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Lack of dry farming days in area “unprecedented”

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Rain, rain go away. That's a nursery rhyme lyric you don't hear very often in the Thumb, but you can bet more than

a handful of farmers have been humming the tune this spring.

Michigan is currently in the midst of the third wettest year in state history, with 37.9 inches of rain between May 1, 2018, and April 30, 2019.

The weather has delayed and prevented farmers from planting their crops as usual, with 64 out of Michigan's 83 counties requesting disaster designations from the U.S. Department of Agriculture this year.

The state's farmers have had just 3.5 days with proper conditions for field work as of June 9. Michigan's crops are significantly underplanted, with corn down from 88 percent to 63 percent and soybeans at only 43 percent.

“It's unprecedented; all of May, all of June – the number of days with measurable rainfall is unprecedented,” commented Bob Battel, Cass City, a field crops educator that works out of the MSU Please turn to page 6.

School okays new budget, free meals for every student

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Cass City School officials are holding the line on spending in 2019-20.

At the same time, the local board of education is opting to participate in a federal program that will allow the district to offer free breakfasts and lunches to all students starting in the fall.

The school board Monday adopted a new spending plan that calls for general fund expenditures totaling roughly \$10.065 million in the coming school year, about \$60,000 less than the year before, according to the final projected 2018-19 budget.

Total revenues in 2019-20 are projected at \$10.066 million, a decrease of \$90,115 compared to 2018-19.

Both spending plans were approved following a 30-minute budget hearing Monday night.

Estimates indicate the Cass City Public Schools will end the new budget year with a healthy fund balance of \$1.866 million, or an amount equal to roughly 18.5 percent of the district's general fund

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Park pool, Church Street grocery to open in near future

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

Great news for area residents concerning the Helen Stevens Memorial Pool and the proposed Ben's Fresh Neighborhood Market highlighted June's regular meeting of the Cass City Village Council Monday night.

Pool Director Erika Martin reported that, with any luck, the local pool will open its doors for the season as early as this weekend or possibly next week.

“It looks nice inside and outside,” she told village trustees, referring to work being completed at the pool – thanks mostly to a \$200,000 donation made by long-time Cass City businessman Duane Chippi in memory of his wife, Janice Chippi.

Officially, a ribbon-cutting ceremony is planned for Wednesday, July 3, at the community pool, located at Cass City Recreational Park. Swimming lessons, meanwhile, are slated to begin Monday, July 8.

More good news involving the pool is that customers will benefit from a 30-percent discount on user fees due to the pool's late opening date this year. The measure was approved on a 7-0 roll-call vote during Monday's 90-minute council session following Martin's update. Traditionally, the pool opens for the season on Memorial Day weekend.

Although fewer free swim dates are planned for this year, open swim times, starting July 8, will be from 1 to 4:45 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. on weekdays, and from 1 to 7 p.m. on Saturdays and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

Turning to news concerning progress at the former Erla's Food Center, village Manager Debbie Powell reported there's been a beehive of activity at the Church Street grocery building.

“I was invited to take a tour,” Powell told the small gathering in attendance Monday. “You don't notice much from the outside, but the inside” is quickly taking shape.

Jim Zyrowski, developer of the site and president of the Marlette-based Ben's Supercenter Inc., says Cass City's supermarket drought, now nearly five years long, should end in late July or early Aug.

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ANOTHER DELUGE of up to two inches or more of rain in the Thumb Thursday left young corn crops like this one in pools of standing water. Bob Battel, a local MSU Extension field crops educator, says the number of days with measurable rainfall this spring is unprecedented, leaving farmers who are able to get their crops in hoping for a very late first killing frost in the fall.

Elkland Township officials opt out of rec marijuana businesses

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

If Elkland Township residents are opposed to the idea of local governmental officials prohibiting recreational marijuana businesses in the township, they didn't say so during either of two recent public hearings on the topic.

The Elkland Township Board earlier this month unanimously adopted a resolution opting out of Michigan's new recreational marijuana law.

A number of other area municipalities have approved similar laws.

Elkland Township Clerk Ed LaBelle noted that although the township planning hosted a public hearing on the issue, the township board decided to conduct a second hearing before taking action this month. No one expressed an opinion one way or the other at either meeting.

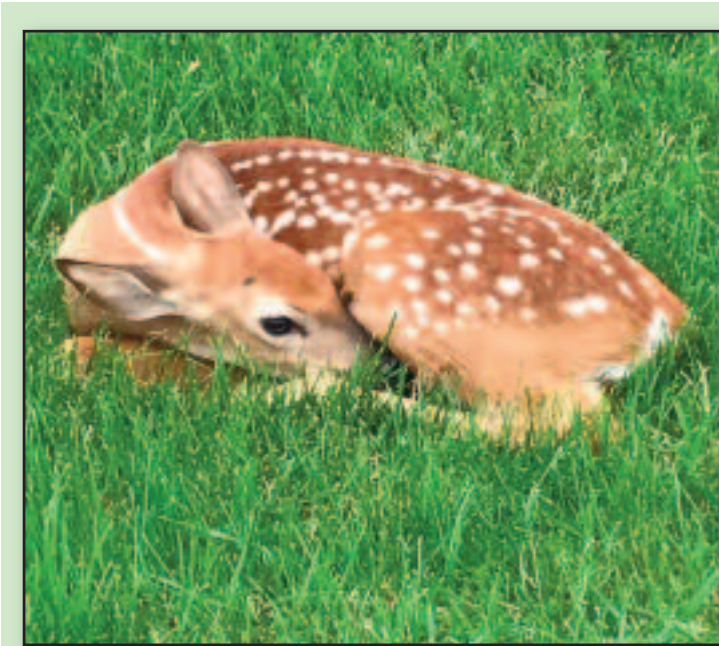
“Apparently nobody was really excited about it,” he said. “We felt we did everything we need to do” before adopting the resolution. The new ordinance addresses the

prohibition of marijuana businesses and establishments in the township in accordance with the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act, which went into effect last December.

Michigan residents approved recreational use of marijuana during the November general election. The proposal garnered 56 percent support statewide, although voters in all three upper Thumb counties parted company with their peers across the state, rejecting the measure.

As of Dec. 6, 2018, Michigan adults ages 21 and older can use – but not legally purchase – marijuana for personal use (the state has until Dec. 6, 2019 to figure out

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IF YOU'RE wondering where Bambi is these days, the fawn has been hanging around Barb and Chris Graff's Cass City area residence. “It's been in my backyard for the last two days,” Barb Graff said last week after submitting the photo. “There has been a female that periodically comes near our yard, and I have to assume that she is the mom. The fawn disappears in the evening and is back in the morning.”

Trooper bound over on charges

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A Michigan State Police trooper assigned to the Caro post will be arraigned on multiple felony charges in Huron County next month in connection with the alleged assault of his partner — a female trooper — last February.

Trooper Adam Mullin, 25, who joined the MSP ranks in July 2016, was bound over to circuit court Friday following his preliminary examination in Huron County District Court.

Mullin, who was suspended without pay by the state police following his arrest, remains free on bond. His circuit court arraignment has been scheduled for Monday, July 15.

Mullin is charged with assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, obstruction of justice, misconduct in office, aggravated domestic violence, possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony, and assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer.

The assault alleged took place Feb. 10 at the Michigan State Police post in Bad Axe, according to published reports, which state Mullin allegedly attempted to cover up the incident.

The charges were authorized by the Michigan Attorney General's Office and are the result of an investigation conducted by the Michigan State Police.

Ubly announces honor roll students

Ubly Jr/Sr High School announces 2018-2019 honor roll for the 4th marking period and 2nd semester.

4th Marking Period

Grade 12

Isaac Booms, Joshua Brandel*, Jaelynn Burton, Eli Emming, Amber Essenmacher, Rebekka Foster*, Katelyn Garner, Bethany Gornowicz*, Anna Greyerbiehl*, Haili Gusa*, Dylan Hagen, Cassie Holdwick*, Cheyenne Janik, Kelsey Knoblock*, Parker Lipskey, Jaleesa Mattox, Anna Messing, Nolan Murray, Kylie Ogryski, Arisa Osentoski*, Natalie Pallas, Rebecca Particka, Madelyn Peplinski*, Cheyenne Porzondek*, Ashley Puvalowski, Brooke Ritter*, Ryche Roggenbuck*, Luke Rutkowski, Morgan Schmidt, Jason Smalley*, Sadie Souva, William Spicer Jr., McKenzie Stomack*, Mackenzie Uhl*, Mikaela Van Erp*, Mikkayla Verellen, Amanda Weaver, Carson Woolner*, Nicholas Wright

Grade 11

Olivia Brown*, Grace Conley, Austin Cregeur, Jacob Davis, Kali Dutcher*, Zachary Garner, Grant Geiger*, Andrea Grifka*, Amanda Halifax, Rachel Leppek*, Claire Melnik, Hannah Melnik*, Ellie Peruski, Caleb Powers, Isle Roggenbuck, Hannah Schroeder*, Jaiden Schulte, Abigail Sorenson, Katelyn Sweeney, Jaclyn Toth, Danielle Tschirhart, Alexia Vogel, Kylie Vogel, Sierra Walker*, Isaac Warczinsky

Grade 10

Alivia Bischer*, Kylee Brandt, Kendra Glaza, Josephine Gusa*, Cole Hagen, Katie Heilig, Carson Heleski, Amanda Hill, Haley Klama*, Coryne Klemmer, Haley Krueger*, Allison Lautner*, Dajnae Leipprandt*, Erin McCarty*, Reese McLellan*, Shelby Messing*, Madison Michalski, Sarah Peplinski*, Samantha Souva*, Gabriel Sweeney, Nolan Van Erp, Elizabeth Weber*, Hally Ziehm

Grade 9

Jenna Arntz*, Matthew Brandel, Alexander Foote, Nora Franzel*, Trinity Franzel*, Ethan Gillig, Katelyn Grifka*, Tess Grifka*, Alexiss Guigar*, Lindsey Guza, Theron Harris*, Ryan Hill, Carter Hughes, Lily Kieliszewski*, Kylie Maurer, Hailey Mausolf, Logan Mueller*, Colin Oberski, Erick Schmidt, Myah Schulte, Emma Smalley*, Annisa Smith,

Leah Stringer*, Kyle Sweeney, Hunter Walker, Emma Widger

Grade 8

Haylee Arlitt, Joy Auman, Jeanna Bischer*, Gabrielle Bukoski, Michael Cook, Elizabeth Glentz, Maze Gusa*, Abigail Guza*, Carly Guza*, Mark Heilig, Cailee Janik, Alyson Jones, Jalyn Kolar, Anthony McCarty*, Abigail Michalski, Jarrett Nast, Christopher Oswald, DeLaney Peruski, Taylor Peruski, Jenna Stambough, Jace Susalla, Seth Sweeney, Andrew Vogel, Logan Volmering, Samantha Warczinsky, Mercedes Wolschleger

Grade 7

Christopher Arlitt, Brianna Beaver, Rose Brilinski, Jadyn Brown, Landon Dekoski, Mitchell Foote*, Austin Franzel, Austin Gentner, Emily Greyerbiehl*, Colin Grifka, Utah Gusa*, Addison Hagen, Aran Harris*, Mason Hughes, Erica Klee*, Madeline Langenburg, Ryan Learman*, Kaleb Loomis, Julia Maurer, Seth Maurer, Jacob Messing*, Wade Messing, Brett Mueller, Caiden Parker, Jenna Particka, Canden Peruski, Evan Peruski, Courtney Puvalowski, Leah Schumacher, Kelcie Shaltonis, Tori Shaltonis, Miranda Smigelski, Jaxson Susalla*, Jaelynn Wallace, Aaron Weber

2nd Semester

Grade 12

Isaac Booms, Joshua Brandel*, Jaelynn Burton, Eli Emming, Amber Essenmacher, Rebekka Foster*, Katelyn Garner, Bethany Gornowicz*, Anna Greyerbiehl*, Darian Gross, Haili Gusa, Dylan Hagen, Payten Heleski, Cassie Holdwick, Cheyenne Janik, Kelsey Knoblock*, Jaleesa Mattox, Anna Messing*, Nolan Murray, Kylie Ogryski, Arisa Osentoski*, Natalie Pallas, Nathan Particka, Madelyn Peplinski*, Cheyenne Porzondek*, Ashley Puvalowski, Brooke Ritter, Ryche Roggenbuck*, Sadie Souva, McKenzie Stomack*, Mackenzie Uhl, Mikaela Van Erp*, Mikkayla Verellen, Amanda Weaver, Carson Woolner, Nicholas Wright

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Owen-Gage honor students announced

Owendale-Gagetown Schools announces 2018-2019 honor roll for the 4th marking period and 2nd semester.

4th Marking Period

3rd Grade:

Hailey Forman, Cailum Hewitt, Hunter Mihacsi, Sierra Miller, Gavin Neal-Arnold.

4th Grade:

Jessica Bowers, Wynter Brinkman*, Logan Carter, Steven Hicks, Hunter Hoppe, Rylin LaCroix*, Mya McCreedy*, Faith Morrish, Ava Sheufelt*, Ellen Tyler.

5th Grade:

McKenzie Baker, Olivia Craig, Sylvia Favazza, Chloe Fritz, Aubrey Hellebuyck*, Brooklyn Hunt*, Izabela Matuszak, Logan Mihacsi*, Kennedy Selden.

6th Grade:

Danielle Hunt*, Lucas McKnight*.

7th Grade:

Shelby Bowers*, Karsyn Gruehn*, Lillieyannah Sagash, Conner Snear, Hannah Wood.

8th Grade:

Allison Haldane*, Amber Haldane*, Dagon LaCroix*, Erin Morrish, Emily Schultz.

9th Grade:

Haden Gruehn, Madelyn Haldane*.

10th Grade:

Boyd Evans*, Clay Evans*, Jameson McKnight*, Hunter Meier, Libby Ondrajka*.

11th Grade:

Branden Fritz, Carley Haldane, Chase Howard, Alyssa Karr, Kaitlyn LaCroix*, Madyson Menzel*, Andrew Roemer*, Victoria Smith*, Seth Waske.

12th Grade:

Jade Androl*, Cordell Clarkson, Matthew Fritz*, Megan Fritz, Carlee Rievert*.

2nd Semester

6th Grade:

Danielle Hunt*, Lucas McKnight*.

7th Grade:

Shelby Bowers*, Karsyn Gruehn*, Isaac Miller, Lillieyannah

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8th Grade:

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OPINION...**

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Safety around water is never an accident

Michigan is truly a water wonderland, but with all of the natural recreational opportunities comes inherent risks, especially when it comes to water.

There were 116 drownings in Michigan last year, a number that has Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) officials urging residents to observe water safety practices around pools, lakes and spas this summer.

Drowning is the fifth leading cause of death for all ages in the United States and the second leading cause of death for children ages one to 14, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Of the 116 drownings reported in Michigan last year, 109 were non-boating related.

"Swimming and boating are popular summer activities and Michigan is home to thousands of lakes, rivers and pools for families to enjoy," said Robert Gordon, MDHHS director. "Water safety should be a concern no matter where you and your family recreate this summer, and we urge Michigan residents to follow water safety best practices when in and on the water."

Follow these tips to help ensure the safety of individuals participating in water-related activities:

**Do not mix alcohol with swimming, diving or boating.*

**Stay within designated swimming areas.*

**Never swim alone; always swim with a buddy.*

**Enter the water feet first. Serious injuries can occur from diving headfirst into and hitting the bottom.*

**Heed warning flags at public beaches.*

**Use a U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device when boating.*

**Do not leave a child unattended near a pool.*

**Enclose pools with self-locking/self-closing fences.*

**Keep lifesaving equipment (pole, rope, flotation devices) near the pool.*

Illnesses linked to water are another concern.

For the years 2012-2018, 12 outbreaks reported in Michigan were linked to swimming in treated and untreated water locations, including pools, hot tubs and freshwater lakes. More than 660 estimated recreational water illnesses (confirmed or suspected) were reported, which health officials say is likely an underestimate.

While chlorine and other disinfectants kill many germs within minutes, some germs can survive for days, even when water is treated appropriately. For that reason, it's important to keep germs, human waste, sweat and dirt out of the water. In addition to making people sick, these materials can combine with chlorine and form chemicals that can make eyes red and trigger asthma attacks.

Everyone plays a role in preventing pool-related illnesses caused by germs. That means taking some basic precautions, including staying out of the water if diarrhea is an issue, showering before you get in the water, taking children out of the pool for hourly bathroom breaks, and using and storing pool chemicals safely (read and follow directions, use chemicals in a well-ventilated area, and never mix chemicals).

Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

Drama with Muddy Waters



Since I've been semi-retired, I spend a lot of time on the computer and especially Facebook.

Between not having to go to work in an office every day and having health issues, I've slowed down so much that some of my friends have taken my pulse to make sure I'm still alive.

Changes to my daily routine and health have been difficult for me to deal with. I used to be so active; I loved to dance, I covered meetings a couple of times a week, and loved driving along back roads to just take photos of places I thought were interesting.

I'm not sure how "Throwback Thursdays" came about on Facebook. Those posts about bygone days are interesting.

My friend Bill Jackson, who I used to work for back in the day, posted a Throwback Thursday photo of some of his former TV-5 colleagues he used to work with, which included some who had passed on. The photo he posted included Marc Wesley, Chuck Waters, Marian Strozier and Jim Kiertzner.

That picture brought back a childhood trauma that still haunts me today.

Chuck Waters used to play Captain Muddy Waters on a children's television show that aired in the afternoon, and there was also a guy who dressed up as Mr. Hot Dog in a hot dog costume to promote a restaurant.

What is odd about that, is they were both well-known weatherman, sportscasters and news anchor-men. I can't see any of today's television reporters doing that.

Anyway, I loved the Captain Muddy Waters' show. I would pedal my bike as fast as I could home from the Columbia Corners School to watch him.

I was so excited when it was announced kids from Columbia Corners were going to be on the Captain's show. I would finally get to meet my childhood hero in person.

However, when the big day finally arrived for Columbia Corners to be put on the map with a television broadcast, I was left out. The schedule called for students who were from the local Lutheran Church and the Nazarene Church to travel to the recording studio. I was the only student who didn't belong to either of those churches.

On the day my fellow classmates would be television stars, I slowly rode my bike home with a heavy heart. I did tune in to the Captain's show, but I didn't really watch it. There were too many tears to see the program clearly.

One of the girls at the school was my arch rival. We competed against each other. She was smarter,

faster, prettier and thinner.

My heart broke when the Captain singled her out to talk to her. That is a childhood trauma tucked away in my psyche.

That mental wound was somewhat healed when Mr. Waters and I were both covering the same news event several years after his Captain Muddy Waters program was over.

I will never forget the startled look on his face when I introduced myself, gave him a tight hug and said, "I love you Captain."



Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Area residents still have an opportunity to cast their vote for Soliant's 10th annual Most Beautiful Hospital competition, which will recognize the top 20 Most Beautiful Hospitals in the United States.

In case you didn't know it, Cass City's own Hills and Dales General Hospital is in the running.

In all, 96 facilities across the county have been nominated, and all of them are competing for that top spot and a \$2,500 donation from Soliant to their hospital's foundation.

Participants have less than a month to cast multiple votes, as the polls will close Monday, July 15. To vote, visit the website <http://www.soliant.com/most-beautiful-hospital-contest/vote/>.

"The public can vote on the nominees they deem most beautiful. This beauty is more than just architecture and design; it radiates from the hearts of those providers delivering care to those in need," explained Soliant officials.

Soliant, described as a leading healthcare staffing provider and part of the Adecco Group, will reveal the 2019 Most Beautiful Hospital and the hospitals that placed in the top 20 spots Wednesday, July 17.

It's been said that many hands make light work.

The phrase fits in perfectly when it comes to organizing a huge July 4 celebration such as Cass City's annual Freedom Festival, and Cass City Chamber of Commerce Administrator Judy Keller will attest to the fact that volunteers make all the difference each year.

Speaking of volunteers, Keller is looking for some helping hands for this year's grand parade, Saturday, July 6. Specifically, she needs a half-dozen or so area residents to help with the parade line-up from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

If you're game, call the chamber office at (989) 872-4618 or send an email to www.casscitychamber.com.

The Caro Moose Family Center recently sponsored a Hook a Kid on Golf clinic. Over 20 youngsters - ages 11 thru 22 - took advantage of the free workshops held at the Caro Golf Course on June 17 thru 22.

The youngsters received four days of instruction on different swing fundamentals for driving, chipping, and putting. They also were given presentations on being a student athlete, golf course maintenance, nutrition and hydration, as well as golf rules and etiquette. The youngsters were given a golf shirt, cap, sleeve of balls and after a golf outing on the last day, they were able to take their starter set of clubs home.

All of this was at no cost to the youth or their parents, reports Don McKimmy, adding, plans are to run this program again next year. You may gain more information by contacting the Moose Lodge or the Caro Golf Course.

Saturday, June 29th, is Military Appreciation Night at the Silver Bullet Speedway in Owendale.

In addition to free grandstand admission for all veterans and active duty personnel, the dirt track raceway this year will focus on helping charities Operation Injured Soldier, Desert K9s and TheDesertAngel.org.

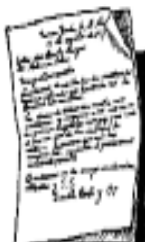
Operation Injured Soldiers is a phenomenal organization that does all sorts of activities and trips for injured soldiers. They provide all needed supplies and lodging for those traveling far away.

Nick Hoonhout, Silver Bullet Speedway owner, says he hopes in the future injured soldiers will be given a chance to drive a race car at his Thumb facility.

Desert K9s and TheDesertAngel.org put together care packages and ship them to those who are in the face of danger overseas. They collect donations of non-perishable food items and everyday items to help make the lives of soldiers just a little better.

To inquire how you can help, contact the folks at the Silver Bullet Speedway by calling (586) 337-3991.

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Wednesday, June 26

- Spoonfuls of Plenty Free Community Meal, 3:30-6 p.m., Humand Development Commission at 429 Montague Ave., Caro. Open to anyone wanting a hot, home-style meal.
- Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
- Huron County Alzheimer’s and Family Caregiver Support Group, Huron Behavioral Health, Bad Axe. For more information, contact Rhonda Quinn at (989) 269-9293.
- Sanilac County Alzheimer’s and Family Caregiver Support Group, Sanilac County Medical Care Facility. Noon to 2 p.m. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.
- Cass City Chamber meeting, 8 a.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.

Thursday, June 27

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

Saturday, June 29

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

Monday, July 1

- Alcoholics Anonymous, “Monday at a Time,” 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubyly. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.
- AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.
- Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- Shabbona Outreach Baby Pantry, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Shabbona Outreach 5448 Shabbona Rd. Decker, MI. Gently used clothing and equipment, diapers, bottles, toys, formula, baby food. For more information contact Judy Doerr (989) 658-8625.

Tuesday, July 2

- 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.)
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STANDING COMMUNITY CALENDAR ITEMS

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

First Sunday:
•Hillside Community Brunch, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., All you can eat. Free will offering.

First Monday:
•Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.
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Second Monday:
•Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.
•VFW monthly meeting, 7:00 p.m., VFW Hall, Cass City.

Second Tuesday:
•Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7 p.m., fire hall in Gagetown.
•Tuscola County Alzheimer’s and Family Caregiver Support Group, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., HDC Intergenerational Building, 430 Montague Ave., Caro. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

•Kedron OES #33 of Caro meeting, 7 p.m.
•Huron County Family Caregiver Support Group, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Human Development Commission, 150 Nugent Rd., Bad Axe. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.
•Al-Anon meeting, 7 p.m., St. Francis Parrish, Pigeon.

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

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

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

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

•Family Caregiver Support Group, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Harbor Beach Community Hospital Administration Building/Conference Center, 147 S. First St., Harbor Beach. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121
•Ubyly Lions Club meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Ubyly Thumb Veterans Organization Hall, 2165 Bingham St., Ubyly MI 48475. A pot luck is served prior to the meeting. Everyone is welcomed.

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

Third Thursday:

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

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

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

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

Fourth Monday:
•Cass City School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
•Hills & Dales General Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 11:30 a.m., Gilligans (no meetings July, August, December).
•Tuscola County Right to Life meeting, 6:30-8 p.m., Caro Area District Library, 840 W. Frank St., Caro. For more information, call (989) 872-3259.
•Families Against Narcotics, 6 p.m., Hills and Dales Corporate Services and Regional Education Center, 6667 Main St. Cass City. For more information, call (989) 551-4326.

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Deputies arrest 2 in connection with robbery in Huron County

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Huron County Sheriff’s deputies last week arrested a pair of suspects in connection with a robbery investigation dating back to April. Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson said the probe unfolded during the morning hours of April 24, when officers from his department along with Caseville police and a Scheurer Ambulance crew were dispatched to an area near the intersection of Sand and Conkey roads in Huron County’s Lake Township. A woman reported finding a badly-beaten man in his vehicle. “Initially, it was determined that the victim, Andres M. Camacho, age 64 of Caseville, and the complainant, Melissa R. Venturino, age 26 of Caseville, were acquaint-

ances and that they were meeting at the scene to visit and smoke marijuana,” Hanson reported. “Our understanding from them was that an unknown assailant appeared out of nowhere and badly beat and robbed the victim.” Camacho was first transported to Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon and later transferred to another hospital for further treatment, according to the sheriff, who noted the victim was hospitalized for several days. “Taken during the robbery were personal items, \$2 in cash and prescription pills,” Hanson said. “However, inconsistencies and more information led to a search warrant being executed the following day...at a residence in Harbor Beach. There personal property and a cell phone were seized.

“The investigation continued in the days to come, where evidence and further information led to charges being authorized last week by the prosecutor’s office,” he continued, adding deputies arrested Venturino on a warrant charging her with felony robbery and a two-year misdemeanor for lying to a police officer. Venturino was lodged in the Huron County Jail on a \$5,000 cash bond and has been formally arraigned in district court.

“Her accomplice, 26-year-old Damon R. Cash of Harbor Beach, who has been serving time in our jail on unrelated charges, was booked on the same charges as (Venturino),” Hanson said. Cash was formally arraigned last week. He remained jailed on a \$50,000 cash bond.

Circuit court proceedings

Several appear on felony charges

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

test to larceny in a building April 9-14 in Caro.

He was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,008 plus restitution of \$9,239.

*Larry D. Pardue, 34, Vassar, was sentenced to 365 days in jail following his pleas of no contest to possession of cocaine, heroin or another narcotic (less than 25 grams), subsequent offense, and possession of a controlled substance, subsequent offense, Nov. 17 in Vassar; and to possession of cocaine, heroin or another narcotic (less than 25 grams) Oct. 20 in Vassar.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,384. Restitution in the case is to be determined.

*Nickolas D. Morris, 20, Millington, was sentenced to two to 15 years in prison following his plea of no contest to stealing/retaining a financial transaction device without consent of the device-holder and receiving and concealing stolen property valued at \$200 to \$1,000 Dec. 24-25, 2015, in Vassar Township; his plea of guilty to larceny in a building June 4, 2018, in Arbela Township; and his plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance Dec. 28 in Indianfields Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$824. Restitution in the case is to be determined.

*Kevin S. Pate, 17, Vassar, was sentenced to six to 15 years in prison following his pleas of guilty to criminal sexual conduct, third degree (involving force or coercion and a victim at least 13 years of age but under 16 years) Dec. 26 in Caro.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$326.

*Daniel J. Okon, 56, Cass City, was ordered to pay costs and fines

totaling \$776 following his plea of no contest to charges of possession of a firearm by a felon and possession of ammunition by a felon Nov. 14 in Elkland Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

*Monica Childress, 43, Millington, was sentenced to 180 days in jail following her pleas of no contest to two counts of welfare fraud – failure to disclose information related to her income, and one count of welfare fraud involving over \$500 between Oct. 8, 2015, and Sept. 20, 2017, in Millington Township.

She was also placed on probation for 18 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,644 plus restitution of \$48,436.75.

*Erlind L. Nordstrom, 68, Caro, pleaded no contest to committing a moving violation – causing death May 1, 2018, in Indianfields Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$20,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Jeffrey A. Marshall, 57, Vassar, was sentenced to 30 days in jail, with worksite privileges, following his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Dec. 6 in Vassar.

He was also placed on probation for 60 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,508.

*Logan J. Rocha, 18, Reese, pleaded no contest to three counts of criminal sexual conduct, second degree, involving personal injury to the victim and the use of force or coercion Feb. 1-19 in Denmark Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$50,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Timothy J. Brown, 34, Frankenth, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle with a high BAC (blood alcohol content), third offense, Oct. 29, 2017, in Vassar.

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

*Wayne F. Nelson, 42, Otisville, was sentenced to 300 days in jail following his plea of no contest to domestic violence, third offense. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (two prior felony convictions).

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

*Donovan R. Wayman, 25, Bad Axe, was sentenced to two days in jail following his pleas of guilty to carrying a concealed weapon and attempted possession of a controlled substance July 29 in Caro.

He was also ordered to pay cost and fines totaling \$508.

*Blaine T. McGowan, 30, Caro, received a one-year delayed sentence following his plea of no con-

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Reporter's notebook

**Best of luck, Kate.
And, thank you...**

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



Most Cass City area residents are probably familiar with Kate Van Auken as an active member of the community and longtime library director who ushered in the changes that have made Rawson Memorial District Library the modern patron-friendly resource and gathering place it is today.

After more than 17 years on the job, Kate recently announced her resignation from the library with an eye on a future that will include serving as director of the White Pine Library Cooperative.

If you've ever had the chance to visit with Kate, you know she's a friendly, compassionate woman whose passion for people – not only her own family, but also her co-workers, neighbors and newcomers — is every bit as strong as her drive to help make Cass City a better place to live.

From getting in on the ground floor of fundraising and construction of the town's impressive playscape, to taking an active role in the Cass City Junior Citizen of the Year Scholarship program, Kate's efforts have reached far beyond the brick walls of the library.

Those qualities have served her well on the job and in the community, and we all owe her a debt of gratitude.

I know I do.

Several years ago, when I was just starting to contemplate the challenge of getting sober – and preparing to start the process – I stopped by the library and, while talking to Kate, found myself telling her about the mess I had found myself in and my plans to admit myself into a treatment center.

I suppose I felt comfortable enough to share it because I had interviewed Kate many times for various stories over the years.

Still, hearing the words come out of my mouth was a shock, especially back then, because I didn't talk about it for obvious reasons; I was incredibly ashamed of myself and, honestly, felt like I wasn't worth anyone's attention. When you're in that mindset, you generally expect to find yourself on the receiving end of an expression of disapproval or pity, as if someone is really just wondering how you could be so stupid as to screw up your life so badly.

But there was no judgment. Kate listened. Her eyes welled up with tears and she asked if she could give me a hug.

She told me she was proud of me, encouraged me, and let me know she would be around if I needed a listening ear.

Maybe that doesn't sound like much. But when you've lost all self-respect, and you've spent considerable time wondering if you deserve to keep living – and most people around you seem too busy with their own lives to give you a moment or two – it can mean everything.

And it did.

In a world where so many have forgotten the value of caring about one another, Kate reminded me that I wasn't alone. I'm guessing she's touched many other lives in the same way, too.

We could use more of that, don't you think?

Of course, you may never know what sort of impact you've had on the lives of others when you share a few words of encouragement or simply offer to listen for a few moments, but you can bet they'll never forget it.

I know I haven't.

Best of luck, Kate, and thank you.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2014)

For Eric Montreuil, Independence Day weekend brings a whole lot more than barbecues and fireworks; it means he'll have the chance to compete in the sport that, for him, is a career and a way of life. Montreuil is gearing up to again compete in the Red Bull RedBud National, a Michigan motocross race set for Saturday, July 5, which is part of the Lucas Oil Pro Motocross Championship.

Gloria Froede of Cass City and Brian Froede of Uby announce the engagement of their daughter, Ashley Froede to Christopher Henes, son of Mr. and Mrs. James MacConnachie of Grosse Pointe Park and Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Henes of Birmingham. Ashley is a 2003 graduate of Cass City High School. She earned a Bachelor of Arts from Albion College in 2007 and a Master of Science from Central Michigan University in 2010 and is currently employed as a Physician Assistant.

10 YEARS AGO (2009)

Cass City's Dave Weiler won't forget this year's Freedom Festival anytime soon. He participated in the celebration's annual golf tournament at Rolling Hills Golf Course, and aced the long par 3 fourth hole, which was playing at 230-yards.

The Thumb Area Antique Auto Club will honor Bob Hirn and his 1966 white Chevy Super Sport this year. He will drive his car in the Classic Car parade on Friday and during the grand parade on Saturday. Hirn also owns a 1929 black and brown Model A Ford. Outside of owning 2 classic cars, Hirn has also been co-chair for 14 years of the Fall Family Days Weekend held in August at the Thumb Octagon Barn in Gagetown.

Arlen Bannick and The Eastern Michigan Music Makers will bring Cass City to life with their old time country music on Saturday. The group consists of multiple players from all over the Thumb. They are scheduled to play at 1 p.m. after the parade at the gazebo in the park.

25 YEARS AGO (1994)

Ferris State University's winter semester academic honors list includes 1,104 students, including 3 area residents. They are: Jane C. Billy of Cass City, Jennifer A. Rutkoski of Decker, and Christina L. Gaeth of Owendale. To be eligible for the honor, 21 Ferris student must have compiled a 3.5 grade point average in at least 12 semester hours of work.

Dennis and Charlene Hagen entertained around 200 guests at a graduation open house Saturday for their son, Clinton Hagen, a 1994 graduate from Uby High School.

Twin brothers Michael and Steven Bills, both 1990 Cass City High School graduates, completed their degrees from MTLJ with summa cum laude standing this spring. Steven Bills maintained a perfect 4.0 grade point average during fall, winter and spring terms while earning a degree in biology. This fall he will attend Wayne State Medical School. Michael Bills also graduated with a biology degree, and will be extending his education as well. He has been accepted at the University of Michigan to study human genetics in graduate school.

Wendy Wheeler, daughter of Larry and Mary Wheeler of Cass City, will be singing the lead role of Josephine in the Midland Music Society Gilbert and Sullivan Workshop production of "HMS Pinafore."

35 YEARS AGO (1984)

The 1984 municipal pool staff are Suzy Scollon, Laura Richards, Diane Russell, Whitney Walpole, Nancy Tonti, Bob VanCamp, Mark House, Tim Homer and Phil LaPonsie.

Spec. 4 Joseph D. Stevens received an Army Commendation Medal for service while stationed at Fort Carson, Colo., as a fuel and electronic vehicle systems mechanic. Stevens, who has been in the Army two years, is the son of Dale and Joyce Stevens, Cass City. His wife, Kelly, and their daughter, Stephanie Lynn, 3'2 months, are living with her parents, David and Lynn Dearing, Cass City, while he is in Korea.

Teresa Hewitt, a former Cass City resident, received straight A's in her final semester at Central Michigan University. Miss Hewitt graduated May 12 and received a bachelor's degree in therapeutic recreation. She works at the Lapeer Count Medical Care Facility. A 1980 Cass City High School graduate, she is the daughter of Amor West.

40 YEARS AGO (1979)

William Patch was honored Sunday when 15 members of his immediate family including his son Bill and family of Harrison and Mr. and Mrs. David Hennessey of Bay City joined him to celebrate his 83rd birthday at dinner. The birthday cake was made by his daughter, Stella Hennessey.

Dr. Philip Setla, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thaddeus Setla of Sterling Heights, received his degree of Doctor of Medicine with distinction from Wayne State University School of Medicine June 3. He began his residency in Radiology July 1 at Sinai Hospital, Detroit. Setla is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Smentek of Cass City.

Cadet Karen P. Brown, daughter of Mrs. Susan I. Pitsenberg, Phoenix, Ariz., is receiving practical work in military leadership at the Army ROTC Advanced Camp, Fort Lewis, Wash. Her father, Robert L. Brown, lives in Cass City.

Navy Electronics Technician Third Class Kirk B. Kibbey, son of Cliff Kibbey and whose wife, Joy, is the daughter of Lawrence and Dorothy Holik, all of Cass City, has graduated from basic electronics technician school.

50 YEARS AGO (1969)

Donald Koepfgen received a \$700 subsidy for a \$1,400 pond located off the south end of Koepfgen Road in a farm pasture about one quarter mile from the Cass River. He uses it for fish plantings and recreation and ponders expanding it with ultimate hopes for it as part of a river frontage development project.

Mrs. Bill Zeidler met her husband at Tri-City Airport Saturday evening, June 21. He had completed four years of Naval service, entering in June, 1965. He was stationed aboard the carrier Hornet. The couple are presently making their home in Cass City. Mrs. Zeidler is the former Bonnie Butler.

THE DRIVERS OF THE Sand Dunes Buggy claim their vehicle runs on Budweiser. That's a beer keg holding the fuel for their buggy, which they recently purchased from a Port Austin custom builder for \$175. Sporting the buggy around the one-eighth mile track adjacent the Joe Male residence on S. Cemetery are Chris Zemke, 8, Donald Male, 10, Joe Male, 13, and Kurt Zemke, 10. Remnants of a 1955 six cylinder Chevrolet engine and chassis, the vehicle is

usually on an all day course. The Zemkes are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. William Zemke.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Generous are the parents of a daughter, Suzanne Marie, born June 17. The baby's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Milton Connolly and Mr. and Mrs. Elger Generous. The Jack Generous family are staying with the Connollys

75 YEARS AGO (1944)

Mrs. Willis Campbell and Mrs. Arthur Holmberg took the former's daughter, Miss Mary Jane Campbell, to Bay City Saturday. From there she went by train to Grand Lake where she will be employed for the summer. Monday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Willis Campbell and Joan Holmberg went to Alpena where they spent a few days this week with Mr. Campbell's parents.

Stanley VanVliet, who is serving in the naval air corps and who has been in school at Kalamazoo, is spending a 10-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Van Vliet, of Decker. Mr. and Mrs. Van Vliet and sons, Stanley and Clifford, had dinner with Mrs. Van Vliet's mother, Mrs. Stanley Fike.

Lt. Dwight Turner, who has been serving with the air force in New Guinea, came Friday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Turner, until July 19 when he will report to Miami Beach, Florida. He came from the west coast by way of Chicago. At Chicago, he was joined by Miss Cressy Steele, E. N., who came to spend a week in the D. E. Turner home. Also visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Turner, is their other son, Clayton, who is serving in the Navy and has been spending a nine-day leave at his home. Clayton was to leave Wednesday of this week for Chicago.

100 YEARS AGO (1919)

One thousand one hundred nineteen Michigan officers and men in the 339th Infantry arrived from North Russia Monday. The Wolverines who debarked at Hoboken Monday morning settled down at Camp Merritt for a few days' rest before continuing to their home station. The following boys, whose homes are in the Thumb, are among the arrivals Monday: Stanley Graham, Cass City. Archibald Kerbyson, Decker. Harold B. Western, Cuss City. Henry Kleinman, Cuss City. "On the eight days' trip to France," said Captain Moore, "we had to run through a field of ice 80 miles long. In going through a mine "field we sighted a mine in our path and only missed it by a narrow margin.

Roy Vance, recently returned from overseas service, and Miss Ella Kirkpatrick were married in Lansing" on Monday, June 23. They will make their home in Lansing where Mr. Vance has employment. Friends extend best wishes for a long and happy life.

Clifford Gracey and Miss Margaret Decker were united in marriage at the De Burr home in Saginaw on Wednesday evening, June 25, at 7:30 o'clock. They were attended by Alvin Benkelman and Miss Mary McLellan and the ceremony was performed in the presence of 20 friends of the contracting parties. Dinner was served at the Hotel Bancroft. The groom has been engaged as instructor in the schools at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and the bride has been teaching in the Saginaw schools. Mr. and Mrs. Gracey are visiting relatives in the Cass City community where a host of friends wish them much joy and happiness.

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School okays free meals

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Chief Financial Officer Allison Zimba outlined a number of factors that impacted finances over the past years, including an unusual number of snow days and higher utility expenses, but she indicated costs related to major facility and school bus repairs are expected to decline significantly in the coming year as school officials continue funding major capital improvement projects funded by a voter-approved millage extension.

Zimba said she included a projected loss of 20 students in the next school year along with a conservative state funding increase of \$180 per student, which would increase Cass City's per-student funding level to \$8,051 in 2019-20. Gov. Gretchen Whitmer has requested a school funding increase of \$270 in her proposed budget.

Another factor related to enrollment is that Cass City just graduated its smallest group of seniors in memory – 66 students, according to school Supt. Jeff Hartel, who says this year's pre-school and kindergarten round-up numbers were encouraging at 85 youngsters.

Free meals for all

The board approved a sizable increase in the 2019-20 food service budget at \$596,000, up nearly \$80,000 from 2018-19, but the spending plan also includes about \$74,000 more in revenue pending a final decision to participate in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) as part of the national school lunch and breakfast programs.

The board Monday unanimously voted to participate in the program, which enables the district to provide all students with free breakfasts and lunches.

Zimba said she has calculated the cost of the program and believes the net expense to the district probably will not exceed \$1,000 for the year. "The numbers...show we should be fine," she added. "We feel this is a really good opportunity for the all the kids."

Shari Bock, food service director for the district agreed. In short, she explained, schools in which a minimum 40 percent of kids are certified for receiving some form of state assistance (the percentages in Cass City area 48 percent of elementary students and 39 percent at the high school). The program covers 78 percent of the cost, she said, and the district will receive additional funding for students who are already receiving assistance.

Another plus is that school officials can opt out of the program after the first year, but will be guaranteed the same payment rate for the next four years if they are happy with it.

School officials also expect more students will participate in the meal program, because free meals for all eliminates the stigma attached to kids who qualify for free or reduced meals.

Contract process

In other business during the regular monthly meeting, the board adopted a formal employee contract process that specifically outlines the steps school officials will take in approving future contracts – starting with those in effect for the 2019-20 school year — for all employees, from paraprofessionals and daycare workers to the district's administration.

In the case of administrators, the process awards wage increases based on evaluations, student achievement and other criteria, and years of service/experience in various positions. Contracts for professional staff (teachers, dean of students), meanwhile, will continue to be negotiated annually with union representatives, and department heads will continue to meet with the superintendent to discuss contract recommendations to present to the school board.

In each case, the board of education must approve contracts, and funding must be available for any proposed pay increases, according to Hartel. "It's based on if money is available. If it's been a bad year (financially), all bets are off," he said during an interview Monday morning.

Pay hikes for the superintendent will consist of stipends ranging from a half-percent for 12 to 14 years of service to two percent for 25 or more years of services. The stipends are a half-percent for one to three years of experience as superintendent to two percent for 10 or more years of experience as superintendent.

Other administrators (principals and the chief financial officer) will receive a stipend of .25 percent for one to three years of service in their positions to one percent for 10 or more years of service.

In other business

Also Monday, the board:

*Approved the hiring of four new teachers to fill vacancies, including those left by veteran teachers Kris Milligan, who recently announced her retirement, and Jenifer Green, who passed away. Their positions will be filled by Stacey Gruber, kindergarten, and Morgan Bechler, second grade.

Also hired were Jeremy Buxman, who will fill a social studies teaching position following the retirement of veteran educator Sean Zawilinski, and Susan Hanby, who was hired to fill an open math position.

In a related matter, the board accepted Milligan's resignation "with regret."

*Review truancy and absenteeism reports for the local school system and its neighbors in Tuscola County.

For the 2018-19 school year, Hartel reported, Tuscola Intermediate School District (TISD) officials handled a combined 169 truancy/chronic absenteeism cases in the county's nine public school districts. The total included 23 cases in the Cass City Public Schools.

Looking back, Michigan school data shows chronically absent students in Cass City dipped from 12 percent of the student population in the 2016-17 school year to 10.9 percent in 2017-18, when the number of chronically absent students in Tuscola County ranged from 7.3 percent in the Reese Public Schools to 20.7 percent in the Mayville Community School District.

*Approved an annual resolution renewing the Cass City Public Schools' membership in the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA).



MICHIGAN Gov. Gretchen Whitmer last week contacted U.S. Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue with a request for a disaster designation for the state following weeks of wet and cool weather. State officials also announced a \$15 million program that allows financial institutions to make low-interest loans to farmers, growers, processors and farm-related retailers.

Lack of dry days in Thumb unprecedented

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Extension Office in Caro and serves farms in both Tuscola and Huron counties.

"Wheat is loving it. Alfalfa is doing well," Battel said. However, he added, there is a great deal of

counties that haven't gotten a thing in.

"Everything has been pushed behind," Battel said of the planting schedule, which has impacted corn, soybeans and sugarbeets. "Now dry beans are being affected."

While weather forecasters are predicting better weather days ahead, Battel said there are acres of tilled ground that simply can't be planted due to all of the rain. Farmers still have time to get in some soybeans and dry beans, but it's too late for corn.

In the end, Battel acknowledged, Mother Nature always has the final say with respect to the harvest, and the current conditions could significantly reduce yields.

"We're going to have immature crops," Battel said. "The unanswered question is, when are we going to get our first killing frost (in the fall)? That's where the hammer really comes down."

In response to weeks of soggy conditions, Gretchen Whitmer sent a letter to U.S. Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue last week, requesting a USDA Secretarial Disaster Designation for Michigan and added flexibility under the Federal Crop Insurance Program and the recent disaster legislation passed by Congress.

The letter, Whitmer said, stemmed from the overwhelming challenges Michigan farmers are facing during one of the wettest periods on record in the state.

"Michigan farmers are in a state of crisis right now because of extraordinary weather conditions, from historic rainfall, extreme cold, excessive snow, flash flooding, and tornadoes," she said.

"Michigan has a rich history in agriculture, and on behalf of our farmers, our families, and our economy, we need to take action now. I'm ready and eager to partner with the federal government to make sure Michigan farmers have

the support they need during this difficult time."

A day later, on Thursday, Whitmer issued a second news release announcing U.S. Department of Agriculture officials "will provide flexibility within Federal Crop Insurance by allowing farmers to hay or graze cover crops planted on prevented plant acres on Sept. 1.

The department also announced that the Farm Service Agency will be extending the deadline to report prevented planting acres in select counties.

"I'm glad the federal government has recognized the importance of Michigan's agriculture industry to our families and our economy, and I encourage Secretary Perdue to continue providing support by approving a USDA Secretarial Disaster Designation for the State of Michigan and ensuring that all Michigan farmers are eligible for the disaster assistance recently approved by Congress," Whitmer said.

Also Thursday, state officials announced a \$15 million program that allows financial institutions to make low-interest loans to farmers, growers, processors and farm-related retailers. Under the program, the state will pay the loan origination fees to reduce the cost of the loans to farmers and provide them with support during this period.

"Many farmers have been affected by the record rain this season that has limited their planting progress and delayed their crops. Weather can affect all agriculture and this plan helps hard-working farmers with financial support," said 84th District state Rep. Phil Green (R-Millington), who represents residents in Tuscola and Huron counties.

Similar low-interest loan programs were approved for Michigan farmers in 2002 and 2012.



concern right now over the number of unplanted acres of other crops in the Thumb and throughout the state.

"That's what makes this different than other years – 1996 was another wet year, but that was a wet May. Farmers were able to get things planted in June," he said. "Temperature is half of the equation – it's been so cold (this spring) that we haven't been able to evaporate that water."

"Up where we are – Cass City, Fairgrove (and) to the north is better off than farther south. There are farms in St. Clair, Macomb

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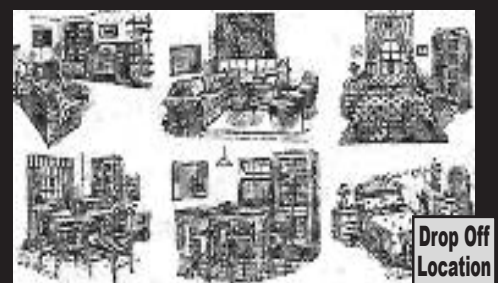
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Ubly Schools upgrades underway...

NOW THAT classes have been dismissed for the summer in the Ubly Community School District, some of the major construction projects funded by a voter-approved \$8.7 million bond in 2018 can get underway. Those who are interested in watching the progress of the work can watch a video on the district's website at www.ublyschools.org.

Ubly residents invited to see school facelift unfold via video on website

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

With the 2018-19 school year now in the books, Ubly Community School officials are focusing on some construction and upgrade projects in the district.

At the top of the list is removing asbestos, taking out air handlers and bleachers in the gym, and building a new canopy on the front of the school.

Ground was broken in March on some of the construction projects.

"We are adding four new classrooms, a new office, and upgrades to 1957, 1966, 1936 and the 1992 wings, and the unit vents, electrical, bathrooms, gyms," explained school Supt. Joe Candela, who noted the four classrooms will add about 6,000 square feet.

Also, there will be a new parking lot drop-off configuration.

Although school is out for the summer, school officials are fac-

ing a tight timeline, with the 2019-20 school year scheduled to begin.

Funding for the work comes from a voter-approved \$8.7 million bond that passed in May 2018.

The bond proposal also includes erecting, furnishing and equipping additions; remodeling; refurbishing and equipping existing school facilities; preparing, developing and improving playgrounds and athletic facilities and sites; and acquiring and installing instructional technology.

According to Candela, as much work as possible will be done this year, but there are some projects that might have to be delayed.

Residents interested in watching the progress being made on the facility upgrades can watch a video on the district's website at www.ublyschools.org.

The district is working with R.C. Hendrick Construction Company

to complete the construction and upgrades.

In other district matters, Candela and ag teacher Melissa Kramer attended a recent Ubly Village Council meeting to discuss possible construction of an ag barn on the Hoover Farm village property.

Kramer went out with village President Jason Nicol and staked out where the building could possibly be constructed without impeding homes or wells.

The proposed barn would be a 40 feet by 60 feet. The details will have to be discussed with the village's law firm, including the possibility of the school leasing a two-acre parcel of land.

There were several questions concerning the wells, drainage, etc. The council was receptive to working with the school, and a motion was made and seconded to consider the school's request and to review it at the July council meeting.

Township opts out of rec pot businesses

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licenses and regulations for recreational pot shops). The law provides for the legal possession of up to 2.5 ounces. Residents are allowed to store up to 10 ounces and grow up to 12 plants at their residences.

Approval of the new law came

with a different set of guidelines than the Medical Marijuana Act (MMA) law.

Under the state's MMA, if municipalities took no action, the state would automatically exclude them from having to allow marijuana operations. Under the recreational marijuana law, however, local units of government that don't want retail marijuana busi-

ness setting up shop in their towns must draft and adopt a specific ordinance prohibiting such businesses.

The state Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) will govern the recreational-use market, but rules and regulations have not yet been approved.

News briefs

Green announces photo contest

THUMB — State Rep. Phil Green (R-Millington) is inviting residents in his 84th District – Tuscola and Huron counties — to participate in a summer photo contest with the theme, "Summer Somewhere in the Thumb".

Winners will be chosen in the following categories: beach, family fun, nature, and community event.

"We live in one of the most beautiful areas of the entire state, and the Thumb comes alive in the summertime," Green said. "I look forward to seeing photos of people throughout the region enjoying the weather."

The contest will run through Sept. 30, with winners being selected shortly thereafter. Photos can be submitted to RepPhilGreen@house.mi.gov or mailed to S-1188 House Office Building, P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, MI 48809. All submissions should include the name, address, and contact information of the individual entering the contest, as well as where the photo was taken within the district.

Winning photos will be displayed in Green's Lansing office. More information is available by calling (517) 373-0476.

Crafters and vendors needed

KINGSTON — Crafter and vendors are needed for the Kingston Days celebration slated for Friday and Saturday, Aug. 23-24, according to organizer Amy Fetting.

Among the events scheduled so far are a 5-K run/walk, a three-on-three tournament, a corn hole tournament, street dance, horseshoe tournament, a dunk Tank, teenage scavenger hunt and car show. The popular burnouts will also be back.

For more information or to receive a registration form, call (989) 683-2003.

Vaccination clinics scheduled

TUSCOLA COUNTY — The Tuscola County Health Department will host two back-to-school immunization clinics next month.

In an effort to avoid the usual rush to get the required vaccinations necessary for a child to start school, there will be clinics Tuesday, July 9, and Wednesday, July 10, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Those who are unsure if their child is up to date on their immunizations can call the health department at (989) 673-8116. In addition, health department officials remind parents that not only children starting kindergarten need to be up to date on immunizations – the same goes for any student entering a new school.

Kingston hires a co-op, coach

KINGSTON — The Kingston Board of Education recently approved hiring a co-op student, Isaac Muxlow, for the 2019-20 school year. As a co-op student, Muxlow is allowed to work a maximum of four days per week, three hours per day, at minimum wage (\$9.45 an hour).

In addition, the district hired Brian Newcomb as varsity baseball assistant coach, pending a successful criminal background check.

Summer food program underway

MICHIGAN — The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program, in collaboration with Michigan Department of Education, is participating in the 2019 Summer EBT (Electronic Benefits Transfer) for Children program.

The following school districts have been selected for the summer food benefit: Tuscola Intermediate School District, Huron Intermediate School District and Sanilac Intermediate School District.

This program receives a U.S. Department of Agriculture-funded grant that provides food to students eligible for free or reduced-price school meals within select public school districts during the summer months. Eligible students will receive a Summer EBT Bridge Card in the mail.

The program is underway now and runs until Sept. 2. Each student receives \$30 in food per month – such as milk, eggs and fresh fruits and vegetables — for the three months of summer.

Cards and program materials are mailed directly to families that are eligible to participate. The card comes pre-loaded with a food package that families can redeem at any WIC-authorized store. Once the family calls the number on the back of the card and enters a Personal Identification Number (PIN), the family can begin redeeming benefits.

For more information about, visit the website www.sebtc-mi.com, or call 888-265-3291.

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Fowl weather...

CONTINUED wet and cool weather continues to frustrate farmers in the Thumb, as well as slowed growth in home gardens throughout the area with the possible exception of this garden in Deford, where the crops appear to include turkey and rhubarb. The bird actually wandered in from the woods, took a dirt bath in the freshly tilled soil and/or perhaps laid some eggs, then headed back to the woods.

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Cass City teams shine in Thumb League action

Considering the results at the Thumb League Championships, the recent success for Cass City Schools on the ball diamonds shouldn't end anytime soon.

Future Red Hawk hopefuls dominated much of the action in Caro last week, winning Thumb League Championships in both the 10u and 12u divisions.

Once the rain held off, fans saw an epic showdown between the two best softball teams in the Thumb League 12-and-under division, Cass City 12u Gray Coach Nathan Fritz said, adding, the 15-team league consists of a north and south division including teams such as USA, North Branch, and Vassar.

Cass City Maroon squared off against Cass City Gray for the 12u banner as both teams qualified for the 8-team play-off and cruised into the championship contest.

Cass City Gray started the game with three runs in the top of the first inning highlighted by Lilly Betts' inside the park home run.

Cass City Maroon got on the scoreboard in the bottom half of the inning with an RBI single by Josie Spencer. Both teams were held scoreless over the next two innings by Cass City Gray Pitcher Alysa Fritz and Cass City Maroon Pitcher Shelby Ignash.

The Gray team tacked on another run in the top of the 4th thanks to Mariah Henne's second hit of the day and RBI double from Betts. However, Cass City Maroon would make their move in the bottom of the fifth. Trailing 4-2, a Kylie McKee single drew her team within a run. Katelyn Rockwell then stepped in and delivered an opposite field two run base hit which proved to be the game winner.

Fritz was tagged with the loss for team Gray. She struck out 14 and surrendered four hits. Ignash picked up the 5-4 win for team Maroon recording 11 strikes outs and gave up five base knocks. The hard fought battle highlights a bright future in years to come for Cass City softball.

The Cass City 12u Maroon – pictured top left – team members are: (front row, l-r) Mia Caister, Kylie McKee (middle) Brianna McKee, Braylon Bulla, Delayna Kaake (back) Kelsey Badger, Shelby Ignash, Takara Tageson, Josie Spencer, Katelynn Rockwell, Kylee Kelley, Madelyn Hicks. Coaches are Sam Spencer, Earl McKee and Reggie Ignash. Missing is Kennedy Vanwormer.

The Cass City 12u Gray – pictured second from top - team members are: (front row, l-r) Amanda Marshall, Chloe Franzel, Lexi Champagne, Chelsea Roach (middle) Sara Mecomber, Haven Osentoski, Kaylee Koch, Alysa Fritz, Lilly Betts, Claire Merchant, Isabelle Phillips and Mariah Henne (back) Coaches Tavis Osentoski, Matt Ross and Nathan Fritz. Missing are Ellie Ross and Kayla Millstead.

Turning to action on the baseball diamonds, in 12u baseball play, the Cass City Gray team collected a 13-3 win over rival Caro Red team in the Thumb League Championships final. The champs – pictured third from the top - are: (front row, l-r) Aaron Pietrzak, Joseph Estep (middle) Gavin Franzel, Ryker Wallace, Garrett Reinke, Mason Brown, Cole Lenhard, Jarod Mathewson, Trevor Teitjens, Joey Bean (back) Asst. Coach Joe Estep, Asst. Coach Jason Reinke, Brady Halabis, Griff Weiler and Coach Dave Weiler.

In the 10u baseball final, Cass City 10u Black team finished as the runner-up falling to North Branch. The Cass City 10u ballplayers – pictured bottom left - are: (front row, l-r) Westin Caister, Ronan Johnson, Deshawn Moore, Chris Matthews, Aidan Brinkman (second row) Blake Schrader, Blake Sweeney (third) Blake Mackowiak, Landen Whetstone, Jackson Anthony, Corbin Forster, Micah D'Arcy (back) Dugout Mom Krista Mackowiak, Asst. Coach Josh Mackowiak, Coach Brad Speirs, Asst. Coach Jimmy Matthews and Asst. Coach John D'Arcy. Missing is Ethan Speirs.



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Obituaries

Donald Cook

Donald Paul "Don" Cook, 74, of Cass City died unexpectedly at home Wednesday, June 19, 2019 with his longtime companion, Karen by his side. He was born January 12, 1945 in Kokomo, Indiana to Ellen Cook.

As a young man, Don worked for various farms in the Thumb area. He worked for General Motors for ten years before beginning a career as an over the road truck driver. Don drove for Yellow Freight, Ford Motor Parts and a steel hauling company. Don also worked for Bartnik Service and Zimba Farms. He enjoyed working on his farm and repairing cars and semi-trucks. Don loved spending time with his beloved grandsons. Don and Karen shared a love of animals and through their years together, rescued many dogs and cats.

Don is survived by his companion of thirty-one years, Karen Wright of Cass City; grandsons: Blake King, Zander King; three brothers: Jeffery McCrumb of Kokomo, IN; Patrick (Kathy) McCrumb of Kokomo, IN; Robert Cook of CA; sisters: Tonja Whitmore of CA; Linda Donaldson of Kokomo, IN; a special aunt, Tomy Cook of Cass City;

many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his mother; uncles: Earnest Cook, Lloyd Cook; aunts: Emma Long, Shirley Pope.

Funeral service held 3:00 p.m. Monday, June 24, 2019 in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City with Brad Speirs of Novesta Church of Christ officiating. Interment is in Novesta Township Cemetery. Pallbearers for Mr. Cook will be: Wayne Kinney, Blake King, Zander King, Pat McCrumb, Jeff McCrumb, Patrick McCrumb. Memorials may be made to Humane Society or American Heart Association. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and photos with the family at www.kranz-funeralhome.com.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.



Ronald Voss

Ronald Elmer Voss, 73, of Deford, died unexpectedly Friday, June 21, 2019 in Sparrow Hospital of Lansing. He was born July 5, 1945 in Cass City to Elmer and Luetta (Berdgman) Voss. He married Linda Fern Butler June 4, 1966 in Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Cass City. She died March 17, 2019.

Ron graduated Caro High School with the class of 1963. He retired from General Cable after 23 years, then worked as a USDA meat inspector. Ron had a passion for hobby farming. He enjoyed the time spent as a 4H small stock superintendent at the Tuscola County Fair. Ron presently served on the Novesta Township board of review. He was an active member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church as a trustee and volunteer on various church boards and committees.

Ron is survived by his son, Ron Voss of Cass City; grandchildren: Andre (Justine) Voss, Zack (Jessica Ewald) Voss, Courtney (Benjamin) Miller, Mason Voss; great grandchildren: Keagan Voss, Devin Voss, McKayla Voss, Kara Voss, Mikelle Weiderhold, Danika Weiderhold, Dayton Weiderhold, Shea Miller, Asher Miller, Kierra Miller; step grandchildren: Jessica (Earl) Long, Kirklynd Spencer; step great grandchildren: Destiny Long, Gage Long, Bowen Long; sister, Margaret LaValley; brothers: Earl (Bev) Voss, Lee (Sue) Voss, Paul (Cindy) Voss; sisters-in-law: Bonnie Zeidler of Cass City; Molli (Scott) Hartel of Rockford; Mari (Kurt Bliss) Butler Lowe of Cass City; Paula Butler of Ypsilanti; many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his wife; sister, Karen Voss; brother-in-law, Michael LaValley; sister-in-law Kay Butler; brother-in-law, Bill Zeidler.

Funeral service were held Tuesday, June 25, 2019 in Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City with Rev. Steve Bagnall officiating. Interment will be in Novesta Township Cemetery. Pallbearers for Mr. Voss will be: Danny Byrd, Zackary Voss, Andre Voss, James Finkbeiner, Walter Laming. Memorials may be made to Kranz Funeral Home for the benefit of the family. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and photos with the family at www.kranzfureralhome.com.

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Dalbert Wright

Dalbert Neil Wright, 74, of Cass City, died peacefully Tuesday, June 18, 2019 in his home. He was born October 15, 1944 in Detroit to Charles Frederick and Elizabeth (Aune) Wright. He married Nancy Judith Jordan April 10, 1965 in Holbrook Baptist Church.

Dalbert worked for Truemmer Farms and Max Cooper Farms milking cows and later as a milk hauler delivering milk to Detroit. For eighteen years he worked as a welder with Evans Products in Gagetown and later as a fabricator for Berne Enterprises in Pigeon. Together, Dalbert and Nancy enjoyed bowling on Friday nights in a mixed league. He was a handyman and could build anything. Dalbert had a special talent for wood crafting. He made many rocking horses, wishing wells and bird houses for his family and friends to enjoy. He instilled his great work ethic to his family.

Dalbert is survived by his wife, Nancy; their children: Kimberly (Donald) McGregor of Marlette, Shelley (Richard) Jones of Cass City, Steven (Sandi) Wright of Cass City, Jodi (Jeffery) Naegele of Cass City, Stacy Wright of Caro; thirteen grandchildren: Rachel (Stephen) Distlerath, Jordan, Nicholas, Dakota, Mia, Eli, Aby, Toby, Alexander, Jarod, Dustin, Ethan, Alyssa; three great grandchildren: Everett, Connor, Kate; siblings: Kathy McPhail of Cass City; Carol (William) Benjamin of Woodland, TN; Phillip (Shirley) Wright of Kingman, AZ; several nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his son, Dalbert Wright, Jr.; siblings: Charles Wright, Laura Mannarino, Richard Wright, Gladys Jones, James Wright, Sharon Guinther, Robert Wright, John Wright, Darlene Peters.

Funeral service were held Saturday, June 22, 2019 in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City with Rev. Christian Wright of Cass City First Baptist Church officiating. Interment is in Elkland Township Cemetery. Pallbearers for Mr. Wright will be his grandchildren. Memorials may be made to Cass City First Baptist Church. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and photos with the family at www.kranzfureralhome.com.

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Hgt. _____ Wgt. _____ Age _____	Hgt. _____ Wgt. _____ Age _____	Hgt. _____ Wgt. _____ Age _____	Hgt. _____ Wgt. _____ Age _____
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Bullet/stab protective vest donated to county sheriff's department K9

Tuscola County Sheriff's Department K9 Blek will receive a bullet and stab protective vest, thanks to a charitable donation from the non-profit organization Vested Interest in K9s Inc.

K9 Blek's vest is sponsored by NaturVet and will be embroidered with the sentiment "This gift of protection provided by NaturVet". Delivery is expected within eight to ten weeks, Tuscola County Sheriff Glen Skrent reported on the department's Facebook page Friday.

Vested Interest in K9s Inc. is a 501c (3) charity located in East Taunton, Mass., whose mission is to provide bullet and stab protective vests and other assistance to dogs of law enforcement and related agencies throughout the United States.

"The non-profit organization was established in 2009 to assist law enforcement agencies with this potentially lifesaving body armor for their four-legged K9 officers. Since its inception, Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. provided over 3,400 protective vests, in 50 states, through private and corporate donations, at a value of \$5.7 million," Skrent said.

The program is open to dogs actively employed in the United

States with law enforcement or related agencies that are certified and at least 20 months of age. New K9 graduates, as well as K9s with expired vests, are eligible for the equipment.

The donation to provide one protective vest for a law enforcement K9 is \$950, according to Skrent, who noted each vest has a value between \$1,744 and \$2,283, carries a five-year warranty, and weighs an average of four to five

pounds. There are an estimated 30,000 law enforcement K9s throughout the United States.

For more information or to learn about volunteer opportunities, call (508) 824-6978. Vested Interest in K9s Inc. provides information, lists events, and accepts tax-deductible donations of any denomination at www.vik9s.org or via mail at P.O. Box 9 East Taunton, MA 02718.



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West Nile virus activity confirmed in Michigan

The first West Nile virus activity in Michigan this year has been confirmed in mosquitoes recently collected in Saginaw and Oakland counties and a Canada goose in Kalamazoo County.

In response, state health officials are reminding residents that the best way to protect against West Nile virus and other mosquito-borne illnesses is to prevent mosquito bites.

People who work in outdoor occupations or like to spend time outdoors are at increased risk for West Nile virus infection from mosquito bites. Adults 60 years old and older have the highest risk of severe illness caused by the virus.

Symptoms of West Nile virus include a high fever, confusion, muscles weakness and a severe headache. More serious complications include neurological illnesses, such as meningitis and encephalitis.

Last year, there were 104 serious illnesses and nine deaths related to West Nile virus in Michigan. Nationally, there were 2,544 human cases of the virus and 137 deaths reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in 2018.

"It only takes one bite from an infected mosquito to cause a severe illness, so take extra care during peak mosquito-biting hours, which are dusk and dawn," said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, Michigan

Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) chief medical executive and chief deputy director for health. "We urge Michiganders to take precautions such as using insect repellent wearing long-sleeved shirts and long pants when outdoors during those time periods."

West Nile virus is transmitted through the bite of a mosquito that has picked up the virus by feeding on an infected bird.

Most people who contract the virus have no clinical symptoms of illness, but some may become ill three to 15 days after the bite of an infected mosquito.

As summer temperatures rise, mosquitoes and the virus develop more quickly so it is important to protect yourself from mosquito bites as the weather warms.

Mosquitoes that transmit West Nile virus may breed near people's homes in storm drains, shallow ditches, retention ponds and unused pools. They will readily come indoors to bite if window and door screens are not maintained.

The best way to prevent West Nile disease or any other mosquito-borne illness is to reduce the number of mosquitoes around your home and to take personal precautions to avoid mosquito bites. Precautions include:

- *Use EPA registered insect repellents with one of the following active ingredients: DEET, picaridin, IR3535, oil of lemon eucalyptus or para-menthane-diol, and 2-undecanone; follow the product label instructions and reapply as directed.

- *Don't use repellent on children under two months of age. Instead dress your child in clothing that covers arms and legs and cover crib, stroller and baby carrier with mosquito netting.


- *Wear shoes and socks, light colored long pants and a long-sleeved shirt when outdoors.

- *Make sure doors and windows have tight-fitting screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears or other openings.

- *Use bed nets when sleeping outdoors or in conditions with no window screens.

- *Eliminate all sources of standing water that can support mosquito breeding around your home, including water in bird baths, abandoned swimming pools, wading pools, old tires and any other object holding water once a week.

More information is available by visiting the website Michigan.gov/westnilevirus or Cdc.gov/westnile.



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Blight issues higher due to stricter enforcement in Cass City

Continued from page one.

Blight elimination

Cass City's fight against blight, one of the village's strategic planning goals, continues to be a work in progress.

And although Chief of Police Craig Haynes feels there has been improvement throughout the community in that area, he says officials must stay proactive in their approach to enforcement of local ordinances.

"It's better than it was," Haynes told village officials during a power point presentation.

Yet, despite over 125 hours of code enforcement to-date, five problem areas still need attention – grass violations, rubbish violations, inoperable vehicles, vacant properties, and yard waste in the streets, according to Haynes.

Perhaps most frustrating to the code enforcement team – Deputy Chief Jim Freeman is the primary code enforcement officer – are returning problems with inoperable vehicles.

During the time period of Jan. 1, 2018, through June 17, 2018, there were a total of 86 inoperable vehicle violations, Haynes said.

"Those (cases) have all been brought into compliance," he noted, adding, however, "During the same reporting period in 2019, there have been 76 new inoperable vehicle violations."

Looking at grass and rubbish violations for the first six months of 2018, compared to 2019, reveals significant increases in both areas for the current year. In 2018, there were 135 grass violations in the first six months, while in 2019 grass violations have totaled 210 so far.

"The higher number is a result of stricter enforcement and a wet spring," said Haynes, who pointed out an increase in rubbish violations in 2019 is due partly from the council's adoption of Ordinance 179.

For all of 2018, there were a total of 29 rubbish violations, compared to 42 violations during the first six months of 2019.

Code enforcement has also resulted in the targeting of 37 vacant/abandoned properties in the village. With the adoption of Ordinance 184, officials will soon begin the registration process in hopes of bringing those properties up to code.

"Of those 37 properties, six have been turned over to SCMCCI," says Haynes.

Finally, another concern that code enforcement officers have faced this year is citizens placing yard waste (grass clippings, leaves, limbs and branches) into the streets.

"Forty-seven citizens were given information notices on the correct procedures for disposing of such waste," Haynes said.

The new ordinances – Ordinance 179 dealing with rubbish and Ordinance 184 involving vacant/abandoned properties – have given code enforcement personnel new tools that assist in identifying, documenting and enforcing violations, according to the police chief.

"Overall, the community has been receptive to our enforcement efforts," he added.

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Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Renton J. Hurlley, a single man, mortgagor, to Independent Bank, mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated July 3, 1997, and was recorded on July 21, 1997, in Liber 715, on page 1336 of the Tuscola County records. The balance owing on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is \$29,308.43, including interest at 8% per year variable. The Mortgage contains a power of sale clause and no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owing.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on July 11, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the Tuscola County Court Facility, 440 N. State Street, Caro, Michigan, that being the place of holding Circuit Court for Tuscola County, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in the Township of Wells, County of Tuscola, Michigan and is described as:

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SMITH, MARTIN, POWERS & KNIER, P.C.
Dated: May 31, 2019

Henry L. Knier, Jr. (P46393)
Attorney for Independent Bank, Mortgagee
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thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 40.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241, in which case the redemption period shall be 1 month, or under MCL 600.3241a 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later, or extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. U.S. Bank Trust National Association as Trustee of Chalet Series III Trust Mortgage/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 1386724

6-5-4

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foregoing Mortgagee can rescind the sale.

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6-19-4

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on JULY 11, 2019, AT 10:00 A.M. local time, said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder in the main lobby of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, aforesaid, on said mortgage with interest thereon and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows:

CITY OF VASSAR, COUNTY OF TUSCOLA AND STATE OF MICHIGAN, to wit: LOT 22, BLOCK 2, OF THE VILLAGE (NOW CITY OF VASSAR, MI) ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, EXCEPT THE SOUTH 14.00 FEET THEREOF AND ALSO EXCEPT THE EAST 16.00 FEET OF THE SOUTH 50.00 FEET THEREOF. ALSO THE SOUTH 59.00 FEET OF LOT 23, BLOCK 2, OF THE VILLAGE (NOW CITY) OF VASSAR, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF.

During the SIX (6) MONTHS immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241 a, the property may be redeemed during the thirty (30) days immediately following the sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

JOHN W. BUTLER (P 33908)
ATTORNEY FOR MORTGAGEE 24525 Harper Avenue St. Clair Shores, MI 48080 (586) 777-0770 Dated: 6-12-19

6-12-5

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John J. Frazee, and Sharon Frazee, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for America's Wholesale Lender, Mortgagee, dated June 4, 2003 and recorded July 28, 2003 in Liber 945, Page 1390 Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by National Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Nine and 23/100 Dollars (\$82,929.23), including interest at 7.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on JULY 18, 2019.

Said premises are located in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County Michigan, and are described as: The West 10 feet of Lot 9 and the East 90 of Lot 8, of Block 3 of Fenster Subdivision according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 87, now being Page 37B.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

Dated: June 19, 2019
File No. 19-005229
Firm Name: Orland PC

6-19-4

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee for any reason. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest, and the purchaser shall have no recourse against the Mortgagee, or the mortgagee's attorney.

Notice is hereby given that the below mortgage 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 of Tuscola County at 10:00 am on July 25, 2019.

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Annmarie L. Vermeesch, A Single Woman Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for New Executive Mortgage LLC, its successors and assigns Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Flagstar Bank, FSB Date of Mortgage: June 20, 2017 Date of Mortgage Recording: June 30, 2017 Amount claimed due on mortgage on the date of notice: \$48,269.70 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in the Township of Wisner, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Beginning at a point 148.50 feet South of the East one-quarter post of Section 29, Town 14 North, Range 7 East; thence West 257.70 feet, South 165.00 feet, East 257.70 feet, North 165.00 feet to Beginning.

Reserving the road way now established across the North side of the above described property for road purposes only. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(16) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: 06/26/2019 Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 111923

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14-6-26-2

GARAGE SALE - June 27 & 28 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 4770 Koepfgen Rd.

14-6-26-1

GARAGE SALE - Wednesday, June 26 - 28 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 4299 Woodland Ave., Cass City. Humidifiers, luggage, clothes, household items, purses, shoes, picture frames, discounted cosmetics, outdoor items, pre-lit Christmas tree, something for everyone. LuAnn.

14-6-26-1

GARAGE SALE - Thursday - Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday 9-12. June 27-29 - boys clothes (size 4), mens (small), assorted furniture, dishwasher & more. 4294 Leach St. Cass City.

14-6-26-1

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HELP WANTED - JV Volleyball Coach must know the fundamentals of the game, team player, and loves working with kids. DEADLINE: June 28, 2019 SEND RESUME TO: Owendale-Gagetown Area Schools, Terri Falkenberg, Superintendent at 7166 Main Street, Owendale, MI 48754 or call: (989) 678-4141. 11-6-12-3

HELP WANTED - Tuscola County Veteran Affairs office has an opening for a full-time Veteran Affairs Assistant. If interested go to tchd.us and click on the Employment tab for full details of posting. 11-6-26-2

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Vietnam veterans monument at Cass City VFW Hall completed

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

A monument to Vietnam-era veterans that was dedicated last summer in Cass City is now complete.

Tuscola County Veteran Affairs Director Mark Zmierski and members of Cass City VFW Post #3644 and the American Legion Post 7 coordinated a 50th anniversary celebration in August 2018 honoring those who served in that war.

At that time, a boulder monument was set and a plaque designed, but the plaque wasn't mounted on the boulder until this month. The monument is at the Cass City VFW Hall at 4533 Veterans Drive.

The Vietnam War was American's longest running war — running from 1955 to 1975. During the war, 58,272 members of the U.S. military were killed. It is estimated more than 1.1 million North Vietnamese and Viet Cong fighter's died along with roughly 250,000 South Vietnamese soldiers and more than two million civilians.

One out of every 10 U.S. soldiers was either injured or killed.

Nearly every community lost someone who served their country in that war, and Cass City was no exception; two men from Cass City lost their lives. The war memorial located next to the Cass

City Municipal Building lists those from the community who were killed in action during the various wars, including Sgt. E/5 David Graham and SPC4 John P.

Giddings, who died during the Vietnam war.

Michigan currently has 600,000 veterans, including 200,000 are Vietnam veterans.



THIS PLAQUE was recently mounted on a boulder at the Cass City VFW Post 3644 Hall. The monument was dedicated last August during a ceremony commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War, in honor of those who served and to remember the ultimate sacrifice made by two Cass City veterans.



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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 Church Parking Lot 8:00-11:00pm

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.

Upcoming events in October 2019

Godspell the Musical 4th & 5th 6pm
 Annual Church Bazaar 25th & 26th
 Trunk & Treat Sunday, 27th 2pm

Sunday Worship 9:30 am
 Web site: www.casscityumc.org

Tailgate in our Church Parking Lot!

Sign Up and Reserve your Spot for our upcoming Thumb Arts, Music, Food & Fun.

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