also be awarded this week, including the following grants presented to students in the Cass City area:

Allison Emmert Scholarship Fund (\$500 to one Cass City senior), Allison and Marjorie Green Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000 each to three Kingston seniors), Cass City AAUW Scholarship Fund (\$1,500 each to six women plus \$150 to a seventh recipient, all returning to school), Cass City Junior Citizen of the Year Scholarship Fund (\$1,000 to one senior), Cass City Rotary Club Scholarship Fund (\$1,000 each to two seniors), Cory Merz Endow-

ment Fund (\$1,000 to one senior), Dr. Bruce Dunn Memorial Scholarship (\$500 to one Cass City senior), Judy and Bonnie Weippert Scholarship Fund (\$250 to one Cass City senior), Kingston High School Scholarship (\$1,000 to one senior), Kingston VFW Post 5317 Veterans Family Scholarship (\$1,000 to one senior), Kally Maharg Endowment Fund (\$500 each to two Cass City seniors), Kenna Lynne Peet Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000 to one Kingston senior), Olaf A. Goodell Scholarship Fund (\$1,000 to one Cass City senior), Patricia Krol Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000 to one Cass City senior), Paul DeLong Memorial Scholarship (\$7,375 shared by 11 seniors), Rawson Foundation (\$1,200 each to two Cass City seniors per semester and \$1,200 each for two renewal scholarships per semester), Robert and Barbara Tuckey Scholarship (\$250 to one Cass City senior), Robert and Marjorie Zander Memorial Scholarship \$2,500 each to two Cass City seniors, Tuscola County Republican Party (\$500 to one Cass City senior), Wallace and Helen Zinnecker Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000 to one Cass City senior) and the Parker Haire Memorial Scholarship (\$1,500 to one Cass City senior).

The TCCF maintains over 90 funds, most of them endowed, with assets of more than \$13 million, according to Hunter, who took over executive director duties for the foundation last year following the retirement of longtime director Ken Micklash.

Legal self-help center to open

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referrals to lawyers and community service providers, she noted.

The MLH Program is a non-profit organization dedicated to empowering people to participate in the justice system. The program consists of two major components: the MichiganLegalHelp.org website and the "brick-and-mortar" Michigan Legal Help Self-Help Centers located across the state.

"These centers provide visitors with access to high-speed internet, computers, printers and assistance during certain hours of operation," said Angela Tripp, Michigan Legal Help Program director. "Visitors can obtain free information from the MLH website with toolkits that contain articles, answers to common questions, and court-approved forms, all designed to enable them to resolve their legal problems independently.

"The do-it-yourself forms can be filled out online using a simple question-and-answer interview format. The Guide to Legal Help, another feature of the website, can help visitors look for a lawyer in their area if they need more assistance. It can also provide information about local community services and details about the court(s) where a visitor's legal issue may be handled."

By clarifying county-specific procedures for filing paperwork properly and providing clear answers to common questions, the SHCs around the state are essential to ensuring access to justice for self-represented litigants, Tripp said, adding, "The standardized do-it-yourself forms benefit the courts by educating the general public and improving accuracy and efficiency in court proceedings."

Currently, the MLH website has legal information related to family

law matters, personal safety, housing issues, money and debt, public assistance, income tax, crime, traffic, employment, end-of-life planning, education, immigration, farmworker issues, and going to court.

"In addition to the statewide network of self-help centers, the Michigan Legal Help Program collaborates with lawyers, court personnel, librarians, community organizations and volunteers from around the state to help build a strong network of public legal support," Tripp said.

"We're very fortunate to be partnering with the Caro Area District Library," she added. "Libraries are vital educational centers in rural communities, and including the Tuscola County Legal Self-Help Center among resources available there will be a real benefit to people in the area who need legal self-help tools. We are excited to add the Caro location to the growing statewide network of self-help centers."

The Michigan Legal Help Program is funded by the Michigan State Bar Foundation, the Michigan Supreme Court, and through grants from the Legal Services Corporation.

Coupons for free produce available for county seniors

Tuscola County MSU Extension is offering Senior Project FRESH, a program that gives low-income senior citizens \$20 in free coupons to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables at approved farmers markets and roadside stands.

To qualify, participants must be residents of Tuscola County, 60 years of age or older, and have an income level of less than \$22,459 for a household of one person or less than \$30,451 for a household of two people.

Seniors must attend one of the following classes to receive coupons Wednesday, June 12, at 1 p.m. at Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City; Thursday, June 13, at 12:30 p.m. at the Human Development Commission in Caro; Monday, June 17, at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Mayville; or Friday, June 21, at 11 a.m. at the Senior Health Fair at the Tuscola Tech Center in Caro.

There is a limited quantity of coupons, and they will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. More information is available by calling the Tuscola County MSU Extension Office at (989) 672-3870.

News briefs

DTE scam circulating here

TUSCOLA COUNTY — The scam involving a person saying they are representing DTE has been calling businesses in our county again. Unfortunately, one person contacted our agency to say that they believed the person and purchased \$999 in prepaid cards and gave the numbers off the card to the suspect. Other business's reported they received the same call but knew it was a scam. So sad to see people keep falling for this criminal behavior. Please pass the word to everyone, especially vulnerable adults, that DTE or any other legitimate business will never demand you go get prepaid cards and give them the numbers off the card.

Green plans "office hours"

THUMB — State Rep. Phil Green (R-Millington) is inviting residents to attend his local office hours Monday, June 3.

"Remaining open and accessible to you is one of my top priorities as your representative in Lansing," said Green, who represents the 84th District, composed of Tuscola and Huron counties. "I look forward to hearing your thoughts."

Green will be at the Caro City Hall, 317 S. State St., from 10 to 11 a.m., and at Beagio's Pizza in Kingston, 5957 State St., from noon to 1 p.m.

No appointments are necessary. Those unable to meet during the scheduled times are encouraged to contact Green at (517) 373-0476 or via email at RepPhilGreen@house.mi.gov.

4-H jam/jelly workshop set

HURON COUNTY — Youth in grades four through 12 are invited to attend a workshop on how to make jam/jelly, giving them a new project to take to the Huron Community Fair this summer. The Preserving Jam/Jelly Workshop will take place Friday, June 21, at the MSU Extension Office in Bad Axe from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

This class will guide youth to explore and understand the science of safe food preservation, and is designed to educate participants in the production of jam and/or jelly and introduce kids to the fun of home food preservation.

Food item recipes will be provided. Registration is required by contacting the MSU Extension Office at (989) 269-9949 (ext. 604) by 4:30 p.m. Friday, June 14. More information is available by contacting Laurie Messing (989) 269-9949 (ext. 611).

Personnel items on agenda

UBLY — The Ugly Board of Education recently dealt with several personnel issues.

The board granted third-year probationary status to Nichole Maurer and Valerie Kneffel, and accepted "with regret" the resignations of Jim Becker, varsity football and wrestling coach, and Melissa Periso, a bus driver and kitchen assistant.

In addition, contracts were approved for administrators, center office staff, secretaries, kitchen staff and custodians.

Line inspections set in area

THUMB — ITC will be utilizing a helicopter to conduct aerial patrols over high-voltage transmission towers and lines through Wednesday, June 12, as weather permits.

The aerial inspections will focus on all or parts of the counties of Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac, Tuscola, St. Clair, Midland, Gratiot, Genesee, Shiawassee, Macomb, Oakland, Clinton, Ingham and Livingston.

During the inspections, which are done at low altitudes, crews check for damaged or worn equipment and vegetation hazards.

Fly-in on tap at Caro airport

CARO — The third-annual Wings and Wheels Fly-In and Car Show will be Saturday, June 15, from 11 a.m., to 2 p.m. at the Tuscola Area Airport, located off M-81 just outside of Caro.

The event, coordinated by Midwest Sky Sports, will include music, airplane rides for \$25, activities for children and a candy drop, and the Knights of Columbus will have lunch items on hand for a small fee.

The show is open to the public. Participants are welcome to bring vehicles and motorcycles to show off, and there will be a cash prize for cars. Also, model aircrafts and drone flyers are welcome, and there will be a designated area to fly them or to display them.

More information is available by calling (989) 672-1388.

Measles scare still distant

THUMB — Ann Hepfer, Health officer for the Huron and Tuscola county health departments, is still giving both of those counties a clean bill of health with respect to measles.

"There are currently no cases of measles," said Hepfer. "We continue to offer outreach clinics such as to the Amish, and other unvaccinated or under vaccinated populations such as the Puerto Rican citizens who have come to work in our local factories."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the number of measles cases in the United States has reached an all-time high, surpassing a 27-year-old record. There are now 971 confirmed cases, the highest number since 963 cases were conformed for all of 1992.

"If these outbreaks continue through summer and fall, the United States may lose its measles elimination status," the CDC said in a statement. "That loss would be a huge blow for the nation and erase the hard work done by all levels of public health."

The United States started working to end measles with widespread use of the vaccine in 1966. In 2000, the disease was declared eliminated, which meant there were no longer sustained outbreaks in this country.

According to Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), the measles vaccine is highly effective and very safe. A single dose of measles vaccine protects about 95 percent of children, but after two doses, almost 100 percent are immune.

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Work continuing at new recycling facility

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 (DEQ) was aware of the contamination issue.
 "This is not sufficient," stated commission Chair Thom Bardwell.
 Commissioner Tom Young noted Braun Kendrick attorneys were asked several times if they were sure there wasn't anything the county could be liable for, and

they were told they were not.
 Commissioner Mark Jensen called the firm's proposal "a low-ball offer" and suggested the county also collected interest on the money owed.
 The consensus of the board is for Braun Kendrick to correct the issue, or the county will hire another law firm to replace them.
 Work is underway to get the new

recycling site ready. Until then, the county's recycling operation will continue at the one-acre site at 1123 Mertz Rd., which is rented from the city of Caro for \$1 a year. The property is the site of a former DNR facility and is landlocked.
 Being landlocked is the key reason county officials decided to relocate the operation, because it limited the type and amount of items that could be recycled.

REMODELING IS underway to get the county's new recycling facility at 987 Ellington St. (M-24) ready for operations. The property was previously home to Riverview Auto and Recycling, a former salvage yard.

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For instance, he's currently coaching soccer and baseball, but (this) week there are football sign-ups, so he was sure to be at the school recruiting kids for that, too.

"He is so passionate about seeing kids light up and succeed. He truly wants what's best for them," she added. "He's so good at seeing their strengths and potential, and he works to improve on those things."

"Brad loves Cass City sports and wants to do his part to help strengthen and grow the program however he can," Kristy continued. "If he sees a need, he does what he can to fill it. For instance, he noticed there wasn't a lot for third/fourth grade boys to prepare them for fifth/sixth grade basketball, so he decided to run a free camp at our church. He wanted to help develop the kiddos and give them a greater confidence in themselves as they head into the older grades. This last year, he also noticed a similar need with the fifth/sixth grade girls regarding volleyball. So, a fifth/sixth grade volleyball camp was born."

"He so enjoys seeing kids succeed and improve from where they started."

Speirs is also very hands-on with the church's popular "Shine" program during the school year, which draws in roughly 120 kids each week.

"He is there...checking kids in, helping lead and doing whatever is necessary to make sure the kids have a safe and fun program to attend," Kristy noted. "And once he's finished helping run that, he then moves on and heads down the hallway to run our beginner Bible bowl quiz team, which has around 20 kids."

"It's the relationships he's building with families and his love of Jesus that motivates him to do what he does. He's doing what he can to serve God and others."

Kristy added her husband is a natural magnet for "high fives" from the kids - and for good reason. "He's the coach you can hear the entire game from the sidelines," she said, "and he's always more than excited to encourage every kid to do their very best, whatever that looks like."

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Whitmer signs insurance bill

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Michigan." Senate Bill One, passed with overwhelming bipartisan support, reforms a broken auto insurance system and offers historic protections for drivers across the state, the governor added.

The bill, which lowers rates for drivers for the next eight years, enables motorists to select their own personal injury protection (PIP) options with coinciding PIP rate reductions, offering unlimited coverage (10 percent PIP reduction), \$500,000 coverage (20 percent PIP reduction), \$250,000 coverage (35 percent PIP reduction), \$50,000 coverage for Medicaid eligible recipients (45 percent PIP reduction), or a complete opt-out for seniors or anyone with sufficient private insurance (100 percent PIP reduction).

Lawmakers say the legislation also increases consumer protections by banning companies from using non-driving factors, such as ZIP code, FICO score, gender, marital status, occupation, education and home ownership, to set rates.

In addition, the bill sets fee schedules for hospitals and providers to prevent overcharging for auto-related injuries.

Knoblock, Roggenbuck top Ubly '19 graduates

The Ubly Community High School Class of 2019 was led by two seniors — Kelsey Knoblock, valedictorian, and Ryche Roggenbuck, salutatorian.

Knoblock, daughter of Paul and Kelly Knoblock of Ubly, was involved in a host of activities throughout her high school career, including volleyball, basketball and softball. She was also a member of the quiz bowl team and Growing Go-ers 4-H club, and played the alto saxophone in band and jazz band.

Knoblock's future plans include attending Central Michigan University



Kelsey Knoblock



Ryche Roggenbuck

to major in mathematics. Roggenbuck, son of Dean and Kristine Roggenbuck of Ubly, was also active in athletics during his high school years. He was involved in cross country, baseball and basketball.

A member of the National Honor Society (NHS), he was also active in the jazz and marching bands, and the Good Shepard Youth Group. In addition, he participated in dual enrollment through Mid-Michigan Community College, where he earned 41 credits. A Boy Scout, Ryche earned the coveted Eagle rank - the highest rank available in the Boy Scouts of America - in 2015.

His future plans include attending Central Michigan University, where he will major in actuarial science.

Other Ubly seniors who graduated with high honors are: Joshua D. Brandel, Bethany L. Gornowicz, Anna R. Greyerbiehl, Haili L. Gusa, Chyenelle L. Porzondek, Arisa A. Osentoski, Sadie Souva and Isaac Booms.

Ubly seniors graduating with honors were: McKenzie C. Stomack, Amber R. Essenmacher, Mikaela A. VanErp, Madelyn E. Peplinski, Rebekka A. Foster, Kylie V. Ogryski, Ashley M. Puvalowski, JaeLynn M. Burton, Sabrina L. Schumacher, Nolan M. Murray, Anna C. Messing, Ethan J. Lemke, Rebecca A. Particka, Nicholas T. Wright, Parker R. Lipskey, Alexis M. Pionk, Amanda R. Weaver, Natalie E. Pallas, Brooke S. Ritter, Eli D. Emming, Payten G. Heleski, and Jason D. Smalley.



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TEN EIGHTH grade students were recently named local winners in the 50th annual America and Me Essay Contest sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance. They include (left to right) Elizabeth McCormick, Matt Ferri, Zachary Cowdry, Josh Jaster, Cameron Gottschalk, Madilyn Gniewek, Emma Hennessey and Cora Karr. Missing are Hunter Turnbull and Cassie Brown.

Cass City essay winners announced

Ten eighth-grade students were named local winners in the 50th annual America and Me Essay Contest sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance.

The state judges selected three winners among the local standouts; first place was awarded to Elizabeth McCormick, second place to Cameron Gottschalk and third to Cassie Brown.

Cass City's participation in the contest was sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance agent Reggie Ignash.

"Elizabeth's essay advanced to the state level competition and she received a plaque to be displayed in the school," said teacher Jane Ignash, who noted several thousand eighth grade students from more than 400 Michigan schools participated in the contest. This year's topic was "My Personal Michigan Hero".

"Zachary Cowdry wrote his essay about his brother, Garret Cowdry; Emma Hennessey's essay was written on her dear friend, Kendall Hicks, Hunter Turnbull wrote about brother and army veteran, Brandon; Joshua Jaster's essay was about his grandpa and Vietnam veteran; Cora Karr wrote about her Oma Christa; Madilyn Gniewek's essay highlighted her best friend, Jocelyn; and Matt Ferri wrote about his sister, Amanda," Ignash said.

Brown named Cass City kids as her Michigan heroes.

"They are my heroes because I always wanted someone who wanted to be my friend for me and not forced to be my friend. At my old school some people were forced to be my friends because of my disease. They still bullied me when the teachers were not around," she wrote.

"They are my heroes because they would never talk bad behind my back. Also they would never bully me or make fun of me, and that means a lot to me," Brown added. "Now I may just be a new

person in Michigan because I just moved here this summer. But I already really like it here. The people here are super nice. My friends make friends with me for who I am and not because they have to."

Gottschalk's second-place entry focused on one the Cass City Public Schools' own, fifth grade teacher Julie Bitzer.

"My 5th-grade teacher made me feel different the day she told me, 'You have nothing to lose if you get a question wrong.' That day Mrs. Bitzer changed me for the rest of my life," Gottschalk wrote.

"One time she came to my track meet and I hadn't even known she was coming. I heard her in the background cheering for me as I was running in my 400-meter relay, and hearing the sound of her voice made me push it to the limits to go my all in that event. As soon as that event ended, I ran to her and told her my relay team took first place. She was so proud. Every day before practice, I walk into her classroom and get to talk to her about what I did in school and ask her for some advice on some study methods for school.

"Every time she comes to those events to support me, I feel inspired to work 110 percent in that event," he added.

The state judges selected McCormick as the top local winner. She wrote her essay about her great-grandmother.

"Every Christmas she would get everybody a Christmas present. The year of 2016, she and my mother put all of our gifts in a giant leaf pile. Mary loved seeing others happy, it brought her joy," McCormick wrote. "She was strong, she helped people in the darkness to find their way out. My great-grandmother would drive all over the counties picking up children in rain or shine for Sunday school.

"(She) was ambitious, courteous, diligent, generous, persistent and

reliable. These traits are what make a hero. My great-grandmother is my hero because she had a kind soul who could make anyone smile," she added.

"Mary was the sunshine that peaks behind the darkest clouds. My great-grandmother taught me to be kind to others. She taught me how important it is to consider others feelings. Everyone Mary has ever met will remember her as a kind soul."

Local kids experience mission work in Africa

Cass City seventh graders recently traveled to Africa for a geography lesson, but the trip didn't require passports, shots or long lines at customs.

Ray and Tammy Sanford's lesson from Guinea, Africa, included a virtual tour of their neighborhood, a visit with a local store owner, and more than an hour of student questions, according to teacher Jane Ignash.

"Local culture laws, and religion were only a few of the topics covered," said Ignash, who explained the Sanfords are Christian missionaries in the predominantly Islamic area. "Cass City is their 'base' when they return to America."

Sponsored by the Cass City Missionary Church, the couple partner with Pioneer Bible Translators in West Africa. Bible Translators go to some of the most harsh and remote places in the world where so many people still do not have the Bible in their language. They often commit 20 to 30 years of their lives to live in these remote places. They set up their homes and take their families.

The Sanfords help missionary families to get established in the region. They may help set up house, install solar electric systems, dig wells, build cabinets — giving families tools they need to feel comfortable enough to achieve the goals God has called them to do.

Road conditions are hard on vehicles, so Ray's mechanical skills are regularly used to help ensure Pioneer Bible Translators' fleet of vehicles are roadworthy. Both he and Tammy work directly with local churches through community development. They assist in areas such as farming, mechanics and welding.

The couple also pinch hit in areas where there are voids; as missionaries need breaks or change positions, they have had the freedom to fill some of the holes — in roles ranging from part-time librarian to guest-house hosts, to compound managers.

Not surprisingly, the Sanford's work overseas peaked local students' curiosity and kept their interest, according to Ignash.

"When asked if most people there liked America, Ray shared, 'Everyone here dreams of going to America. There are not many opportunities for young people here'," she said. "This was proven when the store owner asked the students if any of them would like to send money to help his children come to America.

"Both Ray and Tammy reminded students to be thankful for clean water that freely flows from the taps, and for the great education provided in America," added Ignash, who noted the couple and their 12-year-old son, David, have lived in Africa since 2007.

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ALL SMILES are the Cass City district champions. They are: (front, l-r) Abbey Halabis, Kacey Haire, Macey White, Abbey Salcido, Morgan Russell, Brittany Hamilton (back, l-r) Haven Bouverette, Asst. Coach Mark Halabis, Sierra Spry, Hailey Beckrow, Olivia Peters, Asst. Coach Ken Martin, Tiana Tageson, Dawson Klein, Jalene Krol, Madi Tschirhart and Coach John Hacker. Missing is DeeDee Haley.

Cass City gals win crown

Lady Red Hawks end 16-year drought at Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Schools

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

It's been 16 years since Cass City High School's last district softball title, but that drought ended Saturday as the Lady Red Hawks cruised to a 10-0 victory, spoiling Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port's bid for district honors on their own field.

Coach John Hacker's Lady Red Hawks now advance into the Brown City Division 3 Regional to take on Madison Heights Bishop (22-7) in one semifinal contest that follows the early semifinal affair between Marine City and Almont. Saturday's ac-

tion is slated to begin at 10 a.m., while the championship game's first pitch is planned for 2 p.m.

Not since 2003, when ace Becky Hartel shutout USA 1-0 in the district championship game, has Cass City hoisted a MHSAA post-season banner. It took another stellar pitching performance, this time from freshman Abbey Halabis — she was born in 2003 — to help capture just the school's second district tournament crown in the 21st century.

"Wow, that is about as good as it get," said Hacker after securing district honors. "I didn't know what to expect, but I think we

learned something from the Reese games (Cass City suffered losses of 18-0 and 10-6) and that's never to give up."

Halabis' time on the mound over the weekend actually started in the semifinal game against pesky Brown City.

The Green Devils plated a pair of runs in both the first and second innings before Cass City staged a 2-out rally in the fifth to even the score at 4-all. Then in the 7th inning, Cass City plated three more markers that resulted in an exciting 7-4 win.

Dawson Klein started on the mound for the champs and was

charged with four runs and five hits, before handing the ball over to Halabis who earned the victory tossing five scoreless innings in relief.

"For a freshman to come in and shut the door like Abbey did — well that's pretty special. She

doesn't throw that hard, but changes her speeds well," Hacker said.

Trailing 4-1, Cass City used walks from Jalene Krol and Klein to open the 5th inning and suddenly showed signs of life. How-

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Red Hawk bats go silent in heartbreaking district loss

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

Inclement weather provided plenty of raindrops and a few lightning strikes at the Division 3 District baseball tournament Saturday at Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port High School.

The biggest shocker, however, was delivered by the host Lakers who defeated highly-favored Cass City in a low scoring championship thriller.

Neither team was able to plate a run in the game's first six innings, but following a 30-minute weather delay, sophomore Anthony Sheridan stepped to the plate in the top of the 7th inning and cracked a home run over the center field fence that propelled the Lakers to a 1-0 victory, while advancing into today's (Wednesday) regional semifinal to take on host Madison Heights Bishop Foley (14-14-1).

Cass City, who defeated Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port three times during the regular season, finishes with a lofty 25-3 record and as the 2019 Greater Thumb West champion.

"Any time your record ends up 25-3, you have to be happy. We

did have a great season and winning a league championship is always a goal of any team that competes in any sport. If you would have told me that we would not score a run in the district championship game, I would not have believed it. We had been hitting the ball like crazy at practice and it just wasn't our day," said Cass City Coach Josh Stern.

Actually, Cass City's downfall over the weekend started in the district semis. Despite defeating Bad Axe 4-2 with a late rally, the Red Hawks called on pitching ace Kendall Anthes to close the door against the Hatchets, needing 39 pitches in a relief appearance of starter Kenton Wiseman.

Cass City struck first against the Hatchets when a ground out by Luke Stern brought home Anthes, who singled in the game's first plate appearance.

Wiseman would hold Bad Axe scoreless until the 5th, but there the Hatchets used runs from Nick Error and Spencer Britt to jump in front.

The 2-1 advantage wouldn't last long as Cass City scored twice in the top of the 6th to regain the lead. However, when the Hatchets came to the plate in their half of

the 6th, Anthes was toeing the rubber.

Cass City added an insurance marker in the 7th inning by Sandyn Cuthrell and Anthes closed the door with a three up, three down final inning, but still upped his valuable pitch count in the process.

Mike Erla was tagged with the pitching loss for Bad Axe, despite allowing just six hits and a solo earned run in 5 1/3 innings of work.

Wiseman, who yielded just two hits and whiffed five, was the pitcher of record for Cass City. He worked five frames.

At the plate, Anthes was the only player from either team with multiple hits with a 2-for-3 effort, while a Cuthrell double was the lone extra base knock on the day.

In the district championship game, Cass City's bats remained silent.

Besides his game-winning home run, Sheridan tossed a complete game gem to earn pitching honors in a career day by the sophomore star. He surrendered just three hits and recorded nine strike outs, while issuing one free pass. He worked his way out of a bases Please turn to page 10.



CASS CITY senior Zack Beecher looks for a sign in district action during semifinal play against Bad Axe.

Weather huge factor at MHSAA Finals at Jenison High School

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

Although the weather was nothing to brag about Saturday at Jenison High School - site of the MHSAA Lower Peninsula Division 3 Finals, the efforts handed in by Cass City track standouts were, according to coaches Jon Zdrojewski and Adam Dorland.

"The weather did not cooperate, as we had several delays due to a line of thunderstorms that passed over us throughout most of the day," said Red Hawk men's coach Zdrojewski, while Red Hawk women's coach Dorland, added, "Weather was a huge factor over the course of the day. Field events and prelims were interrupted for lightning in the area, so there was a 2-hour delay in the morning session."

Still, three of Cass City's five state final qualifiers shined in the field events.

For the men's team, freshman Dylan Halpin completed his standout season by finishing in a tie for 9th place in the high jump, clearing and matching his personal best height of 6'1".

"The top 8 (finishers) are considered all-state and earn medals. Dylan just missed out, but had a great season and we look forward to some very great things from this young athlete," Zdrojewski said.

Also for Cass City, junior Justin Schaufele competed in his premier event, the long jump. He finished in 24th place after a disappointing performance - by his standards - jumping 17' 9.5".

Cass City's final showing in the field events was delivered by the Red Hawks women's team star Madison Beckrow. The super

sophomore Beckrow cleared 9' to tie for 12th place honors.

Turning to the running events, Cass City sophomore Nick McArdle ran in the 3,200 meter race and posted the second fastest time of his career. He finished in 13th place with a time of 10:06, only slightly slower than the 10:02 that got him into the season-ending meet during regional action, while senior Hailey Schmotzer ran her way to a 16th place in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 16.89.

"Schmotzer's talent in the hurdles will be greatly missed. She has represented Cass City in the hurdle events and has improved each season throughout her high school career," said Dorland.

"Beckrow will be back. Now that she has experienced the state meet I think Madison will respond in her preparation for a return to the state finals."

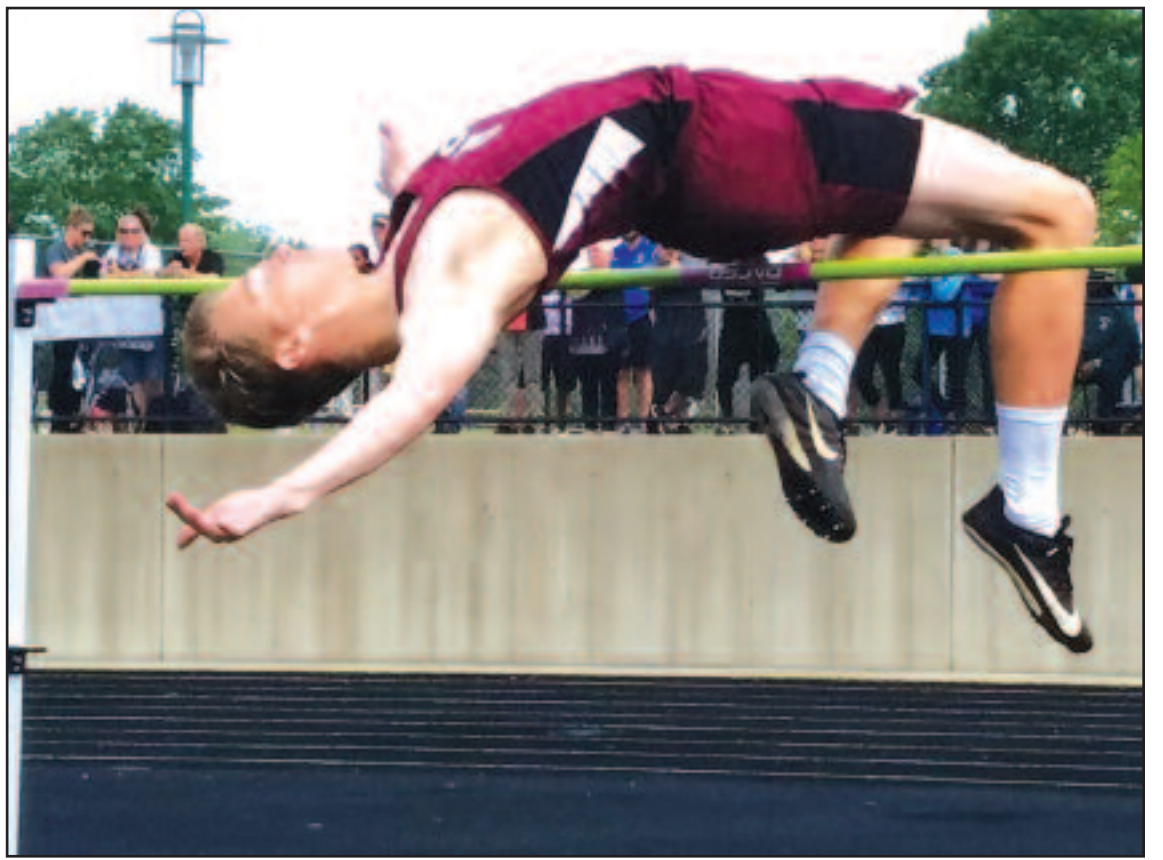
Coach Zdrojewski also has high expectations for Halpin, Schaufele and McArdle in the future.

"All three are already planning for their return to the elite finals next year. This was the first trip for all three of these athletes and the experiences they gained will benefit them as they proceed through their careers," he said.

MEET OF CHAMPS

At the Thumb Area Meet of Champions in Caro, only three Red Hawks earned medals at the prestigious meet held the Tuesday after Memorial Day.

McArdle won the 3,200 meter run (10:19) and Halpin was the runner-up in the high jump (6' 1"). Completing the list of Top 3 finishers for Cass City was Beckrow with a second place effort in the pole vault (9' 6").



GREAT FORM. Cass City's Dylan Halpin looks like an old pro during the high jump competition at the MHSAA Finals at Jenison High School. However, he's only a freshman.

Magical Hawk season ends on sour note

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loaded jam to highlight his day on the mound.

In the third inning, Cass City had the bases loaded with just one out and the heart of their line-up coming to bat. But Sheridan caught the next two batters looking to end the threat.

Anthes was equally as impressive on the mound. He scattered four hits and struck out seven without allowing a base on balls.

However, after six strong innings, his pitch count for the day came to an end.

Senior Luke Stern took over the pitching chores in the 7th and struck out the side, but not before Sheridan's heroics at the plate.

Cass City's offense, meanwhile, was limited to singles by Tristan Swiderski, Tyler Czekai and Anthes.

With the loss, the 4-year varsity careers of Zack Beecher and Stern end for Cass City.

"Zack and Luke will be huge holes to fill. Both of them had to come up as freshmen to fill in at spots that neither one of them ever played regularly again. They had their struggles as freshmen, but the experience they gained really paid off for them and the team the next three seasons. They have both been excellent players and our team won't be the same without them," Stern said.

Cass City girls roll into Brown City Regional

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ever, Halabis went down swinging next and Kacey Haire reached base on a fielder's choice that appeared to stall the rally as the Red Hawks were down to their final out in the stanza. But as has been the case for much of the season, Hailey Beckrow and Macey White delivered when the team needed it most. Beckrow clubbed a double to bring home Haire and White followed with an RBI single to score the speedy Beckrow that drew Cass City even with their Greater Thumb Conference crossover foe.

"We got things started with a couple of walks and away we went. I like to move runners, so we bunt a lot. Some fans don't like that but they don't know the game of softball," declared Hacker, adding, "I'm not afraid to bunt with one out to get runners in scoring position."

Then in the 7th, once again Beckrow came up large with a single to drive home Halabis, while Abbey Salcido followed with a clutch knock to score both Haire and Beckrow for the game's final runs.

DISTRICT FINAL

Cass City carried over their momentum from the semis and jetted to a mercy rule victory over the Lakers in the championship round.

Kingston remains perfect

Kingston upped their record to 26-0 over the weekend in Peck, where the Lady Cardinals used a pair of mercy rule wins to grab Division 4 District honors.

After defeating the host Pirates 12-2 in the semis, Kingston advanced into the regional round with a 12-0 win over Deckerville in the district finals.

Up next for the NCTL Stars champs in a meeting with Mio at the Genesee Regional on Saturday in one semifinal contest, while USA and Saginaw Michigan Lutheran Seminary will meet in the other semifinal game, setting up a possible showdown between two of the Thumb's best Division 4 teams.

A trio of pitchers - Camryn MacGuire, Olivia Ulewicz and Carley Smith - handled the pitching chores for Kingston against the Pirates. MacGuire started on the hill and allowed both earned runs in route to earning the decision.

At the plate, Ashtian Davis was 3-for-3, with three runs scored for the winners.

MacGuire collected her second win over the weekend in the district championship game, tossing a complete game shutout. She scattered three hits and fanned seven.

Kingston banged out 14 hits in the district final, including a pair of doubles by Ulewicz and one by Smith.

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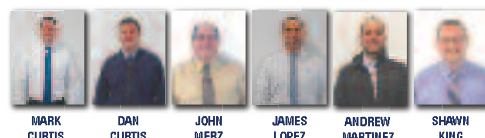
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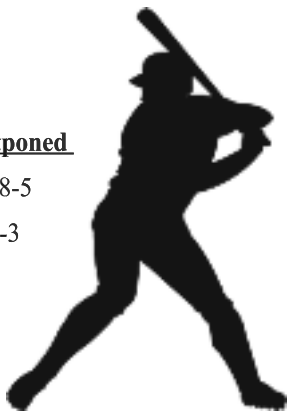
Cass City Jr./Sr. High School 2019 Spring Sports Schedule



BOYS' BASEBALL (VARSITY)

W-L 25-3

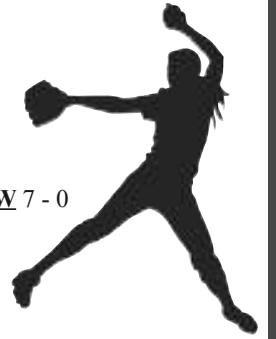
DATE	OPPONENT
4/4	CC vs. Imlay City: W 12-0 W 13-1
4/9	CC vs. Marlette: W 10-0 W 8-3
4/12	CC vs. Memphis: W 15-2 L 13-3
4/13	CC vs. Mayville: W 15-0 CC vs. Reese: W 4-0 CC vs. Lakers: W 12-0
4/23	CC vs. Sandusky: W 8-0 W 7-0
4/25	CC vs. Vassar: W 10-0 W 11-2
4/30	CC vs. Bad Axe: W 6-1 W 6-2
5/2	CC vs. USA: W 2-0 Game 2: Postponed
5/9	CC vs. Harbor Beach: W 10-0 W 8-5
5/13	CC vs. EPBP Lakers: W 4-2 W 4-3
5/17	CC vs. Caro: W 9-0 W 7-1
5/20	CC vs. Deckerville: W 6-0 L 3-2
5/22	CC vs. Reese: W 10-0 W 9-2
GREATER THUMB WEST CHAMPS	
DISTRICTS 6/1.....CC vs. Bad Axe: W 4-2 CC vs. Lakers: L 1-0	



GIRLS' SOFTBALL (VARSITY)

W-L 25-7

DATE	OPPONENT
4/9	CC vs. Marlette: W 15-0 W 20-1
4/12	CC vs. Memphis: W 18-1 W 15-10
4/13	CC vs. Millington: L 7-4 CC vs. Sandusky: W 15-0 CC vs. Lakers: L 7-8
4/22	CC vs. Vassar: W 14-4 W 13-2
4/23	CC vs. Sandusky: W 12-9 W 17-2
4/30	CC vs. Bad Axe: W 16-3 W 7-6
5/2	CC vs. USA: L 15-4 L 9-3
5/9	CC vs. Harbor Beach: W 4-1 W 20-5
5/12	CC vs. John Glenn: L 3-1 CC vs. St. Mary's: W 7-0
CC vs. Valley Lutheran: W 14-2
5/13	CC vs. Lakers: W 10-8 W 4-1
5/17	CC vs. Caro: W 2-1 W 11-5
5/20	CC vs. Deckerville: W 25-1 W 14-4
5/22	CC vs. Reese: L 18-0 L 10-6
5/28	CC vs. Cros-Lex: W 9-1 W 9-1
DISTRICTS 6/1.....CC vs. Brown City: W 7-4 CC vs. Lakers: W 10-0	
DISTRICT CHAMPS	



TRACK

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



GOLF

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



JUNIOR HIGH TRACK

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

Governor signs declaration in wake of storms that damaged county roads

by **Mary Drier**
For the Chronicle

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer Monday declared a state of emergency for Tuscola County in response to the county's request for state assistance to address damage caused by recent flooding.

"This declaration will ensure the state can provide resources to Tuscola County communities to assist with recovery efforts," Whitmer said.

By declaring a state of emergency, Whitmer has made available all state resources in cooperation with local response and recovery efforts in the designated area. The declaration authorizes the Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division (MSP/EMHSD) to coordinate state efforts above and beyond what MSP/EMHSD has already been doing in conjunction with local agencies.

"We have remained engaged with Tuscola County officials throughout this flooding event," said Capt. Emmitt McGowan, deputy state director of Emergency Management and Homeland Security and commander of the MSP/EMHSD. "My staff and I will continue to work with the county to make sure their resource needs are being met."

Heavy rainfall caused widespread flooding in southern Tuscola County May 25, prompting county officials to declare a local state of emergency, which activates local emergency response and recovery plans. By requesting a governor's declaration, the county has determined local resources are insufficient to address the situation and state assistance is required to protect the health, safety and property to lessen or avert the threat of a crisis.

Little by little, Tuscola County is making headway on road repairs, but as flood waters recede, there could be more damage than the initial projections of \$4 to \$5 million.

During their meeting Thursday, commissioners formally approved the authorization to move forward with the local and state declaration of emergency process in order to seek relief funding for the road commission stemming from the storm damage.

In the meantime, some headway has been made in repairing roadways. Although the road commission is working to get the roads repaired and open as soon as possible, there have been delays due to a lack of necessary equipment. Several repair locations, for example, are waiting for replacement culverts to be delivered.

Initially, there were 15 roads in southern Tuscola County closed. As of Friday, the number was down to 10.

They are: Pinkerton Road west of Vassar Road, Ormes Road between Reese and Bray roads, North Lake Road between Swaffer and Brown roads, Plain Road between Chantiny and Shay Lake roads, Swaffer Road between Fostoria and Willits roads, Irish Road between Millington and Barnes roads, Sheridan Road between Birch Run and Arbela roads, Hurds Corner Road between Snover and Phelps Lake roads, Barkley Road between Swaffer and Ormes roads, and Lee Hill Road north of M-46.

Tallieu, Warrington and Dinsmore top graduates

A trio of seniors led the Kingston Community High School Class of 2019.

They are this year's valedictorians, Morgan Tallieu and Emily Warrington - both boasting 4.0 grade point averages (GPAs) — and Jillyan Dinsmore, who earn

salutatorian honors with a GPA of 3.97.

Tallieu, the daughter of Andrew and Glenda Tallieu, participated in volleyball, basketball and softball throughout much of her high school career, and was also cheerleader and was elected Snowcoming queen during her senior year.

She was also a yearbook staffer and National Honor Society (NHS) member, serving as secretary. In addition, Tallieu competed in Academic Games throughout high school and was active in the HOSA - Future Health Professionals organization as a senior, finishing in second place in a HOSA-sponsored competition.

Her future plans include studying biology and pre-med at Wayne State University.

Warrington, daughter of Tammy Warrington and Roger Warrington, participated in cross country, track, basketball and volleyball throughout high school, earning academic all-state honors in cross country as a sophomore, junior and senior. She was also a cheerleader in her senior year.

A member of the BEAT Club and Academic Games competitor, she was also a member of the NHS, serving as the local chapter's treasurer.

Warrington plans to attend the University of Michigan Dearborn, where she will run cross country and pursue a degree in special education.

Dinsmore, daughter of Josh Dinsmore and Amy Wildfong, participated in a host of Kingston athletics through her high school career, including basketball teams that won multiple league, district and regional titles along with a quarterfinal finish. She was part of volleyball squads that clinched two league and one regional title, and she ran cross country and track as a junior. She has also participated in equestrian activities.

Dinsmore was a member of the NHS, serving as chapter president. Also elected class secretary, she was active in Academic Games, cheerleading, HOSA - Future Health Professionals and the yearbook staff, and earned college credit via dual enrollment.

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6-5-4

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to MCL 600.3212, that the following will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on June 20, 2019:

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

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

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

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Date of notice: May 22, 2019
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Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 19-36469-DE

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May 31, 2019
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THE REV. Todd Gould, longtime pastor of the Evangelical Free Church in Cass City, explores the definition of masculinity and the need to draw men back to a traditional, biblical understanding of their roles in his recently-released book, "John Wayne, Jesus Christ and Other Faded Icons".

Masculinity lost? Gould takes trend to task in his new book

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The Rev. Todd R. Gould figures the word "masculinity" has been taking a bad rap for years — to the point of discouraging men to be and act like the individuals God created them to be.

It's a trend the longtime Cass City pastor takes to task in a book he recently authored, entitled "John Wayne, Jesus Christ and Other Faded Icons".

"This is a book about men, manhood and masculinity. It is not intended to be a slight to women," Gould states in the introduction of the book.

"My purpose is to draw men back to a traditional, biblical understanding of their role as protector, provider and patriarch of the home in obedience to Paul's command to, 'Act like men, (and) be strong' (1st Corinthians 16-13).

"Examples of how far we have fallen from the traditional model are taken from the historical record and also seen through the lens of movies and television. Abundant biblical illustrations along with my own lifetime experiences are used in testimony.

"As the American population continues to urbanize, this message is both to the culture and to the church that seems intent on identifying with it. My hope is that both will examine where they were, where they are, and where they should be, and make necessary course corrections before the inevitable shipwreck," he states.

"I do not wish to be a clanging cymbal, but rather a clarion call, a tocsin that brings response and change to this great land before it is completely lost to the religion of secularism."

Gould says his decision to pen a book on the subject was prompted by a burden he's felt for years. Having been involved in the ministry for 38 years — 23 as pastor of the Evangelical Free Church in Cass City — the work focuses on defining masculinity from a biblical view, but he also draws from

his years of serving as a veteran U.S. Marine Corps officer, as the son of a Korean War veteran, and as an educator and hunting guide.

"I've watched things change over a period of six decades, and I've seen them — at least as far as masculinity is concerned — taking a downturn," he commented during a recent interview.

Gould recalled the images portrayed by actors such as John Wayne—in films he admires in their portrayal of men, although he acknowledges not everything about those movies is 100 percent good.

Those types of images were a mainstay of the "Builder Generation" born during World War II. That generation was followed by the Baby Boomers, whom Gould suggests allowed a number of changes in thought and behavior in moderation when it came to their children, who then allowed a number of changes in thought and behavior — in excess — with their children.

The result, he says, has been an evolution of sorts in the definition of what a man should be.

"Biblically speaking, I'm talking primarily about leadership, fatherhood, (our obligations as) husbands, leading the home and marriage," he said, adding society has gradually pushed for men to be more feminine in the interest of stamping out what many refer to as "toxic masculinity" — a term that carries any number of definitions.

"If you act in a traditional manner, you're often denigrated."

Gould said the Bible is explicit in its description of the roles of men and women. He cited a passage in the book of Ephesians (5:22-24) which states: "Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in

everything."

"That doesn't mean she's (wife) a doormat," added Gould, who emphasized that placement of men in the leadership role does not devalue the worth of women or their roles. There are differences in the sexes that God intentionally created, he said.

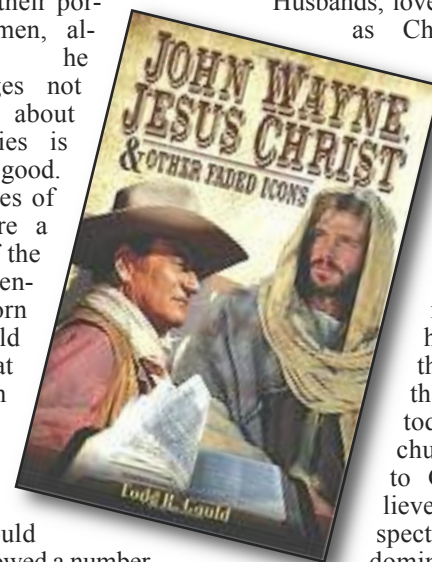
At the same time, while men are called to be leaders, they are not called to be dictators. Gould cited Ephesians 5:25, which states "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church gave himself up for her."

The Bible clearly places man as the patriarch of the home and as the spiritual leader, not only in the home but also in the church, but that's not the case today in many churches, according to Gould, who believes a distorted perspective has come to dominate modern thinking — that child rearing and church attendance are for women, for example. That view isn't biblical, and it has many men feeling like they must check their masculinity at the door, he said.

The pictures painted by and embraced by many when it comes to masculinity have also become warped in a variety of ways, Gould said, adding Jesus, for example, is frequently depicted as a feminine figure, devoid of characteristics beyond meekness and tender expressions. In contrast, he added, the Bible describes a Christ who was also bold and didn't shy away when it came to taking a stand.

The bottom line, Gould said, is that success of the past is proof that traditional roles and biblical values work when they are truly lived, and it's vital that society return to those traditional roles of the American male.

Copies of Gould's book are available visiting the website goodasgould.org or by calling the Evangelical Free Church of Cass City at (989) 872-5060. The book is also available on Amazon in e-book and paperback formats.



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Ruth Schwendinger, a prevention specialist and mental health first aid instructor with the Huron County agency, says the life-saving training course gives people the tools to identify when someone might be struggling with a mental health or substance use problem and to connect them with appropriate support and resources when necessary.

Training sessions have been scheduled specifically to train volunteers to assist young people (Monday, July 17, and Saturday, July 27, from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.), to assist adults (Thursday, Aug. 15 and Friday, Aug. 16, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.), and to assist older adults (Monday, Sept. 16 and Tuesday, Sept. 17, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.).

The training costs \$25 (lunch included) and will be held at Huron Behavioral Health, 1375 R. Dale Wertz Dr. in Bad Axe.

A limited number of scholarships are available. More information and registration are available by visiting the website Huroncmh.org or by contacting Schwendinger at (989) 269-9293 (ext. 111) or via email at rschwendinger@huroncmh.org.

One in five Americans has a mental illness, but many are reluctant to seek help or might not know where to turn for care.

Unlike physical conditions, symptoms of mental health and substance use problems can be difficult to detect. For friends and family members, it can be hard to know when and how to step in. As a result, those in need of mental health services often do not get them until it is too late.

Just as CPR helps even those without clinical training assist an individual having a heart attack, mental health first aid prepares participants to interact with a person experiencing a mental health crisis. Volunteers who complete training learn a five-step action plan that guides them through the process of reaching out and offering appropriate support.

"Through this program, we hope to take the fear and hesitation out of starting conversations about mental health and substance use problems," said Linda Rosenberg, president and CEO of the National Council for Behavioral Health, which helped bring mental health first aid to the United States in 2008. "When more people are equipped with the tools they need to start a dialogue, more people can get the help they may need."

In just ten years, the training program has become a full-blown movement in the United States — more than 1.6 million people are certified mental health first aiders, and that number is growing every day.

In 2018 in Huron County, 39 individuals became certified as mental health first aid volunteers.

"So many people are out there wishing for something better, hoping that help will show up. That's what mental health first aid is — it is help to get people connected to care and ultimately to get them to a better place," said Tusha Paxton-Barnes, a U.S. Army veteran.