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## Divided county board (finally) approves contract for controller

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

Although Tuscola County Commissioners hired a new county controller-administrator three months ago, they didn't make the hiring official until Thursday.

The road to finalizing a contract for Clayette Zechmeister, who has served as Tuscola County's chief accountant for years, was marred by bickering over the position and the candidate most qualified for the position among members of the divided county board.

Commissioners last May approved hiring Zechmeister in a

vote of three to two. The delay in making the hiring official stemmed from lack of agreement over an employment contract.

During the most recent meeting, commissioners again voted three to two to approve a contract for Zechmeister.



Clayette Zechmeister

meister.

Supporting her were District One Commissioner Tom Young, who represents Akron, Columbia, Elkland, Elmwood, Fairgrove, Gilford and Wisner townships; District Three Commissioner Kim Vaughan, who represents the townships of Dayton, Fremont, Indianfields, Koylton and Wells; and District Four Commissioner Mark Jensen, who represents Arbel, Millington, Tuscola and Wattertown townships.

Casting the dissenting votes were District Five Commissioner Dan Grimshaw, who represents the townships of Denmark, Juniata and Vassar and the city of Vassar; and board Chairman Thom Bardwell, who represents District Two, which is comprised of the townships of Almer, Ellington, Kingston and Novesta and the city of Caro.

Grimshaw and Bardwell, who also voted against Zechmeister's hiring, both voiced support for hiring Matt Bierlein, a former commissioner, as the new controller.

Back during the hiring process, Bardwell and Grimshaw each supported former commissioner Matt Bierlein.

During a board session in late July, the pair broached the issue of separating the duo position of controller and administrator, in spite of the fact that the combined position had been advertised, interviews conducted for it, and a decision made to hire Zechmeister.

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TRACEY MOORE of TDM Construction recently reported of the new Novesta Hall, located near the corner of Cemetery and Delong roads, is expected to be completed by mid-September. See story, page 7.

## Officials coordinating bus ride to Caro Center rally in Lansing

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

Tuscola County officials are working to ensure the area is well represented during the upcoming Rally on the Capitol Steps in support of the Caro Center.

With lawmakers expected to be in Lansing Tuesday, Aug. 27, the rally has been scheduled for that day from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the state Capitol lawn.

Preparations are underway locally. Tuscola County Commissioner Kim Vaughan is working to coordinate buses to meet at VG's parking lot at about 8:15 a.m. to get as many people as possible to the rally. He says he will help pay for the cost of buses himself and seek out sponsors to help cover costs.

"We will have three busses there for transportation. We can take over 150 people," Vaughan posted on his Facebook page last week. "If you have a passenger van and can haul people, be there — anyone who is

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## New school year brings free meals to local pupils

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

All students returning to classes next week in the Cass City School District will be eating breakfast and lunch for free this school year.

Gone are the days of parents trying to keep track of their kids' meal accounts, as well as the challenge of encouraging families to take advantage of free and reduced meal options available based on annual income.

The Cass City Board of Education earlier this summer voted unanimously in favor of participating in a federal program — known as the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), which is part of the national school lunch and breakfast programs — that will allow the district to

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CASS CITY'S Les Merchant is all ears this time of year as he continues a tradition of growing and selling some of the sweetest corn in the region.

## All ears

### Wet spring slowed but couldn't dampen local sweet corn crop

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Some things are worth the wait.

Les Merchant figures his annual sweet corn harvests are one of those things, judging by the comments he hears from the many new and repeat customers he greets at the custom produce stand in front of his Merchant Road home about three miles north of Cass City.

And wait they have this year following a wet spring that put Merchant's sweet corn crop behind by a good two weeks. However, the self-described "corn-oisseur" erected the familiar sign shaped like an ear of corn — with a small square piece of wood announcing to passersby that that, "Yes", the corn is indeed in and for sale — at the corner of Cemetery and Merchant roads early last week, just as he has for more than three decades.

"I've been doing it a good long time. I built that sign 35 years ago," Merchant recalled Friday, noting he fashioned the familiar eight-foot-tall sign out of a single sheet of plywood and braced it with a pair of two-by-fours. "I repainted it once, probably 10 to 12 years ago, and it needs it again badly."

Merchant's expertise when it comes to nurturing sweet corn dates back to his childhood.

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HERE'S your sign — The weathered but familiar corn sign at the corner of Cemetery and Merchant roads, three miles north of Cass City, points the way to Merchant's popular sweet corn each summer.

Victoria from Australia, 17 yrs.

Enjoys spending time with her family and younger siblings. Victoria plays volleyball and is excited to learn new sports while in America.



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Giorgio from Italy, 16 yrs.

Loves to play baseball and spend time with his dogs. Giorgio also plays the guitar, and his dream is to join a drama club at his American high school.



**THE CASS CITY High School Class of '69 held its 50 year reunion at Gilligan's Bar and Grill on Saturday, August 17. Of the 105 students in the class, pictured here are the 28 who attended the reunion. They are: (front, l-r) Mary (Ayres) Rule, Karen (Smith) Cox, Lori (Smith) Puskas, Linda (Wright) Baroldychuck, Kaye (Spencer) Carmichael, Carla (Calka) Cavanaugh, Marsha (Parrott) Boyle; (middle) Tom Kolb, Randy Bock, George Mika, Brenda (Wagner) Fezatte, Karen (Kerbyson) Beyerlein, Vickie (Kappen) Proctor, Pam (Randall) Sapien, Mary (Spear) Wilson, Lynn (Haire) Sroka; (back) Jim Burk, Tom Guinther, Neil MacCallum, Tom Fulcher, Gary Vollmar, Jean (Russell) Tobias, Barb (Parker) Ball, Harvey Francis, John Novak, John Krug, Luella (Sabo) Krug.**

## Class of '53 reunion recently held

Owendale Class of 1953 held their 66th reunion July 20, at the Peppermill Restaurant in Bad Axe. Eleanor Truemner was toastmistress and Shirley Howard offered the prayer.

Present were Mildred (Brining) Singler and daughter Jeannette; Jenny (Ebel) and Ron Martens,

Eleanor (Good) Truemner, Gail (Hallock) Ohianan and niece Julie, Shirley (Knowlton) Howard, Bonnie (MacCallum) Gaeth, Dale and Betsy Mellen-dorf. Other guests were Sharon Cummings and Glenn Craig.

Eleanor and Shirley each gave interesting happenings during the past years since graduating. They

received notes, calls and emails from Jim Ricker, Don Davidson and Shirley (Voelker) Wing.

The group will meet again in 2 years.

Guests attended from Troy, Sebawaing, Cass City, Elkton, Gagetown, Owendale and Winter Haven, Fla.

# Obituaries

### Frances L. Sampson

Frances Sampson, 76, passed away Saturday, August 10, 2019 at McLaren Bay Region. She was born February 20, 1943 in Cass City, Michigan.

She was married to James E. Sampson and he predeceased her. Frances worked as a typesetter for many years at Thumb Print in Bay City and enjoyed organizing all of the Bay City Central High School reunions. She enjoyed watching and feeding birds and squirrels in her back yard. Her little friends will miss those peanuts and peanut butter sandwiches she made on a regular basis.

Surviving is a son Craig (Kathleen) Northrup, one granddaughter Taylor (Kris) Burlingame, two great-grandchildren, Kolt and Kova Burlingame, one brother Eugene Cook, two brothers-in-law, John and David Sampson, special aunts, Clarabelle Jakob and Clara Jane Hollies, many nieces and nephews.

Frances was predeceased by her parents Russell and Isla (White) Cook and a sister-in-law Anne Cook.

A graveside service for Frances was held Wednesday, August 14, at Elkland Township Cemetery in Cass City.

No visitation or services will be held at Squires Funeral Home. Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorials to the Bay County Humane Society. [www.squiresfuneralhome.com](http://www.squiresfuneralhome.com).



### Dorsch family recently held family reunion

Forty descendants of the Charles and Augusta (Schledjewski) Dorsch family recently gathered for a reunion. Schledjewski and Dorsch were both born in Germany and married on February 19, 1885. The reunion was held at the Owendale-Gagetown School cafeteria.

Paul Gaeth presided at the meeting and held many interesting games with the help of his wife Samantha.

Guests attended from Gagetown, Auburn, Bad Axe, Bay City, Millington, Otisville, Palms, Bay Port, Sebawaing, Filion, Unionville, Owendale, Pigeon and Joplin, MO.

The next reunion will be held in 2 years at the same place with Donald Dorsch in charge.

Descendants were from the John, Anna, Lydia, Eva and Bertha Dorsch families.

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# In Our OPINION...

Clarke Haire  
Publisher

Tom Montgomery  
Editor

## Time now to lock in propane prices

*The Michigan summer heat may still be on, but now is a good time to think about locking in propane fuel prices for this winter.*

*That's according to Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) officials, who are urging Michiganders to shop around to find the best deals from local suppliers.*

*Locking in lower prices now could mean significant savings over market prices when the weather turns cold and demand heats up. Research your options, ask questions, and get everything in writing.*

*Market rate contracts indicate you will pay the seller's daily rate for fuel, and that rate is affected by many factors and can be highly variable. As a result, customers who use propane as their primary heating fuel are encouraged to participate in a pre-pay, price-cap or fixed-price plan.*

*The MPSC recommends that consumers keep the following in mind when shopping for propane:*

*\*Ask about fees and other charges in addition to the cost of propane, such as those for installation, service, pick-up or disconnect, lease or equipment rental, and minimum annual usage requirements.*

*\*Be aware that the price per gallon may increase after the prepaid allotment is used up.*

*\*Decide whether it's best to rent, lease, or own the propane supply tank. If switching providers, that may affect the on-site tank that's being used.*

*\*Understand the contract before signing. A written contract explains the rights and responsibilities of buyer and seller.*

*Specific questions customers may want to ask include: What service and payment options do you provide? Do you offer a monthly budget plan? How is the price I will pay for propane determined (annual usage, area of residence, etc.)? How often will I receive delivery, and what days are delivery days? How much will it cost to get delivery outside of my normal schedule? Do I have to call when I need propane, or will you schedule delivery? If I sign a pre-pay contract or participate in a budget plan and use less than expected, what are your policies about a refund or credit?*

*Michigan leads the nation in total residential propane consumption, with more than eight percent of households – or an estimated 320,000 – using propane as their primary heating source.*

*Propane use is significantly higher in rural Michigan, with 18 percent of Upper Peninsula residents and nearly 24 percent of those living in the northern Lower Peninsula relying on propane as a primary heating source, according to the MPSC's Statewide Energy Assessment.*

*Propane prices are not regulated under Michigan law. While the MPSC does not regulate propane prices, it does monitor the market to identify irregularities that may result in supply or price disruptions. The agency also makes available statewide average residential prices during the heating season, which officially starts Oct. 1.*

*The Michigan Agency for Energy tracks retail residential propane prices each week through the heating season. Prices are compiled to arrive at a statewide average.*

*For information about the MPSC, visit [www.michigan.gov/mpsc](http://www.michigan.gov/mpsc), sign up for one of its listservs, or follow the Commission on Twitter.*

## Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

Fashion police...really



I'm working on a couple of different writing assignments and some of them extend into September, and that month has me thinking about my father.

He was strictly a plain meat and potatoes man. The only time he got decked out was wearing a suit on Sundays and on certain very special occasions.

In the old farm house, I found an odd looking straw hat with a blue cloth band around the crown. The weaving was so tight the hat didn't bend or give at all. I never saw my father wear it.

When I inherited the house, I found some old paperwork that showed my father had purchased the hat for 50 cents and a white silk scarf for \$1. Back in the early 1900s those were extravagant purchases. They apparently were must-have items for the dapper man about town, according to some other information that I found.

While he was always neatly dressed, I never considered my father to be a snappy dresser, or thought of him as a young man just trying to fit in.

And, I never understood why he was so adamant about mom and I not wearing anything white after Labor Day.

I've heard the expression "fashion police." I figured it was just a term used for one of those new reality shows on cable TV.

While doing some research, I learned a lot about dad's straw hat and about my father's rule of not wearing white after Labor Day.

According to the information I found, there really were fashion police, especially in the 1920s, and some took that task a little too seriously. Back then, it was a hard and fast rule that straw hats had to be put in the closet on Sept. 15. After that date, men were to switch to warmer cloth head gear.

For some reason in the 1920s, fashion-minded youths in an angry mood started targeting those wearing straw hats a few days before the deadline to stop wearing them. The youthful uprising to enforce the rule turned violent. Youths used clubs and boards with nails on those who were thought to have broken the straw-hat rule — even if the deadline was still days away.

Wearing a straw hat after Sept. 15 was a fashion faux pas that was unforgivable and fully allowed anyone to snatch the straw hat off a man's head and destroy it if he wore it after that date. And, the person who broke the rule received public shaming for doing so besides having his hat destroyed. Doing all of that went beyond fashion policing to fashion vigilantism.

Even predominate figures, businessmen and heads of state had to toe the line on the head gear and the timeline for wearing it.

President Calvin Coolidge learned the hard way when he wasn't a dedicated follower to fashion. The news report goes that: in 1925, there was a photo in the newspaper of the president wearing a straw hat on Sept. 18, which was two days past the deadline. His fashion error was pointed out on the front page of newspapers nationwide.

Eventually, the rule of only wearing a straw hat in the summer and abandoning it on a certain date fell out of fashion.

However, the unwritten rule of not wearing white after Labor Day still remains in place for some.

Fortunately, there are no fashion police or angry mobs enforcing it.



## Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

If you would like to get an early glimpse of Cass City's football teams in action before the start of the 2019 season, both the varsity and junior varsity Red Hawks will be among the teams scheduled to scrimmage tomorrow (Thursday) at Carrolton High School.

Also expected to be in action are teams from Saginaw Valley Lutheran, Flint Beecher, Saginaw Michigan Lutheran Seminary and Merrill. The fun starts at 11:00 a.m.

Don't fret if you can't make it to the scrimmage. You can read all about this year's Cass City squad in the Chronicle's annual preseason preview issue Aug. 28.

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Michigan Barn Preservation Network's youth barn raising is a one-of-a-kind learning opportunity that provides information, exposure and experience through a traditional community barn raising common in Michigan communities during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Similar to husking bees, quilting bees and other shared work activities, neighbors depended upon each other to accomplish what they could not do alone.

If that sounds like something you'd like to try, students can erect a quarter-scale, timber-frame model barn this weekend. These 3-D hands-on, life-size puzzles routinely travel to classrooms to demonstrate historic construction techniques while challenging students to use their math, science and engineering skills. And, of course, learn to work as a team.

Accordingly, a "Teamwork & Timber" session at the Thumb Octagon Barn Agricultural Museum, 6948 Richie Rd., in Gagetown is slated for Aug. 24. The Barn raising class is for children ages 9 and up and runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. To register, call Rose Putnam at 989-444-9574. Class fee is \$10.

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Spruce up your landscape by joining the Arbor Day Foundation in August.

Everyone who joins the Arbor Day Foundation with a \$10 donation will receive 10 free Colorado blue spruce trees or 10 white flowering dogwood trees through the Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The trees will be shipped postpaid between October 15 and December 10, depending on the right time for planting in each member's area. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

"Colorado blue spruce trees truly provide year-round beauty for any landscape," said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Dogwood trees will add color and beauty to your yard throughout the year, with their showy spring flowers, scarlet autumn foliage, and red berries that attract songbirds in the winter."

New members of the Arbor Day Foundation will also receive The Tree Book, which includes information about tree planting and care, and a subscription to Arbor Day, the Foundation's bimonthly publication.

To receive the free Colorado blue spruce trees, join online at [arborday.org/august](http://arborday.org/august) or send a \$10 membership contribution by August 31 to: Arbor Day Foundation, Ten Free Blue Spruces OR Ten Free Dogwood, 100 Arbor Ave, Nebraska City, NE 68410.

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Here's a glance at the Michigan apple industry.

\*Michigan is the third largest apple producing state in the USA.

\*Apples are the largest and most valuable fruit crop in Michigan.

\*There are more than 11.3 million apple trees in commercial production, covering 35,500 acres on 825 family-run farms in Michigan.

\*Michigan apple harvest is about 25.2 million bushels (1.058 billion pounds) per year in 2018. In 2018, Michigan harvested 25 million bushels of apples.

\*Michigan apples are sold in 32 states, 18 countries and more than 100 retail grocery chains in the US and more than 200 Michigan farm markets and cider mills.

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### Wednesday, August 21

- 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.
- The Cass City Area Historical & Genealogy Society is hosting a meeting and program at 7 p.m. at Rawson Memorial Library. Mike Rule from CU Tech will talk about cyber security. Everyone is welcome to attend this free program.
- Spaghetti Dinner at Cass City VFW Hall from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Take out available. For more information call (989) 872-4933.

### Thursday, August 22

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

### Saturday, August 24

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

### Monday, August 26

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

### Tuesday, August 27

- 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 of 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.

# Growing season woes focus of meeting at MSU last week

State Sen. Kevin Daley (R-Lum) joined other lawmakers and key stakeholders in the agriculture industry at Michigan State University last week to discuss difficulties the industry has faced during this challenging growing season.

The joint hearing developed out of concern for Michigan's farmers due to the wet spring, inability to plant crops, and other factors making agricultural operations difficult. Key stakeholders and experts representing all corners of Michigan's farm industry were given the opportunity to share information about the industry's outlook and ideas to further support Michigan's farmers.

"The agriculture industry is one of Michigan's largest and most important industries," said Daley, who chairs the Senate Committee on Agriculture and represents the 31st District, which includes Tuscola County.

"Michigan farmers suffered tremendous losses this season, losses that have far-reaching effects on numerous industries," Daley added. "Today's hearing gave folks a chance to discuss available resources, along with potential short-and long-term solutions to this season's difficult conditions."

The joint hearing developed out of concern for Michigan's farmers due to the wet spring, a widespread inability to plant crops, and other factors making agricultural operations difficult.

Michigan's farmers faced a record rainfall this spring, which dramatically hindered planting. Of the more than 4.5 million acres of corn and soy planted in 2018, roughly 17 percent could not be planted this year.

The industry has also faced global economic pressures and financial stress.

"I am grateful to our farmers and other key stakeholders for coming forward to share their stories and help build a prosperous future for Michigan's agriculture economy," said Rep. Julie Alexander, chair of the House Agriculture Committee.

"This is a difficult time for

Michigan's diverse agriculture producers. We heard today about the long-term impacts of this crop year. Supporting our producers is not just about protecting rural life. We all depend on them for the food we put on the table for our families. Uncertainty is the biggest factor facing our producers, and so we will continue to remain engaged, listen and learn."

"I appreciate the opportunity to highlight the myriad of challenges currently facing Michigan's farming community," said Gary McDowell, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development director.

"From severe snow, catastrophic cold, historic rainfall, workforce shortages, low prices and more, our farmers are under tremendous pressure to feed their families and ours," McDowell said. "Through continued partnership with our friends in the Legislature, like the recent loan origination program, I know that the state's growers will overcome these hurdles and plant

the seeds for future success."

In addition to extreme weather and an uncertain economic outlook, farm owners and workers continue to face chronic pressures — such as declining incomes and high-risk working conditions.

Farmers' likelihood of suffering a fatal injury on the job is nearly seven times higher than that of all other civilian occupations combined. At the same time, net farm income and net cash farm income has declined by half since 2013.

"MSU Extension's unique combination of mental health assistance, financial management and production education is in direct response to the crisis currently facing American agriculture," said Jeff Dwyer, Ph.D., MSU Extension director. "But this work is long overdue, and it will not end when the current crisis ends.

"We must continue to invest in helping farm families, agribusiness professionals and rural communities prepare for challenges well into the future."



**STATE SENATOR Kevin Daley (R-Lum) listens to speakers during last week's special joint agriculture committee meeting at Michigan State University. The hearing gave farmers, lawmakers and other key stakeholders an opportunity to discuss this year's difficult farming season and other issues facing Michigan's agriculture industry.**

## Circuit court proceedings

# Several appear on felony charges

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

\*Anthony P. Hawkins, 26, Vassar, was sentenced to 365 days in the county jail following his pleas of no contest to charges of attempted interfering with electronic communications and domestic violence Jan. 20 in Vassar, and to assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder and domestic violence Feb. 24 in Vassar.

He was also placed on probation for 24 months and ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,783.

\*Nathaniel T. Zaveta, 22, Millington, was placed on probation for 24 months following his pleas of no contest to two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault), possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony, and attempted possession of a loaded firearm in a motor vehicle Dec. 17 in Vassar Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,184.

\*Randall S. Weiler, 51, Mayville, was placed on probation for 24 months following his plea of no contest to uttering and publishing involving a \$9,500 check drawn on KeyBank National Association Nov. 14 in Caro.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$258 plus restitution of \$3,683.48 to Team One Credit Union.

\*Kory T. Krauseneck, 40, Saginaw, was sentenced to 30 days in jail, with work release and work-site privileges, following his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Sept. 2 in Juniata Township.

He was also placed on probation for 60 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,258.

\*Alana M. Turner-Ambrozy, 33, Kingston, pleaded no contest to two counts of child abuse, third degree, and domestic violence between August 2018 and May 2019 in Kingston.

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

\*Jamie C. Gilliam, 48, Mayville, pleaded no contest to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, May 17 in Caro. The defendant was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

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

\*Codi L. Giddings, 26, Mayville, pleaded no contest to a charge of larceny in a building Feb. 7, 2018, in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

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

\*Robert J. Palmer III, 24, Millington, was sentenced to 365

days in jail following his pleas of no contest to assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, and domestic violence March 10 in Millington.

He was also placed on probation for 60 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,158.

\*Gary G. Nanney, 39, Akron, pleaded no contest to larceny in a building Jan. 23-24, 2017, in Caro.

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

\*Scott A. Curtis, 33, Ruth, was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$758 following his plea of guilty to possession of marijuana or a synthetic equivalent, second offense, Sept. 25 in Ellington Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

\*Summer L. Willett, 33, Mount Morris, was sentenced to 180 days in jail following her plea of guilty to possession of methamphetamine/Ecstasy Dec. 20 in Fremont Township.

She was also placed on probation for 24 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$858.



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**Reporter's notebook**

**Like a bag with that?**

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor



**Down Memory Lane**

by Tina Pallas



I love a good laugh, and sometimes the best ones come out of nowhere. I saw a meme on Facebook the other day that reminded me of a real-life shopping experience that still brings a grin to my face.

I had stopped by a grocery store and was in the checkout lane, minding my own business, when I nearly dropped my loaf of bread thanks to the elderly gentleman in front of me.

"Would you like a bag, hon?" the checkout clerk asked him.

"Nope, I left her out in the car," he replied without missing a beat.

I didn't mean to, but I laughed out loud. I couldn't help it — this guy's timing and delivery were, simply, perfection. Even the clerk chuckled. I couldn't help but grin broadly as I headed out to my car and saw the same guy get into his car, where a woman who looked to be around his age did, indeed, appear to have been waiting.

I resisted the urge to salute him as he drove away.

Truth is, I was a little jealous because I hadn't thought of this guy's wisecrack first.

That wouldn't surprise my wife, Deb, who will tell you my sense of humor tends to be a little over the top at times. Of course, she's always been sensitive like that, as if I devote half of my columns to making fun of her.

Actually, my long-suffering and slightly older better half has always been a good sport when it comes to my sense of humor, although it's a taste — perhaps tolerance is a better word — that is certainly acquired. I'm not sure where my odd brand of humor came from, but there are times when I wish I could train my mouth to wait until it receives the full signal from my brain before it lets loose, you know?

On the other hand, our willingness to find something to laugh about in just about any situation has gotten us through some tough times over the years.

It was also helpful when we were going through our own empty nest transition some years ago. We've learned that, after spending years raising four kids, we still pretty much like each other. And we started to do more things together again, a habit you can get out of when the craziness of keeping track of a houseful of youngsters becomes the priority and your relationship sometimes takes a back seat to schedules.

It's easy to become strangers that way, which I guess is why so many marriages fall apart after all of the kids have grown and left the nest.

Maybe more marriages would survive if husbands and wives lightened up a bit and just laughed together a little more?

I'm no marriage counselor, but I am sure that spending quality time together is a key, and when the nest is empty, there are plenty of opportunities to do just that. And I'm not talking about dining out and long walks on the beach.

Deb is like most wives, I suppose, in that she likes me to accompany her on various mundane outings such as shopping, and I've found myself obliging her more and more — sometimes without even uttering more than a couple smart remarks, especially since I do the lion's share of grocery shopping these days.

Maybe one of these days we'll complete an entire shopping trip together, hand in hand, looking deep into each other's eyes — from the produce aisle to the meat section to the checkout line — with nary a snarky comment coming out of my big mouth.

Well, as long as the clerk doesn't ask me if I want a bag.

**5 YEARS AGO (2014)**

The 2014 Sanilac County 4-H king and queen were recently crowned in conjunction with this year's Sanilac County 4-H Fair. King Jared Sanderson, son of Mike and Pattie Sanderson of Sandusky; Queen Courtney Szczepanski, daughter of Ed and Tisa Szczepanski of Decker.

Erla's Foods owner Venu Ganga confirmed Thursday what the local rumor mill has been cranking out unsubstantiated for weeks: Erla's will close its doors later this month, leaving Cass City without a grocery store and nearly four dozen area residents without jobs.

**10 YEARS AGO (2009)**

Army Lt. Col. Michael E. Donnelly has arrived for duty at the U.S. Embassy, Kyrgyzstan, as the chief of the Office of Military Cooperation, and has received the Defense Meritorious Service Medal. The medal is awarded to individuals for non-combat meritorious achievement or service that is incontestably exceptional and of a magnitude that clearly places them above their peers.

Cadet Fourth Class Clark P. Walsh was accepted into the 10th AB Cadet Wing of the United States Air Force Academy on August 5, 2009 upon completion of Basic Cadet Training I and II, Jack's Valley, Colorado Springs, Colo.

**25 YEARS AGO (1994)**

Cass City football fans will see a new face this fall when the Red Hawk Marching Band takes the field for pregame and half-time performances. Brian Knoll was signed on last week as the new Cass City band director. He replaces Mindy (Nash) McCraffrey, who resigned after accepting a music teaching position at Holland Middle School in Port Huron.

Kathy Hutchinson, Cass City, and Bruce Hutchinson, Caro, announce the engagement of their daughter, Sara Jo, to Brian Hegenbart, son of Levite and Mark Hegenbart of Fairfield, Calif. A Sept. 4 wedding in Georgia is planned.

New teachers welcomed to the 1994-95 Cass City School staff Monday are Cathy Kropewnicki, middle school special education; Veronica Commire, 9th grade English; Jon Zdrojewski, 8th grade algebra and science; Toby Wegener, 8th grade English; Jim Green, high school biology, algebra and physics, and Brian Knoll, band.

**35 YEARS AGO (1984)**

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bolz of Milan brought their daughter Minde to Cass City Friday. She is spending the week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Tracy. Also with them for the weekend were Erin and Kyle O'Dell, children of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas O'Dell.

Lorie A. Hurley, of Cass City, has been accepted into the freshman class at Oakland University this fall. She is a graduate of Cass City High School. Oakland University is a diverse, state supported institution with an enrollment of approximately 12,000 students.

For the second year in a row Lisa Hagen showed the Grand Champion steer at the Huron Community Fair. She also earned Reserve Champion honors in Showmanship. Lisa, 19, daughter of Wally and Sonia Hagen, Ubly, is shown with "Big Snookies," a 1,290 pound Chi-Angus crossbreed steer. Presenting the trophy is Stuart Booth of McDonald's Food and Family Center. Photo courtesy of Huron Daily Tribune.

**40 YEARS AGO (1979)**

Lt. Col. Ronald Bila, Mrs. Bila and their family, Ronald II, Laurie and Brad of Annandale, Va., came Wednesday, Aug. 22, and have been visiting Mrs. Bila's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Lounsbury. Friday they took Ronald II to Mt. Pleasant where he will attend Central Michigan University.

Robert Dale Potrykus, 18, departed Aug. 7 for Navy basic training at the Great Lakes station in Illinois. The May graduate of Cass City High School is the son of Delbert and Beverly Potrykus of Deford. After basic training, he plans to study advanced electronics.

Mary Goodell received her associates degree in nursing at the end of the term at Ferris State College, Big Rapids. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Goodell of Gagetown, and a 1976 graduate of Cass City High School. She is now eligible to take her state licensing examination to be a registered nurse. Miss Goodell will be living in Bay City and is seeking employment in the Bay City/Saginaw area.

**50 YEARS AGO (1969)**

Mr. and Mrs. Manford Pennington and children of Park Hill, Ontario, were weekend guests in the Dean Toner home when they came to attend the Curts family reunion. Mrs. Ferol Mahon of Park Hill was a weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Murphy.

Patricia Kay Milligan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Milligan Jr., was dedicated at the Cass City Church of the Nazarene Sunday. She wore her grandfather Milligan's christening dress, which was made in Scotland about 100 years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hartwick were the godparents. Luncheon was served at the Milligan home for friends and relatives.

Mrs. Roy Tuckey was guest of honor Saturday afternoon at a cradle shower given by Mrs. Newell Harris and Mrs. Harold Isard in the Harris home. Twenty-three guests attended. Out-of-town guests were Mrs. Don Kaufman of Edwardsburg, Mrs. Joseph Weiler of Sandusky, Mrs. Carl Mantey of Fairgrove and Mrs. William Tuckey of Caro.

Several local winners at the 1969 Michigan State Fair in the Community Arts division were announced this week. Mrs. Lorene McClew of Warner Road, Cass City, was second in crocheting. Mrs. Oscar Nixon of Gagetown was first with a quilt and fourth with a stole. Mrs. Dorothy M. Harrington of Akron was third with an exhibit of Irish soda bread.

**75 YEARS AGO (1944)**

On Sept. 1, Coach Jack London begins his second season as the Cass City high school athletic director in charge of coaching football, basketball, baseball and track. In his first year at the local high school athletic teams under his tutorage compiled a most impressive record by winning championships in all four fields

of sports.

At a very pretty late afternoon ceremony in the chapel of the Methodist church in Caro Saturday, Aug. 26, Miss Maxine Abke, daughter of Mrs. Myrtle Abke, of Caro, became the bride of Leslie Profit, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Profit, of Cass City. The service was read by Dr. E. Ray Willson with only near relatives present. Attendants were the bride's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Abke, of Caro, and the groom's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Willits, of Midland.

The marriage of Herbert Watkins, minister to the Novesta Church of Christ, and Miss Carolyn Jean Beach, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Beach, of Flint, will take place at eight o'clock Friday evening, Sept. 1, in the Third Ave. Baptist church in Flint. Mr. Watkins is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Watkins of Delta, Ohio. A reception will follow the wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Watkins will come here to continue the Church of Christ ministry until Sept. 10, when both will go to Kimberlin Heights, Tenn., where they will attend the Johnson Bible college.

Pursuant to general orders of headquarters of the United States Army Forces in the South Pacific area, dated in October, 1943, the Silver Star and Air Medal was awarded 2nd Lt. Grant L. Reagh, for gallantry in action while participating in an aerial operation against the enemy over the Solomon Islands, on December 19, 1942, and for some 10 fighter sorties during the period of Nov. 23 to Dec. 19, 1942. Lt. Reagh having been reported as missing in action, presentation of the Silver Star and Air Medal were made to his father, Ira R. Reagh, of Branch, Mich., at Selfridge Field on Saturday. The Reagh family are former residents of Cass City.

**100 YEARS AGO (1919)**

Sam F. Bigelow has sold The Hereford bull, "Keep on 31st," to Geo. Peddie, who intends to show a herd of white faces at Caro Fair next week. Mr. Bigelow returned Saturday from a trip among the Hereford herds of southwestern Michigan and reports the purchase of the calf "Dale Farmer," from Allen Bros. of Glendale, Mich. This calf is one of the best bred animals in the state and will no doubt be a valuable addition to the breed in this section. This is the third high class bull Mr. Bigelow has brought in and the quality of the Whiteface stock of the vicinity has been treacly improved by the new blood.

Everett Higgins, recently discharged from duties in the recruiting office at Buffalo, N. Y., arrived Thursday and with Miss Carol Fritz joined the camping party at Caseville consisting of the Misses Ruth Fritz, Helen Gregory and Dr. A. C. Edgerton and Jos. Dickinson, chaperoned by Mrs. Celia Edgerton and grandson, Richard, who had preceded them last Saturday. The entire party returned home Monday. Mister Edgerton and Higgins will remain here during the fair.

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## Clancys support Huron 4-Hers with gift

Even though the Huron Community Fair is over, Huron County 4-H still has much to celebrate.

"Robert and Christine Clancy, owners of Robert Clancy Contracting Inc. of Casco Township, Michigan, made a generous monetary donation of \$2,100 to the Huron County 4-H Council Friday night before the Redneck Truck Races," explained Patricia Error, 4-H program coordinator, MSU Extension - Huron County.

Error noted the Clancys are avid supporters of 4-H in St. Clair County, where they reside, and also wanted to contribute to Huron County's 4-H program.

Robert Clancy, who has family ties in the Port Austin area, has fond memories of attending the Huron Community Fair year after year when he was growing up.

"The Clancys generously support 4-H because of the many opportunities it offers to youth. Although the Clancy's were not in 4-H as

youth, Robert saw first-hand over the years of attending the fair how

4-H youth are an integral part of the fair," Error said.



**ROBERT AND Christine Clancy, owners of Robert Clancy Contracting Inc. of Casco Township, recently donated \$2,100 to the Huron County 4-H Council in an effort to support 4-H youth who participate in the county fair. Pictured above are (from left) Patricia Error, Huron County 4-H Program Coordinator; Christine and Robert Clancy; and Mary Aymen, Huron County 4-H Council president.**

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## Board okays controller hiring

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Grimshaw made a motion during the July meeting, which Bardwell supported, to have a separate controller and a separate administrator, and to split duties between Bierlein and Zechmeister.

However, Young, Vaughan and Jensen all rejected the proposal.

The employment contract for Zechmeister, who fills a vacancy left by veteran Controller-Administrator Mike Hoagland after 33 years of service, has been done piecemeal over the last few months.

On May 20, two weeks after Zechmeister had been hired, Bardwell asked the board to "begin crafting an employment contract." Then, at the June 13 meeting, her employment offer was changed when commissioners added a provision eliminating any pay increases during the two-year contract.

With her employment terms being revised, Zechmeister rejected the proposal and indicated she wanted to consult with her attorney. In response, commissioners brought in their attorney July 11 for a closed meeting.

It is Bardwell's contention the board had a variety of options after Zechmeister rejected the revised contract; continuing to negotiate an employment agreement, rescind the as-is contract, amending the employment agreement, having no contract, rescinding the decision to hire Zechmeister, selecting another candidates, or starting the hiring process over again. No formal action was taken on those options.

The next area of contention focused on the county's attorney and Zechmeister's attorney work on the contract. Grimshaw demanded to know how much of the proposed contract was handled by each attorney.

Grimshaw contends that because the controller-administrator recommends wage increases for non-union employees - and Zechmeister would receive a wage increase if the non-union employees received one - she would be in essence giving herself a raise by recommending pay increases.

"Raises should be based on merit not automatically given," said Grimshaw, who argued increases should not be tied to the cost of living.

Bardwell echoed the same concerns.

Grimshaw also suggested developing performance criteria for evaluation of the controller-administrator position. Jensen rejected that proposal and urged the board to move forward with the contract decision.

Under the two-year contract approved last week, Zechmeister will receive a salary of \$87,740, aligned with the non-union contract for possible wage increases.

Zechmeister has been serving as interim controller-administrator since Hoagland's departure and has worked for the county for 30 years.

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

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- ~ 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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## News briefs

### Green office hours set Aug. 26

THUMB — State Rep. Phil Green (R-Millington) will be meeting informally with his constituents at three different locations Monday, Aug. 26.

Green, who represents the 84th District (Tuscola and Huron counties) will be available to discuss issues and answer questions from 11 a.m. to noon at the Sleeper Public Library in Ubyly, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at Emma's Coffee House in Bad Axe, and from 2 to 3 p.m. at Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City.

### Elementary open house slated

CASS CITY — The Cass City Public Schools will host an open house at the elementary school from 5 to 6:30 p.m. today (Wednesday), Aug. 21.

Students will have an opportunity to meet their teacher, ask questions and bring in their supplies to start the new school year. In addition, the district will be hosting a community fair featuring great resources available to families, free haircuts, backpack drawings and food.

At the same time, the Tuscola County Health Department will be holding an immunization clinic at Revive Ministries, Cass City. More information about the clinic is available by calling (989) 673-8116 or 673-1741.

### Service night to honor veterans

CASS CITY — The Cass City community will be honoring veterans with a display of flags during the school's varsity football game against Unionville-Sebewaing Area Schools Friday, Sept. 6.

Flags representing the different branches of the United States military will be set up as part of this "service night" event in recognition of all those who have served their country.

### Market in the park in Owendale

OWENDALE — The Owendale United Methodist Church will host a "market in the park" from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24, in downtown Owendale.

Some of the market items are expected to include veggies, baked goods, collectibles and furniture. There will also be grilled hot dogs to buy. Proceeds from the event will go to the church.

### Safety Care training in Kingston

KINGSTON — Teachers in the Kingston Community School District recently completed some schooling of their own in preparation for the 2019-20 school year.

The teachers participated in Safety Care recertification and/or initial training August 13-15. The specialized program focuses on the best techniques when handling a variety of student situations.

Safety Care is a program that teaches staff how to properly deal with upset students, de-escalate agitated student situations and, as a last resort, how to physically intervene.

In 2016, then-Gov. Rick Snyder signed a law that encourages schools to use "restorative practices" instead of suspension, seclusion or expulsion because those types of responses tend to disenfranchise students. The law encourages school officials to focus on reconciliation rather than punishment.

The approach was recommended by a special education task force that concluded restraint and/or seclusion should only be used in cases when a student is a danger to themselves or others.

*Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery*

### Officials prep for Lansing rally

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driving and has extra room, be there — we will supply the transportation."

Vaughan said organizers will be handing out signs, and those planning to attend should bring their own drinks and snacks.

The mission of the rally is to send a message to Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and other state officials that the proposed 200-bed, \$115 million psychiatric facility Michigan lawmakers approved building in Tuscola County to replace the aging Caro Center would play a vital role in meeting Michigan's need for additional psychiatric beds.

Senator Kevin Daley (R-Lum), who represents the 31st district, recently attended a Tuscola County Board of Commissioners meeting to provide county officials with an update.

Daley said he has attended several meetings over the last few weeks with Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) officials and the governor's staff as well as with key lawmakers on appropriations.

"The (Caro Center proposal) that has been released is only a recommendation from DHHS. It is not a decision," said Daley. "It is the Legislature who controls the money."

Instead of following through with the Legislature's 2017 plan to build a new facility in Caro, MDHHS officials are now recommending refurbishing one of the facilities at the Caro Center or building a new 84-bed hospital in Caro as well as renovating some other state hospitals to create 61 beds.

It's estimated renovations to existing facilities would cost about \$30 million to \$55 million less than spending the \$115 million to build a new hospital in Caro, but the proposal does not take into consideration the original plan for Caro's new state hospital creating 50 additional beds to meet the growing need for psychiatric patient care. Several reports have indicated there is a waiting list of roughly 200 such patients.

Daley and state Rep. Phil Green (R-Millington) say simply renovating one of the buildings at the Caro Center is not an option because the structures are too old and outdated.

Daley and Commissioner Dan Grimshaw, who has served on Tuscola County's Community Mental Health Board for several years, both agreed mental health care comes down to money.

According to Grimshaw, if those who are patients at the Caro Center were moved to community-based care, Medicaid would cover the cost. "It all comes down to money," he said.

However, Daley voiced some serious concerns over focusing only on the dollars and cents.

"There are some people in DHHS that want to shut down every hospital and mainstream (patients) into community homes," Daley said.

"Some of those in (psychiatric) facilities, I wouldn't want living anywhere near me. That's not being mean. That is a fact. There are some very sick people there," he added, referring to patients placed by court order into psychiatric facilities after being deemed criminally insane and/or incompetent to stand trial.

Daley and Grimshaw both noted there is a major shortage of in-patient psychiatric beds and psychiatrists across the state and nation.

The governor is expected to make an announcement regarding the Caro Center proposal before Labor Day.

## Huron among three counties with new land banks in state

The Michigan State Land Bank Authority announced Thursday the creation of county land banks in Dickinson, Eaton and Huron counties.

Creation of land banks will provide these counties with additional tools to assist in returning vacant and blighted property back to productive use, according to Jeff Huntington, State Land Bank director.

"Creating Land Banks in these communities is a positive step toward transforming vacant properties in the Upper Peninsula, Mid-Michigan and Thumb regions," Huntington said. "I am certain their efforts will serve as a valuable economic and community driver, and I look forward to working with each land bank in the future to help strengthen and revitalize their counties."

The State Land Bank works statewide to help communities with blight and abandoned or vacant property. Creation of a land bank at the local level creates more opportunity for greater engagement within the community as well as returning unproductive properties back to the local tax roll.

"I'm excited Huron County is establishing a land bank authority," said Huron County Treasurer Debra McCollum. "We look forward to coordinating with our county agencies, cities, villages and townships to improve the quality of our area for both local residents and visitors."

Prior to the creation of local land banks, the state was the primary resource for land banking in Eaton, Dickinson and Huron counties.

With the creation of these local land banks, the state will move into a supporting role, helping these counties as needed with technical assistance for demolition and redevelopment as well as other tools needed as they build their teams and begin work in

their official capacity, Huntington explained.

In addition to the State Land Bank's 2,500 available properties, local land banks also have inventory with a number of available

properties.

Residents can log onto the website Michigan.gov/LandBank to view the statewide listing of properties and to locate their local land bank.

## New Novesta Township hall nearing completion

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

Novesta Township Supervisor Chad Daniels says the new township hall should be completed in a month or so.

Daniels reported on the progress of construction during a recent township board meeting.

Earlier this year, the board approved building a new 2,000-square-foot hall at a cost of about \$284,509 on township property located near the corner of Cemetery and Delong roads.

According to Daniels' report earlier this month, builder Tracey Moore of TDM Construction estimated roughly 75 percent of the work had been done as of the first week of August, and he is still anticipating the completion date to stay within the original range and the costs within the quoted price range.

"It is expected to be done about mid-September, and it looks like it will be done under budget," Daniels said. "He does good work."

The next order of business for the new hall is letting passersby know about it.

Theresa McCormick of Mid State Signs spoke about making a sign for the township hall, but Daniels noted the sign and its cost were included in the contract with the builder.

Completion of the project will mark the first time in several years that Novesta Township will have its own home.

Since August 2010, the township board has been meeting at the Cass City Gun Club building, 2676 N. Englehart Rd., Cass City, because the old township hall on Deckerville Road in Deford was in disrepair and didn't have indoor restroom facilities.

In other matters, township officials will have to find another attorney to serve as their legal representative following the appointment of their attorney, Cass City's Jason Bitzer, as Tuscola County's new District Court judge. Bitzer had been the township's legal counsel.

So now the search is on for a new legal representative. The board, which has reached out to a couple of attorneys, tabled the matter until next month.

The board's next regular meeting will be Monday, Sept. 9, at 7:30 p.m.

## TAKING SEALED BIDS ON REAL ESTATE

Kelly & Co. Realty, as agent for the owner of property commonly known as **77 acres, more or less, Notter Road, Owendale, Michigan,** are accepting sealed bids to purchase the following described parcel:

Land situated in the Township of Brookfield, Huron County, State of Michigan, The Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter and the Southeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 23, Town 15 North, Range 10 East: EXCEPT Commencing at the East quarter corner of Section 23, Town 15 North, Range 10 East, and the Point of Beginning, RUNNING THENCE South 0 degrees 00 minutes West 147.0 feet along the East line of said Section 23, thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes West, 416.0 feet, thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes East, 177.0 feet; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes East, 416.0 feet; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes West 30.0 feet along the East line of said Section 23 to the Point of Beginning. Being a part of the Northeast quarter and part of the Southeast quarter of Section 23, Town 15 North, Range 10 East. ALSO EXCEPT a piece of land described as commencing at the Northeast corner of the Southeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 23, Town 15 North, Range 10 East: thence running West to the East boundary line of the Pontiac, Oxford and Northern Railway right-of-way, thence in a Southeasterly direction along said right-of-way to the North bank of the Shebeon Creek, thence along the bank of said Shebeon Creek in an Easterly direction to the highway being the Section line running North and South between Sections number 23 and 24 of said Township of Brookfield, Huron County, Michigan, thence North along said Section line to the point of beginning.

**If you wish to make an offer on the above parcel, your sealed bid should be submitted to Kelly & Co. Realty, 6451 Main Street, Cass City, Michigan 48726, Attention: Jean Board. A packet of information is available at Kelly & Co. Realty. The offer must be in writing, subject to the following:**

- A. Bids shall be submitted to Kelly & Co. Realty, as outlined above any time after August 15, 2019, but must be received no later than September 30, 2019, 5:00 p.m.
- B. All bids will detail the terms of the sale including:
  1. Whether the purchase requires financing from a lender or will be a cash sale.
  2. Either Proof of Funds for a cash sale or a Pre-approval letter for financing.
  3. **A 5% BUYER'S PREMIUM WILL BE ADDED TO THE ACCEPTED BID TO FORM THE CONTRACT PRICE.**
- C. Seller is responsible for 2019 property taxes. All future taxes will be the responsibility of the buyer.
- D. Seller is responsible for providing Owner's Title Insurance Policy in the amount of the final sales price, warranty deed, state and county transfer tax.
- E. Seller to receive 2019 growing seasons income.
- F. The successful bidder will be required to tender a non-refundable good faith deposit equal to five (5%) percent of the purchase price within three business days after receiving notice of Seller's intent to accept the bid submitted by the successful bidder.
- G. The successful bidder will accept the premises in their present condition, "AS IS" and with all faults, without warranties or representations as to condition or state of repair.
- H. Seller reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids and/or the right to accept less than the highest bid submitted. Kelly & Co. Realty are acting as Agents of the Seller.
- I. All bids will be opened on September 30, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. at the office of Kelly & Co. Realty, 6451 Main St., Cass City and bidders are welcome to attend. However, no bids will be accepted that day.
- J. The successful purchaser will be required to tender payment in full by wiring funds to Community First Title Agency at the time of closing.
- K. Closing shall be accomplished on or before October 30, 2019 at Community First Title Agency, 126 E. Huron Avenue, Bad Axe, Michigan 48413.
- L. The successful purchaser will be entitled to take possession of the property after the 2019 crops are harvested.

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# Les Merchant all ears

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"I always have loved sweet corn. I can remember...I had a sweet corn stand at my parents' house over on Cemetery Road when I was eight, 10 years old," he said, referring to his folks, the late Stu and Joan Merchant.

Merchant attended Cass City High School and graduated in 1971, the same year he began his career with UPS, washing trucks and sweeping floors. After serving in the U.S. Army for two years, he bought the family homestead on Merchant Road where he resides today.

And, with three-plus acres behind his place, Merchant rekindled his interest in growing sweet corn.

Merchant says he typically plants in stages, with the first batch of seed going into the ground in early spring, following by another two to three weeks later, and another batch a couple weeks later. Usually, the first harvest takes place in early August, although heavy spring rainfall made it difficult to get into his field this year.

"Every year is a different (weather) challenge," noted Merchant, who is quick to point out the work has been made easier over the years thanks to some friends who have helped him out with designing and building custom equipment, including a three-row planter and a sprayer powered by a recycled riding lawn mower fastened to a heavy metal frame.

Mother Nature aside, Merchant leaves little to chance – he starts the season by purchasing the best super-sweet seed varieties he can get his hands on, analyzes the soil and then ensures his fertilizer applications provide the right mixture of nutrients for his next crop.

Immediately after harvesting corn, he soaks the ears in cool water to preserve the sweetness – sugar naturally begins to turn into starch once an ear is picked – and to keep the husks from drying out.

"I've got four bi-color and two different all-yellow varieties," he said, adding the bi-color variety outsells the yellow corn by three to one, "but we sell lots of both.

"I'm always trying to find out if there's a better sweet corn out there than what I'm growing, but I haven't found it yet," he said. "This is pretty good stuff. I've been told by my customers that (this) is the best corn they've ever ate."

Merchant attributes that high praise to his unwillingness to take shortcuts, such as growing short-season varieties in order to achieve an earlier harvest.

"I try really hard to have a good product," he said. "I just plant the good stuff and wait."

Customers paid the same price for Merchant's best — \$5 for a baker's dozen – for many seasons. Then, seven years ago, his seed price soared by 35 percent, prompting him to up the price to \$6. Merchant, who estimates his seed bill at roughly \$1,500 a year, says the decision made him feel a bit guilty, so he decided to offer customers 14 ears for that \$6.

"My reputation for a good product is more important to me than what I'm going to make on it," he added.

Although he has six years of retirement behind him now, Merchant, 66, still keeps a close eye on his crop, and he relies on the helping hands of his son-in-law, Reuben Hernandez. Which leaves him with a little more time to shoot the breeze and share his stories with customers as they come and go.

"I like the customer contact. It's fun," he said.

When he isn't tending to his corn plots, Merchant spends as much time as he can fishing and hunting, occasionally guiding pheasant hunts at the Rooster Ranch. The custom furniture in his living room attests to his skills as a wood craftsman, and he enjoys canning.

While retirement has kept Merchant busier than he might have imagined when he was still delivering for UPS, he figures there's still time enough to continue pursuing all of his passions, including growing some of the best sweet corn in the region.

"I've been thinking about quitting this for the past six years," he said. "And then the seed catalogues come..."



THE SIGN READS "Les Corn is the Best Corn!", and Cass City's Les Merchant takes a great deal of pride in offering his customers the best super-sweet corn in the Thumb. It's a tradition that dates back about four decades.



MARY JANE VanVliet, Cass City, bags up some ears of super-sweet corn at Merchant's produce stand, located just west of the corner of Cemetery and Merchant roads, about three miles north of Cass City.

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## Racers flock to Lucky Thumb Motorcycle Club near Deford

### TT Scrambles results

**0-51cc PW Shaft Driv Stock 4-8**

Finish	Number	Name	City,State
1	54	Deegan Lickfeldt	Midland, MI

**52-65cc 6-11 Yr Old**

Finish	Number	Name	City,State
1	22	Evan D. Myers	Pinconning, MI
2	110	Charles Jaques	Flint, MI

**0-51cc Multi Speed Stock 4-8**

Finish	Number	Name	City,State
1	68	Ryan Green	Carsonville, MI
2	54	Deegan Lickfeldt	Midland, MI

**66-85cc 7-15 Yr Old**

Finish	Number	Name	City,State
1	22	Evan D. Myers	Pinconning, MI
2	68	Carson C. Green	Carsonville, MI

**Vintage 0-400cc AC 1990 & Old**

Finish	Number	Name	City,State
1	43x	Ethan Kitchen	Marlette, MI
2	27s	Byron Sparks	Pontiac, MI

**251cc + Open Single**

Finish	Number	Name	City,State
1	31s	Dylan Shaw	Lennon, MI
2	43h	Joey A. Howard II	Muskegon, MI

**86-250cc Open**

Finish	Number	Name	City,State
1	66	Ethan Kitchen	Marlette, MI
2	99	Austin Harrington	Millington, MI
3	78	Chris Clutter	Bay City, MI

**251cc + Open Twin**

Finish	Number	Name	City,State
1	27s	Byron Sparks	Pontiac, MI

**Vintage 401cc Open 1988 & Old**

Finish	Number	Name	City,State
1	99	Steve Seifferlein	Marlette, MI
2	30	Robert Knapp	Caro, MI
3	17	Robby A. Knapp	Caro, MI

**Wildcat 80-200cc AC 12+ Years**

Finish	Number	Name	City,State
1	22	Harry Schatzer	Pinconning, MI
2	43	Megan O. Bartz	Marlette, MI

**Senior 45+ Years**

Finish	Number	Name	City,State
1	12x	Rob Williams	Holly, MI
2	77	Lyle Barber Jr	Auburn, MI

**251-505 cc A**

Finish	Number	Name	City,State
1	31s	Dylan Shaw	Lennon, MI
2	43h	Joey A. Howard II	Muskegon, MI

**60+ Exhibition**

Finish	Number	Name	City,State
1	33	Brad Kniss	South Boardman, MI
2	22	Harry Schatzer	Pinconning, MI
3	19k	Charles Kidd	Lansing, MI

**Open Quad 16+ Years**

Finish	Number	Name	City,State
1	92	Garrett Wenglikowski	Bay City, MI
2	77	Jacob Barber	Auburn, MI

**Combo (cycle)16+ Years**

Finish	Number	Name	City,State
1	79	Jayson Bloss	Millington, MI
2	31s	Dylan Shaw	Lennon, MI



MARLETTE'S Steve Seifferlein, left, and Robby Knapp, Caro, attack the raceway over the weekend at the Lucky Thumb Motorcycle Club.

### Short Track Race results

**0-51cc PW Shaft Driv Stock 4-8**

Finish	Number	Name	City,State
1	54	Deegan Lickfeldt	Midland, MI
2	3	Jacob K. Jevicks	Frankenmuth, MI
3	324	Ryder D. Colpean	Hemlock, MI

**0-51cc Chain Stock 4-8**

Finish	Number	Name	City,State
1	110	Charles Jaques	Flint, MI
2	5	Wyland Holland	Montrose, MI

**86-250cc Open**

Finish	Number	Name	City,State
1	99	Austin Harrington	Millington, MI
2	78	Chris Clutter	Bay City, MI
3	96c	Brian Coltson	Caro, MI
4	66	Ethan Kitchen	Marlette, MI

**0-51cc Multi Speed Stock 4-8**

Finish	Number	Name	City,State
1	54	Deegan Lickfeldt	Midland, MI
2	68	Ryan Green	Carsonville, MI
3	27	Zakary Sentell	Caro, MI

**52-65cc 6-11 Yr Old**

Finish	Number	Name	City,State
1	22	Evan D. Myers	Pinconning, MI
2	110	Charles Jaques	Flint, MI
3	3	Michael J. Nord	Millington, MI
4	14h	Wyland Holland	Montrose, MI

**Veteran 30+ Years**

Finish	Number	Name	City,State
1	54	Douglas J. O'boyle	Midland, MI
2	5	Eric M. Haggart	Coleman, MI
3	77	Lyle Barber Jr	Auburn, MI

**66-85cc 7-15 Yr Old**

Finish	Number	Name	City,State
1	22	Evan D. Myers	Pinconning, MI
2	60	Skylar W. Sentell	Caro, MI
3	77	Aaden Savage	Caro, MI
4	68	Carson C. Green	Carsonville, MI

**Vintage 0-400cc AC 1990 & Old**

Finish	Number	Name	City,State
1	80	Anthony S. Pearson	Burton, MI
2	43x	Ethan Kitchen	Marlette, MI
3	54	Kyle Oboyle	Livonia, MI
4	43s	Chris S. Sebert	Millington, MI
5	19r	David Rogers	North Branch, MI
6	84	Joe McCormick	Muskegon, MI

**251cc + Open Single**

Finish	Number	Name	City,State
1	31s	Dylan Shaw	Lennon, MI
2	43h	Joey A. Howard II	Muskegon, MI
3	71	Zach W. Bailey	Leonard, MI
4	5	Eric M. Haggart	Coleman, MI

**251cc + Open Twin**

Finish	Number	Name	City,State
1	6	Mike Putnam	Lapeer, MI
2	27s	Byron Sparks	Pontiac, MI

**251-505 cc B**

Finish	Number	Name	City,State
1	69b	Cody Boughner	Birch Run, MI
2	98	Robert Tripp	Goodrich, MI
3	13	Nick Gordon	Bay Port, MI

**Wildcat 80-200cc AC 12+ Years**

Finish	Number	Name	City,State
1	43	Ethan Kitchen	Marlette, MI
2	42x	Austin Harrington	Millington, MI
3	1	Carson C. Green	Carsonville, MI
4	42	Erika R. Stover	Carsonville, MI

**Senior 45+ Years**

Finish	Number	Name	City,State
1	77	Lyle Barber Jr	Auburn, MI
2	12x	Rob Williams	Holly, MI
3	34	Eric D. Oboyle	Breckenridge, MI
4	84	Joe McCormick	Muskegon, MI

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**60+ Exhibition**

Finish	Number	Name	City,State
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2	82	John Warren	Millington, MI
3	4	Charlie H. Burke	Lapeer, MI
4	19r	David Rogers	North Branch, MI

**Combo (cycle)16+ Years**

Finish	Number	Name	City,State
1	31s	Dylan Shaw	Lennon, MI
2	156	Jordan Jean	Midland, MI
3	54	Douglas J. O'boyle	Midland, MI



CASS RIVER authority Robert Mullin proudly showcases the snapping turtle he caught near his Cass City home last week. The trophy turtle weighed 30 pounds and had a shell that measured 17" in circumference.

# Free meals for all pupils

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offer free breakfasts and lunches to all students.

While the free and reduced-price meal applications are no longer necessary, school officials say it's vital that all parents submit a Household Information Report as soon as possible.

The report is critical in determining the amount of money the Cass City Public Schools receives from a variety of state and federal supplemental programs – Title I, at-risk, Title II, etc., according to school Supt. Jeff Hartel, who noted all of the information submitted by residents is confidential.

Hartel pointed out that those supplemental programs have the potential to provide dollars that benefit students in the areas of instructional support (staff, supplies and materials), non-instructional services (counseling, social work, health services), professional learning for staff, parent and community engagement supplies and activities, and technology.

Parents can access the Household Information Report application on the school district's website.

Under the new format, all students will receive one free breakfast and one free lunch each day, according to Shari Bock, food service director for the Cass City Public Schools.

"Everything else will need to be paid for. (For) example, if you send your child to school with a cold lunch, you need to send money if your child wants milk," Bock explained, adding students who want double meals or ala carte items will also need money for those purchases, because charging will not be allowed.

Allison Zimba, the local school district's chief financial officer, says her calculations indicate the new meal program won't cost the school more than \$1,000 for the entire year. "The numbers... show we should be fine," she told the board of education earlier this year. "We feel this is a really good opportunity for all the kids."

Bock agreed, adding, "I'm hoping that we have more students eating school lunch. Each year we see some students that are not eating because the parents owe money, or because the parents don't qualify for the reduced-cost meals, but have expenses greater than income."

"I hate seeing the kids falling through the cracks and I'm hoping this program put all kids on the same level playing field. Everyone eats and there is no shame for anyone that can't afford it," Bock said.

"The success of the program will be less hungry children, less bullying (and) kids ready to learn."

Schools qualify for the CEP program by having a minimum 40 percent of kids who are certified as receiving some form of state assistance (the percentages in Cass City are 48 percent of elementary students and 39 percent at the high school). The program covers 78 percent of the cost, according to Bock, and the district receives additional funding for students who are already receiving assistance.

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

Studies have shown the staffs in school districts offering university school meals such as the CEP program see more students participating, in part, because free meals eliminates the stigma attached to kids who qualify for free or reduced meals.

A study conducted in Vermont revealed that 83 percent of staff at participating schools agreed students were more ready to learn, 98 percent agreed the programs reduced financial stress on both the students and their families, and 72 percent agreed the programs have resulted in an improved social environment.



CASS CITY School officials are reminding students to bring their refillable water bottles when classes resume next week. Thanks to sophomores Kalee Gray (left) and Abbey Halabis — who wrote a successful \$1,500 grant application — the junior-senior high school now has a refillable water station. The Tuscola County Community Foundation's Future Youth Involvement (FYI) Fund Board approved the grant in late 2018.

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Set-up is Monday & Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> 9am – 3pm.

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.**

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

*Support your favorite teams all season long with this guide to Cass City High School's big games!*

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

*All Varsity Games begin at 7 p.m.*

JV FOOTBALL	
DATE	OPPONENT
8/28	Montrose
9/5	USA
9/12	<b>Harbor Beach</b>
9/19	<b>EPB Lakers</b>
9/26	Vassar
10/3	<b>Bad Axe</b>
10/10	Caro
10/17	<b>Reese</b>

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

**GO HAWKS!!!**

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	<b>Cass City Invite</b>	<b>TBD</b>
10/7	Mayville JH Inv.	3:45 p.m.
10/9	Uby Invite	TBD
10/15	GTC League @ Bay Port	4:30 p.m.
10/19	Thumb Meet @ Caro	10:30 a.m.

VOLLEYBALL (JV & VARSITY)		
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
8/23	Bad Axe Invite (JV)	9:00 a.m.
8/24	Bad Axe Invite (V)	9:00 a.m.
9/7	Birch Run Invite (V)	8:30 a.m.
9/10	<b>EPB Lakers (JV &amp; V)</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
9/12	Bad Axe (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
9/14	Ogemaw Heights Invite (V)	9:00 a.m.
9/17	Vassar (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
9/19	<b>USA (JV &amp; V)</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
9/21	Frankenmuth Invite (V)	8:00 a.m.
9/21	Bay City Central Invite (JV)	8:00 a.m.
9/26	<b>Caro (JV &amp; V)</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
9/28	Ogemaw Heights Invite (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	<b>Bad Axe (JV &amp; V)</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
10/10	<b>Vassar (JV &amp; V)</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
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	<b>Capac (JV &amp; V)</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
10/29	<b>Reese (V)</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
11/4	Districts (V)	TBD

Home games in bold.  
Admissions:  
High School - \$5.00  
Jr. High - \$4.00  
Season Sport Passes:  
Family - \$125.00  
Individual - \$80.00  
Seniors 65 or older - Free with pass



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FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL		
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
9/7	Richmond Invite	TBD
9/10	<b>EPB Lakers</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
9/14	Chippewa Valley	TBD
9/19	<b>USA</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
9/21	USA	TBD
9/26	<b>Caro</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
9/28	Reese	TBD
10/1	Reese	6 p.m.
10/3	EPB Lakers	6 p.m.
10/5	Cros-Lex	TBD
10/15	USA	6 p.m.
10/19	Midland Dow	TBD
10/22	Caro	6 p.m.
10/24	<b>Capac</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
10/26	Caro	TBD
10/29	<b>Reese</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>

JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL		
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
9/4	EPB Lakers	5:00 p.m.
9/17	Capac	6:00 p.m.
9/24	<b>Memphis</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
10/1	Harbor Beach	6:00 p.m.
10/8	<b>Uby</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
10/15	Caro	6:00 p.m.
10/22	<b>Bad Axe</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>

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# Welcome students to the 2019-2020 school year!

## General Information

The Cass City Public Schools will open Tuesday, August 27, 2019. All students are to report to their respective buildings. School safety has been and will continue to be a major point of emphasis in our schools. Our district has a safety communication plan which includes the evacuation of all buildings, if ever the need arises. The safety and education of our children are our major priorities. School offices are open and ready to register new students. Considerable waiting time may be saved if appointments to register the students are made.

## Kindergarten

All day every day kindergarten classes will begin on Tuesday, August 27, 2019. Kindergarten parents will be notified by letter when to come for parent conferences. Parents should present the child's birth certificate, health record, and enrollment sheet before school starts if they have not already done so.

Cass City Schools Building/Start Time	Building	Start Time	Dismissal
G.S.R.P. AM		8:00 a.m.	11:15 a.m.
G.S.R.P. PM		11:55 a.m.	3:08 p.m.
Elementary		8:00 a.m.	3:08 p.m.
Jr/Sr High		8:00 a.m.	2:56 p.m.

## Safe Routes to School

The CCPS Coordinated Health Team will be sponsoring, "National Walk to School" for all students to be held in October and "National Bike to School" in May. Incentives will be given to students that participate.

## Transportation

Parents are asked to call 872-5618 to inform the transportation department if students will not be riding busses due to extended illnesses or to make special requests regarding carry on items. Additionally, inflated balloons are prohibited from all busses due to safety consideration.

Changes in enrollment and a geographical shift in student population within the Cass City Public School District may facilitate the need to restructure our bus routes. However, we need your help to ensure a smooth and safe transition. Parents are encouraged to have students ready to board buses early for the first few days of the school year. Also students are allowed one (1) pickup address and one (1) take home address. Adjustments to balance the bus loads will be made as soon as possible. The following bus policies have been adopted by the Board of Education.

## Student Responsibilities

- Students and parents must understand that the school day does not end until the student is dropped off at the take home location. Therefore, students are expected to observe classroom conduct with the utmost respect for the bus driver and the rules that pertain to riding the bus.
- To occupy the seat assigned by the driver and remain seated in an erect position with both feet on the floor while the bus is in motion.
- To be at the pickup place designated at the scheduled time.
- To wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before attempting to get on or off
- To keep all parts of your body inside the bus at all times.
- To cross a traveled highway, if necessary after leaving the bus, by walking in front of the bus.
- To leave or board the bus only with the consent of the driver and only through the proper door.
- To immediately report to the driver any damage to the bus.
- To help keep the bus clean, sanitary and orderly and the aisles free of any obstructions.
- To obey the driver cheerfully and to refrain from unnecessary conversation with the driver while the bus is moving.

## Parent Responsibilities

- To take all precautions necessary for the protection of their children while going to and from the bus stop.
- To work in a cooperative manner with those responsible for pupil transportation.

## Bus Discipline Procedure

**First violation** - The driver submitting the violation report will deliver it personally to the Principal of the building the student attends. The Principal will arrange a conference at which the student, driver and Principal will be in attendance. A written communication regarding the violation and disciplinary action taken will be sent to the parents.

**Second violation** - The same procedure as in the first violation. The minimum disciplinary action will be a three (3) day suspension from riding the bus.

**Third violation** - The same procedures as above with a five (5) day minimum suspension.

**Fourth violation** - The same procedures as above with a ten (10) day minimum suspension.

## Cafeteria

This year Cass City Public Schools will be offering all students free breakfast and lunch. A household information sheet MUST be turned in by ALL households. These forms will be given to your students the first day of school. Adult lunches will be \$3.50.

You can continue to put money in your child's account for milk and double lunches (all buildings) and ala-cart (Jr/Sr High School).

Envelopes for this program will be provided to the students. Please fill out the information

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on the front of the envelope so the money is put in the right account. Checks or money must be sealed in the provided envelopes and put in a drop box in the principal's office of each school before 9:30 A.M. Money received after this time will not go on the student's account until the next entry date. A \$10.00 charge limit will be placed on all accounts. You may NOT charge for ala cart at the Jr/Sr High School. This policy will be strictly enforced. Parents have the ability to login to the school's website and put money in and check on their student's lunch balance. For more information, visit [www.casscityschools.org](http://www.casscityschools.org) and click Skyward Family Access.

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## Cass City Elementary

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Chris Collins.....	Spanish I, Spanish II
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Garrett Gordon.....	Math 7, Algebra I, Algebra I Support
Barbara Graff.....	9th/10th Grade English
Thomas Gruber.....	Physical Science, Physics, Chemistry, 7/8 STEM, Advanced STEM
Susan Hanby.....	Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Geometry Support
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Kathy Wright.....	Special Education
Jon Zdrojewski.....	7th/8th Grade Science

## Multi-Building Personnel

Laura Curtis	Instrumental Music (Elem. & Jr/Sr High)
Adam Dorland	Elementary PE/Health (Jr/Sr High)
PREP - PM (TISD)	TBD
School Nurse - Kathy LaPonsie	
Technical Director - Lyle Severance	
IT Technician - Reed Keyser	
Crossing Guards	
Barb McComb/Supervisor, Sandy Kelley, Sally Pergande and Brenda Stover	
Bus Mechanic - Bruce Gardner (part-time)	
Transportation Director - Rita Hanby	

## Bus Drivers

Rita Hanby, Christine Spencer,  
Ralph Zinneker, George Batty,  
Bruce Gardner, Sherry Michaels  
Marla Steeley, Leah Sanders

## Administrative Support

Allison Zimba	Chief Financial Officer
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GSRP - Katie Gainforth, Michelle Whittaker  
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Jr/Sr High - JoEllen Bukoski, Sandy Taylor

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Craig Weaver,	Grounds Maintenance
Shari Bock,	Supervisor
Cooks - Jill Leeson, Brenda Stover, Tena Rabideau	
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Cashier - Barb McComb	

## Immunizations

Act 299, Public Acts of 1975, authorized the Director of the Michigan Department of Public Health to specify, by regulation, the immunizations and tests required of all children enrolling in Michigan schools for the first time. This year the following immunizations are required: Diphtheria, Tetanus, Rubella, Pertussis, Poliomyelitis, Chicken Pox (Varicella), Hepatitis B and Meningitis. In addition, each new school entry must have had a vision screening test. The parent or guardian who, because of religious or other conviction, does not want his/her child protected from these diseases must, submit a signed statement to that effect. Waivers are available at your county Health Department. Please call for an appointment. The Health Department is the only place a waiver can be obtained. As part of our school admission procedure for your child, we must enforce the law stated above. We must have the health record or a similar statement in order to admit your child officially to school. If you have questions about this, please contact your local school, your doctor, or the Thumb District Health Department.

## Discrimination Prohibition and Student Information

It is the policy of the Cass City Public Schools to not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, religion, handicap, or other prohibited matters in employment, or in educational programs. This also includes bullying and other aggressive behavior as listed under #5517.01 in the school policy handbook and on the school website. Anyone who feels that a violation of rights has occurred should notify:

Jeffrey Hartel,  
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## Student Accident Insurance Policy

Student accident insurance is available for parents to purchase through the Guarantee Trust Life Insurance Company. This low cost insurance plan can provide coverage for students at both school and home. Forms for participation will be given to all students to take home during the first week of school. Please review this information carefully and contact your child's principal if you have any questions.

## Guidance and Counseling

The school guidance program is designed to assist students who have personal and social concerns, and to help students design academic programs to meet their individual needs and abilities. College admission and financial aid assistance is provided for students interested in continuing their schooling after graduation. One of the programs designed to benefit both the student and the community is the co-operative educational program. Under this program, some students are placed in on-the-job-work situations for part of each school day. Students and parents desiring more information are encouraged to contact the guidance office.

## Emergency School Closing

Special announcements concerning school closing will be made through the following public service facilities: Radio WLEM-Bad Axe, TV-5-Bay City, TV-12-Flint and TV-25. Announcements will be made as soon as a decision is reached.

## Technology & Computer Services

Parents have the ability to login on the school's website and put money on their student's lunch account, check their student's lunch balance, grades, attendance, view upcoming assignments, receive school closing alerts via phone, email, and text messages, and more. These services are free and are a great tool for parents. For more information, visit [www.casscityschools.org](http://www.casscityschools.org) and click Skyward Family Access.

**Tech Center Offerings** - The following programs are offered to Cass City juniors and seniors at the Tuscola Technology Center. All of these programs are at least one year in duration with the exception of a few that are two year programs. Students enrolled in the programs attend the Tech Center on a half-day basis and are transported to and from the Tech Center on school buses.

Accounting/Financial Services, Administrative Management Support, Advertising Design, Ag-Science/Natural Resources & Animal Technology, Auto Body, Automotive Technology, Business & Industry Site Training, Child Care Services, Computer Technology Management Construction Technology, Job Placement/CO-OP, Cosmetology, Drafting/CAD, Electricity/Electronics, Floral & Greenhouse Technology, Graphic Communications, Hospitality/ Food Services Management, Landscaping & Turf-Grass Technology, Law Enforcement/Protective Services, Marketing & Business Management, Nursing/Health Technology, Power Technology, Pre-Training, Tool & Die/Metal Machining, Welding & Fabrication

## FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

### Tuesday Morning, August 27, 2019

## School Calendar - 2019/2020

**Teacher Professional Development**  
August 21 & 22, 2019

**First Day for Students**  
August 27, 2019 (Full Day)

**Labor Day Weekend**  
August 30th – September 2nd

**Half Day Students**  
September 27, 2019

**Half Day Students**  
October 25, 2019 (PM Teachers PD Day)

**End of First Term**  
November 1, 2019 (1/2 Student Day AM)  
(1/2 Teacher Records Day PM)

**Parent/Teacher Conferences**  
November 15, 2019 (No Students)

**Thanksgiving Vacation**  
November 27 - 29, 2019

**Winter Break (Begins at the end of the day)**  
December 20, 2019 (Students/Staff)

**School Resumes**  
January 06, 2020

**End of First Semester**  
January 17, 2020 (1/2 Student Day AM)  
(1/2 Teacher Records Day PM)

**Half Day Students**  
February 14, 2020 (PM Teacher PD Day)

**End of Third Term**  
March 20, 2020 (1/2 Day AM)  
(Spring Break begins at end of day)

**School Resumes**  
March 30, 2020

**Half Day Students**  
April 09, 2020 (1/2 Student Day AM)  
(PM Teacher PD Day)

**No School**  
April 10, 2020

**No School**  
May 22, 2020

**No School (Memorial Day)**  
May 25, 2020

**Last Day for Students/Teachers**  
June 5, 2020 (1/2 Student Day AM)

## What Cass City Schools Offer:

For the 2019-2020 school year you will find the following offerings to students in the Cass City Elementary and Cass City Jr./Sr. High Schools.

**Elementary School**  
Reading K-6, Spelling K-6, Penmanship K-6  
Math K-6, Science K-6, English K-6, Social Science K-6, Health K-6, Library 1-6, Remedial Reading K-6, Speech Therapy K-6  
Computer Keyboarding Gr. K-6, Vocal Music K-6, Physical Education K-6, Special Education K-6. Grades five and six core classes include: Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies. Exploratory classes offered are: Physical Education, Health, Band, and Computers

## Jr./Sr. High School

Core classes in grade seven include: Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies. Exploratory classes offered are: Physical Education, Band, Computer Technology, Intro. To Ag, STEM, and Art.  
Core classes in grade eight include: Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies. Exploratory classes offered are: Physical Education, Band, Intro. To Ag, Industrial Education, STEM, and Art.

## Grades 9-12

Art - Introduction to art methods & materials, including ceramics, painting, sculpture drawing & jewelry.  
English - English 9, English 10, English 11, English 12, AP Literature & Language.  
Foreign Languages – Spanish I, II  
Instrumental Music – A four year program in instrumental music.  
Mathematics - Algebra I & II, Geometry, Pre-Calculus, AP Calculus & College Algebra.  
Physical Education/Health for boys and girls. A four (4) year program is available.  
Science - Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Agri-Science, Anatomy, Forensics, Animal Science, Veterinary Science, Astronomy, Botany/Zoology & STEM.  
Social Studies - United States History, World History, Civics & Economics & History Movies.

**Extracurricular activities including interscholastic athletics for boys and girls. Excellent library facilities are available.**

## Athletic Family Passes

Athletic Family Passes are available at the following prices from the Elementary & Jr/Sr High school principal's offices.  
Full Family- \$125.00 / Individual- \$80.00  
Senior Citizen (Age 65 & over) Free with pass  
Cass City Students: Free with pass  
(\$5 replacement for lost pass.)

To provide special recognition for the service and sacrifice of military veterans of WWII, the Korean Conflict and Vietnam era, Public Act 181 of 2001 and Public Act 55 of 2014 authorizes the board of a Michigan school district to award high school diplomas to WWII, Korean Conflict and Vietnam veterans. The law permits WWII veterans who left high school between December 16, 1940 and December 31, 1946 for immediate military service and did not subsequently receive a high school degree to now apply for a diploma. Korean War veterans who left high school between June 27, 1950 and January 31, 1955 may also apply. Family members may apply on the behalf of a living or deceased veteran. Veterans of the Vietnam era must have been drafted or enlisted between February 28, 1961 and May 7, 1975 to qualify for this diploma. The application requires a copy of the veteran's discharge from military service indicating honorable service between the dates of December 16, 1940 and December 31, 1946 or June 27, 1950 and January 31, 1955 or February 28, 1961 and May 7, 1975. Also, the Vietnam era veteran must apply to the school district where he/she was enrolled during high school. The applicant's signature certifies the remaining information. Cass City Public Schools is pleased to be able to award high school diplomas to veterans who meet Public Act 181 or Public Act 55 criteria. For more information, please contact Jeff Hartel at 989-912-1821.

# CHURCH DIRECTORY

**Visitors always welcome....  
Please join us today!**



**Anchor Cove Church**

*Find Hope. Find Love. Find Purpose.*



201 E. Sanilac Rd., Caro, MI 48723 • 989-672-2262

Sunday Service: 10:00 a.m.

[www.anchorcoveoutreachchurch.com](http://www.anchorcoveoutreachchurch.com)

**Cass City Missionary Church**

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

Worship Service 8:30 a.m. • Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Worship Service 10:50 a.m.

Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Family Night 6:30 p.m.

Pastor: Phil Burkett • [www.casscitymc.org](http://www.casscitymc.org)



Associate Pastor: Joel Schwendinger

**Cass City United Methodist Church**

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

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

Worship: 11:00 a.m. (Summer 9:30 a.m.)

Sunday School - Sept.-May 9:30 a.m.

Community Dinner - Monthly (2nd Wed. at noon)

Pastor: Bob Demyanovich

**Community Baptist Church**

*(Independent Fundamental)*

4446 Ale St., Cass City, MI 48726 • 989-872-4088

Sunday School 9:45 a.m. • Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

• Afternoon Service 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday - Pray/Bible Study & Youth Group 6:00 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Nathan Whipple

**Deford Community Church**

1392 N. Kingston Rd. • 872-4055

(1/4 mile south of Deford on Kingston Rd.)

Sundays - 10 a.m. • Wednesdays - 7 p.m.



Pastor: David Cooper

[DefordCommunityChurch.org](http://DefordCommunityChurch.org)

**Evangelical Free Church of Cass City**

6430 Chestnut Blvd., Cass City, MI 48726

• 872-5060

• Worship at 10:00 a.m.

(through September 1)



EFCA

Midweek Bible Studies • Biblical Counseling

Pastor: Rev. Todd R. Gould - Like us on Facebook!

**First Baptist Church**

*(Independent, Fundamental) Barrier Free*

6420 Houghton St., Cass City, MI 48726 • 989-872-3155

Sunday School All Ages 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

AWANA Clubs 6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday - Teen Club 6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Pastor: Christian Wright

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



**First Presbyterian Church**

*Barrier Free • State & National Historical Registry*

6505 Church St., Cass City, MI 48726 • 872-5400

Worship Service 10:45 a.m.

Exercise Program: Mon., Wed. & Fri. 9:00 a.m.

*After School Adventure (K-6)*

*Call for winter schedule.*



**Fraser Presbyterian Church**

3006 Huron Line Rd., Cass City, MI 48726 • 872-5400

• Worship Service 9:30 a.m.

• Coffee hour following worship



**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**

6820 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726 • 872-2770

Worship Service 9:30 a.m.

Bible Class & Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Steve Bagnall

[www.goodshepherdlutherancasscity.webs.com](http://www.goodshepherdlutherancasscity.webs.com)



**Living Word Worship Center**

**Pentecostal - Church of God**

6536 Houghton Street, Cass City, MI 48726

989-872-4637

Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.

Family Training Hour: Wednesday 7 p.m.

Pastor: Jephtha Bryant

**Mizpah Missionary Church**

4631 N. Van Dyke, Cass City, MI 48726

Sunday School: 10 a.m.

Sunday Service: 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Wednesday Prayer Group 6:30-8 p.m.

Wednesday Kids' Club 6:30-8 p.m.

Pastor Dale Bullock 989-872-2828



**Novest Church of Christ**

*"the friendly church that cares"*

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

Sunday School 9:00 a.m. ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Worship Service 9:00 a.m.

2<sup>nd</sup> Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Senior Minister: Brad Speirs,

Associate Minister: Austin Keller at Ubyly &

Student Minister: Don Mecomber

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

**Our Lady Consolata Catholic Church**

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

Mass: Saturday 4:00 p.m. Nov. 1 - Mar. 31

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Apr. 1 - Oct. 31

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Priest: Fr. Adam Maher



**Potter's House Christian Fellowship**

**Pentecostal**

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

• We enjoy singing from the Hymnals and

Spiritual Preaching From

The Word of God

• Find us on Facebook: Potter's House

Church of Cass City

• Sunday: 11:00 a.m.



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

# Legal Notices

## Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to MCL 600.3212, that the following will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on August 29, 2019: Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Anthony Dickenson, a married man Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for the RMAC Trust, Series 2018 G-CTT

Date of Mortgage: December 6, 2011

Date of Mortgage Recording: December 8, 2011

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$104,939.11

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Watertown, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Parcel B:

A parcel of land in the Southeast 1/4 of Section 23, Town 10 North, Range 9 East, described as follows: To fix the point of beginning, commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 23; thence North 00 degrees 25 minutes 18 seconds East, on the East line of said Section 987.01 feet to the point of beginning of this description; thence South 89 degrees 54 minutes 16 seconds West, on a line which is parallel with said 335.28 feet, measured at right angles, South of the North line of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section, 1313.36 feet to a point on the West line of said Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4; thence North 00 degrees 19 minutes 52 seconds West on said West line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, 335.29 feet to the Northwest 1/4 of said Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4; thence North 89 degrees 54 minutes 16 seconds East, on said North line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, 1313.9 feet to the Northeast corner of said Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4; thence South 00 degrees 25 minutes 18 seconds West, on said East Section line, 335.29 feet to the point of beginning.

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

collector.  
Date of notice: July 31, 2019  
Trott Law, P.C.

1390938

7-31-4

## 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 19, 2019: Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Craig Froman, A Married Man Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper

Date of Mortgage: January 7, 2017

Date of Mortgage Recording: January 10, 2017

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$224,475.40

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 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 19, 2019: 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. 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.  
1393390

8-21-4

# CLASSIFIEDS

Transit (nonbusiness) rates, 10 words or less, \$5.00 each insertion; additional words 15 cents each. Three weeks for the price of 2-cash rate. Save money by enclosing cash with mail orders. Rates for display want ads on application.

## General Merchandise

**POLEGA'S PRODUCE** - Open every day 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., homegrown local produce-fruit, tomatoes, cucumbers, sweet onion, red potatoes, blueberries, sweet corn, watermelon, Red Haven peaches soon and more. We accept Project & Senior Fresh coupons. Just east of M-53 at 6480 Bay City Forestville Rd. Shop in the air conditioned building 872-3348 & cell: 989-670-2836. 2-8-21-3

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2 1/2 miles north of Cass City, 1/4 mile west on Merchant Rd.

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## Household Sales

**RUMMAGE / BAKE SALE**

Cass City United Methodist Church

Wed. Aug. 21 6 to 8:30 p.m.  
Thurs. Aug. 22 9 to 5 p.m.  
Fri. Aug. 23 9 to 12 p.m.

Friday = Bag Day .50 cents per bag

Furniture, dishes, suitcase, pictures, games, puzzles, books, toys, collectible doll, clothes (baby, children, men & women) Men's Jackets (52) many items too numerous to mention.

1-1/2 miles north of the light in Cass City.  
872-3422

## Real Estate For Rent

FOR RENT - Country Home 2-3 bedroom, appliances, on paved road between Caro & Cass City. \$550.00. No Smoking. No Pets. Call 989-737-3517. 4-8-21-tf

## Facilities For Rent

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

**Cass City Mini Storage**

All Sizes  
5' x 10'  
to  
12' x 40'

Need a seasonal place to store your recreational vehicle?  
**872-3917**

CALL 989-872-2010 to place your ad today. 8-7-17-tf

## Notices

**MARKET IN THE PARK**  
Come and shop with us! There is something for everyone! Antiques, furniture, baked goods, collectibles, & much more!  
Saturday, August 24, Owendale Village Park, 9:00-3:00.  
Lunch available.  
Sponsored by Owendale United Methodist Church.

**Join Us EVERY THURSDAY 2:30p.m. - 5:30p.m. Downtown Cass City**

Locally Grown. Locally Made. Locally Crafted.

Contact Stacy or Hayley at 989-872-4311 to reserve your site! [MUST call by 9 a.m. Thursday to reserve your site | \$10 per site]

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The storage units listed below, located at 6080 Cass City Rd, Cass City, Michigan, will be cleaned out as of Aug. 22, 2019:

UNIT #4  
**Rent-A-Box**  
6080 Cass City Rd, Cass City, Michigan

## Real Estate For Rent

FOR RENT - Cass City Apartments, an elderly community (elderly being defined as 62 years of age or disabled of any age) located in Cass City, MI is currently accepting applications for 1 bedroom Apartments. Units of barrier free design may also be available. Rent based on income, starting at \$499. For affordable housing call (989) 872-2009. Free Heat & Water! Pet Friendly! \$0 Security Deposit (limited time only) "This institution is an equal opportunity provider" TDD/TTY #711" 4-2-21-tf

SMALL ONE BEDROOM - house on large lot close to downtown for rent. \$400/mo. plus security deposit & utilities. Phone 989-551-4966. 4-8-14-3

## Services

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## Services

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SALT FREE iron conditioners and water softeners, 24,000 grain, \$750. In-home service on all brands. Credit cards accepted. Call Paul's Pump Repair, 673-4850 or 800-745-4851 for free analysis. 8-9-25-tf

ELECTRIC MOTOR and power tool repair, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, 8 a.m. to noon Saturday. John Blair, 1/8 mile west of M-53 on Sebawaing Road. Phone 269-7909 or 989-553-7960. 8-12-13-tf

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4180 Hurds Corner Rd.  
8-8-10-tf

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 Bad Axe, MI 48413  
  
**989.269.6811**  
 www.badaxeorthodontics.com  
 8-6-11-52

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 8-5-3-11

**de Beaubien Lawn Service**  
**CALL Blaine (989) 670-6700**  
 8-12-19-tf

**Help Wanted**

TTC WANTS YOU to get your GED. Low-cost GED Prep class is starting soon! Don't delay. FREE GED Testing and rewards available to those who qualify. Check out our Life Long Learning/GED link at www.tuscolaisd.org or call 989.672.2224 Ext. 2 before September 3!  
 11-8-14-3

HELP WANTED - SENIOR SERVICES SPECIALIST - Provision of home-based assessments for individuals over 60 years of age residing in Huron County and a portion of Sanilac County. Associate's Degree in the area of human services or related field required, as well as computer skills and a valid driver's license with ability to travel within the service area. 40-hour work week, Mondays - Thursdays. \$14.00/hour plus agency fringe benefits. Fringe benefits include, but are not limited to, health insurance, annual/sick time, and paid holidays. Send letter of application and resume to the Director's Assistant, Human Development Commission, 429 Montague Avenue, Caro, MI 48723. AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.  
 11-8-21-1

HELP WANTED - Tuscola County Veteran Affairs office has an opening for a full-time Veteran Affairs Service Officer. If interested go to tchd.us and click on the Employment tab for full details of posting.  
 11-8-21-2

**Real Estate for Sale**

FARM FOR SALE - House & Barn on 34 acres. Deford. Call 872-2492.  
 11-8-21-2

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 Cass City 6451 Main St. 872-2248  
 Caro 253 S. State St. 673-2555  
 Joey Kroeger  
 Office 989.872.2248  
 Cell 989.912.0059

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 Cass City Chronicle  
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 Country Livin, beautiful countryside views. This home is located not far from town. Offers three bedrooms and two baths. First floor laundry. All appliances are included. New vinyl plank flooring in family room.  
  
 123-19-0033

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 Country cutie! Lovely Ranch setting on 2 acres with a 18' x 30' horse barn. Enjoy the countryside on the large deck off the kitchen and dining room. Call to take a look!  
  
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# Ligrow expanding business with batting cages, golf turf

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

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

Besides hearing the chant, “Hey batter, batter” on a ball field, it now will be heard in a downtown Cass City business as well.

Ligrow’s 24hr Fitness, 6447 Main St., is in the process of adding a batting cage for hitting baseballs and softballs, and a turf area to practice hitting golf balls.

“That is in the upstairs on the second floor. That area was once used as an opera house, and where they did plays a long time ago,” explained owner Jon Ligrow. “That area was just being used for fitness classes.”

The second floor is about 1,500-square feet, so there is enough space to add that to the facility’s athletic offerings. He added a 12-foot by 12-foot by 50-foot batting cage on the east wall, and there will be three areas to hit golf balls.

“The nets and batting cage won’t be in the way. The floor will be turfed, so there is enough room for the fitness classes there,” he noted.



Ligrow opened his 24-hour fitness center in 2014. Although the batting cage and turfing the floor for golfing represents a significant investment, he felt it was a good addition to his business.

“Doing the turf was the most expensive, but it ties in with the other fitness and training I do here,” he said. “I added this because I felt there is a need for it. People were going to Saginaw, Freeland and elsewhere to use the batting cages, and I have the space for it.”

He hopes to have the equipment in place and everything ready to go for use before school starts.

The upstairs will be open by appointment only. To make an appointment call the fitness center at 872-3260 or call or text his cellphone at (989) 600-6308 to rent the area for an hour or 30 minutes.

The gym area is still open 24 hours for members. The center also has its Silver Sneaker program for senior citizens.

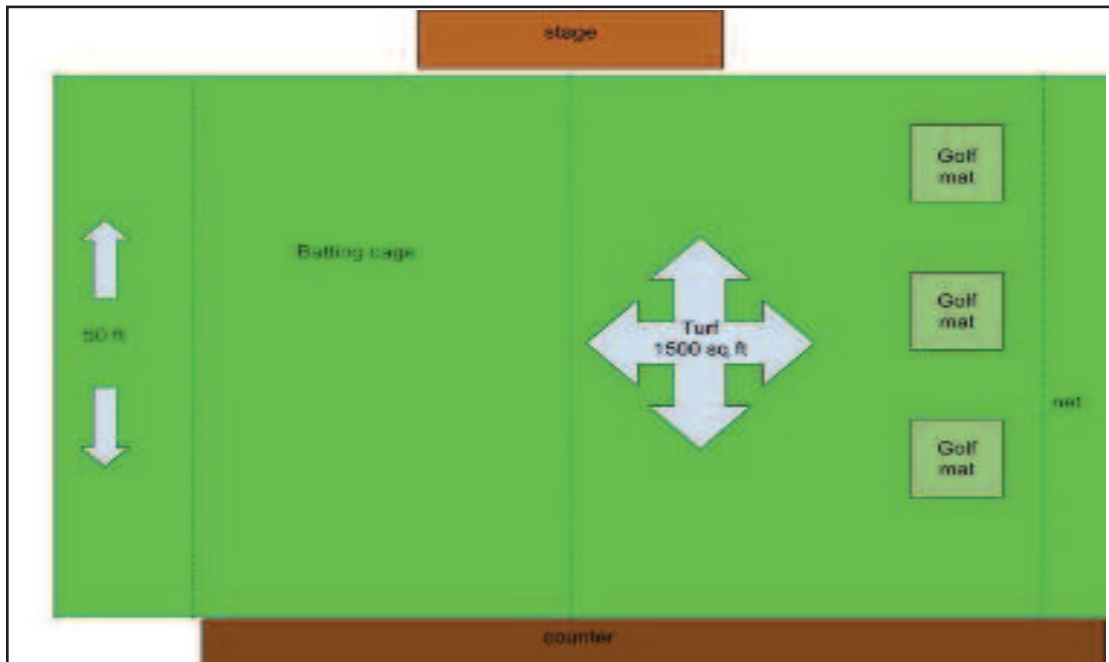
“Most insurance companies will cover the cost of Silver Sneakers. If their insurance company offers the program, their membership is covered and I get reimbursed from their insurance company. It’s a great program,” he said.

Opening his fitness center five years ago gave Ligrow an opportunity to spend more time with his family.

“The job that I had at the time... I was not happy. I had been doing it for 11 years and I was tired of it. I was working weekends, nights and holidays, wanted time with my kids, and the building was for sale,” Ligrow said. “I knew there was a need for this kind of business in a rural area. It has worked out nice.”

Aside from operating his business, Ligrow coaches basketball and golf at Cass City High School.

A certified International Sports Sciences Association (ISSA) trainer, his interest in sports and fitness started at an early age. His father was a physical education teacher and varsity basketball coach, and he played sports while in high school and intramural sports in college.



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