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## Thumb officials, residents rally for Caro Center

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

An estimated 200 people, including Thumb lawmakers, residents and county officials, gathered for last week's rally at the Capitol in



Sheriff Glen Skrent

Lansing to encourage state officials to follow through with a promise to build a new, 200-bed psychiatric hospital in Tuscola County to replace the aging Caro Center.

"The rally is to highlight the need to maintain the care in Caro, and to expand the psychiatric hospital's services. For 105 years, Caro has provided excellent care to those who have nowhere else to turn," said 84th District state Rep. Phil Green (R-Millington), who represents citizens in Tuscola and Huron counties.

"The buildings in Caro are and have been in disrepair. We are asking the state to build a new facility to replace the aging one in Caro."

The rally was organized in response to Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's and Michigan Department

of Health and Human Services Director Robert Gordon's announcement regarding a consultant's recommendation to downsize the Caro Center.

The state's recommendation would continue funding levels for the current 794 psychiatric beds statewide, according to MDHHS

officials, who called for a realignment of current funding by:

\*Maintaining an 84-bed facility in Caro, via either large-scale modernization or new construction. "An 84-bed facility will be close to the current census and will reflect the state's approach to hospital unit design, utilization for

patients and construction. Staff needed to support the facility, professional and nonprofessional, will remain at current levels," officials stated in a news release.

\*Shifting the remaining 61 beds to other existing state hospitals closer to major population centers  
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STATE REP. Phil Green (R-Millington), whose 84th District is comprised of Tuscola and Huron counties, addresses supporters on the Capitol lawn during last week's Caro 4 Michigan Rally. Green has continued the cause in support of the \$115 million state hospital that his father, former senator Mike Green, fought for in 2017.

## Motorist dies in car fire

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

A Cass City man lost his life in a car fire Sunday night, Tuscola County Sheriff Glen Skrent reported.

The victim's name had not been released as of press time.

Skrent said the accident occurred as deputies were investigating a reported domestic assault complaint at a residence on East Deckerville Road in Novesta Township shortly after 9 p.m.

"A 38-year-old Cass City man left the residence prior to officer arrival, traveling east on Deckerville Road in a white colored F-150. The vehicle left the roadway and struck a tree on Deckerville Road, between Lamton Road and Van Dyke Road, in Sanilac County," Skrent said.

"After striking the tree, the vehicle started on fire, resulting in the death of the 38-year-old man," he added. "Alcohol may be a contributing factor in the accident."

The crash remains under investigation.

Deputies were assisted at the scene by troops from the Michigan State Police post in Caro, the Elkland Township Fire Department and Cass City MMR.

## Dollar General building

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

The village of Cass City is in the process of getting an economic boost from three businesses.

Last week the Cass City Planning Commission met to review site plans

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## Weekend fire levels Amish barn, sawmill

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Fire roared through an Amish sawmill south of Cass City Saturday morning, gutting the structure.

No one was injured, according to Elkland Township Fire Chief Glenn Guilds, who reported a 40-foot by 80-foot steel pole barn at the Joe Kuhn residence, located on Cemetery Road between Kelly and DeLong roads, was a total loss, as was the equipment inside. Four or five goats in the barn also perished, he said. A home on the property was not damaged.

Guilds estimated the loss at more than \$100,000.

Cass City firemen were dispatched to the scene at about 6:30 a.m. "When we got there, it was nothing but a fireball, the fire chief said. He added a pair of 20-gallon propane tanks and a 250-gallon fuel oil tank stored in the barn fueled the flames.

Guilds said Kuhn had a pile of bark/brush burning in front of the pole barn Friday night. He poured

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by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

So far, so good.

That's was the word from Cass City School Supt. Jeff Hartel on enrollment figures Thursday, just two days after teachers welcomed local students back to classes for the 2019-20 school year.

Hartel came up with a combined enrollment of 987 last week – 518 students in the elementary building (grades K-six) and 469 at the junior-senior high school (grades

seven-12). He said the figures represent a loss of 15 elementary students but a gain of 29 kids at the junior-senior high school.

"Overall, the district is up 14 students from last winter's count – hope it holds," said Hartel, referring to the upcoming statewide enrollment count scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 2.

"We're seeing, maybe, a turn in the right direction. We'll see," he said, adding, however, that the numbers preliminary at best.

In fact, enrollment figures tend

to fluctuate frequently – sometimes week to week – according to Hartel, who in February 2018 reported a loss of 15 students, only to learn months later, in October, that the district's student population had grown by a whopping 20 kids after decreasing by 20 to 25 students annually for the past several years.

Enrollment plays a key role in school funding from the state, which "blends" student counts

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## Hartel: preliminary enrollment in Cass City looks promising...so far



THOUSANDS OF residents from across the Thumb and beyond are expected to converge on the Thumb Octagon Barn Agricultural Museum this weekend for the 24th annual Fall Family Days celebration near Gagetown. Above, Caiden Parker, 13, and his younger brother, Zachary, 7, the sons of Kate DeLong and Jeremy Parker, Uby, are pictured feeding sorghum into an old sorghum press during last year's festival.

## Fall Family Days this weekend at the "round barn"

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

It's been nearly a quarter of a century since the first Fall Family Days celebration took place at the Thumb Octagon Barn near Gagetown.

That inaugural festival came about thanks to a group of hard-working volunteers who hosted some 300 visitors while working towards a common goal; to repair and renovate the historical eight-sided barn that former Gagetown banker James Purdy contracted to have built in the 1920s.

Folks planning to attend the 24th annual Fall Family Days at the "Round Barn" can look forward to seeing nothing short of a complete transformation of the old Purdy family farm, including that unique barn and nearby 15-room farmhouse, all part of what is now known as the Thumb Octagon Barn Agricultural Museum.

They should also be prepared for plenty of company, as Fall Family Days officials say they would like nothing better than to see attendance top the av-

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PICTURED ABOVE are members of the Sontag family, which hosted this year's reunion of the descendants of Fred and Myrtle Wissner, Sebewaing.

*Sontags host a Wissner family reunion Aug. 18*

The descendants of Fred and Myrtle Wissner of Sebewaing gathered Aug. 18 for a family reunion at the home of Pat Sontag, Hartsell Road, Cass City.

"They gathered to celebrate the family life that was created (by) Fred and Myrtle's 13 children, 47 grandchildren and several more generations already," said family member DeAnn Alexander.

"One hundred and twenty-seven family members gathered at the home of Patricia Sontag, the youngest of their 13 children," she added. "There are now two of the 13 siblings still living.

A majority of the family still lives in Huron and Tuscola counties, according to Alexander, who noted relatives came from North Carolina, Washington State, Washington, D.C., Illinois, Ohio and Texas, as well as throughout Michigan to attend this year's reunion.

"The pot-luck dinner was created with all family members bringing their specialties. Traditional ice-cream cones were served in the afternoon," she said. "The youngest family member present was two-year-old Malcom Fidler of Berkley, Mich., who is the great-great-grandson of Fred and Myrtle Wissner. The oldest family member was 87-year-old Nina Alexander of Fenton, who is the Wissner's ninth child."

About 75 family members were unable to attend the celebration.



CINDY POLLEY of Birch Run prepares to attach a leaf to the Wissner family tree during a recent reunion attended by nearly 130 members at the home of Pat Sontag, Cass City.



*Novesta Old Settlers gather...*

The descendants of Novesta Old Settlers held their 106th reunion at the Novesta Church of Christ fellowship room on August 17 with the following attending: (front, l-r) Patsy (Francis) Longuski, Dale Churchill, Mary Helen (Woodward) Pratt, Geri (Warner) Perry; (middle) Pat (McNeely) Field, Donna Zinnecker, Nancy (Walmsley) Watkins, Arlene (Peasley) Paladi, John Chapin, Bob Watkins, Jim Perry, Alex Paladi; (back) Grant Zinnecker, Kim (Little) Michalski, Bruce Field, Pennie (Grady) Rienas, Russel Rienas. Missing: John Novak and Dennis Longuski, photographer.

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# In Our OPINION...

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## Time to cut the risk of CO poisoning

September marks the beginning of fall, which means chilly nights and heated homes. It also means a higher risk of exposure to a potentially fatal gas.

One common household danger that arises during colder months is the possibility of carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning, as the dangerous yet odorless gas is often found emitted from fuel fumes from household appliances and garages.

With this in mind, First Alert annually teams up with Michigan fire departments from across the state to remind residents to replace their expiring CO alarms with new or upgraded devices to prevent possible CO poisoning.

Michigan's Uniform Construction Code (Act 230 of 1972) mandated installation of carbon monoxide (CO) alarms in all new single and multi-family dwellings. Since then, Michigan has led the country in protecting its residents from the dangers of this invisible, odorless and potentially fatal gas, with dozens of other states following suit.

Fast-forward several years from that groundbreaking legislation, though, and health and safety officials continue to voice concerns over the need to replace CO alarms as they approach expiration.

"While safety is a value we all share, it's easy to take life-saving measures like Michigan's law for granted once they've been implemented," said Tom Russo, chief executive officer at First Alert, a leader in residential fire and CO detection devices. "This...is a timely reminder of the importance of protecting what matters most, and an ideal opportunity for us to celebrate the lives that have been saved.

"If you can't think of the last time you installed a smoke or CO alarm, chances are, it's time to replace your old ones," Russo said. "Installing new alarms ensures you are protected with the most advanced CO sensing technologies and latest safety features available. Conversely, by neglecting to replace alarms, you could be putting yourself, your family or tenants in serious risk."

Known as the "silent killer", you can't see, taste or smell carbon monoxide, but it can be deadly when you breathe it in.

Heaters, fireplaces, furnaces, appliances and cooking sources using coal, wood, or petroleum products are all potential sources of CO, so it's critical to have those appliances inspected regularly by a certified licensed technician.

CO poisoning can cause symptoms such as nausea, headaches, dizziness, chest pain and vomiting that mimic those of many other illnesses, making it difficult to diagnose. In severe poisoning cases, victims can experience disorientation, unconsciousness, long-term neurological disabilities, cardio respiratory failure and even death.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), CO poisoning is the number one cause of accidental poisoning in the United States and is responsible for an average of 430 deaths and more than 20,000 hospital emergency room visits each year.

In Michigan 145 people died and 3,868 people sought medical treatment for CO poisoning between 2009 and 2013, according to data collected by Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS). In 2013, 823 individuals were unintentionally poisoned by carbon monoxide, with 34 dying as a result of exposure. The three leading causes of exposure were: faulty furnaces or water heaters (22 percent), generators (20 percent) and vehicles (15 percent).

Don't be a statistic. Take a few moments today, before you fire up that furnace or fireplace, to make sure your CO detectors are working properly and have new batteries.

## Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

Reunion: older, wiser and kinder?



I'm no longer a high school reunion attendee virgin.

I recently attended the 50th graduation reunion of the Sebewaing High School class of 1969. It was the first time I've attended a reunion.

I have a feeling some of my former classmates might not be too happy about that. I was the only journalist/columnist at the event. Most people don't realize having a person in my profession is kind of like having a law enforcement officer around, because "anything you say or do can be used against you" in an article or in a column without access to an attorney.

I normally avoid social gatherings, but I caved to peer pressure to go. I'm actually happy I did. I cannot remember the last time I laughed so much.

Fortunately, we all had tags to wear with our high school graduation photo on them along with our names. There were only a few who I recognized without having to read the tag. A few looked about the same, while others had changed a lot. I had to do a lot of name tag reading.

At the reunion, I finally was able to tell a person I knew from elementary school through high school about an accomplishment. I recently did a column about being the only Columbia Corners School student who didn't get to be on the 1950s-60s television children's program featuring Captain Muddy Waters that was hosted by newsmen Chuck Waters.

Being left out really hurt. To add insult to injury, the captain singled my elementary rival out to talk to. I harbored a grudge over that issue for many, many years. Several years later when Mr. Waters and I were covering the same news event, I introduced myself. I followed up with a hug and whispered, "I love you, captain," when my childhood admiration of him bubbled to the surface.

In my heart, I felt getting to hug the Captain trumped her just getting to talk to him back in the day.

Anyway, during the reunion, I told her about the column and gloated that I had gotten to hug the Captain. I couldn't believe she didn't have any reaction to my coupe de grace announcement. Oh, well...

There was a segment in the evening when everyone introduced themselves, gave some personal information on what career they had retired from, and their number of children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Several ended their biographies with, "life is good!"

Which indeed it was, when you consider of the 81 graduates in our class, 16 have passed away. There were 43 who attended the reunion, which was the biggest turnout ever.

The evening included a moderator who did an excellent monolog that rivaled some of the best standup comedians. There were several references to our ages and medical issues, and she had some compliments also. She said we are still a good-looking group...but then her cataracts prevented her from seeing more than just a few feet away.

She pointed out 1969 was a historic time. There was Woodstock, the Vietnam War and civil unrest.

"We might not have had a lot in common back then, but tonight we do. We are all old now," she pointed out. "We are older, maybe wiser, and hopefully kinder now."

She encouraged us to reach out, make the night special, to keep in touch with each other, and that at our age friendships are more valuable than ever.

She was right. Over the last two years, I've lost over a dozen friends, and because I attended the reunion, I reconnected with some classmates I had often wondered about. Promises of getting together for a lunch soon were made.

"There were several really glad you are here," she said. I am happy that I attended my first reunion... and, "life is good."



## Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Sheriff Garry Biniecki reports that the Sanilac County Sheriff's Office kept busy over the Labor Day holiday weekend.

Deputies handled a variety of calls including assaults, injury accidents, and also arrested three subjects that were actively breaking into an outbuilding in Wheatland Township. Sanilac Central Dispatch received 464 calls for service and Sanilac County Sheriff's Deputies had 158 incidents assigned and handled 67 complaints. Sheriff's Deputies also made nine arrests stemming from various complaints. They performed 51 traffic stops with eight citations issued including 46 verbal warnings.

The Marine Division was on the water this holiday weekend on Lake Huron waterways from patrol boats based in both Port Sanilac and Lexington Harbors. Poor weather conditions kept water activities to a minimum. No water related injuries were reported and no citations were issued.

The Sheriff's Office also conducted additional enforcement using grant funding for Stone Garden patrols through Homeland Security and the volunteer Aero Squadron conducted safety patrols from the air along the shores of Lake Huron.

Finally, Sanilac County Correction's Deputies booked 14 subjects into the jail stemming from arrests by deputies and other police agencies from throughout the county and the courts.

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Andy Gray has lent a helping hand with the Cass City varsity football team duties for the last several years. And if Thursday's opener is any indication that tradition continues in 2019.

However, the Cass City graduate won't be on the sidelines like in years past. This year it looks like he'll be the voice of the Red Hawks from the announcer's booth, called Dillon's Den in honor of long-time broadcaster Wayne Dillon.

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Hurricane Dorian pummeled the Bahama Islands with category 5 winds and rain for several days over the weekend. The monster storm even had consequences for some Thumb folks.

My Red Hawk classmate and friend Gary Warju, Class of 1978, told me that he - and 14 Warjus in total - were set to take a cruise that started in Miami Sunday and motored west to Cuba, Grand Cayman and Cozumel. But officials canceled the cruise because of the storm.

I am not sure if they were talking about the weather or the invasion of the Warju clan.

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For the first time in three years, crowds at the Annual Mackinac Bridge Walk grew, with an estimated 30,000 people shrugging off blustery weather to walk the Mighty Mac this Labor Day.

This was the third year that the bridge was closed to public traffic during the walk, and the second year of the event starting from both Mackinaw City and St. Ignace with options for participants. About 25,000 people participated in the walk each of the last two years. "We're thrilled that more people chose to join us this morning for this 62-year tradition," said Mackinac Bridge Authority (MBA) Executive Secretary Kim Nowack. "Each year is different, with people from across the globe coming to walk the bridge, and we hope everyone enjoyed this opportunity to see the bridge from this vantage."

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With gas prices rising over the past six months, the personal-finance website WalletHub recently released its report on 2019's Best & Worst Cities to Drive In as well as accompanying videos.

To determine the most driver-friendly places in the U.S., WalletHub compared the 100 largest cities across 30 key metrics. The data set ranges from average gas prices to annual hours in traffic congestion per auto commuter to auto-repair shops per capita.

They say the best city for driving is Raleigh, NC and the worst city for driving is Detroit, MI.

To view the full report and your city's rank, please visit: <https://wallethub.com/edu/best-worst-cities-to-drive-in/13964/>

## Letters to the Editor

### Step up to plate, Walbro

Editor,

Once again, Walbro shows a total lack of respect for the village of Cass City. After all the years that Cass City has treated them so well with tax breaks and a new sewage plant that they just had to have so they could expand.

Walbro bans cigarettes on company property, so what do their employees do? They litter the storm gutter with their butts so they can all be washed down the storm drain every time it rains. They used to litter the walking trail with them, and maybe they still do, as I did not walk down the trail to find out.

Step up to the plate, Walbro, and take care of business. Cleaning up this mess is your responsibility, not the village of Cass City's.

A concerned citizen,

Terry Hendrick  
Cass City

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## Wednesday, September 4

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

## Thursday, September 5

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

## Saturday, September 7

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

## Monday, September 9

•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.  
•Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.  
•VFW monthly meeting, 7:00 p.m., VFW Hall, Cass City.

## Tuesday, September 10

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

### STANDING COMMUNITY CALENDAR ITEMS

#### First Saturday:

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

#### First Sunday:

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

#### First Monday:

•Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.  
•Shabbona Outreach Baby Pantry, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Shabbona Outreach 5448 Shabbona Rd. Decker, MI. Gently used clothing and equipment, diapers, bottles, toys, formula, baby food. For more information contact Judy Doerr (989) 658-8625.

#### Second Monday:

•Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.  
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•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:

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#### 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

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# Chase ends in Caro man's arrest

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

A Tuscola County man faces a pair of felony charges after unsuccessfully trying to avoid the long arm of the law during a vehicle chase in Huron County last week.

Jacob R. Mielcarek, 22, of Caro was formally charged last Wednesday in Huron County District Court with fleeing and eluding a police officer and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor.

He was remanded to the Huron County Sheriff's Department on a \$7,500 (10 percent) bond.

Mielcarek's arrest Tuesday came following a call to Huron County Central Dispatch at about 3 p.m. regarding an erratic driver on M-53, heading south towards Bad Axe, according to Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson.

"It was reported that a driver in a

Chevrolet Impala was forcing people off the road. Sgt. James Hunt happened to be on the north end of Bad Axe when the call came in and observed the vehicle driving as reported," Hanson reported. "He attempted to stop the vehicle, but it continued southbound, using the turn lane to try and flee from him."

Officer Scott Zaleski from the Bad Axe Police Department joined in the pursuit, but both he and Hunt determined the chase needed to be terminated because it continued to escalate, according to Hanson.

"While driving around the area, Sgt. Hunt located the vehicle in a driveway on Thompson Road, east of Hellems Road., which is in Verona Township. He pulled in and confronted a female, who was believed to have been the passenger of that vehicle," the sheriff said.

"Turned out that the passenger

was the girlfriend of the fleeing driver and she was claiming they had pulled into her grandfather's driveway. This was not the case, as the person she said lived (at that residence) did not. "She did, however, eventually start to cooperate and at that time, information came in about an individual walking on Hellems Road, north of Thompson Road, which was in the area where the suspect vehicle was found."

Bad Axe Police Chief Dave Rothe and Bad Axe Police Sgt. Kevin Knoblock responded in an unmarked car to confront the subject. "They determine the individual walking was the suspect and they were able to apprehend him without further incident," Hanson said.

"He was taken to our jail by Deputy Steve Bismack, who too had been looking for the 22-year-old suspect."

## Circuit court proceedings

# Several appear on felony charges

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

\*Edward Bukraba, Jr., 63, Jackson, pleaded no contest to a charge of possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony July 20, 2018, in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC). Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*Terail D. Jones, 24, Redford Township, pleaded guilty to charges of manufacture/delivery of counterfeit prescription forms and attempting to obtain a controlled substance by fraud. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$2,500. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*David S. Hayes, 40, Cass City, pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance, second offense, and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor June 2 in Novesta Township.

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

\*Scott R. Liestman, 49, Mayville, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, June 29 in Vassar Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

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

\*Amanda L. LaPeer, 39, Cass City, was sentenced to three days in the county jail following her pleas of guilty to possession of cocaine, heroin or another narcotic (less than 25 grams) and assault-

ing, resisting or obstructing a police officer Sept. 28 in Vassar.

LaPeer's jail time was deferred, according to court records, which state she was placed on probation for 24 months and ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$526 plus attorneys fees of \$200.

\*Roland W. Pyles, 39, Mayville, was sentenced to 180 days in the county jail following his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, May 10 in Dayton Township.

He was also placed on probation for 48 months and ordered to complete 480 hours of community service and pay costs and

fines totaling \$1,258 plus attorneys fees of \$250.

\*David M. Muz, 68, Caro, was sentenced to 30 days in jail following his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, April 3 in Vassar. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

In addition to jail time, he was placed on probation for 48 months and ordered to complete 480 hours of community service and pay costs and fines totaling \$1,258 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

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## Reporter's notebook

### Deford? Doesn't get much better

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor



I've lived in the Thumb now for nearly 33 years and have probably traveled through just about every tiny town and crossroad in this region while reporting on various stories during that time. And I can honestly say the central Thumb is among the state's most scenic areas.

Okay, yeah, I can hear the snickers already from my urban friends. And, no, I haven't fallen off the wagon (hay or any other kind for that matter).

At first, I figured my appreciation had something to do with the seasons.

I mentioned this in last week's column, but few states can measure up to Michigan's natural splendor when it comes to fall, for example, and a trip down Cemetery or Deckerville roads (and many others in the region) offers motorists an impressive color tour blazing with vivid shades of red, orange and yellow. Oh, and brown, if you count those all-too-often startling moments when a deer suddenly appears in your path.

My life flashed before my eyes once on Cemetery Road several years ago while returning to the Chronicle after delivering pages for one of our editions to Sandusky, where we were being printed at the time. That was back before we entered the digital age and started emailing our pages to the printer.

Anyway, it was pouring and a large doe stood on the road shoulder. At the last possible moment, she dashed out in front of me and I hit her, and she disappeared. A split second later, she landed on the windshield, then (thankfully) bounced off, leaving the glass intact.

But I digress. Since my wife, Deb, and I moved into our place just east of Deford about five years ago, I've been asked a number of times how I like living out in the country. That question has never failed to elicit a chuckle, because we're originally from Grand Rapids; everything out here in the Thumb is "in the country" from our point of view, you know?

Sure, there are times when life in the 'burbs isn't all that thrilling. Those long, cold February nights when it feels like the snow piles will never shrink come to mind. So do those warm summer days when the fragrance of fresh-cut alfalfa is suddenly replaced by the stench of a neighbor dumping thousands of gallons of liquor manure in the field next to us, usually just hours before we're expecting company.

Still, from where I'm sitting these days, a little snow – or manure – isn't going to dampen my enthusiasm much.

I can think of several things I really love about living out here, but I'll say the lack of "light pollution" tops the list, because there is nothing as amazing as a view of the night sky from my front porch on a clear evening.

The frequent sound of cars and trucks roaring down Deckerville Road rarely lets us forget how busy, and in a hurry, society has become, but the farm tractors and the clippity clop of my Amish neighbors' horses passing by are familiar and welcome reminders that some folks still know how to take their time.

And most nights here are filled with a quiet usually broken only by the occasional, distant barking of a dog, croaking frogs and other wildlife.

I enjoy my morning coffee watching frequent visitors to the yard – deer, turkeys, a fox now and then, and more rabbits than you could shake a stick at. On the other hand, there's no joy in coming upon another pile of freshly dug soil courtesy of a local mole, or yet another groundhog burrow.

That's okay. Even the pests make better neighbors than some of the folks I lived around back when I called the city home.

Truth is, even though some people wouldn't be caught dead living out in the middle of nowhere, I can't imagine living anywhere else.

# Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



## 5 YEARS AGO (2014)

In addition to leading the Red Hawks to the team championship at the Ubyly Invitational, Bransen and CarLee represented Cass City well on September 13 at the Nike/Holly Invite. The Stimpfels competed with approximately 600 boys Saturday. Bransen won his division with a time of 16:04 and CarLee came in 19th with a time of 17:57. Bransen then received a plaque for Star of Stars (Athlete of the Meet), the best male athlete out of divisions V, VI & VII.

## 10 YEARS AGO (2009)

Alicia D. Leipprandt has entered basic cadet training at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo., in preparation to enter the first academic year at the academy. The 6-week, 2-phased orientation program must be successfully completed by the cadets prior to entering their freshman year. The training prepares men and women to meet the rigorous mental and physical challenges experienced by new cadets. Leipprandt is the daughter of Joel and Melanie Leipprandt of Ubyly. She is a 2009 graduate of Ubyly Community High School.

Nashia Rae Prich of Sebewaing and David Allen Ondrajka of Unionville were married Aug. 1, 2009 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Linkville. The bride is the daughter of Larry and Annette Prich of Sebewaing. She is the granddaughter of John D. and Sharyn Rockefeller, and Dorothy Prich and the late George Prich Jr., all of Gagetown. The groom is the son of Dave Ondrajka of Sebewaing, and Tom and Renee McLane of Unionville. He is the grandson of Harry Schumacher, and Bill and Patricia Bugoyne, all of Sebewaing, and Betty Ondrajka and the late George Ondrajka of Gagetown.

## 25 YEARS AGO (1994)

Roger and Janet Leach and Ken and Marsha Grady, all of Cass City, attended the baptism of their grandson, Brenden Thomas Leach, in Kalamazoo, Aug. 14. Brenden was baptized at St. Monica Catholic Church by Fr. Green. Parents are Tom and Melissa Leach. Godparents are Tim and Cathy Gardner, all of Kalamazoo. Guests attending were Paul and Emily Gardner, Dan and Kaitlyn Harrison and Tracy Somers, all of Kalamazoo.

Craig and Deb (McIntosh) Abell announce the birth of a daughter, Shelby Nicole, Sept. 2. She weighed 9 pounds, 11 ounces and measured 21 1/4 inches long. Shelby was welcomed home by brother Zachary. Grandparents are Buck and Sue Abell of Lowell, Ind., and Bob and Shirley McIntosh of Cass City. Great-grandparents are Jerry and Normaleen Root of Cass City.

Allen A. Witherspoon, a rural mail carrier for the United States Postal Service in Cass City, was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation at a ceremony held at the Cass City Post Office Sept. 9. The award was signed by Paul Vogel, district manager/customer service for the Greater Michigan District. The award was presented to Witherspoon for his years of dedicated service to the people and employees of the district while he served on the District Joint Steering Committee for the quality of work life/employee involvement process.

## 35 YEARS AGO (1984)

Danielle Jean Guilds, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glen (Kim) Guilds, was baptized Sunday, during the morning worship service by the pastor, Rev. Eldred Kelley, in Evangelical Free Church.

The Trinity United Methodist Church won the league playoff

championship of the Cass City Church League by beating the Novesta Church of Christ last Thursday by a final score of 2 to 1. Winners are Dan Dickinson, Ron Czekai, Terry Czekai, Keith Czekai, Tommy Czekai, Harry Lapp, Jim Conlin, Mike Stec, Coach Jim McCallum, Jim Baker, Randy Kozan, Randy Nicholas and Tracy Lapp.

At the recent Michigan 4-H Livestock Expo in Lansing Jim Mahaffy, Snover, received the champion ribbon and a \$150 scholarship in the Market Swine competition. Mahaffy beat out ten other finalists from the state to take the first place ribbon. Mahaffy was also a member of the Sanilac County Livestock Judging team that took third place in the state competition.

During the past 91 years Katie Mudge has seen a lot of changes take place from her home in Evergreen Township. She has seen man travel by horse and buggy and has watched as men walked on the moon. She went from kerosene lanterns to the advent of electric lights in 1937. But Mudge has kept her roots firmly attached to the family farm, which was designated as a centennial farm last week. "It has always been home to me," she said about the farm her father purchased Feb. 9, 1884. Her father, John Towle, purchased the 40-acre farm from Francis Palms for \$240. At that time he was working at his brother's brick yard in Canton, Ohio.

## 40 YEARS AGO (1979)

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Moore are the parents of a daughter, Terri, born September 7 in Huron Memorial Hospital at Bad Axe. Mother and baby returned home Sunday. She weighed nine pounds and 12 ounces. Mr. and Mrs. Millard Ball and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Moore of Deckerville are the grandparents. She joins a sister Tracy, 3.

Service honored - State Rep. Loren Armbruster and Esther McCullough hold the framed resolution she was given by the Michigan Legislature honoring her for her more than 40 years of playing piano and organ at Salem United Methodist church.

Mrs. Mabel Ondrajka attended the wedding of her granddaughter, Patricia Koch, to Jerry Sels Saturday afternoon, Sept. 8, at Fruitland Baptist church in Flint and the reception at the home of the groom in Burt.

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

Gene E. Patterson of Kingston has won \$5,000 in the "Michigan 1000" instant lottery game, the Bureau of State Lottery has announced.

## 50 YEARS AGO (1969)

U.S. Air Force Major James D. Fox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald E. Fox of Cass City, has received the Air Medal at Udorn Royal Thai AFB, Thailand. Major Fox, who holds a senior navigator rating, was decorated for outstanding airmanship and courage on successful and important missions completed under hazardous conditions. He is assigned to a unit of the Pacific Air Forces at Udorn. A 1951 graduate of Cass City High School, the major received his B. S. degree from Michigan State University in 1955 and was commissioned there through the Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps program. He earned an M. B. A. degree at Ohio State University in 1968.

Private David L. Guinther, who entered the Army Aug. 12, is as-

signed to Company C, 13th Battalion, 4th Brigade, Fort Knox, Ky., in the United States Army Training Center, Armor (US-ATCA). Following two months of basic training, Guinther, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hazen Guinther of Doerr Rd., Cass City, will receive an additional eight weeks of either advanced instruction or on the job training to qualify him in a specialized military skill. Pvt. Guinther, a 1966 graduate of Cass City High School, attended Lake Superior College at Sault Ste. Marie.

## 75 YEARS AGO (1944)

Pvt. Carlos Vader arrived Friday from Camp Jos. T. Robinson, Ark., to spend a furlough with his wife and daughter, Sharon, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Vader.

In a letter received recently by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kilbourn, Capt. Don Kilbourn says that he has met Capt. Ferris Kercher, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Kercher, in France and sees him quite often. He also sees Dale Curtis every day. He sent some French currency and said, "Don't worry. We're well taken care of."

Rev. George D. Bugbee officiated at the service Monday which united in marriage Mrs. Emily Wright of Cass City and Mr. Peter Decker of Rochester. The ceremony took place at high noon in the home of the bride's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Kurd, west of Gagetown. About 40 relatives of the bride and groom from this vicinity, Peck, Rochester, Detroit and Plymouth were present. Following the ceremony, a chicken dinner with ice cream and wedding cake was served the bridal party and guests by Donna McKinley and Verneta Stilson.

Mrs. James Peddie had a pleasant surprise Sunday when she came home from church to find that her daughter and daughter-in-law had furnished and prepared a chicken dinner as a birthday surprise. Those present besides the Peddie family were Lee Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Helwig and children, Judy and Billy, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Walters and son, Bobby.

## 100 YEARS AGO (1919)

R. N. McCullough has sold his 80-acre farm in Sheridan Township to Angus O'Hanley for \$6,165.00. Mr. McCullough and family will move to Cass City, having purchased the Scott Brotherton residence on Seeger St. south. The consideration was \$1,800. John McKichan has purchased the Samuel Cote farm of 80-acres in Elkland for \$7,500.00. Mr. McKichan will take possession of the farm in December and Mr. Cole will retire from farm work and make his home in Cass City. John Seeger has purchased the H. P. Deming 120-acre farm on the river road for \$5,000.00. The deal was closed Monday through the Frank R. Reed Agency of Carsonville, assisted by Guy Watson, local real estate agent. Samuel Robinson sold his 80-acre farm east of town Tuesday, to John Seeger of Greenleaf.

Soon after L. O. Hoxie was engaged as superintendent of schools at Cass City, he asked school officers to secure a suitable residence for him and they were engaged in a still hunt for several weeks which up to this time has not met with success. Every few days, people drop into the Chronicle office inquiring about houses to rent and all of them are not demanding the most modern places either but would be satisfied with less, and they are finding it more difficult as the season advances to secure any. Cass City is in need of many more homes for the demand is much greater than the supply.

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**NOTICE FOR GILFORD TOWNSHIP***August 8, 2019- MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES*

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

**Public Comment:** When they going to replace tubes on Bradleyville and Gilford roads? Cement looks nice.

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

**Treasurers Report:** Motion by R. Haines, second by A. Goss to approve Treasurers Report. Motion approved.

**REPORTS:** B. Mantey presented information on Drain Consolidations. Resolution 2019-16 to file County Drain Petition VCCM&S Drain offered by J. Stockmeyer, seconded by D. Strasz. Role call vote: D. Strasz, yea; J. Stockmeyer, yea; A. Goss, yea; R. Haines, yea. Resolution 2019-16 declared adopted. S. Erickson request for Quality Roasting Tax abatement extension. Motion by D. Strasz, second J. Stockmeyer to approve Tax Abatement Extension as presented. Motion approved.

Supervisor: Reese Fire 1 medical run. Concrete at Hall entrance is finished. Drain Commissioners meeting at Gilford Township Hall on October 11. Roadside mowing is complete. Motion by J. Stockmeyer, second by D. Strasz to do a second mowing in the Fall. Motion approved. Mold in storage shed has been removed, new wood shelves installed to replace moldy shelves. Contractor coming to install a power vent to prevent future mold.

**Treasurer:** CD matured today, 2 more coming due soon.

**Clerk:** Discussion on additional tables and folding chairs for the hall. Motion by A. Goss, second by J. Stockmeyer to purchase 5 tables and 30 chairs. Motion approved. Discussion on cleaning and inventory of Cemetery shed. Search continues to locate cemetery lot markers. Motion by J. Stockmeyer second by D. Strasz to pay bills. Motion approved.

**Trustees:** Parks and Recreation meeting discussion on contracting mowing to save money. Sandbox and horseshoe pits removed, continuing on 5 year plan. Six more sites approved for wind turbines at recent special meeting of the Planning Commission.

**Ambulance Representative:** Critical Incident Stress Management program available for first responders. Six medical responses to Gilford Township.

**Fire Department Representative:** Fairgrove Fire: New hoods received, ordered new helmets, will go to meeting of 100 Women to thank them for their support, discussion on new shed and new roof on old shed, will do pancake breakfast at Bean Festival, had to leave meeting early due to fire run. Reese Fire: Training for football injuries, water relay, pumper training, not participating in Reese Car Show this year, reminder to use seatbelts on all runs.

**Zoning Administrator:** One zoning permit for garage.

**Public Comment:** Any consideration on obtaining a PA system? Some people have difficulty hearing during meetings.

Motion by J. Stockmeyer, second by R. Haines to adjourn at 8:45 P.M. Motion approved.

Robert L. Haines  
Gilford Township Clerk

## State, county health officials are warning citizens about vaping

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is investigating reports of e-cigarette/vaping-associated respiratory illnesses.

As of Aug. 27, MDHHS was reviewing six cases, all diagnosed in the last 60 days.

E-cigarette and/or vaping users should immediately seek medical attention if they develop symptoms such as shortness of breath, chest pain, cough, fever and/or nausea and vomiting, according to Sarah Lyon-Callo, MDHHS state epidemiologist, noting symptoms may occur long after use of a device.

"The severity of illness people are experiencing is alarming and we want Michiganders to be aware using e-cigarettes and vaping can be dangerous," Lyon-Callo said. "E-cigarettes/vaping

products can contain harmful chemicals that can result in damage to a user's lungs, heart or other body systems."

All cases have been reported in Michigan's Lower Peninsula and most of the individuals have been hospitalized for severe respiratory illness. The age range of the cases is 19-39.

As of Aug. 23, 203 possible cases of severe respiratory disease associated with e-cigarette use have been reported in 23 states, with death believed to be related to vaping reported in Illinois.

In Wisconsin last week, the Milwaukee Health Department issuing a stern warning against vaping. Department officials urged residents to stop using any vape and/or e-cigarette devices immediately.

As of Tuesday, the Milwaukee Health Department said there had

been 16 people hospitalized with chemical pneumonia, which causes inflammation of the lungs. The patients each reported using vape products or marijuana oils, extracts or concentrates in the weeks and months prior to hospitalization.

So far, the Michigan investigation has not identified a specific brand of device or e-liquid that is causing illnesses. Similar to reports across the nation, there does not appear to be an infectious cause of the illnesses.

MDHHS officials are working closely with state and federal partners during this national outbreak investigation. Physicians caring for patients with pulmonary illnesses that have a history of e-cigarette and/or vaping use should immediately report these cases to their local health department.



### Donation for veterans...

WIL MORRIS, CEO, on behalf of the staff of Sanilac County Community Mental Health (CMH), presents a check for \$360.75 to Shannon Kreger, director, Sanilac County Veterans Affairs, for the organization's transportation fund. The fund is used to reduce transportation costs for veterans in Sanilac County to travel to appointments. The money donated by CMH employees is obtained through their "Casual for a Cause" fundraiser in which staff members are allowed to dress casually every other Friday in exchange for a \$3 donation.

## Dollar General building

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for a new Dollar General store in town.

"They brought in site plans for a new store in Cass City, and they were tentatively approved depending on the zoning board of appeals approval, the parking space allotment, and MDOT (Michigan Department of Transportation) approving the entrances and exits," said Russ Biefer, planning commission chairman.

"They want to build a...new store that is much bigger than their existing store. I think it's about 15,000 square feet, but that might not be the exact number," Biefer added.

Those who shop at the current Dollar General location at 6121 Cass City Road (M-81) won't have to travel far to patronize the new store.

"They want to build the new store just to the east of where their store is now. It will be next to the Frankenmuth Credit Union that is building there also," Biefer explained. "It's where the old Croft-Clara lumber yard was."

The current Dollar General store is housed in a portion of the former IGA store.

"They see a need to expand and feel it is in their best interest to do that," Biefer said. "I think it's (expansion) good for Cass City."

Frankenmuth Credit Union is in the process of building a new facility at the same location, and the Thumb-based Ben's Supercenter chain is expected to open Ben's Fresh Neighborhood Market in the former Erla's Food Center on Church Street in the near future.

The Dollar General company was founded in 1939 as a family-owned business called J.L. Turner and Son in Scottsville, Ky., and 1968 the name changed to Dollar General Corporation.

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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

### Daley to host fall office hours

CASS CITY — State Sen. Kevin Daley (R-Lum), will hold office hours with constituents throughout the 31st Senate District Friday, Sept. 13. Locally, Daley will meet with constituents at Rawson Memorial District Library, 6495 Pine St., Cass City from 11 a.m. to noon.

The senator will be available to answer questions and provide information and assistance, as well as take suggestions on issues affecting communities and businesses in the district. No appointment is necessary.

For more information or to contact Daley, visit the website SenatorKevinDaley.com or call (517) 373-1777.

### Bill honors Blue Star families

LANSING — The Michigan Senate last week unanimously approved legislation that would create a special recognition license plate honoring Michigan families who have a member serving in the U.S. military.

“The men and women of our military and their families have made sacrifices that most of us cannot even imagine,” said Sen. Kevin Daley (R-Lum). “Blue Star Families is a terrific organization that provides support and resources to help those who are giving their all for this country.”

Senate Bill 118, sponsored by Daley, would require the secretary of state to develop and issue a special recognition license plate recognizing Blue Star Families. Under the bill, residents who are currently serving in the U.S. armed forces — or members of their immediate family — would be able to apply for the special recognition plate.

The plate would include the Blue Star Families insignia and the words “Blue Star Family” under the registration numbers.

“I know it is quite minimal when compared to the sacrifices their families have made, but I hope this will serve as a small token of our gratitude and a way for us to recognize those who fought for our freedoms,” Daley said.

### Dry bean vote starts Sept. 16

LANSING — Michigan dry bean producers will have an opportunity to vote on the continuation of the Michigan Bean Commission and its activities in a referendum conducted by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD).

Ballots will be mailed to dry bean producers Wednesday, Sept. 11. Voting begins Sept. 16, and ballots must be received by Sept. 27. Eligible producers with questions or those not receiving a ballot should contact MDARD toll-free at 800-292-3939.

The Michigan Bean Commission, appointed to improve the economic position of the state’s dry bean producers, was last approved in 2014, and by law, must be resubmitted for grower approval every five years. Currently, the assessment is 10 cents per hundredweight (cwt).

For the commission and its activities to be renewed, more than 50 percent of the producer votes cast, representing more than 50 percent of the total hundredweight represented on the cast ballots, must approve it.

Producers are eligible to vote if they produced dry beans for sale in any one of the last three years. For the purpose of this referendum, each producer, partnership or corporation is entitled to one vote.

All ballots must be filled out completely, signed and postmarked by Sept. 27 and should be sent to MDARD, Executive Office, P.O. Box 30017, Lansing, MI 48909.

### “Run drugs out of town” event

SEBEWAING — Bay Shore Camp, 450 N. Miller St., Sebewaing, will host the 2019 Run Drugs out of Town - Families Against Narcotics 5K Walk/Run Saturday, Sept. 7.

Registration is at 8 a.m., with a 9 a.m. start. Registration for the event, sponsored by the Huron and Tuscola County Families Against Narcotics chapters, can also be completed by calling (989) 551-4326.

The walk-run is the single largest fundraiser for the organization, which is dedicated to educating communities throughout Michigan on the epidemic of prescription painkiller addiction and its potential to lead some to heroin use.

Every day, more than 130 people lose their life to an accidental overdose from opioids, including prescription painkillers, heroin and fentanyl. Many of those people developed a substance use disorder after receiving a legal prescription to treat pain.

### Day of Hope Walk slated Sept. 8

CARO — The Tuscola County Suicide Coalition will host a Day of Hope Walk Sunday, Sept. 8, at the Tuscola County Courthouse lawn.

The event will start at 12:30 with registration and an opportunity to visit with vendors. There will be an opening prayer at 1 p.m. The keynote speaker will be Wayne McPhail, who lost his 14-year old daughter, Breanna, to suicide in 2015. He will share his story and how his family is healing.

In 2018, his charity, “Breanna’s ride”, raised more than \$23,000.

The walk will start at 1:30 p.m. in remembrance of those lost to suicide, and a closing prayer is planned at 2 p.m. There will also be refreshments, vendor booths and resources available.

More information is available by calling (989) 673-2144 (ext. 30325) or via email at tuscolascc@gmail.com.

### Owen-Gage hires new teachers

OWENDALE — The Owendale-Gagetown Board of Education recently hired a new teacher.

The board accepted the resignation of Jennifer Boyne, an elementary teacher, “with regret.” Mallory Klosowski was hired as Boyne’s replacement.

Also, the board appointed Terry Fahrner as the district’s Huron Intermediate School District representative and Julie Good as the alternate.

### Board okays tire spike purchase

CARO — If the long arm of the law cannot stop an offender, the Tuscola County Sheriff’s Department is prepared to use other means.

Towards that end, county commissioners recently approved Sheriff Glen Skrentz’s request to purchase tire deflation spikes from the Safety System Company.

Deflation spikes are deployed across a highway to puncture tires of a vehicle that is trying to elude law enforcement. The cost is \$4,401 and will come from the department’s road patrol budget.

In addition, it was noted the sheriff’s department has been awarded a USDA grant to fund approximately two-thirds of the cost of a drone with low-light capabilities. The price of the drone is \$29,060.

The equipment will be especially helpful for search and rescue operations in fog and at night. It will be purchased from NORA Technologies, also using funds from the road patrol budget.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery

## Fall Family Days set this weekend

Continued from page one.

erage 15,000 people who have attended the two-day celebration in recent years.

This year’s festival is slated for Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 7 and 8.

“This year the theme will be ‘The Food Industry, Past and Present,’” said Fall Family Days spokeswoman Annie Simon. “In the last half-century, see how our food industry has drastically changed, from our food delivery systems, nutrition and fast food that has now shaped the 21st century.

“Fall Family Days is one of the most popular events at the Thumb Octagon Barn. Held every year on the weekend after Labor Day, this event draws thousands of visitors,” noted Simon, who added the celebration invites everyone to “step back in time and enjoy what rural life was like back in the early 1900s.

“And it starts as soon as you arrive, as visitors are given a tractor-drawn shuttle ride to the site from the parking area,” she said. “The barn, along with the Purdy home, sawmill, one-room country school and museum are all open for visitors. Come and enjoy the entertainment, fresh apple cider and donuts and the many live demonstrations, including old-time equipment, tractors, log splitting, blacksmith shop and much more.

“Some of the favorites are back again this year, including the tractor games at 1 p.m. and the tractor parade at 3 p.m.” both Saturday and Sunday.

The Thumb Octagon Barn Agricultural Museum is located about one mile east of the village of Gagetown off Bay City-Forestville Road, and one mile north at 6948 Ritchie Road. Daily gate admission is \$5 (six years and older), and all activities/events will be open both days from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. No pets are allowed.

Free tractor driven wagon shuttles are provided to transport peo-

ple to and from the parking areas to the site; handicapped shuttles are also available.

The Friday night fish fry tradition will continue this year from 4 to 7 p.m. Sept. 6 in the Munro Building, with Greg Talaski of Kinde preparing the fish. The menu also includes baked beans, potatoes, vegetable, cole slaw and dessert. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids ages six to 12 (free for children under five).

Saturday’s events will kick off with a country style breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m., with opening ceremonies slated for at 8:30 a.m. Food and refreshments will be available in the Munro Building from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and there will be traditional country music from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The country style breakfast will be available again Sunday morning. Also planned are a Gospel hymn sing at 10 a.m., and there will be more traditional country music from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Other foods available on site from mid-morning on will be homemade bean soup, homemade fries, hot donuts and cider, home-

made ice cream, soft pretzels and hog kettle popcorn.

There will be a large children’s activity tent where the kids can enjoy all sorts of technology-free fun, and everyone is invited to tour the old schoolhouse — the original Mast School moved to the Thumb Octagon Barn site from the Sebewaing area several years ago.

The farmhouse, which served as home to James and Cora Purdy and their two daughters, will be open for tours. The house, built in 1922, has been restored and is furnished with furniture, items and clothing of the time — some of which belonged to the Purdys.

Visitors are also encouraged to explore the barn, which will be filled with displays, demonstrations and live farm animals.

Displays and demonstrations are also planned throughout the weekend and include the grain elevator, blacksmith shop, sugar shack, cider mill, the powerhouse, sawmill and veneer mill. There will also be demonstrations featuring threshing and a hay press, and well drilling.



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## Barn history dates back to 1869

*Editor’s note: the following is some history behind the Thumb Octagon Barn and its restoration, as compiled by the Friends of the Thumb Octagon Barn. The piece also highlights the accomplishments of the man behind construction of the massive structure, and the Friends of the Thumb Octagon Barn, a volunteer organization now 800 members strong and continuing its mission to restore and preserve what is known today as the Thumb Octagon Barn Agricultural Museum.*

The history of the Thumb Octagon Barn begins back in 1869 when James Luther Purdy was born in Pontiac. In 1890, at the age of 21, he joined his father at the Bank of P.C. Purdy and Son in Gagetown. Soon after, he met and, in 1894, married Cora Ozella Warner of Cass City and they moved into their home above the bank in Gagetown. They had two daughters: Florence (1900-1985) and Carolyn (1907-1969). Carolyn Purdy Wilson had three sons. Purdy demonstrated much natural ability in the banking profession and soon became its president. Under his leadership, the bank flourished and was one of two banks in Michigan to remain solvent during the Great Depression.

Post-Depression Americans had become very leery of banks, so Purdy met with other bankers in Lansing and formulated a plan through which they believed faith could be restored to the banking system. They felt the federal government should insure the investor’s money. Purdy traveled to Washington to talk to then-Michigan Senator Arthur Vandenburg (Grand Rapids), who introduced the bill into the Senate. It gained the support of President Franklin Roosevelt and led to the formation of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (the FDIC).

While traveling through Iowa during the early part of the century, Purdy saw an octagonal barn and was determined to build a similar structure. In 1895 he bought a 40-acre parcel of land just east of Richie Road. Eventually he purchased a total of 560 acres, which included the 40 acres where the buildings now stand.

Cora Purdy kept 59 years of di-

aries from 1895-1954 and her grandson, James Purdy Wilson, Caro, preserved and donated them to the Friends of the Thumb Octagon Barn. The diaries have been extremely valuable in documenting events as they relate to the early days of life at the Octagon Barn complex.

In 1942 James and Cora Purdy sold the farm and moved back into the village of Gagetown. James Purdy died on Christmas Eve 1950 at the age of 80, and Cora died in 1955, at age 86.

During subsequent years the farm had a number of owners, and during that time parcels of land were sold off. By 1990 the deed for the 80-acre parcel including the buildings was in the hands of the Pinney State Bank of Cass City (now a part of Chemical Bank).

#### A new beginning

In October 1991 the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) purchased the 80 acres from the bank for \$49,500. The DNR was interested in the land because it connected two large parcels that were already a part of the Gagetown State Game Area. However, the DNR was not interested in the buildings, which were by this time in total disrepair.

Upon learning the DNR planned to have the building sold and removed or demolished, a group of local citizens organized. They knew that by having it on the historic registry it could not be de-

molished. Through contacts at the state level, they found former owner Zsigmond Egey-Samu had placed the barn on the Michigan State Registry of Historic Sites in August 1977.

At the same time, a Tuscola County organization known as Tuscola 2001 was taking an active interest in the barn. On January 31, 1994 the Tuscola 2001 Committee hosted a meeting, and this was the beginning of a formal effort to save the barn.

With negotiations still going on with the DNR, the committee forged ahead and, on Aug. 20, 1994, they hosted the first Octagon Barn Festival in Gagetown. Their purpose was to draw attention to the project and raise money to further their cause.

On Oct. 11, 1994, the committee changed its name to “The Friends of the Thumb Octagon Barn” and planned more fundraisers. The ‘friends’, working with the DNR officials to obtain rights to use the land and restore the buildings, ultimately received a three-year memorandum of understanding from the DNR in January 1996.

Under the agreement, the DNR allowed the group to begin restoration of the buildings, and gave them control of approximately 8.2 acres of land and permission to hold events on the site. In return, the “friends” provided liability insurance for the property and put together a twenty-five year plan outlining their goals and objectives for the site.



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# Kingston Schools dedicate renovated field, welcome craftsmen's contribution



LIFELONG Kingston residents and master craftsmen Cap Caverly and Bill Froede recently constructed three massive and beautiful cabinets on wheels for the district's new concession stand.



### Field dedicated...

KINGSTON VARSITY football players, parents, fans and school officials not only kicked off the first game of the 2019 season Thursday, they also formally dedicated the district's newly-renovated football field to former long-time football Coach Mike Rea, a hall of famer and Cardinal coach for nearly 30 years.

## Kingston Days in photos



THIS YEAR'S rejuvenated Kingston Days festival featured grand marshals Joe Peet and his wife, Trudy (above). During his career with the Kingston School District, spanning more than 50 years, Peet has served as an assistant principal, a middle and elementary school teacher, and coached sports.



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## Cass City bows in slugfest to Division 6 power Rams

by Clarke Haire  
 Publisher

Nerves were apparent early during opening night for Cass City and Montrose Hill-McCloy football teams Thursday.

But after four first quarter blunders, both teams settled in – especially on defense – allowing the visiting Rams to escape with a hard fought 16-14 non-conference victory.

It didn't take long for the Rams, an annual powerhouse in Division 6, to create the game's maiden turnover. On the first snap from scrimmage, Cass City's fourth year quarterback Sandyn Cuthrell was intercepted near the mid-field stripe.

Then on the game's second snap, Montrose, who played in a shotgun formation most of the night, hiked the ball over quarterback Bobby Skinner's head and eventually was forced to punt.

Still, the Rams' defense got the ball back on downs, and with 5:50 on the clock Jack Kalakay raced 35 yards to put the visitors on top. Skinner tacked on the 2-point conversion run to give Montrose an 8-0 advantage.

The two teams would trade miscues on their next possessions before Cass City ended the scoring in the period when Cuthrell scampered 5-yards on a first down play to put the hosts on the score board.

Another Montrose interception spoiled Cass City's third possession of the initial quarter, but this time the Rams gave the ball right back when Red Hawk Matt Mihalic pounced on a Skinner fumble near the 50-yard line.

Cuthrell, who had 19 rushing yards on 6 carries, accounted for Cass City's only offensive touchdown with just 46 seconds left in the opening quarter. The TD was followed by a Cuthrell pass to Alex Perry that evened the score at 8-8. The 2-point conversion attempt was among the highlights of the night for the Red Hawks as Cuthrell was chased behind the line of scrimmage and fell to one knee, but not before finding his fullback in

the back of the end zone, where he made an outstanding one-handed grab.

In the second quarter, lightning sent both teams to the locker room with 11:34 on the clock. And when they returned to the field, Montrose's Adam Stiveron accounted for the last points before the break with an 8-yard run. Kalakay added the important 2-point conversion and the Rams enjoyed a slim 16-8 edge at the start of the third quarter.

In the final half, the defense for both teams controlled the action.

Although Montrose was able to march to the Cass City 9-yard line of their first series of downs to open the third quarter, the drive stalled when they failed to convert a 4th-and-one situation.

Cass City then moved the ball from the Red Zone before running out of downs.

But the Rams couldn't capitalize on their next series despite taking over inside Cass City territory. In fact, another over the head snap was recovered in the end zone by Cass City's Connor Herford moments later and suddenly the hosts trailed just 16-14 with 1:23 remaining in the third.

Neither team's offense never seriously threaten to score in the final period as the Red Hawks'

upset bid fell just short.

A balanced running attack for Cass City was led by Mihalic who gained 74 yards on 14 carries, while Hayden Horne chipped in 60 rushing yards on nine attempts and Perry 52 yards on a dozen totes.

Defensively, Cass City had Jeremy Velazquez with 11 tackles and Bryce Fernald with eight stops leading the way. Red Hawk Noah Zaleski added seven tackles.

"Proud of our players for a great effort against a powerful program. Now it is time to get ready for USA," said Cass City Coach Scott Cuthrell.

The Patriots visit Cass City on Friday for the Greater Thumb West opener for both schools. USA lost 28-6 in a Greater Thumb Conference crossover game at Uby in week one.

### STANDINGS

Greater Thumb West				
Team	W	L	T	P
EPBP	1	0	0	0
Reese	1	0	0	0
Cass City	0	1	0	0
Caro	0	1	0	0
Bad Axe	0	1	0	0
USA	0	1	0	0
Vassar	0	1	0	0



CASS CITY quarterback Sandyn Cuthrell slips the tackle of a Montrose defender during Thursday's season opener.



THE 2019 Kingston Cardinals football team members are: (front row, l-r) Jack Green, Tristen Skinner, Caleb Goss, Quinn Boucard, Jacob Savage, Aaron Koehler, Jake DeLong (back row) Trent Edwards, Coltin Jocham, Brennen Boyl, James Wilson, Luke Fetting, Joe Cryderman, Kaiden Cavett, James Learman, Jacob Rayl and Lawson Lyons.

## Injuries force forfeits for O-G, Caseville

Owen-Gage and Caseville had similar openings to their 8-player gridiron seasons.

First year Owen-Gage Coach Vince Scelfo had plenty of reasons for optimism following Thursday's contest at Burton Madison, as his Bulldogs led 30-28 late in the 2019 opener for both schools.

However, with about 10 minutes remaining in regulation, the Bulldogs suffered their third injury on the night that reduced Owen-Gage to just seven available players and forced Scelfo to forfeit the game citing players' safety.

Lost in the disappointing outcome for Owen-Gage was a stellar performance from Andrew Partaka, who rushed for 239 yards on 20 carries.

Up next for Owen-Gage is the team's home opener against North Huron on Friday. The Warriors defeated Mount Pleasant Sacred Heart 14-6 in week one.

Caseville, meanwhile, also forfeited their opening game against hosts International Academy of Flint on Thursday. Trailing 46-0 at the half, Eagle Coach Sam Rogers' team didn't take the field after the break as injuries halted the contest.

Caseville is scheduled to meet host Burton Madison in week two. Kickoff is scheduled for noon on Saturday.

## Morrice win can't spoil Kingston dedication ceremony

Defending 8-player Division 1 champion Morrice picked up where they left off in 2018 Thursday, rolling to a lopsided victory over host Kingston.

Although the Orioles' 42-0 win wasn't the start Coach Brandon Jones was hoping for, it couldn't dampen the spirits of Kingston fans on the night who gathered for the dedication of Rea Field, the new home for gridiron teams at Kingston Schools named after Hall of Fame Coach Mike Rea. The former football leader – he also coached basketball – at

Kingston was on the sidelines from 1979-2008.

Jonathan Carpenter scored the only first quarter touchdown for Morrice, but three more markers before the half had the visitors enjoying a 28-0 advantage at the break.

Morrice added solo touchdowns in both second half quarters to complete the whipping.

"Morrice is a very good, well-coached team. They were just flat out better than us tonight. We need to improve in many areas before we will be competitive

with a team of that caliber. I'm confident our kids will respond after this loss," said Jones.

Kingston was held to just 119 yards of total offense. Caleb Goss rushed for 72 yards on 16 carries and quarterback Aaron Koehler added 32 rushing yards on 10 carries to lead the hosts.

Defensively, Koehler was credited with 7.5 tackles, tops for Kingston, while Jake DeLong had six tackles including two tackles for losses.

Kingston will look to bounce back in a week two matchup

Thursday at Carsonville-Port Sanilac. The Tigers fell 52-6 to Peck in their season opener.

### RECORDS

#### 8-player

Team	W	L
Deckerville	1	0
North Huron	1	0
Peck	1	0
Mayville	0	1
Kingston	0	1
Dryden	0	1
Owen-Gage	0	1
Caseville	0	1



THE 2019 Owen-Gage Bulldog football team is ready for action. They are: (front row, l-r) Shane Elliott, Andrew Partaka, Haden Gruehn, Casey Baker, Brett Watson (back row) Coach Vince Scelfo, Ethan Harp, Boyd Evans, Clay Evans, Branden Fritz and Asst. Coach Steve Forster. Missing: Levi Wendland and Seth Waske.

# Cass City, Kingston and Owen-Gage run at Brown City invite

by Clarke Haire  
Publisher

Cass City was the top Thumb area finisher – in both the men’s and women’s races - Thursday at the Brown City Invitational.

Yale, however, was the easy overall men’s winner with an impressive score of 27, while Croswell-Lexington was the runner-up in the team standings with 50 and Marysville was third with a tally of 114.

“We had excellent conditions for running on the typically slow course. The men’s team took 4th place (117) out of the 10 full teams represented,” reported Cass City Coach Jon Zdrojewski.

Nick McArdle led the Red Hawks and finished in second place individually with a time of 17:06. Drew Markel was second across the line for the Red Hawks finishing 29th with a time of 19:14, just three spots in front of Brandon Witherspoon with a time of 19:17. Anthony Boscaglia was fourth for the Red Hawks and set a new personal best time of 20:18 while taking 43rd place. Hugh Walker finished in the final scoring position, taking 47th with a time of 20:26.

For Kingston, who tallied a team score of 229 and placed ninth in the team standings, Morgan Green paced the Cardinals with a time of 19:37 (34th place), while Dustin Peter was clocked in 20:41 (55th place), Ethan Green in 21:27 (69th place), Marco Saenz de Lacuesta in 21:46 (74th place) and Trayton Wenzlaff in 22:12 (83rd place).

The men’s medalist in the field of 134 was Yale’s Matthew McClelland. He posted a winning time of 16:49.

Turning to the women’s field, Marysville held off Yale 57-98 for top billing in the team standings, while Croswell-Lexington was third with 107.

“The Lady Red Hawks finished in fourth place out of the 10 complete teams as well, both teams scored very well against some very big and talented schools,” Zdrojewski said.

Riley Copeland continued her success for the team, finishing in eighth place out of the 120 finishers and running a 22:16. Madi Ware was second across for the Lady Red Hawks setting a new personal record of 23:44 taking 16th. She was followed by Mary Muter, setting her season best mark finishing in 22nd with a 23:49. Amelia Weiler was 4th to the end line for Cass City, taking 40th with a time of 24:52 and Marla Muter was the final scorer, taking 41st while setting a new season best time of 25:02.

For Owen-Gage, who placed 7th in the team standings with a score of 160, Madelyn Haldane was fastest with a time of 23:48 (20th place), while Karsyn Gruehn was next for the Lady Bulldogs with a time of 24:08 (27th place). Libby Ondrajka added a time of 24:44 (39th place), Allison Haldane had a time of 25:09 (42nd place) and Amber Haldane a time of 26:17 (55th place) to round out the scorers for Owen-Gage.

Marlette’s Riley Ford was the fastest for the women’s field with a time of 20:01.



**THE 2019 Owen-Gage cross country team should be the Bulldogs’ strongest in recent years. They are, from the left, Libby Ondrajka, Amber Haldane, Allison Haldane, Karsyn Gruehn, Madelyn Haldane and Katriana Curtoys. Missing: Coach Nate Gruehn.**



**The 2019 Owen-Gage Bulldog volleyball team will lack depth. They are: (front row, l-r) Carley Haldane, Libby Ondrajka, Madelyn Haldane, Katriana Curtoys (back row) Coach Kathy Champagne, Erin Morrish, Hailey Schave and Aaliyah Gonzales.**

## Kingston spikers roll in straight sets victory

Perhaps the winning ways aren’t over for the Kingston Cardinal volleyball team.

After a season for the ages last year – Coach Beth Hunter’s squad finished 20-1 while winning North Central Thumb League, district and regional championship honors – the Cardinals opened their 2019 campaign last Tuesday with victory in straight sets over visiting Sandusky. Scores on the night were 25-8, 25-14 and 25-19.

Although sure to be missed from Kingston’s 2018 championship team are North Central Thumb League all-conference dream team players Camryn MacGuire, Carley Smith and Lily Lyons, Coach Hunter was delighted with this year’s team’s first showing.

“A very solid start to the 2019 campaign,” she said, adding, Kingston jumped out to an early lead in the first set and it helped calm some butterflies and nerves.”

Sandusky, to their credit, countered with multiple runs in both the second and third sets that put some pressure on the Cardinals to find a way to win points.

Individually, Kingston had Brooke Mooney with seven kills, four digs, five service points and two aces, while Payton Kolacz added eight kills, seven service points and one ace, Hannah James had 16 assists, one kill, 11 service points and two aces, Anna Ahern four kills and three digs, and Wren Murdoch 13 service points and five aces.

“It was a very balanced attack tonight and the stat lines proved it,” Hunter said.

Up Next, Kingston hosts Caseville Thursday in a North Central Thumb League crossover game.



**MEMBERS of the 2019 Cass City Red Hawk junior varsity volleyball team are: (front row, l-r) Saylor Cuthrell, Abby Essex, Olivia Graff, Laci Anthony, Kayley Salcido (back row) Lauren Hartsell, Abbey Halabis, Kalee Gray, Dakota Halasz and Alexya Alba.**



**MEMBERS of the 2019 Cass City Red Hawk freshman volleyball team are: (front row, l-r) Kylie McGrath, Reese Grady, Kendal Blanchard, Cora Karr, Asia Morgon (back row) Coach Emily Baur, Shannon Hendrick, Montanna Engelhardt and Madilyn Gniewek.**

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

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WEEK TWO SEPT. 6TH WEEKEND (11-man games)	Caro	Capac	Caro	Caro
Caro @ Capac	Caro	Capac	Caro	Caro
Bad Axe @ Vassar	Bad Axe	Bad Axe	Bad Axe	Vassar
USA @ Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City
Reese @ EPBP	EPBP	EPBP	Reese	EPBP
Ubly @ Memphis	Ubly	Ubly	Ubly	Ubly
Marlette @ Harbor Beach Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor
Sandusky @ Brown City	Sandusky	Sandusky	Sandusky	Sandusky
(8-man games)				
Kingston @ CPS	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
Akron-Fair. @ Flint Inter.	Flint	Flint	Flint	Flint
North Huron @ O-G	North Huron	North Huron	North Huron	North Huron
(College games)				
Western MI @ MSU	MSU	MSU	MSU	MSU
Army @ Uof M	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
LAST WEEK	8 - 3	8 - 3	9 - 2	8 - 3
SEASON RESULTS	8 - 3 (73 %)	8 - 3 (73 %)	9 - 2 (82%)	8 - 3 (73%)

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### VOLLEYBALL (JV & VARSITY)

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
8/23	Bad Axe (JV)	9:00 a.m.
8/24	Bad Axe (V)	9:00 a.m.
9/7	Birch Run (V)	8:30 a.m.
<b>9/10</b>	<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 (V)	9:00 a.m.
9/17	Vassar (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
<b>9/19</b>	<b>USA (JV &amp; V)</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
9/21	Frankenmuth (V)	8:00 a.m.
9/21	Bay City Central (JV)	8:00 a.m.
<b>9/26</b>	<b>Caro (JV &amp; V)</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
9/28	Ogemaw Heights (JV)	TBD
10/1	Reese (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
10/3	EPB Lakers (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
10/5	Croswell-Lexington (JV)	TBD
<b>10/8</b>	<b>Bad Axe (JV &amp; V)</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>10/10</b>	<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.
<b>10/24</b>	<b>Capac (JV &amp; V)</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>10/29</b>	<b>Reese (V)</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
11/4	Districts (V)	TBD

### VARSITY FOOTBALL

DATE	OPPONENT
L - 8/29	Montrose 16, CC 14
<b>9/6</b>	<b>USA</b>
9/13	Marlette
9/20	EPB Lakers
<b>9/27</b>	<b>Vassar (Homecoming)</b>
10/4	Bad Axe
<b>10/11</b>	<b>Caro</b>
10/18	Reese
<b>10/25</b>	<b>Ubly</b>

All Varsity Games begin at 7 p.m.

### JV FOOTBALL

DATE	OPPONENT
L -8/28	Montrose 22, CC 0
9/5	USA
<b>9/12</b>	<b>Harbor Beach</b>
<b>9/19</b>	<b>EPB Lakers</b>
9/26	Vassar
<b>10/3</b>	<b>Bad Axe</b>
10/10	Caro
<b>10/17</b>	<b>Reese</b>
10/24	Ubly

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

### CROSS COUNTRY

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

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STATE SENATOR Kevin Daley (R-Lum) joined state Rep. Phil Green (R-Millington), local elected officials and volunteers from the Caro 4 Michigan Coalition at the state Capitol last week to show his continued support for the Caro Center. Coalition members and the two lawmakers have been vocal in supporting the Caro Center renovations moving forward as previously promised. The event drew support from other state lawmakers as well.



POSTERS WITH messages of “Build New. Maintain Care. Caro Strong,” and “Keep the Promise, Caro Center Strong, Build it Here” were held by those at a rally in hopes state officials will keep their promise to build a new, 200-bed state psychiatric hospital in Caro.

## Citizens, lawmakers rally for Caro Center

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## Student numbers look good

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conducted twice a year by districts; once in February and again the following October. The state’s blending formula places the greatest emphasis on the fall count, which is worth 90 percent of the total.

The blended enrollment number is multiplied by schools’ foundation allowances to determine how much revenue they will receive for the year. The Cass City Public Schools, for example, received \$7,871 per student for the 2018-19 school year.

This year, state officials are promising an increase – somewhere between \$180 to \$270 for each student – in per-pupil funding. But the number won’t be finalized until a new state budget is in place, and it doesn’t appear that’s going to happen anytime soon.

For nearly two decades, Cass City officials have watched local student numbers fall by hundreds of youngsters – losing an average of 3.7 percent of the district’s student population annually since the 2005-06 school year, when the district boasted 1,500 students. In 2001-02, Cass City had more than 1,600 kids enrolled.

The local district hasn’t been alone, according to Tuscola Intermediate School District officials, who have reported local school districts throughout the county have faced the same exodus of students during the same period.

where “existing facilities have closed units that can be brought back into use at a limited cost.”

\*Pursuing additional resources into “community-based services” sufficient to care for more than 55 additional high-acuity individuals.

Gordon pointed out the recommendations would achieve the desired results at a significantly lower cost than the Legislature’s approved \$115 million budget for a new, 200-bed hospital in Caro. Preliminary estimates placed the cost of renovation or new construction in Caro at \$40 to \$65 million and renovating other existing facilities at under \$20 million, for a savings of \$30 to \$55 million, he said.

Lawmakers approved funding the originally-authorized 200-bed hospital in Caro in 2017, and state officials gathered at the Caro Center last fall to break ground for the project.

Among those voicing support last week in Lansing for new construction over a scaled-down effort involving renovations were 31st District state Senator Kevin Daley (R-Lum) and Dr. Edward Canfield – the former 84th District state representative – who cited studies that determined the current facilities at the Caro Center are beyond repair. Many of those buildings were constructed in the 1950s.

“There has been testimony by several departments that the buildings are not repairable to be safe for patients, for staff or to meet mental health needs,” said Canfield, noting the 84-bed proposal falls significantly short of the original recommendation on beds that was made, especially in light of the need for more than 200 additional beds in the state.

MDHHS Appropriations Subcommittee Chairman Rep. Mary Whiteford, who is also a registered nurse, spoke on what she learned from serving on the statewide Care Task Force about the need for mental health beds and psychiatric services.

“Research consistently shows Michigan is one of the nation’s five worst states per capita when it comes to operating (and having) psychiatric beds,” said Whiteford. “It is tragic that individuals with severe mental illness in our state often cycle into difficulty. They are put in the justice system, are incarcerated in prisons, which is cheaper than state psychiatric hospitals.

“That is just not the Christian way. They end up in emergency rooms and homeless, and die early.”

To better track mental health issues, Whiteford promoted passage of a law that developed a statewide, psychiatric-bed registry to help determine the best places to invest resources.

“And, we have expanded the use of “telemedicine (psychiatric services via telecommunication). That pilot program was launched at the Caro Center,” she said.

She noted she was at the groundbreaking ceremony in Caro last October, and was surprised when the project was placed on hold.

“I marveled at how peaceful and healing the environment is there (in Caro). I was concerned when construction of the new hospital was halted after over \$4 million had already been invested,”

Whiteford said.

“It is important for us to recognize those in our state who are crying out for help,” she added. “As chair of the subcommittee of DHHS, I know there is no simple solution to our mental health crisis, but I firmly believe building a new 200-bed hospital is one piece of the solution, and to expand rather than decrease access for care for those with mental health issues.”

Statistics show there are 202 people on waiting lists for admission to psychiatric hospitals in Michigan, with an average wait time of 104 days.

Because law enforcement agencies are frequently called on to respond to situations involving individuals with mental health issues, they see firsthand the need for specialized services to treat those individuals.

“I’m representing not only the Tuscola County Sheriff’s Department, but also the each of the 83 sheriff’s departments in the state. And, the Michigan Sheriffs’ Association has been behind this agenda. They fully support of the Caro Center,” said Tuscola County Sheriff Glen Skrent, who also attended the rally. “We who operate jails realized the need for patient care. They do not belong in jails. They belong in facilities that can work with them and heal them.”

“It is a fact that many with mental illness are found in local jails, emergency rooms and homeless shelters.”

State Rep. Jon Hoadley said he felt the rally sent a message.

“We are here today not out of fear, but out of hope that when people come together, we can change the course of our state. We are here today as an act of hope, faith, and that tomorrow can be better than today,” said Hoadley. “Your voices are being heard, and need to continue to be heard.”

“I have great faith that at the end of this will be a solution that helps move us forward one step closer to finally solving the mental health crisis in Michigan and our country.”

Canfield said he thought the rally went well.

“I think the rally elevated the conversation from being on the news and from social media. I think we have been successful showing there is a need for additional beds in Caro,” he added.

Although no longer a state representative, Canfield said he felt it was important for him to continue with the work that was started in pushing for the new state hospital

in Caro – an effort he was actively involved in as a lawmaker.

“I think I’ve put about as many hours into this as I did the first time around. We’ve fought this battle once before,” he noted. “I never dreamed we would be having to do this all over again.”

“The hospital is vitally important for the community, for the state, and because there is a shortage of psychiatric beds. Those issues have not changed,” Canfield said. “There are many who need mental health service, and those facilities are another year older.”

Had the proposed psychiatric facility moved forward as planned, it was scheduled to have been completed in 2021 and would have created 50 additional beds compared the Caro Center’s previous capacity of 150 beds.

The state’s proposed 84-bed facility in Caro isn’t what was originally, acknowledged Canfield, who said he considered it a small accomplishment in that the state at least recognized the importance of keeping beds in Caro.

“But, we need them to build a new hospital and not to just try to patch of one of the old buildings,” he continued. “The department of health and human services and the department of management and budget have each said the buildings are so rundown that trying to renovate them cannot be done to meet the needs of the patients, staff and safety going forward.”

Green concurred. “There is a desperate need in Michigan to improved mental health care for its most vulnerable people,” he said. “It is our job as legislators and as Christians to defend those who cannot defend themselves, and that applies to our mentally ill population.”

Daley said the governor has not issued an official recommendation. He said he was told there would be one issued around Labor Day.

“We want to keep what former senator Mike Green and former state Rep. Edward Canfield started and accomplished two years ago — a 200-bed, \$115 million psychiatric hospital in Tuscola County,” Daley said.

Among the other local officials on hand for the rally were Mike Green, Cass City Village Manager Debbie Powell, Caro City Manager Michael Silverman, Tuscola County Intermediate Superintendent Gene Pierce, Tuscola County Controller-Administrator Clayette Zechmeister, and Tuscola County commissioners Kim Vaughan and Mark Jensen.



ALTHOUGH no longer a lawmaker from the Thumb, former 84th District state Rep. Dr. Edward Canfield has been an outspoken supporter of the promised new Caro Center construction.

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# Obituaries

## Thelma Gaeth

Thelma I. Gaeth, 94, of Sebewaing, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Monday, August 26, 2019, peacefully in her home at Medallion Village surrounded by her loving family.

She was born December 18, 1924 in Koylton Township to the late Lowell and Florence (Moshier) Sickler.

She graduated from Cass City High School in 1942. She married the love of her life, Norbert Gaeth of Unionville, in 1948.

Thelma was an elementary school teacher, beginning her career at Palmer School in Argyle for 3 years. (Thelma had once attended Paul School, south of Cass City, also a small one-room school) She taught in Sandusky for 2 years and in Sebewaing for 30 years, where she is fondly remembered by her many students. She was an enthusiastic bowler and won many awards. She had been a member of the American Legion Post 293 Auxiliary of Sebewaing. She enjoyed being a mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, playing cards, games, reading stories and poems.

Thelma is survived by her children Neil (Crystal) Gaeth of Sebewaing and Sharon (Aaron) Anthes of Gaagetown; 3 grandchildren, Jonathan (Ashley) Gaeth of Essexville, Staci Gaeth (John) of Farwell and Jordan Gaeth of Sebewaing; 2 great-granddaughters, Allie and Madison Gaeth; 2 sisters, Ellen Beach (Stan) of Florida and Emma Jane Frank of Big Rapids; 2 sisters-in-law, Maxine Sickler and Jo Sickler; loving nieces and nephews and numerous loving friends.

Preceding her in death were her husband Norbert Gaeth of Sebewaing; her parents Lowell and Florence Sickler; and 3 brothers, Roy, Lowell "Bud" and Gene.

A funeral service was held at Trinity United Methodist Church in Sebewaing, on Thursday, August 29.

Memorial donations may be given to Trinity United Methodist Church, or American Legion Post #293 Auxiliary of Sebewaing.



## Charles Middaugh

Charles Laverne Middaugh, 58, unexpectedly passed away August 26, 2019 at U of M hospital with his special friend June Wierowski and son Chad Middaugh by his side.

He was born September 17, 1960 to Theron and Dianne Middaugh in Caro. Chuck was a 1979 graduate of Cass City High School and had an associate's degree in Business Administration from Jordan University of Science & Tech.

He worked at Southern Automotive Wholesalers, Inc. in Pontiac.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping with his father, brothers and son. He was an avid collector of all Coleman, Kiss memorabilia and military equipment. He enjoyed following politics, especially the looters! Chuck was a true story telling, smiling outdoorsman with a true sense of direction.

Chuck is survived by June Wierowski; son Chad Aaron Middaugh of Reese; mother Dianne E. Middaugh of Cass City; siblings Cynthia (Michael) Fields of Cass City, Ken (Tammy) Middaugh of Caro, Jill (Joe) Leeson of Cass City, Michael (Kristin) Middaugh of Grand Rapids and Tim (Kristin) Middaugh of Decker; and many grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father Theron Lee Middaugh and infant brother Theron Middaugh, Jr.

Visitation will be held from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, September 22 with a service to follow at 3 p.m. at the Cass City Gun Club. There will be a luncheon to follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Cass City Gun Club.



## Harland Murdick

Harland J. Murdick, 84, of Caro, passed away on Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at his home. Harland was born December 26, 1934 in Vassar, the son of the late Charles L. and Violet E. (Birdsall) Murdick.

Harland grew up in Armada and worked with his father on the family farm.

Harland was united in marriage with the former Grace Hurd on June 4, 1977 in Caro, and she survives.

He worked for Pontiac Motors for more than twenty-five years as a piston ringer and also drove truck during many sugar beet seasons. Harland loved people, especially kids, and was known by many as the Candy Man.

He had an infectious smile and heart of gold that will be sorely missed by many. Harland was a member of the Ellington Church of the Nazarene where he also served as a greeter. He loved motorcycle riding and was a member of the Christian Motorcycle Association. His spare time was often spent hunting, fishing and gardening.

Harland is survived by his loving wife, Grace Murdick of Caro; five children and their spouses, Wayne & Teresa Murdick of Texas, Donna & Richard Murdick of Minnesota, James & Polly Murdick of California, Mark Webb of California and Matthew Webb of Caro; grandchildren, Mason Webb, Paige Webb, Alysa Kluesner, Jenna Dahl (Ryan Waldriff), Jamie & Mark Coppens and Austin & Alexis Murdick; great-grandsons, Dominic Erickson and Logan Waldriff; and several nieces and nephews.

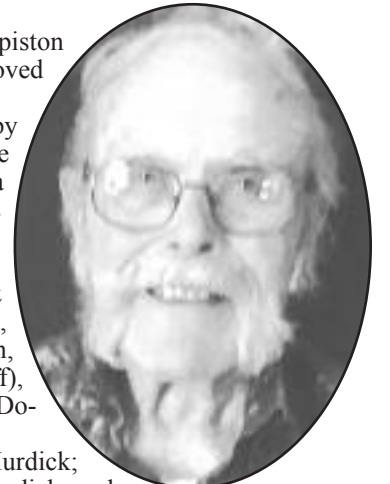
Harland was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Lynette Kay Murdick; one sister and two brothers, Dorothy Stoddard, Everett and Kenneth Murdick; and a daughter-in-law, Lisa Webb.

A funeral service was held Monday, August 19, at the Ellington Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. David Boulton officiating.

Burial followed at the Ellington Township Cemetery.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorial contributions to the Ellington Church of the Nazarene or Gideons International.

The family was assisted with these arrangements by the Ransford Collon Funeral Home of Caro. Friends may share memories, thoughts and prayers online at www.RansfordCollon.com.



## Loretta Thane

Loretta Pearl Thane, 89, of St. Paul, Indiana, formerly of Cass City, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, August 27, 2019.

Loretta was born May 22, 1930 in Columbia Township, the daughter of the late Clyde and Edna (VanWagoner) Rhodes and was a graduate of Unionville High School.

She was united in marriage with Willis James Thane on March 3, 1951 at the Colwood United Brethren Church in Caro, and he preceded her in death on June 2, 1980.

Loretta was employed as an attendant nurse at the Caro Regional Center, retiring after twenty-five years. She enjoyed spending time with her family, playing Yahtzee, sewing, reading, crafts, gardening, bird watching, and collecting teacups, saucers, and spoons from places she had visited. Loretta also made grape juice, grape jelly and peanut brittle that her entire family enjoyed. She was a member of the Colwood United Brethren Church where she and her husband had been involved in many activities.

Left to cherish her memory are five daughters and their spouses, Patricia & David Putt of Huntington, Indiana, Sherril & John Tarplee of St. Paul, Indiana, Mary & Frederick Jones of East Leroy, Joyce & Robert Sorrell of St. Paul, Indiana and Brenda & Douglas McArthur of Cass City; son-in-law, James Davlantes of Jacksonville, Florida; seventeen grandchildren; sixteen great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

Loretta was the last surviving member of her immediate family, and in addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one daughter, Carol Jean Davlantes; and one granddaughter, Mindy Jo McMillen.

A funeral service was held Saturday, August 31, at the Ransford Collon Funeral Home in Caro with the Rev. Lee Rhodes officiating.

Burial followed at Ellington Township Cemetery in Caro.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorial contributions to the Donor's Favorite Charity.

The family was assisted with these arrangements by the Ransford Collon Funeral Home of Caro. Friends may share memories, thoughts and prayers online at www.RansfordCollon.com.



# 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 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 870.09 feet along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section 21 to the point of beginning; running the 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 South-west 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 damag-

## ing 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

## Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to MCL 600.3212, that the following will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on September 26, 2019: Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Kirk A. Kitchen, a single man

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Quicken Loans Inc.

Date of Mortgage: May 19, 2015

Date of Mortgage Recording: June 2, 2015

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$73,612.62

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: The North half of the South half of the Southeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 11, Town 12 North, Range 9 East more particularly described as beginning at a point on the North-South quarter line of said section, which is South 1989.00 feet from the North quarter corner of said section; thence continuing along said North-South quarter line, South 331.50 feet; thence along the South line of said North half of the South half of the Southeast quarter of the Northwest quarter, North 89 degrees, 24 minutes, 39 seconds West 1333.63 feet; thence along the West line of the Southeast quarter of the Northwest quarter, North 00 degrees, 05 minutes 46 seconds East 331.31 feet; thence along the North line of said North half of the South half of the Southeast quarter of the Northwest quarter, South 89 degrees 25 minutes, 08 seconds East 1333.74 feet to the North-South quarter line of Section 11 and the Point of Beginning. Subject to Right of Way for Weeden Road over the Easterly side thereof.

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 28, 2019

Trott Law, P.C. 1393976

8-28-4

## Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Curtis E. Thornton, unmarried,

to Champion Mortgage, a division of KeyBank National Association, Mortgagee, dated July 26, 2005 and recorded August 11, 2005 in Liber 1049, Page 621 Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by REO Trust 2017-RPL1, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Three Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Eight and 23/100 Dollars (\$33,658.23), including interest at 5.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on SEPTEMBER 26, 2019.

Said premises are located in the Township of Fremont, Tuscola County Michigan, and are described as:

COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SOUTHWEST 1/4; THENCE EAST 300 FEET; SOUTH 726.70 FEET; THENCE WEST 300 FEET; THENCE NORTH 726.70 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING. SECTION 9, TOWN 11 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST, TOWNSHIP OF FREMONT, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a; 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, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclo-

## sure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: August 28, 2019

File No. 19-001491

Firm Name: Orlans PC

8-28-4

## Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee for any reason. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest, and the purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee's attorney, the Mortgagee's attorney. Notice is hereby given that the below mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00 am on September 26, 2019. Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Roger P. Warrington and Tamara L. Warrington, Husband and Wife Original Mortgagee: Ameriquest Mortgage Company Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for ABFC 2005-AQ1 Trust, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-AQ1, under the pooling and servicing agreement dated June 1, 2005 Date of Mortgage: February 1, 2005 Date of Mortgage Recording: February 16, 2005

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$94,177.63 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in the Village of Kingston, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 1 and 2, Block B of Legg's Addition to the Village of Kingston, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 65, now being Page 15B The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(16) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: 08/28/2019

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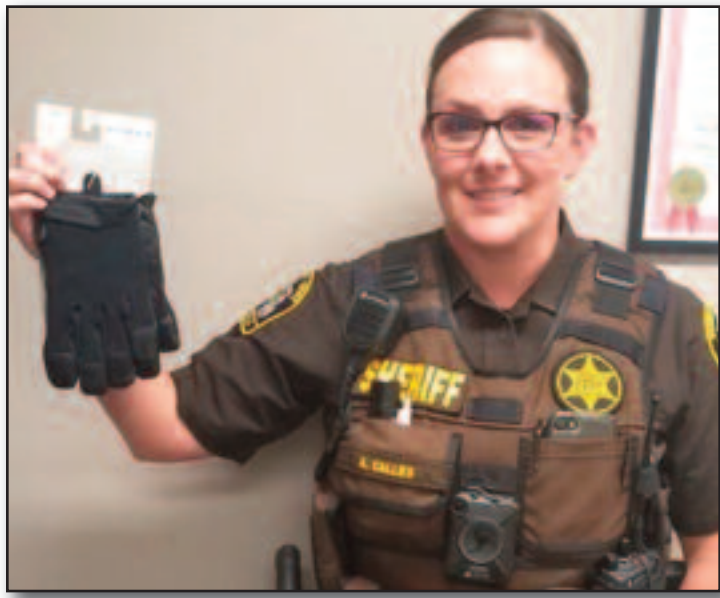
  
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TUSCOLA County Sheriff's Deputy Ashley Calles displays one of the pairs of puncture-resistant gloves purchased with grant funding and donated to the department by List Psychological of Caro.

# Grant funding pays for protective gloves for county's police officers

Dangerous drugs can be found anywhere, so even law enforcement officials in the Thumb have to use extra care on the job. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) recognized that problem, and awarded List Psychological of Caro grant money for the Prevention and Recovery Coalition of Tuscola County.

Some of the grant funding was used to purchase puncture-resistant gloves for deputies and police officers in Tuscola County. Also purchased were Detera Bags, which are used to safely dispose of fentanyl patches and liquids that normally can't be placed in drug drop-off receptacles such as the one located in the sheriff's department lobby, explained Tus-

cola County Sheriff Glen Skrent. There will be a few of the bags available in the jail's lobby, but they can also be obtained at List by calling Amy Cuthrell at (989) 673-5700. The bags are free and are simple to use — just follow the directions on the back, Skrent noted. Supplies are limited.

## Blaze razes Amish sawmill

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water on the pile before turning in, but "it (sparks) traveled from the pile to his barn, and that's what ignited it." Elkland Township fire fighters, who remained at the scene for about four hours, received assistance from the Caro, Kingston, Argyle Township and Elmwood Township-Gagetown fire departments. Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies were also on hand to redirect traffic, Guilds noted.

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