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Cass City board hires 4 teachers

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The Cass City Board of Education put the finishing touches on preparations for the new school year by hiring four teachers during a brief monthly meeting Monday night.

The board hired three elementary teachers – Emily Baur (second grade); Kelli McIntyre, who fills a vacancy left by the recent resignation of Ashley Copeland (library/physical education); and Matthew Sweeney. He fills a vacancy left by the resignation of sixth grade teacher Josh Stern, who has accepted a position with the Deckerville Community Schools.

In addition, the board hired Andrew Whittaker to teach various high school subjects, enabling school officials to shift other staff members in order to fill a vacant special education position left by the recent resignation of veteran Cass City educator Stacey Markel.

In a related matter, the board accepted Copeland's resignation.

Bond work update

Turning to the progress of bond construction work, school Supt. Jeff Hartel said the various upgrades are nearly complete. And he praised Please turn to page 12.

Council approves computer upgrades

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

Despite recording its shortest regular monthly meeting of 2019 so far, the Cass City Village Council approved computer upgrades, added Frankenmuth Credit Union as a financial depository and discussed plans to create a "pocket park" during a 35-minute session Monday night.

Following the advice of industry experts, the council voted to upgrade the village's computers, which are still using Windows 7. The new computers will utilize Windows 10, as the older operating system will no longer be supported with period software patches as of January 2020, explained Trustee Rob Piaskowski.

Piaskowski then presented a motion for the purchase of nine computers from Abadata Computer Corporation, a team of certified IT professionals from Sebawaing, in the amount of \$11,480. The new computers will be used by the village's administrative, police, department of public works and wastewater treatment plant departments.

Piaskowski's motion also requested the purchase of an additional 100-hour package of support in the amount of \$7,500 for a total of \$18,500 in hardware and software upgrades.

In another computer-related issue, the council approved spending \$3,922 for a subscription and support from Munetrix Software, which is used to create all the reports necessary for the village to meet the Economic Vitality Incentive Program, as well as other reporting requirements of the state of Michigan.

Turning to a budget and finance committee matter, the council voted to add Frankenmuth Credit Union to the list of banks used by the village

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Welcome back!

NEW CASS City Elementary School kindergarten teacher Stacey Gruber welcomes five-year-old student Santana Thompson to her classroom during last week's open house. Thompson is the daughter of Kris Thompson of Cass City and Shianne Sanders of Owendale. Cass City students attended their first day of classes of the 2019-20 school year Tuesday. Related photo, page 6.

POET officials: fed waivers are threatening ag, ethanol industries

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

Farmers could be the big losers in a power struggle that is developing over federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) decisions to relieve some oil refineries of requirements to use biofuel such as corn-based ethanol.

Earlier this month the EPA granted 31 of 38 requested Small Refinery Exemptions (SREs), which concerns those in both the ethanol and agriculture industries. Ethanol factory owners, including POET Biorefining, are following this issue and are concerned about the economic impact the EPA's decision could have.

A Michigan ethanol plant in Ann Arbor that shut down for maintenance two months ago will remain closed indefinitely because of the EPA's action.

And, POET Biorefining, which owns and operates factories in Caro and elsewhere, has idled ethanol production at its Cloverdale, Ind., factory because of the SRE decision.

According to POET Chairman and CEO Jeff Broin, the company has already reduced production at

half of its 28 ethanol processing plants, and he warned corn processing will drop by an additional 100 million bushels across Iowa, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Minnesota, South Dakota and Missouri.

"Our industry invested billions of dollars based on the belief that oil could not restrict access to the market and the EPA would stand behind the intent of the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS)," Broin said in a press release. "Unfortunately, the oil industry is manipulating the EPA and is now using the RFS to destroy demand for biofuels, which reduces the price of commodities and (is) gutting rural economies in the process."

As a result, numerous jobs will be consolidated across POET's 28 bio-refineries, Broin said.

According to the Renewable Fuels Association (RFA), 15 ethanol plants have already shut down — three of them permanently — largely due to the decrease in demand stemming from the EPA's SRE decisions.

And, concerns are continuing to mount.

"The Renewable Fuel Standard signed into law by George W.

Bush 15 years ago requires the oil refineries to blend more and more ethanol every year until 2022," explained David Gloer, who was POET's Caro factory general manager for 12 years.

"The mandate for corn starch ethanol is 15 billion gallons a year now through 2022. In 2022, there is no longer a mandate, so it could get real ugly in three years."

The oil industry has been fighting the RFS.

"They want to sell oil, not ethanol," said Gloer, who indi-

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Apply now for foundation grants

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Area organizations looking to cash in on the generosity of Tuscola County individuals and groups that have set up funds for projects to benefit local communities have an opportunity now to apply for funding.

That's according to John Hunter, executive director of the Tuscola County Community Foundation, who last week announced the availability of grants in conjunction with the foundation's annual fall grant cycle.

In all, the foundation will be distributing \$101,000 in funding from various funds to eligible Tuscola County organizations.

"Applications are available at www.tuscolaccf.org under the 'grant application' drop-down tab," Hunter explained, adding applicants should

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Tuscola County Animal Shelter enjoying success

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

Although the Tuscola County Animal Shelter has been up and running under local control for only a year, staffers there are reporting a variety of success stories.

Tuscola County Animal Shelter Director Leigh Nancy recently offered an update on the shelter's operations.

One of the success stories she shared detailed the plight of a mother dog and her litter of seven puppies that were living in a hole that was partly covered with pieces of metal when they were rescued last December.

The dogs were so hard to get to because of the metal, so the Mayville Fire Department was called to assist. Despite being abandoned, the dogs were in good health, according to Nancy.

"She was a good mother in taking care of them," Nancy added, noting the shelter staff was eventually able to find homes for all of them.

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THERE ARE plenty of lovable dogs, cats and rabbits waiting for adoption at the Tuscola County Animal Shelter, according to shelter Director Leigh Nancy (above).



Redhawk Review

by
Taryn Pisarek

It just started and it's almost over...

Editor's note: This week marks the start of Cass City High School senior Taryn Pisarek's student column in the Chronicle, where readers will find her thoughts, observations and views in this space every other week throughout the 2019-20 school year.

Pisarek is the daughter of Dawn and Mark Pisarek and says she enjoys science, playing in the band, going to movies with friends and traveling. She's undecided about a specific college, but has settled on studying radiation therapy after graduation, with plans to eventually become a medical dosimetrist.

Back to school is usually an exciting time for most young people and their parents. Everybody gets to buy new school supplies, catch up with all their friends (who they meant to make plans with over the summer, but never got around to it), display their trendy new clothes, and have a fresh start from last year's hardships.

Starting a new school year means a lot of firsts; the first day, first homework assignment, first fight, first lunch, first test.

For the seventh graders in Cass City, it's the first time they'll have classes at the high school. They have five more years of that, though. For the freshman, it's the first time most realize everything they do will count towards their futures. They have three years left of worrying about that.

But for the seniors, it's the start of a year of lasts. It brings the last-first day, last homecoming, last football game, last pep rally, last prom.

Ever since before freshman year, adults and even older teens have warned us to soak it all in because the time will fly by. They were right. It feels as if I was just walking into these halls for the first time. A few short years later and it is the last time I will enter these halls after a summer break.

Now I am the one who is entering the year of lasts and bracing myself for the ride.

It's starting to hit me that my class is heading into the final year in which we will all be in the same place at the same time. Everything we have done has been pushing us up the track to this year and preparing us to make the choices that will set up the rest of our lives.

Since we started in this school as immature seventh graders, there has been talk of how we "can't wait to get out of this tiny town" and be independent, adventure-seeking grownups. As we inch closer and closer to that freedom, the nerves of the unknowns are starting to flood in. "What if I don't get into my top college?" or "How will I actually survive without this crazy family 24/7?"

We are unsure of where we will be in one year from now. There is no magic eight ball to tell us whether we will be meeting our new roommates, working in an apprenticeship, traveling the world, or even staying in Cass City.

For the time being, we must be able to take comfort and absorb all the lessons these next nine months will bring to us.

And while this journey is a roller coaster of emotions for the class of 2020, it's still going to be an exciting ride.

Dr. J. Kuhn joins staff at local hospital

Hills and Dales General Hospital officials last week announced that Dr. Jason Kuhn, general surgeon, will be joining the Cass City hospital's medical staff.

Starting in early September, Dr. Kuhn will be seeing patients at Cass City General Surgery Clinic and will be performing surgeries at Hills and Dales.

Dr. Kuhn earned his Bachelor of



Dr. Jason Kuhn

Science Degree from the University of Michigan and his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine Degree from Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed his residency at St. John Macomb/Oakland in Detroit and most recently completed a fellowship in minimally invasive and bariatric surgery at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, Penn.

"We are absolutely thrilled to welcome Dr. Kuhn to Hills and Dales," hospital President and CEO Jean Anthony said. "He is a great fit for our organization and we look forward to the general surgery services he will be able to provide for our patients and community."

To schedule an appointment with Dr. Kuhn, call (989) 872-5582.

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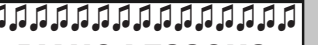
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THE CREATORS OF a unique bird feeder for the Kingston Community Schools have given the structure a facelift in time for the start of the 2019-20 school year. Rich and Della Wisniowicz recently refurbished the bird feeder they built years ago. Shaped like an old-fashioned schoolhouse, the feeder is located in the courtyard at the elementary school. (Photo courtesy of the Kingston Community Schools)

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In Our OPINION...

Clarke Haire
Publisher **Tom Montgomery**
Editor

Sheriff: school bus safety no accident

A new school year is just about here, and Tuscola County Sheriff Glen Skrent is repeating a message about school bus safety that most of us have heard before.

That message bears repeating, because if the following reminder saves even one young life, it's more than worth sharing.

"With schools starting across Michigan, the Tuscola County Sheriff's Office wants you to know the laws for school buses," Skrent says. "Passing a school bus that is loading or unloading students is prohibited under any circumstances."

Here are some other tips for local motorists:

- *Slow down and prepare to stop whenever you see yellow school bus lights flashing.*
- *The law now requires motorists to come to a complete stop at least 20 feet from a school bus whenever a bus is stopped and employing the use of its two red flashing signals. The driver may proceed once the bus resumes motion.*
- *Never pass a school bus when children are loading or unloading. That is the law.*
- *Remember that children are unpredictable in their actions. Take extreme caution when traveling in a school zone.*
- *If you live in an area where there are no sidewalks, drive cautiously. Be more alert to the possibility of children walking in the road.*
- *Be more aware of children playing near school bus stops.*
- *Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians and on curbs.*
- *Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully.*
- *Reduce any distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings.*
- *Put down your phone – don't talk or text while driving!*

Tips for students:

- *Always arrive at the bus stop early.*
- *Prior to boarding, wait until the bus has come to a complete stop, the door is opened and the bus driver says that it's OK to board.*
- *Once on board proceed quickly to your seat and stay sitting until the bus arrives at your school or other drop off location.*
- *Do not move around on the bus.*
- *Always walk on the sidewalk when preparing to cross the street near a bus. Make eye contact with the driver so that you are sure he or she sees you.*
- *Never walk behind the bus.*
- *If you are walking beside the bus, make sure you are at least 10 feet (10 "giant" steps) away.*
- *Take extra precautions to make sure that clothing with drawstrings and book bags do not get caught in the hand rail or door.*
- *Never stop to pick something up you have dropped while the bus is stopped. Wait until the bus has driven off to avoid not being seen by the driver.*

Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

Having 'the talk' with kids



With the start of the 2019-20 school year just hours away, one mother I know decided it was time to have "the talk" with her child.

Having "the talk" with a child used to be about the birds and the bees, but not anymore. Nowadays, the talk centers around social acceptance instead of the facts of life.

The mother had the talk with her daughter about being a "cool kid" and "not being a cool kid." The talk came about because another girl whom her daughter thought was a friend wouldn't let the girl sit with her and another girl because she wasn't cool. Of course, the little girl was devastated. Who wouldn't be?

There was some of that back in my day. Considered being cool and not being cool has gone on for several generations, and shows no signs of ending any time soon. By some, I was generally considered as the kid who had "cooties". There was some of that in elementary school and more so in high school.

Although those were difficult times, at least it was before everyone had cellphones and before the Internet, Facebook, Snapchat and such.

So not being cool only lasted the seven to eight hours of the school day, which sometimes made the day seem to go on forever.

Today, there is so much peer pressure among kids. The so called "cool kids" pass unjustified judgment on anyone they consider to be cool and not cool if they act or look differently.

Instead of ending the talk there, the mother went on to explain that she was not only happy, but also very proud of her daughter for not being one of the cool kids.

She told her daughter to celebrate what makes her unique and to be comfortable being who she is as a person. She told her daughter that eventually she would find some true friends, but only by being who she is as her own person and by not trying to be or act like others think she should. That was a very sage outlook she passed on.


Like every mother, she wanted to pull those children aside who had hurt her daughter and explain why such behavior is deplorable, but she knew it would not do any good.

To deal with the situation, the mother said she will try her best to help her daughter connect with people who are positive individuals who will support her and appreciate who she is.

I survived not being a cool kid. There were certainly days when it wasn't easy. Although an unpleasant

experience, I not only survived, but it made me stronger and better able to adapt.

I survived having cooties. After all, cooties are not real, and neither are the opinions some people form.



Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

The choice is yours.

Walk halfway and make a U-turn? Walk all the way across and arrange a ride? Start early and walk the bridge twice? With a week to go until the 2019 Mackinac Bridge Walk, there's still plenty of time to plan your participation in this annual tradition.

As in 2018, the walk will again start in both St. Ignace and Mackinaw City with three options for walkers. A video posted on the MBA website at www.MackinacBridge.org/Walk explains the bridge walk schedule and the choices people will have whether they start from the north or south ends of the bridge.

"We heard from many people last year that the new options worked well and that the walk was very enjoyable without vehicles on the bridge," said Mackinac Bridge Authority Executive Secretary Kim Nowack. "Whether you've walked the bridge before or not, Labor Day 2019 will be a great day to participate in this 62-year tradition."

Walkers have three main options, outlined in the video:

- * Start from either end of the bridge and walk toward the center, turn around at the midpoint and return to the city they started from, where their transportation is located. The turnaround points will move toward the ends of the bridge beginning at 10 a.m., but walkers can walk at least a portion of the bridge if they start by 11:30 a.m.
- * Walk the entire length of the bridge starting from either end. Those who choose this option must reach the midpoint before 10 a.m. or they will be turned back. Anyone who walks the entire bridge must arrange their own transportation back to the side they started on once the bridge reopens to public traffic at noon.
- * Cross the bridge, starting from either end, and then turn around and walk back to the side they started from. In this option, walkers will need to cross the midpoint on their return trip by 10 a.m. or they will be turned back and need to find their own transportation back across the bridge after it reopens at noon.

You're probably tired of reading about my fishing escapades, but this one is worth telling.

A quick overnight journey to Northern Michigan provided my wife with a fish of a lifetime Friday. Pictured below is the Master Angler lake trout that Karen reeled in near Frankfort. The trophy Laker measured 38" long and weighed 28 pounds.

When we returned to the docks, several charter captains came by to see her catch and more than one said it was the biggest lake trout that they have ever seen. Two of the captains said the fish was probably over 35 years old.

My wife's comment on her catch (check out her expression in the photo): "It was slimy!"



Another choice for a memorable walk in Northern Michigan is just outside of Empire.

The Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore "Dune Walk" peaks at over 400' and is billed as the largest dune system in the world associated with a freshwater lake. Well worth the \$25/per car entry fee that is good for 7 days. If you visit, don't forget your bikes – there are several paved paths in the area that offer sights not soon forgotten.

I'm here to testify that the walk to see Lake Michigan isn't easy for folks out of shape like me.

All Secretary of State Offices will be closed on Monday, Sept. 2 in observance of Labor Day. Same holds true for the Cass City Chronicle.

With the day off, next week's Chronicles will be on the newsstands on Wednesday and area subscribers a day later.

Enjoy the holiday and please be safe.

Letters to the Editor

Farmers market nice to see

Editor,

I am very impressed by the Cass City Farmers Market, it's wonderful to see the tents up along Main Street and the crowd that is being drawn in.

Cass City desperately needed a farmers market for residents to buy fresh produce. I hope this keeps growing and expanding along Main Street. Great job to the organizers for pulling the market together, keep up the good work.

It was also really nice to see the entire school swim team set up a bake sale booth. Keep leading by example, girls.

Bud Schneeberger
Cass City

Why veto Baby Box Bill?

Editor,

Why veto baby box bill?

On the news this past week we heard our governor, Gretchen Whitmer, vetoes the "Baby Box Bill".

Perhaps everyone does not know what a baby box is, so I will explain. It is a box with a comfortable bed inside for an unwanted baby.

Every hospital, police station and fire department has one, and for whatever reason, if a mother does not want her baby, she can place the baby inside –

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- Spoonfuls of Plenty Free Community Meal, 3:30-6 p.m., Humand Development Commission at 429 Montague Ave., Caro. Open to anyone wanting a hot, home-style meal.
- 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, August 29

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

Saturday, August 31

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

Sunday, September 1

- Hillside Community Brunch, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., All you can eat. Free will offering.

Monday, September 2

- 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, September 3

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

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

Second Monday:

- Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.
- 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.

Fourth Wednesday:

- Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
- Huron County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, Huron Behavioral Health, Bad Axe. For more information, contact Rhonda Quinn at (989) 269-9293.
- Sanilac County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, Sanilac County Medical Care Facility. Noon to 2 p.m. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

Fourth Thursday:

- Community Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.

Last Monday:

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

Last Wednesday:

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

Every Monday:

- 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.

Every Tuesday:

- AA Meeting, 7-8 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 4960 N. Argyle Rd. (Meeting will be held in the hall next to the little stone church.)
- Al-Anon meeting, 7 p.m., Cakima Serenity Home, Mayville. Call 989-912-5478 for more information.

- 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.

Every Wednesday:

- 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.

Every Thursday:

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

Every Saturday:

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

Local woman reports seeing rattler along Cass City trail

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

There was an unconfirmed sighting of an Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake at the south end of Cass City last week.

The sighting was on the walking trail south of the Huntsville Trailer Park. As a precaution, residents are encouraged to be mindful of their surroundings while taking nature walks, as well as anything their pets might be investigating along the way.

Massasaugas are small snakes with thick bodies, heart-shaped heads and vertical pupils. The average length of an adult is about two feet. Adult Massasaugas are gray or light brown in color with large, light-edged chocolate brown blotches on the back and smaller blotches on the sides.

Anyone who believes they've seen one is asked to contact the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Field Office at (989) 872-4009.

According to DNR Non-Career Wildlife Assistant (NCWA) Kurtis Huizenga, it's possible an Eastern Massasauga rattlesnake was spotted along the Cass River. However, he suggested it could also be a case of mistaken identity.

"It could have been a fox snake or a brown snake, but there was a report of an Eastern Massasauga rattlesnake being seen at Fish Point. It was a non-confirmed sighting," said Huizenga.

Massasaugas live in areas of low elevation, usually near bodies of water, and are found in scattered locations in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Ontario and Michigan, according to National Wildlife Federation officials.

Massasaugas are Michigan's only venomous snake.

Last week's reported sighting did not make its way to the Cass City Police Department, according to Chief of Police Craig Haynes.

"I have not been notified of a sighting here or around here," Haynes said. "There are some up in Huron County around Pointe Aux Barques. I've seen them there, and I know what they look like."

Haynes recounted an incident at Pointe Aux Barques where a person wearing sandals was kicking at a Massasauga. "It was a very young snake," he said, noting it is still a venomous snake. "Its bite

could be an issue with someone very younger or someone older."

The Eastern Massasauga rattlesnake is not generally aggressive unless it feels threatened.

Huizenga explained that Massasaugas would rather escape than fight and prefer to save their venom to use on small animals for food. The snake has hollow fangs to inject venom into its prey.

However, a bite from a Massasauga can be very painful and is potentially life threatening. When someone or an animal gets bitten by a snake, the proper treatment is to immediately apply a tourniquet

*The adult Massasauga rattlesnakes are small, especially when compared with their largest cousin, the Eastern Diamondback. They usually range from 24 to 30 inches in length.

*Ordinarily, a strike can cover a distance of between about one-third and one-half the snake's length. Thus, as a rule of thumb, a three-foot snake has about an eighteen-inch strike radius. Rattlesnakes can only bite from a coiled position.

*Although all rattlesnakes can swim, the Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake is sometimes known as the



THE EASTERN Massasauga Rattlesnake is threatened or endangered in every state where the species resides. They can be brown or gray in color (photo courtesy of Jennifer Moore)

above the bite, ice it, and seek medical attention.

Because they are elusive and not aggressive, people rarely are bitten.

"Like all snakes, they hibernate in the winter," explained Huizenga.

The following are some other facts about the Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake:

*The venom of a Massasauga is more toxic than that of most other rattlesnakes, but the amount it injects is relatively small compared to other venomous snakes.

*Like all rattlesnakes, Massasaugas bear live young. Depending on their health, adult females may bear young every year or every other year. If food is especially scarce, they may only have young every three years. Most Massasaugas mate in late summer, and give birth about a year later. Litter size varies from five to 20 young.

*They eat small rodents such as mice and voles, but they sometimes eat frogs and other snakes. They hunt utilizing ambush techniques. Heat sensitive pits near the snakes' eyes alert the snake to the presence of prey.

swamp rattler and spends more time in aquatic environments than its relatives. These snakes are often seen by roadsides, but are very hard to spot in swamps.

*All Massasaugas are stout-bodied snakes with triangular-shaped heads. And of course, they all have a rattle on the end of their tail. The rattle is actually a series of interlocking scale segments, which make a buzzing noise when the tail is vibrated.

*Snakes are most active in the early mornings on spring and summer days when the sun is warming the earth. Snakes turn in for the evening, sleeping at night.

*The Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake has been listed as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act. Threatened species are animals and plants that are likely to become endangered in the foreseeable future. Identifying, protecting, and restoring endangered and threatened species is the primary objective of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's endangered species program.

Circuit court proceedings

Several appear on felony charges

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

*Antonio Lucas-Michael Torrez, 23, Cass City, was sentenced to 365 days in the county jail following his plea of no contest to killing/torturing animals Oct. 11 in Cass City. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to jail time, he was placed on probation for 48 months and ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,258 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

*Jason J. Flum, 46, Clinton Township, pleaded no contest to charges of fleeing a police officer, operating an ORV at an unreasonable speed, and assault, resisting or obstructing a police officer April 8 in Wells Township.

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

*Allan K. Daubenspeck, 60, Vassar, pleaded no contest to two counts of larceny in a building stemming from incidents between Feb. 6 and Feb. 23 in Vassar Township.

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

*Jason E. Whittie, 37, Caro, pleaded no contest to child abuse, third degree, March 13 in Wells Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued

at \$10,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Sherri G. Wattrick, 53, Akron, pleaded guilty to charges of malicious destruction of personal property totaling \$1,000 to \$20,000, and lying to a peace officer May 18, 2018, in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$6,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Gregory G. Corll, 57, Marlette, received a one-year delayed sentence following his plea of no contest to assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) May 6 in Dayton Township.

He was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$658.

*David E. Cooper, 51, Vassar, re-

ceived a one-year delayed sentence following his pleas of guilty to charges of fleeing a police officer, driving without insurance, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, and assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer April 3 in Millington Township.

He was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$826 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

*Jonathon Schnittker, 37, Vassar, was sentenced to three days in jail following his pleas of guilty to child abuse, third degree, and domestic violence May 10 in Caro.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling 708 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

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Reporter's notebook

My favorite season?
This is a no-brainer

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



I might be jinxing the Thumb by repeating this sentiment before the first day of September arrives, but if it were up to me, fall would be in full bloom by the end of August and last throughout the winter months, with the exception of a couple weeks of snowfall over the holidays.

I love fall. It's the one season when Michigan's beauty and climate come together in perfect harmony as far as I'm concerned.

Sure, I know it marks the end of another gardening season and signals the coming of a seemingly never-ending days that bring slipping and sliding on the roads, shoveling (ugh!), bundling up, short days and long nights, and bone rattling cold.

But fall sets the stage for some of my favorite things like no other season.

Here are a few:

*The color. I'd match Michigan's forests with any state when it comes to the beauty of fall's deep reds, oranges and yellows. And the weather is often ideal for a leisurely walk. As an added bonus, the Great Lakes State offers us the option of getting an early start on color tours if we're willing to travel a little.

*Temperature. My wife and I don't see eye to eye on a number of things, but we both agree cool fall evenings make for ideal sleeping weather, which means the windows stay open until the snow starts blowing inside.

*Campfires. Of course, regular readers of my column already know that campfires are near the top of just about any of my "favorite" lists. Still, is there anything quite like the smell and warmth of a small (or huge) campfire at dusk in the fall?

*Burning leaves. Okay, okay, I know — burning leaves isn't environmentally or politically correct these days, and I prefer to collect my leaves, grind them up and spread them on the garden to boost next year's crop (well, after the grandchildren have helped me rake them and have had their fill of jumping into the piles). However, I usually burn a small pile each fall simply to enjoy this unique fall fragrance.

*Mosquitoes disappear. Enough said, although I have to admit we don't have a big problem with these pests, thanks to the Tuscola County Mosquito Abatement folks.

*Football. Regardless of whether you're a sports junkie or just enjoy a Friday night high school football game to root on the home team, there's just something special about enjoying an afternoon or evening outdoors in the crisp air. For some of us — especially those of us who can take or leave watching sports — there's nothing like hearing the familiar, distant rhythmic beat of an approaching marching band.

*Fresh Michigan apples. And, thank goodness, the state's fruit producers weren't hammered with an ill-timed killer spring frost this year, so you won't have to take out a second mortgage to buy a bag. Fresh cider should be plentiful, too.

*A cup of hot coffee or cocoa outdoors, preferably in front of that campfire.

*Fishing. Michigan's premier trout waters come alive in the fall, and there's no better time to tangle with 15 or 20 pounds of king salmon at the end of a limber fly rod. The bonus, of course, are those fresh, succulent fillets sizzling on the grill a few hours later.

*Carving pumpkins and seeing little ones who are already too cute look even cuter in their Halloween costumes.

*Food. I love to cook year-round, but somehow my barbecued baby back ribs and chili never taste better than in the fall.

*Fall Family Days at the Thumb Octagon Barn, and the Tuscola County Pumpkin Festival in Caro.

I rarely miss portions of either of these events, and not just because I'm a newspaper editor and I enjoy watching people. I love the community atmosphere, the smells of all those delicious treats I shouldn't have but will anyway, and seeing so many friends and neighbors of all ages and backgrounds enjoying a beautiful day (or days) together.

All of Michigan's seasons are unique and enjoyable in their own way, but you'll never convince me that fall doesn't offer locals and visitors alike the best this state has to offer in so many ways.

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Empowering Youth Today Programs

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2014)

Cass City was well represented at the Hatchet Early Bird cross country invite. In the boys' field, brothers Bransen and CarLee Stimpfel finished in the top 2 spots with times of 16:52 and 18:30, respectively. In the girls' field, Lady Red Hawk Erin Zdrojewski placed second with a time of 24:13.

Six-year-old Addison Frederick, daughter of Gavin Frederick and Kati Ball, recently donated 8-inches of hair to Wigs for Kids. Frederick has donated to the organization once before in 2012. Her hair was cut by Jodi Naegele.

10 YEARS AGO (2009)

Frank Horning, Cass City, a member of the Cass City Gun Club, guides Blake Sizemore, 5, of Fairgrove, on the skeet shooting range during Saturday's United Sportsmen's Alliance's (USA) annual Youth Day at the Cass City Gun Club.

Beatrice L. Wallace and Robert D. Wallace of Hemlock recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a family dinner at the Horizon Center in Saginaw Township. The former Beatrice E. Leslie and Robert D. Wallace are both graduates of Cass City High School and were married Aug. 22, 1959 in Decker. Their daughter, Julie Wallace, lives in Mount Pleasant and daughter, Leslie (Scott) Merchant live in Owosso. They have 3 grandchildren: Lexi, Tristan, and Chloeana Merchant. Bea and Bob both worked in the Hemlock Public Schools, retiring in the 90s.

"Team Wishful Walkers" - area residents Sarah Green, Beth Marshall, Heather Langenburg, Julie Ruggles and Cindy Armbruster recently joined some 1,800 participants in the Michigan Breast Cancer 3-Day, a 3-day, 60-mile walk that raised a combined \$4.7 million for breast cancer research, education and community health programs.

25 YEARS AGO (1994)

Cindy Peyerck of Cass City, a nuclear medicine technology major at Ferris State University, recently received a Paul Cole Scholarship from the Society of Nuclear Medicine Education and Research Foundation. Peyerck was recognized for her academic achievement in the Ferris program, accounting to FSU's William Barnes.

Erika Karavas recently celebrated her 8th birthday while visiting her grandparents, John and Wanda Karavas, in Dearborn. Erika and her sister, Brittany, were treated to a pony ride for the occasion and visited with their cousins Aubrey, Adam and Addison Karavas, and many girlfriends.

Two Boy Scouts from Deford troop 593 have successfully completed requirements for the Indian Lore merit badge. Denny Gibson and Travis Eyer started requirements while at Camp Rotary. They then completed the tasks by attending an Indian Pow-wow in Berne, Ind., Aug. 25-26. While there, Denny and Travis observed Indian crafts, ate Indian food and participated in the dancing. They also toured different lodges and listened to myths from the storyteller.

Navy Lt. Cmdr. Arlene B. Day, daughter of Agnes Zmich of Ubyly, recently retired from active duty after 20 years of service. Day most recently served at Fleet Anti-Submarine Warfare Training Center, Pacific, San Diego. The 1966 graduate of Ubyly High School joined the Navy in April 1970. Day is a 1970 graduate of Michigan State University, East Lansing, with a Bachelor of Science degree.

35 YEARS AGO (1984)

Mrs. Theda Seeger accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Robert Copeland of Lansing and Mrs. Doris Peck of

Flint to California. They left July 25 and returned home Aug. 15. The women are nieces of Mrs. Seeger. They attended the Olympics and in California were house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Heintz at Sunnymead and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brown at Corona. En route home they visited Salt Lake City and other places of interest.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Nizzola of Cass City, a daughter, Anne Lorraine, Aug. 20 at Huron Memorial Hospital in Bad Axe. She weighed eight pounds and six ounces and was 22 inches long. She joins a brother, Marc, 2. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nizzola of Deford and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vargo, Jr. of Cass City.

Scott Harding and Chris Tuckey, both of Cass City High School, were two of almost 8,000 students who attended the Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp, Twin Lake, MI, during the summer session this year. Tuckey, 15, an art major, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tuckey. Harding, 16, a band major, is the son of Ms. Sandra Harding.

40 YEARS AGO (1979)

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick McConkey and daughter Janet of Holland spent from Saturday until Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Keith McConkey. Their sons David and Robert, who had spent a week in Cass City, returned home with them. Other Sunday guests in the McConkey home were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dressel, Julie, Mark and Anne of Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Little took their daughter Suzanne to Kalamazoo Tuesday where she will be a freshman at Western Michigan University.

Several Tuscola county 4-H members participated in the 1979 Michigan 4-H state shows held recently at Michigan State University. In the horse show, Troy Parsell of Caro received a gold and bronze medal, Kim Walker of Silverwood received a silver medal, and Colleen Whittaker of Cass City received silver and bronze medals.

Debra Ann Stec, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Stec of Maple Street, Cass City, has graduated with honors from Army task training in Ft. Jackson, S.C. Deb is now attending the army Administration course at Ft. Jackson. Upon completion, she will be assigned to her guaranteed assignment in Europe. Deb is a 1979 graduate of Cass City High School where he was an honor roll student and news editor of the school newspaper, the Hawk Herald.

Navy Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Paul M. Krug, whose wife, Audrey, is the daughter of Kasimier and Virginia Kubacki of Ubyly, recently participated in the U.S. 6th Fleet operation "National Week 79" in the central Mediterranean Sea. He is a crewmember aboard the guided missile destroyer WSS Mahan, homeported in Charleston, S.C.

50 YEARS AGO (1969)

Robert H. Keating, The Pinney State Bank, Cass City, was among 1,345 student bankers from 37 states, Puerto Rico, Argentina, Nigeria, and Central America who have just completed the annual two-week residence session of the Graduate School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Aug. 18-30.

Sgt. Bruce Avery returned to the States at Fort Lewis, Wash., Sunday from Vietnam where he had been for one year. Sgt. Avery is to receive his discharge from the army at Fort Lewis. He has been in the Army for two years.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Rienstra entertained at a family dinner for their son, Lt. Dean Rienstra, who is home on a two-week leave. Those present at the dinner Sunday were Mrs. Clare Craig, Mr.

and Mrs. Leveret Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Sowden and daughters of Yale, Mrs. Billie Sowden and daughters of Yale, Mr. and Mrs. Galen Baker and Tim Karr of Cass City, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Sowden and family of Caro, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Rienstra of Caro, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Rabideau and son, Mel Rienstra and children, Mr. and Mrs. Paul O'Harris and family and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Reinelt of Argyle.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Putnam of Decker were honored at a surprise celebration in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary Tuesday, Aug. 26. Around 30 relatives and friends attended. Among those present were Mrs. Putnam's sisters and families, Mr. and Mrs. A. Moneybrake of Whittier, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. William Butrum of Flint and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bedell of Flint, and her two brothers and families, Mr. and Mrs. D. Collison and son Fred and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Collison and son Curtis, all of Pontiac.

75 YEARS AGO (1944)

Leo Ware of Oxford and Stanley McArthur of Cass City have purchased the property of the Burgess Gas & Oil Co. on West Main street. Mr. Burgess sold his holdings because of his wife's ill health. He has also sold, his farm, located 5 miles west and 1/4 mile north of Cass City, to Mr. Hudson of Elmwood Township. Mr. McArthur will retain his position at the Nestle's Milk Products plant. The Ware family will return to Cass City as soon as living quarters can be secured.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Hicks were pleasantly surprised last Friday night when they received a telephone call from their son, Ensign Donald W. Hicks, of the Navy Air Corps. Ensign Hicks had just returned to the States with other Navy fliers to ferry new planes back to their base somewhere in the South Atlantic. He left the States a year ago and has not obtained a leave as yet.

Now stationed at Camp Fannin, Texas, Pfc. Hardin Cleveland Simpson is a cadremann of Co. C, 64th Battalion. As a member of the cadre of the 13th Training Regiment, his work is that of helping to transform the recent civilian, now the rookie, into the Infantry soldier, highly trained as a replacement for a combat outfit. The camp is located near Tyler and the famed East Texas oil fields. The home address of Pfc. Simpson is Deford, Mich. He has been in the service since September, 1939.

100 YEARS AGO (1919)

The Priscilla Club journeyed to the beautiful farm home of Mrs. Nell McLarty Monday evening as a surprise and enjoyed a bountiful pot luck supper. Mrs. McLarty was presented with three pieces of Community silver from the club of which she has been a prominent member.

A pretty birthday party was celebrated Monday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Day when Miss Virginia and Master John entertained twenty of their little friends. Various games were played after which ice cream, assorted cakes, including two birthday cakes, wafers and candies. Virginia and John received many pretty and useful presents.

Wm. G. Force, registered pharmacist of Columbiaville, has accepted a position with the Cass City Drug Co. and began his new duties Tuesday. Mr. Force has gained invaluable experience, serving in the Medical Corps for 18 months as registered pharmacist in an evacuation hospital in France and just recently received his discharge. He formerly was connected with the Robinson drug store at Columbiaville and the T. C. Bearss Drug Co. at Fostoria and comes highly recommended to his new duties here.

Thank You

We would like to offer a heartfelt thank you to the Elkland Township Fire Department, especially; Chief Glenn Guilds, Nick Moyer, Paul Learman and Tony Middaugh for their recent assistance.

They went above and beyond to help us out and it was most appreciated.

We are fortunate and blessed to have such a fantastic group of men willing to serve on our fire department.

Thank you for all you do for this community.

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CASS CITY Elementary School's open house last week offered students the opportunity to meet not only their teachers, but also their school bus drivers (above), the school nurse and the cafeteria staff.

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Tuscola County Animal Shelter enjoying success

Continued from page one.

In her first annual report, covering the period from July through December 2018, Nancy reported the shelter saw an adoption rate of 35 percent and a return-to-owner rate of 20 percent. Transfers to other rescue operations was 35 percent, and the euthanasia rate was just 4.5 percent.

Nancy credited social media sites such as Facebook and Pet Finder for helping to boost adoption rates and with more pets being returned to their owners.

"Adoptions are going well this year. We are over our estimated yearly amount by \$8,000, which is fabulous," Nancy said.

To help promote adoptions and donations for the shelter, Nancy is involved in radio station promotions and attends a variety of events that showcase the animals

available for adoption and to let people know that donations of food, litter, bedding and other animal care products are needed.

And, under her guidance, the shelter has developed a program that benefits residents as well as the animals.

"Lighthouse rehabilitation therapists bring in their clients and walk our dogs, play inside with the cats and rabbits we have. This promotes their social skills, cognitive skills and community re-entry," explained Nancy. "They come three to five times a week. It is very beneficial for our animals as well to see familiar faces and to get some daily exercise."

In addition, children in foster care visit the shelter and read to the animals.

Some of the other partnerships and relationships that have helped the shelter include: Cass River Pet Friendz, the K9 Stray Rescue League out of Oxford, Canine Companions of Clarkston, Mitten Mutts of Michigan in Saginaw, and the Humane societies of Bay County and Midland County.

The report covered only a portion of the year's operation because the shelter had to be reorganized from the ground up.

About 19 years ago, Tuscola County officials closed the shelter to save money, and for a brief time it was operated by a non-profit animal rescue agency. However, that did not work out, so the shelter closed. As a result, animals were

routinely abandoned to fend for themselves, which created numerous problems.

Later, Tuscola County started contracting with Sanilac County for animal control services in order to reopen the county's animal shelter. That arrangement worked well for several years until Sanilac Animal Control Director James Matson retired in June 2018.

After not being able to find another animal control shelter to partner with, Tuscola officials decided to reactivate their own animal shelter at 2738 W. Caro Rd. (M-81), Caro, again.

A director and staff to run the shelter had to be hired, and equipment — trucks with cages, etc. — had to be bought.

Some of the shelter work has included renovations, painting, the addition of new cat cages, installation of vents for better air flow, and fencing.

The animal shelter and its staff are dedicated to the welfare of the animals and safety of the citizens in the county.

The shelter is closed Mondays; open from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, and Wednesdays from noon to 7 p.m. It is open occasionally on Saturdays (check the shelter's Facebook page for availability).

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- ~ Changes in sleep
- ~ Changes in appetite
- ~ Lack of concentration
- ~ Suicidal thoughts
- ~ Loss of energy
- ~ Lack of interest in activities
- ~ Hopelessness or guilty thoughts
- ~ Physical aches and pains
- ~ Changes in movement (less activity or agitation)

CAUSES Depression does not have a single cause. It can be triggered by a life crisis, physical illness or something else - but it can also occur spontaneously. Several factors may contribute to depression:

- ~ **Trauma.** When people experience trauma at an early age, it can cause long-term changes in how their brains respond to fear and stress. These changes may lead to depression.
- ~ **Genetics.** Mood disorders, such as depression, tend to run in families.
- ~ **Life circumstances.** Marital status, relationship changes, financial standing and where a person lives influence whether a person develops depression.
- ~ **Brain changes.** Imaging studies have shown that the frontal lobe of the brain becomes less active when a person is depressed. Depression is also associated with changes in how the pituitary gland and hypothalamus respond to hormone stimulation.
- ~ **Other medical conditions.** People who have a history of sleep disturbances, medical illness, chronic pain, anxiety and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) are more likely to develop depression. Some medical syndromes (like hypothyroidism) can mimic depressive disorder. Some medications can also cause symptoms of depression.
- ~ **Drug and alcohol abuse.** Approximately 30% of people with substance abuse problems also have depression. *Source: NAMI*

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Risky behavior meeting topic

CASS CITY – Area parents are invited to attend an upcoming program that will address risky teen behaviors – involving social media, vaping, marijuana, etc. – and how they affect teen brain development. The event, hosted by the Tuscola and Huron county health departments, is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 12, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Charmont in Cass City. The free presentation, for parents only, will include lunch. Residents can register by calling (989) 673-1723 or (989) 269-3319, or via email to sluedtke@tchd.us or kpitts@hchd.us. The guest speaker will be Ken Dail, Prevention Network Michigan executive director.

4-H council members sought

HURON COUNTY — The Huron County 4-H Leaders' Association is accepting nominations for 4-H adult volunteers and youth members to serve on the 4-H Council. Not a current adult 4-H volunteer, but you would like to serve on the 4-H Council? Contact Patti Error at (989) 269-9949 (ext. 609) to get the MSU Extension volunteer select process started. The deadline to apply is Monday, Sept. 9. The 4-H Council consists of up to nine 4-H adult volunteers and up to nine 4-H youth members, including 4-H senior ambassadors. Huron County MSU Extension 4-H staff are ex-officio (non-voting) council members. Each 4-H Council members has a vote with the exception of ex-officio members.

Sanilac park upgrades underway

SANILAC COUNTY — Work continues on upgrades to Forester Park in Sanilac County, with bids being accepted until today (Wednesday) for the second phase of the improvements. This phase focuses on the park's sanitary sewer and treatment systems and electrical improvements. The work includes building a sanitary pump station and treatment tanks to serve 58 existing recreational vehicle lots, burying electrical conduit, and wiring service to 82 existing lots. Forester Park consists of 68 acres about six miles north of Port Sanilac on M-25 along Lake Huron. It has a handicapped accessible shower building, a park store, picnic pavilions, a swimming beach area, nature trails, playground equipment and a basketball court. Located at 2829 N. Lakeshore Rd., Carsonville, the recreational facility is open from May 1 to Oct. 31 for camping, and for day use from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Rustic camping with no utilities is \$25 a night or \$100 a week, sites with water/electric are \$30 a night or \$150 a week, sites with water-electric and sewer are \$35 a day or \$180 a week, and rustic Cabins with electric and air conditioning may be rented for \$65 a day or \$390 a week.

Outdoor pool season coming to end

CASS CITY — The start of classes for the 2019-20 school year means the Helen Stevens Memorial Pool in Cass City will be closing soon for the season. The last day the pool will be open will be Sunday, Sept. 1. On that day, the pool will have open swim from one to 5 p.m. The pool will also be open Saturday, Aug. 31, from one to 5 p.m., but the pool will be closed Friday, Aug. 30.

MDOT road work in the Thumb

THUMB — Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) crews will start doing crack-seal treatments on routes in six counties Wednesday, Sept. 4. The work will be along 85 miles of state trunkline – a \$357,000 investment in all – in Tuscola, Huron, Sanilac, Lapeer, Shiawassee and St. Clair counties. The work will include: M-53, from one mile south of M-81 to M-81 near Cass City in Sanilac County; M-81, from Veterans Drive to M-53 in Cass City (Tuscola and Sanilac counties); M-25, from Helena Road to Harbor Beach south city limit, Huron County; M-53, from M-142 to M-142 in Bad Axe, Huron County; and M-25, from Bay Street to Canboro Road in Sebawaing, Huron County.

250-plus tires collected in Gagetown

GAGETOWN – More than 250 tires were collected during a recent recycling event at the Gagetown DPW garage parking lot. Organizers reported 259 unwanted tires were brought in. Tire collection was part of an effort to remove breeding spots for mosquitos, and was made possible with funding from the Tuscola County Mosquito Abatement and the Tuscola County Recycling programs.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery



Veteran Kingston educator honored

A KINGSTON educator school officials describe as being “extraordinary” was recognized last week for his 50 years of service to students and families in the Kingston community. Teacher Joe Peet was recognized with a commemorative plaque from the school and a special tribute from the state of Michigan. Pictured above are (from left) Kingston High School alumnus Jeff Phillips, Peet, 84th District state Rep. Phil Green and Kingston Board of Education President Dave Kolacz. (Photo courtesy of Kingston Community Schools)

B's Corner Cafe serving up home cooking family style in Cass City

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

Editor's note: This is the second in a series of stories that will be running in the Chronicle in the coming weeks, all featuring local businesses.

Some restaurants say they offer home cooking, but they really don't when it comes right down to it. B's Corner Café, 6479 Main St., Cass City, really does have home cooking, and it's served up by a family that owns the business and celebrated their fifth anniversary in July. “Everything is made from scratch. We use real potatoes that are never frozen. The bread is homemade and the vegetables are fresh,” said Brenda Sherman-Mann, who owns B's Corner Cafe. And, speaking of home, the business is operated primarily by the family. Sherman-Mann's mother,

Sharon Gebhardt; sister, Lisa Gebhardt; husband, Dave Mann; and son, Daniel Hendrick, all work and/or help out at the restaurant, as does her grandson, Chandler Hendrick, from time to time busying tables. She also has two part-time em-

grandmother, Bernice Sherman,” said Sherman-Mann. “She owned a restaurant in Carsonville. She was quite the baker and cook. And, she was the cook at the school in Carsonville.” Although Sherman-Mann ended up following in her grandmother's footsteps, the two never worked together. “It was known through the family that she owned a restaurant. She had it before I was even born,” Sherman-Mann said. A Unionville couple who ordered chicken strips and fries at the local restaurant said they were impressed with the large strips, adding they tasted “awesome.” Some of the restaurant's offerings are themed items, such as Taco Tuesdays. B's Corner Cafe is open from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, and from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. More information is available by calling (989) 912-2444.



HERE TO serve you -- B's Corner Cafe is a family owned and operated business. Owner Brenda Sherman-Mann (above, second from right) runs the business with (from left) her son, Daniel Hendrick; sister, Lisa Gebhardt; Alivia Blossom; her mother, Sharon Gebhardt; and her husband Dave Mann.

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Waivers threatening ag

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ated he feels some companies are abusing the RFS program. "The RFS allows small refineries to petition the EPA for hardship waivers," Gloer explained. "What's actually evolved is the EPA has approved virtually all waiver requests, so now everyone is jumping on the bandwagon requesting waivers. Even multi-billion dollar corporations are requesting hardship waivers. "Small refinery waivers really hurt the industry," he said. "My opinion, going forward, is ethanol will be forced to compete with oil based on price."

Michigan Ethanol by the Numbers

Ethanol Plant, Location	Ethanol Prod. Cap. (million gal./year)
Marysville Ethanol LLC, Marysville	50
POET Biorefining - Caro LLC, Caro	53
The Andersons Albion Ethanol LL, Albion	140
Valero Renewable Fuels Co. LLC, Riga	55
Carbon Green BioEnergy LLC, Woodbury	55
Total Annual Ethanol Production	353
Total Annual State Corn Production	350 Million Bushels
Total Annual State Consumption for Ethanol	129 Million Bushels 37% of total corn production

Source: Michigan Corn Growers Association

Ethanol companies contend the waivers are eroding corn demand. The U.S. Department of Agriculture has cut its estimate of corn use for ethanol by 225 million bushels — a reduction equivalent to Michigan's entire corn crop.

Broin says the EPA's continued granting of SREs is wiping out any near-term growth potential for year-round E15 (ethanol blended fuel) and challenging the president's promises made to family farmers and rural communities.

"My long-term fear isn't for the biofuels industry, it's for rural America," Broin said. "The EPA has robbed rural America, and it's time for farmers across the heartland to fight for their future."

According to the Renewable Fuels Association (RFA), 15 ethanol plants have already shut down. Of those, three aren't expected to re-open, due to the loss demand for ethanol as a result of the EPA action. Gloer noted that currently oil is very cheap.

"Farmers would have to grow \$3 corn for ethanol to compete with current oil prices. Farmers' break-even (price) on corn is around \$3.75," he explained.

POET, the world's largest biofuels producer, opened its Caro plant in 2002 on 112 acres in Indianfields Township, west of the city of Caro. That factory uses about 18 million bushels of corn from throughout the region and produces roughly 53 million gallons of ethanol annually.

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MEMBERS of the 2019 Cass City Red Hawk football team are: (front row, l-r) Tristan Swiderski, Jordan Mester, Justin Miller, Daniel Medina, Kyle Jordan, Matt Mihalic (second row) Bryce Fernald, Alex Perry, Hadyn Horne, Gary Janik, Collen Wrubel, Dustin Naegele, Cameron Kaake (third row) Jeremy Velasquez, Joseph Zietz, Jacob Shantz, Caden Caister, Hunter Caister, Noah Zaleski (back row) Ryan DeLong, Connor Herford, Coach Tavis Osentoski, Coach Scott Cuthrell, Logan Boynton and Sandyn Cuthrell.

Cass City ready to defend GTW crown

by Clarke Haire
 Publisher

For the first time in school history the Cass City Red Hawk football team will enter the season as defending Greater Thumb West

champions.

And although veteran Coach Scott Cuthrell will be missing several key players from last year's team that finished with a perfect 6-0 mark in conference play, 8-3 overall, don't expect the winning

ways on the gridiron field to end any time soon locally.

In fact, Cuthrell has a dozen returning letter winners to mold this year's team around as Cass City seeks their 6th straight MHSAA playoff appearance. Over the last

5 seasons, the Red Hawks have won 38 games and lost just 16 despite playing in the always tough Greater Thumb West (GTW) with a rugged non-conference slate as well.

A brutal schedule doesn't change

in 2019 for Cass City, as the Red Hawks host Montrose Thursday for their season opener in non-conference play. The Rams defeated Cass City 48-22 last year on their path all the way to a Division 6 playoff semifinal berth.

Sure to be missed from a year ago are Cass City graduates Hank Janik, Luke Stern, Zach Beecher and Jarod Naegele, all voted GTW first team all-conference selections in their final seasons. Janik was a dream team performer at guard on offense and linebacker on defense, while Stern and Beecher were first team picks on offense. Running back Stern rushed for 674 yards and six touchdowns and hauled in 11 receptions for another 347 yards and seven touchdowns. End Beecher, meanwhile, matured into a fantastic ball player according to Coach Cuthrell and was a big blocker and an even bigger target in the team's two point conversion tries. Adding to the Red Hawks' graduation toll in 2019 is Naegele. He was honored as a first team defensive specialist who committed with Ohio Northern University to continue his football career.

Still, optimism runs high for Cass City as the 2019 season approaches. The team's high hopes start with 4-year standout Sandyn Cuthrell. He was an all-conference first team choice on both offense and defense as a junior and is a pre-season candidate for Player-of-the-Year honors in the Thumb in his final campaign.

Quarterback Cuthrell ran for 633 yards and 15 touchdowns and threw for 347 yards – he completed 12-of-14 tries – for seven scores in 2018. Defensively, at 6'1" and 185 pounds, Cuthrell was a threatening figure. He led the team in interceptions last year.

Also returning for Cass City with all-conference honors are Matt Mihalic, Alex Perry, Hunter Caister and Collen Wrubel.

Junior Mihalic was a first team all-conference pick on defense and a second team selection on offense. He anchored the line along with seniors Hunter Caister and Collen Wrubel, who also received all-conference recognition last year.

Junior Alex Perry is the team's final returnee with all-conference praises under his belt. Named as a defensive honorable mention player in 2018, expect Perry to be among the team's leading tacklers at fullback if Cass City is to repeat as GTW champs.



MEMBERS of the 2019 Cass City Red Hawk volleyball team are: (front row, l-r) Hailey Beckrow, Tiana Tageson, Abby Phillips, Macey White (middle row) Taylor Cumper, Madison Cumper, Abbey Salcido, Dawson Klein, Emma Hunt (back row) Haven Bouverette, Sierra Spry, Madilyn Tschirhart and Tiara Anthony.

Red Hawk spikers hit with heavy graduation toll

by Clarke Haire
 Publisher

Gone for Coach Amy Cuthrell, now in her fourth year as leader of the Cass City volleyball program, are several stars from the Red Hawks' 2018 roster.

Four all-conference picks, including dream team performers Kacey Haire and Kelly Ziegler, will need to be replaced for the Lady Red Hawks to succeed in 2019.

Haire was a three year varsity

player and served as one of the captains to last year's team. She led the team in kills and was awarded first team all-conference and all-region for her hard work and commitment. Haire finished second in digs and third in serve receptions. Ziegler was a two year varsity player who led the team in digs and receptions playing as the team's Libero. Ziegler recorded a milestone of 1093 digs and received both first team all-conference and all-region honors.

Also missing in this year's line-

up are graduates Brittany Hamilton and Jalene Krol, who were honorable mention all-conference choices as seniors. Hamilton, a two year varsity setter, led the team in assists and was third on the team for blocking and first in service aces, while Krol, also a two year varsity player, stepped into a starting middle hitter position in her final season and led the team in blocking and finished second on the team in kills. Adding to the team's graduation losses is front row specialist Hailey

Schmotzer.

Expected to help offset those losses in 2019 are five returning letter winners. Headlining the list are seniors Abbey Salcido and Hailey Beckrow, Salcido, an honorable mention all-conference player as a junior takes over the Libero position from Zeigler and Beckrow is expected to be the team's front row power hitter, along with returning letter winners Madilyn Tschirhart and Tiara Anthony.

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McArdle and Copeland pace Cass City runners at early season outings

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

Early season results have veteran Cass City cross country Coach Jon Zdrojewski pleased with what he's seeing from his Red Hawk teams.

"We had near perfect conditions for running as we competed in a very large meet in Birch Run on Thursday," reported Zdrojewski, noting his men's team finished 7th overall out of 22 complete teams and 5th in the small school division, while the women's team finished in 8th place out of 21 complete teams and were 4th in the small school division.

Leading the way for Cass City were returning letter winners Nick McArdle and Riley Copeland.

For the Red Hawks, McArdle ran the best race of his career, taking 4th out of 229 finishers. He established a new personal record of 16:40, which will place him on the Top 10 All-Time Board at the high school.

"Nick will continue to improve and has set some very high goals for himself this season, and he's only a junior," said Zdrojewski.

Brandon Witherspoon was next for the Red Hawks and finished 29th. His time of 18:53 was within three seconds of his personal record. Drew Markel (19:12) was third for Cass City taking 38th and was followed by teammate Hugh Walker (19:49) taking 59th, both running sub 20 minute races. Anthony Boscaglia was the final scorer for the Red Hawks and finished in 76th place in a time of 20:30.

Medalist for the men's field was Coleman Clark of Carson City-Crystal who held off Ithaca 93-97 for the team championship.

For the Lady Red Hawks, Copeland led her team, taking 19th place out of 226 finishers in a time of 21:56, while Amelia Weiler ran a very strong race and finished in 46th place with a time of 24:01, nearly one minute faster than her last race, according to Zdrojewski, noting she was closely followed by Madi Ware taking 50th in 24:09 that was nearly three minutes faster than Ware ran the same race last year. The final scorers were Mary Muter (24:26) and Marla Muter (25:04) taking 55th and 82nd respectively.

Frankenmuth's Gabbie Michael was fastest for the women's field with a time of 18:42. Once again Ithaca finished as the runner-up, as Frankenmuth was the easy winner with 33 points and Ithaca posted a score of 63.

USA INVITE

Earlier in the week, on Monday, Cass City traveled to USA for

their first showing of the year.

USA edged Cass City 45-48 for the men's title, while Reese was third with a tally of 71 and was followed in the team standings by Mayville with 80 and Bad Axe with 88.

McArdle easily won the race by nearly a minute to pace Cass City and was the only runner to break the 18 minute mark with a winning time of 17:40. Markel, with a time of 19:45 was the second scorer for Cass City and was 8th to the finish line, while Witherspoon in 12th and Walker in 13th were next for Cass City. Boscaglia finished in 23rd place and was Cass City's 5th scorer in his first cross country race ever.

"I think Anthony will be a strong athlete for the team and I look forward to him continuing to improve. He should also benefit from his cross season as he looks forward to track," Zdrojewski said.

Turning to the women's field, Reese was the team winner with an impressive score of 35. Following the Rockets were Bad Axe (62), Cass City (63), Owen-Gage (72) and Mayville (110).

"The Reese ladies will be a very good team this season and will be the favorites to win the conference title again this year," Zdrojewski said before praising his own.

"Junior Riley Copeland ran an excellent first race, coming in second place and setting the bar high for her season. Sophomore Madison Ware was the second Red Hawk across the line for the team, taking 12th place overall in a great race. Third for the Hawks was freshman Amelia Weiler, taking 16th in her first varsity race. The final 2 scorers for the team were Mary and Marla Muter, taking 20th and 21st respectively."

The individual winner for the women was Jelena Prescott, Bad Axe, with a time of 22:15.



THE 2019 overall winner of the Hills and Dales General Hospital annual golf outing fundraiser is Anrod Screen. The team members are, from the left, Greg Biddinger, Jeff Mackenzie, Brody Beachy and Erik Tamlyn.

Hospital golf fundraiser set record

The annual Hills and Dales General Hospital golf outing raised more than \$33,000 in 2019, making it the largest amount collected in the 21 year history of the fundraiser.

The event – held Aug. 20 – attracted 32 teams to Ubyly Heights Golf and Country Club and 12 teams to Rolling Hills Golf Course in Cass City. Additionally, there were over 40 sponsors for the affair.

Each year, Hills & Dales Foundation reviews requests from hospital departments for items such as new equipment, updated technology, staff education and training. Last year, the Foundation gave back over \$23,000 to the hospital departments; which is a tremendous gift for them and additionally funds were requested and given to Northwood Meadows Assisted Living for the installation of a generator. It is because of successful golf outings like this one, and

our other fundraisers throughout the year, that the Foundation can fund these requests, says Danielle Blaine, Foundation and Marketing Director, adding, "We are so thankful for the support we receive for the golf outing. Each year it grows a little bit more and that allows us to give a little bit more back to the hospital. We enjoyed almost perfect weather this year and had a really great time."

This year's winners in Ubyly included:

*Men's Team: Anrod Screen, which consisted of Greg Biddinger, Erik Tamlyn, Jeff Mackenzie and Brody Beachy, shooting a 58.

*Women's Team: Marlette & Deckerville Hospital Team: which consisted of Angie McConnachie, Kim Gentner, Jenna Muxlow and Michelle McRobbie, shooting a 75.

*Mixed Team: Team Malone, which consisted of Tony Malone,

Brett McBride, Nathan Brinkman and Shauna Brinkman, shooting a 60.

*Longest Drive, men: Brody Beachy, women: Dr. Nancy Wade.

*Closest to the Pin, women: Koree Muska.

This year's winners in Cass City included:

*Men's Team: Thumb Bank & Trust, which consisted of Jim Hempton, Curt Strickland, Ben Schott and Andy Gray, shooting a 33.

*Women's Team: Team Robbins, which consisted of Jessica Robbins, Laura Curtis, Dawn VanVliet and Kelli McIntyre, shooting a 36.

*Mixed Team: Pat Curtis & Family, which consisted of Pat Curtis, Dan Curtis, Tony Curtis and Danielle Curtis, shooting a 33.

*Longest Drive, men: John D'Arcy, women: Kim St. Onge.

*Closest to the Pin, men: Tom Thompson, women: Kelli McIntyre.



MEMBERS of the 2019 Cass City Red Hawk cross country team are: (front row, l-r) Thomas Muter, Hugh Walker, Gabe Schwendinger, Kevin Estrella, Lucas Swiderski, Drew Markel (back row) Brandon Witherspoon, Justin Schaufele, Andrew Venema, Anthony Boscaglia and Coach Jon Zdrojewski. Missing: Nick McArdle and Evan Roggenbuck.



MEMBERS of the 2019 Cass City Lady Red Hawk cross country team are: (front row, l-r) Madison Ware, Chloe Jaworski, Amelia Weiler, Riley Copeland (back row) Mia Wright, Marla Muter, Mary Muter and Coach Jon Zdrojewski.

Cass City advances to elimination rounds at Hatchet Invitational

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Among the team's newcomers, Sierra Spry has been impressive.

On Saturday, Cass City opened up the 2019 season at the 32nd Annual Hatchet Invitational.

In pool play, the Hawks defeated Imlay City 25-12, 25-10, while splitting with Midland 19-25, 25-21 and Millington 25-21, 22-25. Going into bracket play as a top 6 seed, they dropped both sets to Bad Axe 24-26 and 14-25 to end the day.

Leading the way offensively were middle blocking duo senior Sierra Spry with 19 kills and junior Sierra Spry with 12 kills. Spry also led the team in hitting effi-

ciency with a .345 clip and blocks with 5 stuffs. Behind the line, junior Haven Bouverette clocked in eight aces.

Defensively, Salcido was credited with 39 digs, followed by junior Maddie Cumper with 25.

"With the school in the midst of several construction projects, limiting our practice availability, I am really happy with our debut. We have a team who has some decorated athletes and are willing to work hard when called upon. This past weekend I was able to see both strengths and also areas that are in need of some fine tuning. I now have a base to work from and am confident we will get better each week," Cuthrell said.

Cass City Jr./Sr. High School - 2019 Fall Sports Schedules

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2019 Football Season



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Montross @ Cass City	Montross	Cass City	Montross	Montross
Harbor Beach @ Bad Axe	Bad Axe	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach
Carrollton @ EPBP	Carrollton	EPBP	EPBP	Carrollton
Marlette @ Reese	Reese	Reese	Marlette	Reese
USA @ Ubly	Ubly	Ubly	Ubly	USA
Birch Run @ Caro	Birch Run	Birch Run	Birch Run	Caro
(8-man games)				
Morrice @ Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Morrice
Burton Madison @ O-G	Madison	Owen-Gage	Madison	Madison
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8/24	Bad Axe (V)	9:00 a.m.
9/7	Birch Run (V)	8:30 a.m.
9/10	EPB Lakers (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
9/12	Bad Axe (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
9/14	Ogemaw Heights (V)	9:00 a.m.
9/17	Vassar (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
9/19	USA (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
9/21	Frankenmuth (V)	8:00 a.m.
9/21	Bay City Central (JV)	8:00 a.m.
9/26	Caro (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
9/28	Ogemaw Heights (JV)	TBD
10/1	Reese (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
10/3	EPB Lakers (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
10/5	Croswell-Lexington (JV)	TBD
10/8	Bad Axe (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
10/10	Vassar (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
10/15	USA (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
10/19	Marysville (V)	TBD
10/19	North Branch (JV)	TBD
10/22	Caro (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
10/24	Capac (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
10/29	Reese (V)	6:00 p.m.
11/4	Districts (V)	TBD

VARSITY FOOTBALL

DATE	OPPONENT
8/29	Montrose
9/6	USA
9/13	Marlette
9/20	EPB Lakers
9/27	Vassar (Homecoming)
10/4	Bad Axe
10/11	Caro
10/18	Reese
10/25	Ubly

All Varsity Games begin at 7 p.m.

JV FOOTBALL

DATE	OPPONENT
8/28	Montrose
9/5	USA
9/12	Harbor Beach
9/19	EPB Lakers
9/26	Vassar
10/3	Bad Axe
10/10	Caro
10/17	Reese
10/24	Ubly

All JV Games begin at 6:30 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
8/19	USA Invite	3:00 p.m.
8/22	Birch Run Invite	1:15 p.m.
8/29	Brown City Invite	5:30 p.m.
9/7	Bad Axe Invite	TBD
9/14	Holly Invite	TBD
9/19	Frankenmuth Invite	4:15 p.m.
9/21	EPB Laker Invite	TBD
9/28	Wagener Park Invite (Harbor Beach)	8:30 a.m.
10/5	Cass City Invite	TBD
10/7	Mayville JH Inv.	3:45 p.m.
10/9	Ubly Invite	TBD
10/15	GTC League @ Bay Port	4:30 p.m.
10/19	Thumb Meet @ Caro	10:30 a.m.

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School hires 4 new teachers

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all involved – from the school staff to local contractors to the district’s construction management company – for a job well done across the board.

“It’s been very positive. I’m very happy,” Hartel told the board, noting the improvements came in under budget, which should allow school officials to get a head start on purchasing additional school buses early next year as well as tackling replacement of the elementary school boilers a year ahead of schedule.

This year’s bond construction capital improvements budget was originally set at \$2,458,900, but the total was trimmed down to \$1,933,553, thanks to some bids coming in under budget last spring, leaving roughly \$500,000 for projects — previously delayed until 2021 or 2023 – that could be tackled this year.

The additional/early upgrades have included resurfacing of the elementary school gymnasium, replacement of the elementary school’s main entrance doors, and the purchase of one new school bus. Crews were also able to apply a new coat of paint to virtually every classroom and corridor at the high.

This year’s upgrades included installation of an updated heating and cooling system at the high school (the old steam heat system has been replaced with a forced-air system), new entrances at the high school and elementary building to enhance security, and replacement of the aging clock/fire alarm system at the high school.

Hartel noted replacement of the entrance doors at both the elementary and junior-senior high buildings was delayed by a few days but should be completed within the next few days.

The combined projects marked the first phase of three sets of capital improvement projects in the district, all funded by a voter-approved millage extension over the next few years.

Cass City voters overwhelming supported a proposed \$8.68 million bond extension proposal in the spring of 2018, paving the way to generate enough funding for a number of upgrades designed to provide students with a safer, more secure and energy efficient learning environment.

The bond extension will generate funding in three increments, and the work will be completed over a period of about five years, according to Hartel.

When it’s all said and done, upgrades at the high school will also focus on technology and renovation of science labs and restrooms. Funding will also go towards band instrument storage, classroom and art room casework, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) lab and classroom furniture.

In the elementary building, upgrades will also target the hearing/air conditioning/ventilation system, including replacement of boilers; electrical service, parking lot paving and playground equipment.

In other business

Also Monday, the board: *Heard brief reports from elementary principal Aaron Fernald, junior-senior high Principal Chad Daniels, and new Athletic Director-Assistant Principal Lindsay Bitzer.

Fernald reported M-STEP test results are in, although embargoed, and it appears local students improved their scores in nearly every area. He said a full report will be presented in the near future.

He also told the board the district’s Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) will boast two full sections of students – 18 in one and about 15 in the other at last count. GSRP is the state-funded preschool program for four-year-old at-risk children.

Daniels said plans to establish an in-house alternative education program are progressing, with seven or eight students scheduled to participate to-date. He also lauded recent staff training related to implementation of Flippen Group’s Capturing Kids’ Hearts program starting this school year.

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

Bitzer, meanwhile, reported she is getting settled in her new roles. In the area of athletics, she told the board that concussion testing of all student football players has been completed, thanks to the staff at the Lighthouse. She also mentioned a recent news article that listed the Cass City Schools as being ranked third in Class C among Michigan districts whose students participate in multiple sports (84.7 percent).

Council approves upgrades

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to diversify incoming funds during tax season.

Village Manager Debbie Powell recently met with representatives of several banks, including Chemical Bank – the village’s current institution — Northstar Bank and Frankenmuth Credit Union, and reported she was impressed with the willingness of the lenders to work with village management. In addition to Chemical Bank, she said a certificate of deposit will be initiated with Frankenmuth Credit Union and money market funds will be opened with Northstar Bank in the near future.

“This is our first step in banking diversification that was recommended in the 2018 financial audit,” Powel noted.

In other business, council members discussed strategies to create a “pocket park” with seating behind the municipal building in the parking lot area.

Powell recommended that grant funding from philanthropic organizations be pursued before the fast-approaching fall deadlines. The council also agreed to explore grant funding for additional seating at the village pool, as there has been some wear and tear and breakage of the community pool chairs and lounges.

Also Monday, the council: *Learned that 49.64 percent of the village of Cass City taxes have been collected to-date.

*Heard a report from Helen Stevens Memorial Pool Director Erika Martin that noted the pool will be closed Aug. 26-30 but open Saturday, Aug 31, from one to 5 p.m., and Sunday, Sept. 1, from one to 5 p.m.

*Approved payment of \$1,500 to Anderson, Tuckey, Bernhard and Doran for GASB 75 reporting requirements completed in 2018.

*Approved and filed the minutes of the Aug. 15 committee of the whole meeting and the minutes of the council’s July 29 regular meeting of the council along with the financial statement ending July 31. Also approved and filed were the July 9 minutes of the Cass City Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and the Cass City Economic Development Corporation (EDC).

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Obituaries

Wanalee Hartel

Wanalee Marie Hartel, 86, of Cass City died following a brief illness Wednesday, August 21, 2019 in Courtney Manor, Bad Axe.

She was born May 26, 1933 in Cass City to Cletus and Leona Mae (Hawthornth) Morell.

She married Donald Lorn Hartel June 6, 1953 in Cumber. He died March 25, 2012.

Wanalee graduated from Cass City High School. She was a stay at home mother and raised her children.

Years later, she worked as a cook and dietitian for Huron Memorial Hospital for over twenty years until retiring at age 71. Wanalee made special homemade

dishes for the doctors and was known for her delicious soup. She loved gardening, canning and fed the entire neighborhood with her vegetables.

Wanalee enjoyed time spent with family and friends. She was skilled at sewing and made many baby blankets. Wanalee was an active member

of Mizpah Missionary Church in Cass City where she helped with funeral luncheons and many fundraisers. Don and Wanalee would spend

Sundays driving to Port Huron to watch the ships, enjoy lighthouses and visiting friends along the way.

Wanalee is survived by her children: Scott (Amy) Hartel of Cass City, Dyanna (Jay) Bismack of Minden City, Connie (Rick) Hollis of Cass City

and Beth Vincent of Marion, OH; eight grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; brother, Butch (Joanne) Morell of Cass City; and sister, Carol Ann

(Bill) Green of Rochester Hills.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; sisters: Barb and Donna; and brother-in-law, Stan.

A funeral service was held Saturday, August 24, in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City

with Pastor Dale Bullock of Mizpah Missionary Church, Cass City officiating.

Interment was in Elkland Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Revive Ministries or Mizpah Missionary Church.

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

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.



2019 wheat trial results are in and available to farmers

Michigan farmers who plant wheat and are making decisions for this fall will want to review the results of the high-management work funded by the Michigan Wheat Program (MWP).

For the seventh consecutive year, the Michigan Wheat Program has partnered with Michigan State University to incorporate a high-management component into the MSU Wheat Performance Trials. Those trials have been harvested and the results are hot off the press.

Farmers have the opportunity to study the results of 108 different varieties tested in plots across Michigan before making seed purchasing decisions for planting this fall, according to MSU wheat specialist Dennis Pennington.

“We’d like to think that the Michigan Wheat Program’s focus on high-management research and extension outreach, along with Michigan’s unique climate, and especially these high-management plot comparisons are helping drive increased productivity and quality in the state even when faced with tough weather years,” said David Milligan, chairman of the nine-member MWP Board and a wheat farmer from Cass City.

Results of the 2018-2019 research plots just harvested found that high management produced on average an 11.7 bushel/acre yield advantage, with some varieties responding with more than a 20 bushel/acre higher yield.

“Every wheat farmer in Michigan should be looking at his farm management and how the various varieties respond to high management to make the decision as to what is the best variety for their farm,” Milligan said.

This year’s performance trials include 59 commercial wheat varieties and 49 experimental wheat

seed lines. The seed lines were developed by 13 organizations and several seed companies.

“When selecting varieties, it’s important to look at multi-year data from locations that are closest to the soil type and conditions you have on your farm,” commented Pennington. “Farmers should study individual varieties across all the parameters evaluated in the trials including yield, test weight and disease ratings. This report is an unbiased, scientifically-based evaluation of varieties in various Michigan regions.

“This data is meant to give Michigan farmers a leg up over their competition in other states. This report will be a valuable tool in helping farmers make decisions about which varieties to plant on their farms,” Pennington said.

Wheat trial details

MSU’s wheat research team has planted wheat trial plots for more than 17 years. During the 2018-2019 growing season, research plots were planted on private farmland in five counties and the MSU Research Farm: Gratiot, Ingham, Huron, Lenawee, Sanilac and Tuscola.

This year’s trials included two farms that had both conventional and high-management plots, to create a “same farm” comparison. These comparisons occurred in Gratiot and Tuscola Counties; unfortunately, the Gratiot conventional management comparison was lost due to spring rain damage.

Farms hosting the trials included Stuart Bierlein of Reese (Tuscola County), Crumbaugh Legacy Farms of Ithaca (Gratiot County), Darwin Sneller of Owendale (Huron County), MSU Mason Research Farm (Ingham County), Woods Seed Farm of Deerfield

(Lenawee County) and JGDM Farms of Deckerville (Sanilac County).

High-management wheat plots included an additional 30 pounds of nitrogen per acre (28 percent nitrogen), as well as Quilt Excel fungicide at Feekes 9.0 (flag leaf) and Prosoaro fungicide at the average flowering date in each location, Pennington said.

“At their (next) meeting, the Michigan Wheat Program board will take a deeper dive into results of the 2019 Wheat Performance Trials including high-management treatments, and will consider whether to continue this multi-year project for the 2019-2020 season,” said Jody Pollok-Newsom, executive director of the Michigan Wheat Program.

“There is a wealth of knowledge in the report and I know the board is very proud of playing this important role in advancing knowledge about high-management wheat production here,” said Pollok-Newsom.

Results of the 2019 trials, as well as the prior six years of high-management data, is available at www.miwheat.org under the Research and High-Management tabs. The 2019 data may also be found on the home page under “What’s Hot.” MSU researchers and the MWP recommend reviewing at least three years of trial research when making decisions for your farm.

The MWP is a check-off organization funded by nearly 8,000 wheat farmers who grow wheat in 50 of Michigan’s 83 counties.

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THE FIRST varsity football game of the season in the Kingston School District – Thursday, Aug. 29, at 7 p.m. – will be a time of celebration for residents, who will find a new look to the athletic facility. The grand entrance, for example, welcomes visitors with a custom Cardinal Country greeting. The building and its contents were 100-percent community funded. Other upgrades include new stadium lights and new bleachers on both of home and visitors' side that are ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant.

Ubly School's ag barn gets a generous boost

Ubly Community School officials are a step closer to completing their Future Farmers of America (FFA) barn project, thanks to generous donations from Pigeon-based Agri-Valley Communications and its lending partner, CoBank.

During the Huron Community Fair, the donors presented checks totaling \$4,000 to Ubly Community Schools for its barn fund.

In addition, the Bad Axe School District's FFA chapter received an \$8,000 donation.

"Each of these barns will provide expanded learning opportunities to area youth who do not have access at home to agriculture or livestock facilities," said Edwin H. Eichler, president and CEO of Agri-Valley Communications. "We're proud to help these schools overcome the challenge of making FFA-related fields accessible to students not raised on a farm."

The barns will help the schools enrich their agri-science curriculums. When completed, the Ubly FFA and Agri-Science livestock barn will be used for a zoology course and several special projects for other classes throughout the year.

Construction of Ubly's FFA barn is underway. Funding to start the project has been secured, but grants and donations from area businesses are being solicited to cover the remaining expenses.

"Agri-Valley Communications and CoBank's gracious donation is helping our FFA barn toward completion," said Melissa Kramer, FFA advisor and a teacher at Ubly Community Schools. "Once completed, the barn will be an asset to both our school and the surrounding community."

Letters to the Editor

Why veto Baby Box Bill?

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no questions asked – and the baby is taken care of.

I am sure there are many reasons a single mom, a career mom, a teenage mom may not be able to take care of a baby, but this way the baby will be taken care of and hopefully found a good home. Perhaps a couple who are not able to have their own will adopt one.

Why would Gov. Whitmer veto such a bill? We know she is not pro-life, but in view of that, would she rather someone found a dead baby in the trash, even at a fast food restaurant, or a baby in two garbage bags and found on the roadside as was reportedly recently?

The purpose of the baby box is to save lives. Why would our governor veto such a bill?

God help us all.

A concerned human being,

Ginna Gentner
Cass City

Apply for foundation grants

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carefully review the grant guidelines document and, if they have any questions about the guidelines or the application process, contact him by phone at (989) 673-8223 or via email at jhunter@tuscolaccf.org.

Applications must be postmarked by Tuesday, Oct. 1.

Grants will be awarded from the following funds:

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More information about the Tuscola County Community Foundation is available by writing to P.O. Box 534, Caro, MI 48723; by calling (989) 673-8223; via email at jhunter@tuscolaccf.org; and by visiting the website www.tuscolaccf.org.

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 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Almer, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Land situated in the Township of Almer, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 21, Township 13 North, Range 9 East; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 21 seconds West 870.09 feet along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section 21 to the point of beginning; running thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 21 seconds West 450.00 feet along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section 21; thence North 00 degrees 26 minutes 55 seconds West 83.12 feet along the East 1/8 line of said Section 21, established in Survey, Liber 578, Page 101; thence along a curve to the left (long chord bearing and distance = North 35 degrees 39 minutes 07 seconds East 113.58 feet, radius = 100.00 feet, Delta = 69 degrees 12 minutes 29 seconds) on arc distance of 120.79 feet; thence North 42 degrees 27 minutes 32 seconds East 119.79 feet; thence North 89 degrees 56 minutes 21 seconds East 301.40 feet; thence South 00 degrees 28 minutes 28 seconds East 263.64 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to and including Easement Agreement for ingress and egress over roadway as recorded in Liber 1123, Page(s) 7, Tuscola County records

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
 If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
 This notice is from a debt collector.
 Date of notice: August 21, 2019
 Trott Law, P.C.
 1392969

8-21-4

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement
 NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to MCL 600.3212, that the following will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on September 26, 2019:
 Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Kirk A. Kitchen, a single man
 Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Quicken Loans Inc.
 Date of Mortgage: May 19, 2015
 Date of Mortgage Recording: June 2, 2015
 Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$73,612.62
 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: The North half of the South half of the Southeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 11, Town 12 North, Range 9 East more particularly described as beginning at a point on the North-South quarter line of said section, which is South 1989.00 feet from the North quarter corner of said section; thence continuing along said North-South quarter line, South 331.50 feet; thence along the South line of said North half of the South half of the Southeast quarter of the Northwest quarter, North 89 degrees, 24 minutes, 39 seconds West 1333.63 feet; thence along the West line of the Southeast quarter of the Northwest quarter, North 00 degrees, 05 minutes 46 seconds East 331.31 feet; thence along the North line of said North half of the South half of the Southeast quarter of the Northwest quarter, South 89 degrees 25 minutes, 08 seconds East 1333.74 feet to the North-South quarter line of Section 11 and the Point of Beginning. Subject to Right of Way for Weeden Road over the Easterly side thereof.

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 Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Leonard Skinner and Mary Skinner, married
 Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
 Date of Mortgage: November 27, 2006
 Date of Mortgage Recording: March 7, 2007
 Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$56,362.64
 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Indianfields, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Part of the Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 4, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, described as beginning at a point on the South line of said Section 4 which is West 649.60 feet from the South quarter corner of said Section 4, thence continuing along said South

line, West 168.00 feet; thence at right angles to said South line, North 247.00 feet; thence East 168.00 feet; thence South 247 feet to the place of beginning. Subject to the use of the Southerly 33.00 feet thereof as Van Geisen Road. EXCEPT easements of record.
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8-21-4

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 further recourse against the Mortgagor, 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 September 26, 2019. Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Roger P. Warrington and Tamara L. Warrington, Husband and Wife
 Original Mortgagee: Ameriquet Mortgage Company Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for ABFC 2005-AQ1 Trust, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-AQ1, under the pooling and servicing agreement dated June 1, 2005 Date of Mortgage: February 1, 2005 Date of Mortgage Recording: February 16, 2005 Amount claimed due on mortgage on the date of notice: \$94,177.63 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in the Village of Kingston, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 1 and 2, Block B of Legge's Addition to the Village of Kingston, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 65, now being Page 15B 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: August 28, 2019
 Trott Law, P.C.
 1393976

8-28-4

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Curtis E. Thornton, unmarried, to Champion Mortgage, a division of KeyBank National Association, Mortgagee, dated July 26, 2005 and recorded August 11, 2005 in Liber 1049, Page 621 Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by REO Trust 2017-RPL1, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Three Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Eight and 23/100 Dollars (\$33,658.23), including interest at 5.375% 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 SEPTEMBER 26, 2019.
 Said premises are located in the Township of Fremont, Tuscola County Michigan, and are described as:
 COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SOUTHWEST 1/4; THENCE EAST 300 FEET; SOUTH 726.70 FEET; THENCE WEST 300 FEET; THENCE NORTH 726.70 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING. SECTION 9, TOWN 11 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST, TOWNSHIP OF FREMONT, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN.
 The redemption period shall be 12 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.
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 Dated: August 28, 2019
 File No. 19-001491
 Firm Name: Orland PC

8-28-4

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VACANCY POSTING - POSITION: Elementary 2/3 split Teacher. QUALIFICATIONS: ZA Endorsement preferred but not required. Must be Certified and meet Highly Qualified. SALARY: Per Master Contract. DEADLINE: September 10, 2019. SEND RESUME AND CREDENTIALS TO: Owendale-Gagetown Area Schools, Attention: Terri Falkenberg, Principal - 7166 Main Street, Owendale, MI 48754. Telephone: (989) 678-4261 or Fax: (989) 678-4284
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CASS CITY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1959

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New year, new staff...

CASS CITY students are seeing some new faces among the school staff as the 2019-20 school year gets underway this week. New hires include (front row, from left) Susan Hanby, junior-senior high school; Stacey Gruber, elementary; Emily Baur, elementary; Kelli McIntyre, elementary; Lindsay Bitzer, assistant principal-athletic director; (back row, from left) Jeremy Buxman, junior-senior high school; Matthew Sweeney, elementary; and Andrew Whittaker, junior-senior high school. (Photo courtesy of Cass City Public Schools)

EEE confirmed in Michigan

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) officials are reminding residents to protect themselves from mosquito bites following the confirmation of Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) in the state.

As of Aug. 12, two cases of EEE have been confirmed in horses in Kalamazoo and St. Joseph counties. Neither horse was vaccinated against EEE and both animals have died. There is an EEE vaccine available for horses, but not for people.

"These equine deaths indicate that EEE virus activity is increasing and provides a warning that human cases could also occur," said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, MDHHS chief medical executive and chief deputy director for health. "Michigan residents are urged to take precautions and protect themselves from mosquito bites."

The southwestern region of the state has experienced outbreaks of this mosquito-borne disease in horses and people in the past, with the most recent outbreaks occurring in the early 1980s, mid-1990s and 2010.

EEE is one of the most dangerous mosquito-borne diseases in the U.S., with a 33 percent fatality rate among humans who become ill and a 90 percent fatality rate among horses that become ill.

People can be infected with EEE from the bite of a mosquito carrying the virus. The disease is not spread by horse-to-horse or horse-to-human contact. In humans, signs of EEE include the sudden onset of fever, chills, body and joint aches. EEE infection can develop into severe encephalitis, resulting in headache, disorientation, tremors, seizures and paralysis. Permanent brain damage, coma and death may also occur in some cases.

Residents can stay healthy by following steps to avoid mosquito bites:

- *Apply insect repellents that contain the active ingredient DEET.
- *Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants when outdoors. Apply insect repellent to clothing to help prevent bites.
- *Maintain window and door screening to help keep mosquitoes outside.
- *Empty water from mosquito breeding sites around the home, such as buckets, unused kiddie pools, old tires or similar sites where mosquitoes may lay eggs.

Additionally, West Nile Virus activity in Michigan has increased. Health officials have identified eight infected birds and 12 positive mosquito pools in the Lower Peninsula. Mosquito-borne illness will continue to be a risk in Michigan until late fall when nighttime temperatures consistently fall below freezing.

For more information about mosquito-borne diseases, visit the website Michigan.gov/emergingdiseases.



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