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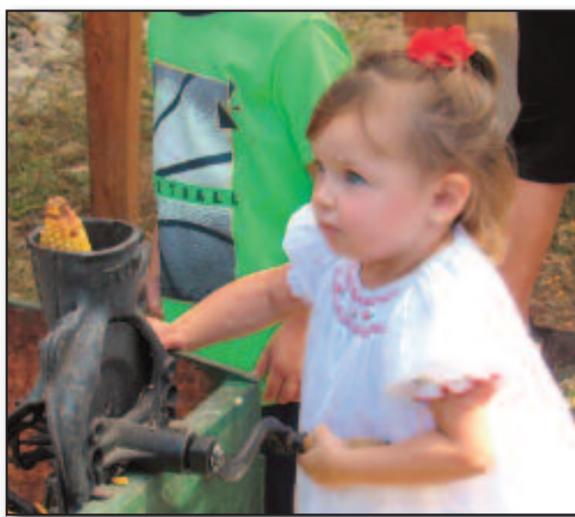
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Fall Family Days...



MILD WEATHER greeted thousands of visitors to the Thumb Octagon Barn during Fall Family Days over the weekend. They included two-year-old Aleigha Fritch (above), daughter of Vicki and Lance Fritch of Columbiaville. Also pictured are a steam engine in front of the sawmill, the interior of the historic barn, and local entertainers The Tom and Jerry Show featuring Jerry Lamoureux (left) and Tom Guinther. See related photos, page 12.

Assessment of jail needs delayed, but not forgotten here

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

News related to Tuscola County's antiquated jail facility may be missing from the headlines in recent months, but efforts to secure a modern facility that meets current needs are continuing.

An assessment of the jail, located at the sheriff's department in Caro, has already been conducted as part of the study focusing on ways to meet future needs of the facility.

That assessment described the facility as "outdated, inefficient and unsafe for staff and inmates", according to a 43-page study completed by the National Sheriff's Association in 2018. Although the study recommended several improvements, such as creating additional space for inmates, updating the control center and more, the report also noted it

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Area teens take stage among state honorees

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and the Michigan Community Service Commission (MCSC) honored 43 winners of the 2019 Governor's Service Awards, including a pair of Thumb teens, during a ceremony Thursday night at the Detroit Opera House in Detroit.

Recognized were individuals, businesses and nonprofit organizations selected for their commitment to volunteerism, service or philanthropy. Awards were presented in the categories of national service, volunteer program, corporate, youth, mentor, senior and volunteer of the year.

The honorees included Addy Battel, 17, of Cass City, and Pearl Daskam, 17, of Ubyly, both named Youth Volunteers of the Year.

"Our state is lucky to have such outstanding Michiganders who work hard every single day to build a home for opportunity for everyone. Whether it's uplifting our neighborhoods or bringing communities together when tragedy strikes, they do this work even when nobody's looking because they know that every contribution makes a huge impact," Whitmer said. "I'm proud to present the Governor's Service Awards to this year's recipients as recognition of their sacrifice and dedication throughout our state."

Battel, the daughter of Sue and Bob Battel, and Daskam, the daughter of Tamara and Michael Daskam, identified a need in their community and utilized service to combat the issue of hunger in Cass City. They were both just 12 when they launched the effort.

"Through astounding effort, these 16-year-old girls utilized their farm roots to raise livestock and poultry for food donations and created the project Meating the Need for Our Village," MCSC officials said. "The

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Local library hosting film fest again

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The MANHATTAN SHORT Film Festival is known across the globe for getting great works in front of as many eyes as possible, offering the ultimate platform — one that sees its films screened in Sydney, Mumbai, Vienna and Cape Town to cinemas in all 50 states and beyond.

Area film buffs can count Cass City among those venues.

And the stakes are high; the finalists are part of the MANHATTAN SHORT Oscar Qualifying Run, which means all selected works will screen for a full week at a cinema in the county Los Angeles, qualifying them for the Oscars.

This is the second consecutive year that Cass City will be among 350 venues across six continents that will play host to the MANHATTAN SHORT Film Festival Thursday, Sept. 26, through Sunday, Oct. 6.

Organizers of the 22nd annual event describe it "as an instantaneous celebration that occurs simultaneously across the globe, bringing great films and great artists to great venues and allowing the audiences to select their favorites."

"Last year, Rawson Memorial District Library had the unique opportunity to host the 21st annual MANHATTAN SHORT Film Festival. Our library was only one of nine in the state to do so. This fall, we again have this fantastic chance to share international short films with residents in our area," said Ruth Steele, interim director of the Cass City library.

MANHATTAN SHORT films will be shown at Rawson Library Sunday, Sept. 29, at 2 p.m.; Monday, Sept. 30, at 6 p.m.; Wednes-

day, Oct. 2, at 6 p.m.; Friday, Oct. 4, at 2 p.m.; and Saturday, Oct. 5, at 4 p.m.

"The same films are shown each day, so you can pick which day and time works best for you. Each short film is 20 minutes or less and there are several to watch,"

Steele noted.

Rawson Memorial District Library is listed among 18 confirmed venues in the state and is one of only two in the Thumb region — the other is in Huron

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Giving back

Hills and Dales Auxiliary continuing tradition of faithful support, service

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Hills and Dales General Hospital has undergone a myriad of changes over the years — some drastic, others more subtle — but a faithful group of local volunteers dedicated to supporting the local hospital has remained a constant.

In fact, the Hills and Dales General Hospital Auxiliary has a long history of service and financial support dating back to a time before the Cass City hospital opened in 1960.

Today, more than 60 years after forming, the auxiliary is still giving.

Even in the face of a major upheaval that came with a major renovation and expansion project — the recently completed facelift at Hills and Dales spanned two years, displacing the auxiliary's gift shop and cutting into its profits — the organization managed to contribute significantly.

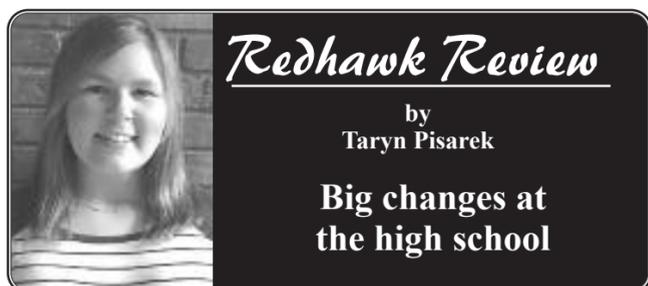
In 2018 alone, auxiliary members volunteered more than 4,600 hours and donated \$4,732 to the hospital for various needs, and that was with the gift shop being open only three days a week during construction.

This year, the group has already donated a

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VETERAN AUXILIARY members Mary Ann Hirn (left) and Ruth Whittaker stand inside the new gift shop at Hills and Dales General Hospital, where visitors can purchase not only snacks, gifts and reading materials, but also fresh-cut flowers delivered by Petal N Bean Co., Cass City. Hirn heads up the gift shop and Whittaker serves as president of the auxiliary, which has contributed tens of thousands of dollars to the hospital since it was organized in 1956.



Redhawk Review

by
Taryn Pisarek

Big changes at the high school

The start of this new school year has brought a lot of changes to Cass City High School. There are new staff members, an upgraded building and exciting new programs. Four new staff members were added to the high school building, ranging from a math teacher to a new athletic director.

Over the summer, phase one of the bond to renovate the high school was completed. The school was furnished with an all new heating/cooling system and fresh paint. Most classrooms got new ceiling tiles and lighting.

The changes in our home school are not all physical, though.

Cass City High School has introduced a new program to students called "Capturing Kids' Hearts". It is intended to promote a better school culture and engage all students with each other. Each class has created a "social contract" that outlines the students' and teachers' expectations for their experience in that room.

Students are encouraged to share any good things with the class, whether that be in their home life, school career or elsewhere. In just over a week, students have already been noticing the change that this program is having on how we are treating each other, and is helping us recognize hurtful behavior.

Another exciting new program being developed in Cass City is the anti-vaping campaign that is being called "We Are Not Fish".

The campaign's focus is to spread awareness on the negative physical and social effects of vaping. It includes brochures, posters, presentations, T-shirts and more. It is mainly targeted towards high school and middle school students, but also provides beneficial information for parents and younger students.

Also new to the school is the peer mentoring class, previously run by Amy Tamlyn and Tessa Campbell. This class kicked off in the second semester of the 2018-19 school year, headed by Campbell and Ryan Walker.

The class is composed of high school students who serve as mentors for elementary and junior high students. They join in on lunches in both schools to bond with students and form friendships.

Most students appreciate the initiatives to make our school a better, safer, healthier place to learn and grow.

Jail needs assessment still on

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would not be practical to transform the existing jail into a modern facility.

In the end, the study concluded the county should look at financing a new jail facility.

As a result, Tuscola County commissioners hired Byce Engineers and Architects to prepare a jail feasibility study at a cost of \$17,500, which will be paid for with funds from the county's Jail Capital Improvement Fund.

The architectural firm asked jail officials to compile information for a statistical analysis of the jail's current and future needs – information that will be used to draft the firm's recommendations.

There have been several discussions regarding whether or not a new jail that will meet current needs can be built in the facility's current location.

"We were assured it will and that keeping it here will save millions of dollars in the long haul. If moved off site, we would still have to build a holding area and secure parking for transport vans and temporary lock up facilities for those awaiting court," Tuscola County Sheriff Glen Skrent explained.

"One of the delays in the analysis is that some of the information the architect needs is only obtained by manually going over daily reports (covering a period of) years," he said. "Our antiquated jail management program does not achieve this data. As soon as they get all of the information, which should be very soon, we will set up another meeting."

According to Skrent, the meeting is expected to focus on discussion of the amount of square footage that is needed, the needs of the road patrol and administrators, and lobby design.

"I think it is time to request others to attend the meetings. However, there are security issues that I don't think should be publicly revealed," noted Skrent, who would like to hear input from the Caro City manager, county prosecutor's office, county commissioners, county controller-administrator, adult probation, and those who provide health services at the jail.

"Their input would be helpful," Skrent said. "(However), Byce noted that, from their experience, having too many (people involved) in the planning stages will bring everything to a crawl and cause some chaos."

For several decades, commissioners have used a "band-aid approach" to fix the jail's infrastructure issues, despite recommendations over the years that a new jail should be built. However, financial considerations have proven to be a big roadblock.



The jail, at 420 Court St., Caro, was built in 1966 with a 46-bed capacity. The facility has undergone several renovations. In 1988, upgrades were completed to expand capacity to 56 beds. In

1997, major renovations and an addition were tackled to create an 80-bed facility. And, interior renovations were done five years ago to create 12 more beds for a total of 92 beds due to constant overcrowding.

Even those improvements are showing their age now, and finding parts for repairs has become a significant challenge.

At the same time, it's difficult to meet new regulations. Inmates, for example, must now be afforded a private conference room area to talk to their attorney, Department of Health and Human Service workers, mental health service staff, clergy and representatives of various other agencies. In order to meet that requirement, a storage closet was converted into meeting space.

Another consideration is that over the last few years, there has been an increase of females being incarcerated. Aside from separating inmates by gender, they also have to be separated by security classification, risk, custody level and type of crime.

"The facility is not staffed as it could be to meet the requirements," states the assessment report. "The lack of staffing puts the staff and inmate population at a higher risk."

"The jail's usefulness is at a juncture where something has to be done," said Commissioner Tom Young, who pointed out that the jail is understaffed, outdated, inadequate in size and has security issues.

Commissioners have tried to address the issue twice over the last two decades by approaching voters for additional funding, but those proposals have failed.

Obituaries

Harold Roth

Harold Melroy Roth, 74, of Cass City, died following a brief illness Tuesday, September 3, 2019 in Covenant Healthcare Harrison Campus, Saginaw.

He was born April 24, 1945 in Milwaukee, WI to Joseph and Lorraine (Wehr) Roth.

He married Ilse Straub on April 29, 1965 in Heidelberg, Germany.



Harold served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam era as a truckmaster. He hauled water while stationed in Germany. Harold and Ilse enjoyed visiting family that lived in Michigan and later moved here permanently. Harold worked for UPS in Saginaw and was promoted to manager in 1979 before relocating to Cass City. He became self-employed as the owner of the Deford Country Store until 1994. Harold was fond of deer hunting, cutting wood and fishing the Cass River. He was one of the first official local game measurers for Commemorative Bucks of Michigan in the Thumb Area. Harold supported local sports teams and enjoyed many day trips to casinos. He loved his grandchildren and the time spent with them.

Harold is survived by his wife Ilse; sons: Dieter (Melissa Miron) Roth of Cass City and Jurgen (Kris) Roth of Cass City; grandchildren: Kelton Roth, Zachary McCreedy, Matthew Roth and Paige Roth; sister, Pearl Sanders of Milwaukee, WI; and brother,

Earl (Donna) Roth of Milwaukee, WI.

Harold was preceded in death by his sisters: Joann Lanaghan and Nancy Wartman; and brother, Joseph Roth, Jr.

A graveside service will be held at a later date.

Interment will be in Elkland Township Cemetery. Memorials may be made to a Charity of the Donor's Choice.

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

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.

Jacob Smith

Jacob Adam Smith, 38, of Cass City, died Monday, September 2, 2019 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident in Sanilac County.

He was born October 30, 1980 in West Palm Beach, FL to R.C. and Arlene (Hampton) Smith.

Jacob moved to Michigan in 1997 and attended Owen-Gage High School.

He was employed at Serenus Johnson Construction of Bay City as a carpenter. Jacob was a member of Carpenter's Union Local #706. An ambitious, charismatic and outgoing man, Jacob was always trying to make others smile. He was a selfless man who was always willing to help others. Jacob had a passion for music, animals, nature and loved sharing it with those closest to him, especially children. He had a drive in him for hard work and dedication to family, but believed there was always time to fish. Jacob was loved and will be missed by so many.

Jacob is survived by his son, Tristin Smith; daughters: Kyra Smith and Keirstynn Brown; fi-

ancé, Mary Lancaster of Cass City; her children: Kroy and Ridge; daughter, Lyric due in October; father, R.C. (Tammy) Smith of Decker; step-father, Brian Heiter of Essexville; sisters: Danielle (David) Beebe of Bay City and Courtney Smith of Cass City; brothers: R.C. Logan Smith



of Marquette and Deere (Rebecca) Smith of Cass City; several nieces and nephews; and his adoring and faithful dog, Molly Mae.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Arlene Heiter; sister, Thea Smith; and brother, Christopher Smith.

Visitation will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. on Tuesday, September 17, at Cass City Missionary Church.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 17, in Cass City Missionary Church with Pastor Phil Burkett officiating.

Memorials may be made to Kranz Funeral Home for the benefit of his family. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and photos with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com.

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Library set to host film fest

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County, where Harbor Beach District Library will be hosting showings of the films.

The motto of the MANHATTAN SHORT Film Festival is "one world-one week-one festival" during which an estimated 100,000 film lovers in more than 350 cities will gather to view and vote on the finalist films.

Last year, two of the films from MANHATTAN SHORT were short listed (final ten) for the Oscars.

"Thanks to a generous donation by the Pinney Foundation, this event is offered free of charge to those attending at Rawson Memorial District Library," Steele said. "Attendees receive a ballot to vote for their favorite film and actor. Votes are tallied and sent to the MANHATTAN SHORT New York City headquarters.

"Does every vote count? Absolutely, in 2011 there were 73,000 recorded votes with only 127 votes separating first and second places. So, yes, every vote counts," she added.

MANHATTAN SHORT began in late September 1998 when Nick Mason attached a screen to the side of a truck on Mulberry Street in New York City and projected 16 short films to an audience of about 300 New Yorkers scattered in the street.

Since then it has gained popularity around the world, and last year Mason decided to include libraries as venues.

"Attendees at Rawson Library enjoyed the experience so much, it was decided to host the 22nd film festival so even more Thumb residents can participate in this exceptional cultural event," Steele said.

Area residents can visit the website www.manhattanshort.com for a complete listing of venues and to view the movie trailer highlighting all of the films that will be shown this year.

More information is available by calling Rawson Memorial District Library at (989) 872-2856.

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Drier Humor

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Never too late to tattle



Pickling the wrong cucumbers a crime?

Guest editorial
by Emma Eisenman, research intern
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It's no secret that lawmaking is a complex process. And yet, no matter the topic policymakers consider, the government should always set out with the same intention: to serve the public and protect their rights.

Michigan carries some laws on its books, however, that criminalize behavior that in no way threaten our rights or safety. Two of the many rules created by the Michigan Department of Agriculture, for example, call for criminal punishments.

The state has regulations for transporting and disposing of dead animals. This makes some sense: These rules may help prevent disease, which protects public health. And most elements of these rules also appear common-sensical. They mandate, for example, that carcasses be transported in sealed containers and not come in contact with rivers, lakes and streams.

But the rules go way above and beyond that.

They are so detailed that a well-meaning person might easily commit a crime by inadvertently violating one of their particulars. For instance, vehicles used to transport dead animals must "display a decal sticker issued by the department ... [in] the lower right corner of the exterior surface of the door on the passenger side of the vehicle." This rule can help those charged with enforcing the law do their job, but it is difficult to see how it helps protect public safety. However, anyone who places a sticker on the lower left corner of the passenger door rather than the right corner is guilty of a crime.

Michigan also regulates cucumber pickling. These rules mandate the size and quality of cucumbers that may be used for pickling. Size is easily measured, but quality is another issue. State rules require that cucumbers must be the color that "is typical of cucumbers for pickling," free of "any injury or defect which materially affects pickling quality" and "not materially curved, materially tapered . . . or otherwise materially misshapen for pickling purposes."

There's clearly lots of room for interpretation within these definitions. Nevertheless, cucumber picklers may be criminally punished if they violate these subjective standards.

Again, it's not clear how these rules protect public health and safety. Common sense would say that if a pickler used oddly colored or formed cucumbers, consumers would "punish" that company by not buying from it.

Bottom line? The state's rules appear to be duplicative and unnecessary, yet anyone who violates them is a criminal under the law.

Michigan policymakers should thoroughly review these types of administrative rules and the punishments they carry, and the state should consider removing rules that are too subjective to effectively enforce or are clearly unnecessary.

If rules and laws become so numerous and specific that the average person cannot feasibly know or understand them, respect for the law is weakened. And that, in turn, really is a threat to the public.

Between the recent article I wrote about snakes and the unusual amount of postings about snakes on Facebook, I've been thinking about a childhood incident that left scars.

There have been postings about snakes swimming in lakes, in swimming pools, snake hunting, snake festivals, about the different variety of snakes, and a local snake spotting.

I came across a news article that I think was in a Florida newspaper, about how a park service ramped up efforts to combat pythons that invaded the park. The park wanted to hire state-contracted python hunters to kill snakes with a shotgun. They wanted to hire between 40 to 120 hunters to do that. They must have one heck of a snake problem!

And then there is the Texas Sweetwater Rattlesnake Roundup. The event includes a rattlesnake parade, a carnival, a Miss Snake Charmer Pageant and guided rattlesnake hunts as well as bus tours to photograph them. The event wraps up with concession stands offering snake meat meals.

One posting I thought was kind of cool was about a zombie snake. When they are scared or startled, they roll over belly-up and pretend to be dead.

I recently learned that the Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake is Michigan's only venomous snake. That is supposed to be the kind of snake that was spotted in the Cass City area last month.

This overload of snake information had me recalling a childhood incident. My parents were fans of the television show "Wagon Train." One of the characters on the show died from a snake bite. I was devastated.

It was shortly after seeing that show when I caught my brother smoking behind the barn. When I was running to the house to tattle, I forgot my parents were gone and my brother was babysitting me. As I was running, I fell in the tall grass in the barnyard. There were two puncture marks in my knee. I started crying because it hurt.

My brother sagely informed me I had received a snake bite. I was terrified. I didn't want to die like the guy on "Wagon Train."

He calmly informed me he could save my life because he was a smoker. He took out his lighter, made a big show of heating the blade of his pocketknife, and sliced my knee open. He proceeded to suck the poison out, but not before he made me swear not to tell our parents I caught him smoking.

It was only because he was a smoker that he had a lighter to heat the blade to sterilize it to save my life, so I should be grateful he is a smoker. I still have the scar on my knee from where he cut me when he "saved my life."

For decades, I believed he had saved my life. That was until I started writing an article about snakes, and a wildlife biologist I was interviewing informed me that it was basically impossible for me to get a poisonous snake bite in the middle of farm country in

Tuscola County. The Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake prefers life in swampy areas and near water. For over 60 years I never, ever tattled... until now.



Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Village Manager Debbie Powell was right on the mark, when she called one of Cass City's latest issues Water Woes.

Continuing, Powell informed me she wanted to pass along some information concerning our newest and biggest water well that the village has, Well #3. The flow monitoring for this well has dropped 44%, from 13.6 gal/minute in 2018 to 7.66 gal/minute in 2019. We contacted Northern Pump and Well, for our annual inspection and maintenance in May. They are recommending that we pull the pump, flush the well, chemically treat it, and chlorinate it. While the pump is out, they would do maintenance on the pump as well. Our contractor is recommending the work be done as soon as possible. The cost is approximately \$41,000, and it is not budgeted at this time.

This problem with our biggest well is of great concern. The intake is plugged to some degree, and if the pump was to overheat, then the Village would need a new well. Proposed cost of a new well is \$250,000, with an approximate 18 month waiting list for digging a new well.

With all these considerations, I have asked Dennis McCabe to present on this matter at our Community of the Whole meeting tonight (Wednesday, Sept. 11) at 7:00 pm. The public is welcome to attend.

Just like walking under a ladder, crossing paths with a black cat or breaking a mirror, many people hold fast to the belief that Friday the 13th brings bad luck. Though it's uncertain exactly when this particular tradition began, negative superstitions have swirled around the number 13 for centuries.

For instance, according to biblical tradition, 13 guests attended the Last Supper, held on Maundy Thursday, including Jesus and his 12 apostles (one of whom, Judas, betrayed him). The next day, of course, was Good Friday, the day of Jesus' crucifixion.

The seating arrangement at the Last Supper is believed to have given rise to a longstanding Christian superstition that having 13 guests at a table was a bad omen—specifically, that it was courting death.

Though Friday's negative associations are weaker, some have suggested they also have roots in Christian tradition: Just as Jesus was crucified on a Friday, Friday was also said to be the day Eve gave Adam the fateful apple from the Tree of Knowledge, as well as the day Cain killed his brother, Abel.

So, if misfortune comes your way this Friday – remember I warned you.

We'll never forget. Today marks the 18th year of one of the darkest days in American history. On September 11, 2001, 19 militants associated with the Islamic extremist group al Qaeda hijacked four airplanes and carried out suicide attacks against targets in the United States. Two of the planes were flown into the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, a third plane hit the Pentagon just outside Washington, D.C., and the fourth plane crashed in a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Almost 3,000 people were killed during the 9/11 terrorist attacks, which triggered major U.S. initiatives to combat terrorism.

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Here are a couple of ways you can help support Cass City sports teams.

On Sunday, Sept. 15th, at the football field, the local Youth Football & Cheer program is holding a pulled pork lunch at noon. Cost is just \$5 and will also include a beverage, chips and desert (hot dogs are available instead of pulled pork sandwiches, if desired).

Also planned is a silent auction and bake sale. Any questions or to donate items for the auction, please feel free to contact Samantha Gibbons at (989) 284-6527.

Also in the works, Athletic boosters in Cass City are hosting a pancake breakfast at Rolling Hills Golf course on Saturday, Sept. 28, from 9-11am.

Tickets are \$5 each and are available from most any student athlete, or by contacting Kate Fernald at (989) 325-0487.



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Wednesday, September 11

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

Thursday, September 12

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

Saturday, September 14

•Al-Anon meeting, 11 a.m., Cakima Serenity Home, Mayville. Call 989-912-5478 for more information.
•Grief/loss meetings, 9:45 a.m., Novesta Church of Christ.

Sunday, September 15

•Thumb Area Companions, 3 p.m., hosted by Dawn Woidan at Hills and Dales Boardroom 4675 Hill Street. Social support group that strived to benefit from social contact with others experiencing grief/loss.

Monday, September 16

•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.
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Tuesday, September 17

•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.
•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 OrganizationHall, 2165 Bingham St., Ubyly MI 48475. A pot luck is served prior to the meeting. Everyone is welcomed.

STANDING COMMUNITY CALENDAR ITEMS

First Saturday:

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

First Sunday:

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

First Monday:

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

Second Monday:

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

Second Tuesday:

•Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7 p.m., fire hall in Gagetown.
•Tuscola County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., HDC Intergenerational Building, 430 Montague Ave., Caro. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.
•Kedron OES #33 of Caro meeting, 7 p.m.
•Huron County Family Caregiver Support Group, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Human Development Commission, 150 Nugent Rd., Bad Axe. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.
•Al-Anon meeting, 7 p.m., St. Francis Parrish, Pigeon.

Second Wednesday:

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

Second Thursday:

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

Third Monday:

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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.

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•Grief/loss meetings, 9:45 a.m., Novesta Church of Christ.

Michigan the first state to ban flavored vaping products now

Michigan became the first state in the nation to enact a statewide ban on some vaping products last week.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer took aggressive action to protect Michigan kids from the harmful effects of vaping by banning flavored nicotine vaping products.

According to a news release issued by Whitmer's office, the governor, after Chief Medical Executive Dr. Joneigh Khaldun concluded youth vaping constitutes a public health emergency, ordered the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) to issue emergency rules to ban the sale of flavored nicotine vaping products in retail stores and online.

The ban also extends to what Whitmer called the misleading marketing of vaping products, including the use of terms like "clean," "safe," and "healthy" that perpetuate beliefs that these products are harmless. And, Whitmer ordered MDHHS officials to enforce an existing statute to prohibit the advertising of vapor products on billboards.

"As governor, my number one priority is keeping our kids safe," Whitmer stated in the release. "And right now, companies selling vaping products are using candy flavors to hook children on nicotine and misleading claims to promote the belief that these prod-

ucts are safe.

"That ends today," Whitmer said Wednesday. "Our kids deserve leaders who are going to fight to protect them. These bold steps will finally put an end to these irresponsible and deceptive practices and protect Michiganders' public health."

"Gov. Whitmer has taken bold and appropriate action in response to the epidemic of youth e-cigarette use," said Nancy Brown, CEO of the American Heart Association. "In the absence of robust regulation by the Food and Drug Administration, we know shockingly little about the health impact of e-cigarettes being widely marketed to youth and adults.

"The recent outbreak of respiratory illnesses associated with e-cigarette use has only added to the uncertainty and increased the need for immediate action. What we do know is nicotine is highly addictive and has adverse effects on the developing brain, and flavors strongly appeal to youth," Brown added.

"Gov. Whitmer's action will protect Michiganders, particularly the state's youth, from the known and unknown potential health risks of e-cigarette use. We urge the FDA to move urgently to protect public health and exercise strict oversight over all e-cigarette products."

In June, Whitmer signed Senate Bills 106 and 155, which clarify

that it is illegal to sell e-cigarettes and other non-traditional nicotine products to minors.

In her signing message to the Legislature, she criticized lawmakers for not going far enough to protect Michigan's kids from nicotine addiction, calling the marketing, packaging, and taste of e-cigarettes a "bait-and-switch" engineered to "create new nicotine addicts."

"In the past few years, we've seen an explosive increase in the number of Michigan kids exposed to vaping products," said Khaldun, who also serves as chief deputy director for health at MDHHS. "This is a public health crisis. These products can contain harmful chemicals that put our kids' health at risk. I'm looking forward to working with Gov. Whitmer to mitigate these effects and keep our kids healthy."

From 2017 to 2018, e-cigarette use spiked 78 percent among high school students and 48 percent among middle school students. In 2018, more than 3.6 million children in the United States — one in five high school students and one in 20 middle school students — were regular users.

Health officials say those rates are still climbing, likely fueled by the availability of flavors akin to apple juice, bubble gum, and Nerds.

Circuit court proceedings

Several appear on felony charges

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

*Jeffrey S. Bullard, 50, Warren, pleaded no contest to domestic violence, second offense, Jan. 11 in Akron Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

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

*Stephanie D. Pauly, 45, Clarkston, pleaded no contest to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor and to two counts of attempted assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer June 17 in Kingston.

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

*Amy M. Bearinger, 40, Caro, pleaded guilty to charges of operating a motor vehicle with a high BAC (blood alcohol content) and to assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer July 11 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$2,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Christopher M. Stuller, 42, Mayville, received a one-year delayed sentence following his pleas of no contest to charges of breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny and three counts of attempted assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer Oct. 12, 2017, in Fremont Township.

He was ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,458.

*Richard A. Coon, 21, Deford, was sentenced to two to 15 years in prison following his pleas of no contest to domestic violence and creation/delivery of a controlled substance June 22 in Novesta Township, and to creation/delivery of a controlled substance March 26 in Almer Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$566.

*Timothy A. Buttleman, 33, Cadiz, Ky., was sentenced to two days in the county jail following his plea of illegal sale/use of a financial transaction device July 16, 2011, in Mayville.

He was also placed on probation for 12 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,008.

*Brittini F. Barette, 28, Vassar, was sentenced to 150 days in jail following her pleas of guilty to possession of methamphetamine/Ecstasy and operating a

motor vehicle with the presence of a controlled substance in her body June 30, 2108, in Caro.

She was also placed on probation for 36 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,158.

*Jane E. Williams, 48, Cass City, was sentenced to 18 months to 10 years in prison following her pleas of no contest to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, and to assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer April 24 in Kingston Township. She was also convicted of being an habitual offender (two prior felony convictions).

In addition to prison time, she was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$326.

*Aaron R. Loesel, 30, Vassar, pleaded guilty to illegal sale/use of a financial transaction device between July 24 and Sept. 3, 2018, in Caro.

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

*Eric V. Navarro, 37, Sandusky, pleaded no contest to writing a no-account check for \$345.17 June 23, 2017, in Mayville. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

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

*Courtney E. Bedell, Jr., 50, Millington, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Feb. 10 in Millington. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more

prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$30,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Christopher M. Kuhl, 33, Mayville, pleaded no contest to two counts of third degree criminal sexual conduct involving force or coercion, and two counts of domestic violence June 29 in Mayville. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$100,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Brandi K. Lasiewicki, 40, Caro, received a one-year delayed sentence following her plea of no contest to embezzling \$20,000 to \$50,000 from a vulnerable adult between Jan. 1, 2015, and April 30, 2018, in Caro.

She was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling 258. Restitution in the case is to be determined.

*Eric R. Lasiewicki, 42, Caro, received a one-year delayed sentence following his plea of no contest to embezzling \$20,000 to \$50,000 from a vulnerable adult between Jan. 1, 2015, and April 30, 2018, in Caro.

He was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,008. Restitution in the case is to be determined.

*William D. Street, 40, Caro, was sentenced to two days in jail following his pleas of no contest to domestic violence and possession of a controlled substance Nov. 10 in Caro.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$685.

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WHAT DO THEY FIND IN THE JUNGLE

"DORA AND THE LOST CITY OF GOLD"



Reporter's notebook**"Failure is never fatal -- Churchill**by Tom Montgomery
Editor

"Success is stumbling from failure to failure with no loss of enthusiasm."

—Winston Churchill

It's a shame that I had to live on this planet for so many years before I finally grasped and accepted some pretty simple – but vital – lessons on living.

I wonder if there are others out there in my age bracket (closer to 60 than most of us would like to admit), who are lamenting the same feeling of, if only I knew then what I know now.

I'm talking about a few basic truths, like the fact that we spend far too much time stewing about our pasts and shortcomings, all the while assuming that the folks next door or down the street really have everything figured out because they seem near perfect – raising perfect families, excelling at perfect jobs, making the perfect income and preparing for the perfect future.

And then you learn they struggle with some of the same challenges you've faced and (hopefully) overcome.

Resentment is another issue that stymied me for years.

Why does it take so long for us to finally figure out that bottled up anger at someone else only hurts you, and that the person(s) your upset with might be more in need of a prayer from you than an outburst of that anger?

Many people spend years trying to fill emotional holes in their lives with things, when the truth is, no amount of material possessions or mind-altering substances will ever come close to bringing the satisfaction they crave.

For me, probably the greatest challenge to overcome has been a ferocious drive to succeed at life, especially in my career.

Try as I might, I've never been able to trace the origins of what I can only describe as an unhealthy fear of failure. In my defense, no one likes to fail. Failure doesn't feel good, it costs time, effort and a chunk of dignity, and it's never easy to bounce back, right?

But especially during my college years and in my first years on the job as a reporter, I simply could not fathom failure in my chosen career, because that would mean failure to support my family and, worse, prove that I had no worth apart from ability to do my job.

So, I drove myself. Hard. To the point of physical and emotional exhaustion. And, later, I discovered alcohol enabled me to live with failure – or even the hint that I might fail – at least for a little while (spoiler alert: that never works).

Ironically, in the process, I ended up letting down the people I cared about and respected the most.

I wish someone had sat me down years ago and explained the simple truth about failure: it's an inevitable part of life, everyone fails, and failure can make you much more successful in all areas of life because of the lessons it teaches – the value of perseverance, determination, thinking outside the box, etc.

Most importantly, it's okay to fail.

Churchill was right when he said, "Success is never final. Failure is never fatal. It is the courage to continue that counts."

These days, I can live with blowing it now and then, even if it did take me decades to figure it out.

There's no shame in that.

Fairgrove Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes August 19, 2019 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Supervisor Keith Aeder, Treasurer John McQuillan, Clerk Katie Gebhardt, Trustees Mike Day and Dennis Hadeway, Sexton Doug Foster, and Zoning Administrator Bruce Turner. Visitors Present: Colleen Russell – Deputy Clerk, Carl Childs – Planning Commission.

Call to order. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Hadeway moved and Day supported to approve July minutes. Passed. Hadeway moved and McQuillan supported to approve August agenda. Passed. Visitor Comments Closed.

The new phone was installed and the Township had to get a new number. Phone: 989-693-3500 Fax: 989-267-1051.

McQuillan moved Hadeway supported to authorize Supervisor to solicit bids from Waste Management and Emterra, and report back at September meeting. Passed. Assessing Computer – Aeder moved Hadeway supported to allow clerk to purchase a new laptop for assessing with a budget of \$1,000. Passed.

Aeder moved McQuillan supported to appoint Beth Wilson to Fairgrove Library Board until 2022. Passed. Day moved Hadeway supported to accept financial report. Passed. McQuillan moved and Hadeway supported to pay bills as presented. Passed. McQuillan moved and Hadeway supported to adjourn meeting. Passed. Adjourned 9:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Katie Gebhardt
Fairgrove Township Clerk

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas

**5 YEARS AGO (2014)**

Area resident Benjamin Good was recently awarded an Albion College Webster Scholarship worth \$18,500. The award recognizes students with superior high school academic achievements and potential for collegiate success.

"We are pleased to recognize the outstanding performance of incoming students, who have done excellent work in high school and show promise for academic success here," said Admission Director Mandy Dubiel. "We partner with families to make an Albion College education affordable – one of the most important investments they can make in their student's future."

Good is the son of David and Julie Good of Gagetown and is a graduate of Owen-Gage High School.

10 YEARS AGO (2009)

Clark P. Walsh 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. Phase one involves personal in-processing, orientation and training in the fundamentals of being a cadet. They complete the obstacle, confidence, assault and leadership reaction courses, and participate in a rescue mission termed Operation Warrior. Walsh is the son of Rodney and Nanette Walsh of Ubyly. He is a 2009 graduate of Cass City High School.

Jeffery B. Cartwright of Midland, formerly of Cass City, has completed his high school education through Stratford Career Institute of St. Albans, Vt. Cartwright attended Cass City Schools leaving in his sophomore year. He is currently employed with Care Systems of Midland, and speed skates with the Sonic Jets of Essexville. Cartwright is the son of Louisa Cartwright of Bay City, formerly of Cass City, and the father of Preston Cartwright of Auburn, also formerly of Cass City.

25 YEARS AGO (1994)

The Hills and Dales General Hospital Employee of the Month is Micky Kramer. Micky is a Registered Nurse and evening supervisor. She is also a certified emergency nurse and an HIV counselor. She has been a part of the Hills and Dales team for eight years. In her free time, Micky enjoys spending time at home with her family and friends, cooking, baking, gardening and cross stitching. She grew up in the town of Ubyly and now resides in Bad Axe.

Tuscola County Bean queen Tanya Muntz, Cass City, was crowned Michigan Bean Queen during the Michigan Bean Festival Sept. 2 in Fairgrove. Muntz, who won a \$1,500 scholarship, is a graduate of Owen-Gage High School. The daughter of Janet Muntz and the late Howard Muntz, she currently attends Ferris State University.

Saginaw Valley State University announced this week that Janet Elizabeth Bryant of Cass City was one of 224 students to complete degree requirements during the summer session. She earned a Master of Science nursing degree.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Dean P. Sheckles, a 1987 graduate of Kingston Community High School, recently reported for duty at the Atlantic Fleet Headquarters Support Activity, Norfolk, Va. He joined the Navy in July 1994

35 YEARS AGO (1984)

Mr. and Mrs. John Asher of Fort Myers, Fla., are the parents of a second daughter, born Thursday, Aug. 30. She weighed eight pounds and four ounces and is named Lesli Ann. She joins a sister, Christi, and brother, Aaron. Mrs. Pearl Venema has been spending some time with her daughter, Doreen Asher and family. Lesli Ann was born on her parents' wedding anniversary.

Mrs. M.B. Auten and her daughter, Mrs. Tom Craig, returned home Aug. 30 from a three-week trip to England and Scotland. They were among a group of 28 making the trip which was sponsored by the University of Michigan Alumni Association. The trip included a four-day stay in London.

George Cooklin, Cass City, exhibited the grand champion Yorkshire and Hampshire sows at the Michigan State Fair. State fair officials said that swine breeding stock are evaluated on conformation, soundness, growth and usefulness to the swine industry.

Michelle Tkacz and brothers, Joe and Mike, returned to their home Aug. 29 after visiting three weeks with their aunt, Trudy Tkacz, in Durand. They also visited their father, Mike Tkacz, of Flint and their brother, Kevin Clark. They are the children of Geneva Schember of Owendale and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pierce of Sebawaing.

40 YEARS AGO (1979)

Jill Margaret Perlaki, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Perlaki, was baptized Sunday morning in Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Rebecca Lee Papp, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Papp, who was baptized in the hospital in June, was also included in the baptismal ceremonies.

Mrs. John Guinther was honored at a surprise open house Sunday, celebrating her 80th birthday. About 80 guests greeted her at her home, where cake, ice cream and punch were served. The affair was planned by members of her family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Geiger announce the birth of their fourth grandchild, Josiah Michael, 7 pounds and 7 ounces, born to Mr. and Mrs. John (Sally) Spencer of Lansing Sept. 12.

Mrs. Shirley Russell of Cass City announces the engagement of her daughter, Mary Lee, to Joe Duane Kirklin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kirklin of Oxford. Mary Lee is the daughter of the late Keith Russell. She is a 1972 graduate of Cass City High School and is currently employed at Walbro Corp. Joe is a 1972 graduate of Oxford High School and is employed at General Motors Truck and Coach in Pontiac. A May wedding is planned.

The drained Helen Stevens Memorial Pool was a fitting place for the Cass City Lions Club to present the last of three \$1,000 checks last Thursday as its contribution to help finance construction of the pool. Presenting it to Zonta Club Treasurer Marie Rach was Lions President Jim Guinther. Looking on is Lions Treasurer Bob Copeland. Zonta Club started the pool fund, which collected \$20,942 in pledges from clubs and individuals.

50 YEARS AGO (1969)

Mr. and Mrs. James Knechtel of Pontiac are the parents of a daughter, Barbara Joan. The baby weighed 7 1/2 pounds when born Sept. 12. The Knechtels have two sons, Ricky and Scotty. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harbec of Cass City and Mrs. Milton Knechtel of Elkton are the grandparents.

Mrs. Irvin Kritzman and daughters, Heidi, Jane and Gretchen, of Kawkawlin, brought Mrs. Kritzman's mother, Mrs. Howard Loomis, home Sunday after she had spent several days at Kawkawlin. Mrs. Loomis, Mrs. Kritzman and daughters were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. David Loomis and sons.

The Cass City Lions Club installed officers Monday night at its regular meeting at Martin's Restaurant. Secretary Tim Grassman, President Dr. Ed Scollon, District Governor Orv. Zorn, Treasurer Larry Davis, 1st Vice-President Rog Marshall and 3rd vice-president Tom Herron, Director Ken Maharg, Tail Twister George Janssen, Director Al McDonald.

A Cass City girl, Linda Calka, may be among the first girls ever to graduate from the prestigious Harvard University. Miss Calka is presently attending night classes at Harvard with an eye towards regular enrollment next year when she will be due to graduate. The Cass City High School graduate transferred to Harvard from the University of Michigan. While at Michigan she had been accepted into the honors college where outstanding students were not required to attend classes and advanced by individual study. Miss Calka's major is international relations and foreign studies. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Calka of Cass City.

75 YEARS AGO (1944)

Miss Helen Kelly, R. N., assistant to Dr. H. T. Donahue at Pleasant Home hospital, Cass City, has been selected by officers of the Tuscola County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis to attend the D. T. Watson School of Physical Therapy which is affiliated with the University of Pittsburg School of Medicine at Leetsdale, Pa. Miss Kelly will attend the Watson school for two weeks' study of the treatment of infantile paralysis, starting Sept. 15, at the expense of the Tuscola county chapter and on her return will be available for emergency treatments and will teach other registered nurses and anyone interested in learning the hot pack or Kenny method of treatment.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dorsch were S/Sgt. Vern Elston, who arrived in Flint last Saturday after 37 months of overseas service in North Africa and Italy, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Elston and daughter, Marion, and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey McDonald and son, Jack, all of Flint. S/Sgt. Elston will leave for Lincoln, Nebraska, Oct. 1 where he will assume instructor's duties.

Mr. and Mrs. George Purdy have sold their farm east and south of town to Edward A. Schmidt of Detroit and are painting and decorating their home in town which they recently purchased from Sheriff Julius Goslin. They expect to have their home ready for occupancy Nov. 1.

100 YEARS AGO (1919)

Erwein Zemke and Miss Bertha Zemke motored to Caro Tuesday where they were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Otto Zemke and Miss Millar on a trip to Saginaw. The party enjoyed the style show at the auditorium in that city.

Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Redwine's residence on Seeger St. was the scene of a pretty surprise party Friday evening in compliment to Mrs. Redwine's sister, Myrtle Cawthon, of Glenville, W. Va., who is visiting here. The evening was spent in games and girlish chatter and dainty light refreshments were served. The party consisted of the honor guest, Miss Cawthon, Lottie West, Lois Benkelman, Eva Brackenbury, Mildred Fritz, Belva Tibbals, Alexandra McKenzie, Aletha Seed, Ruby and Pearl Marshall and Marjorie Ohls.

Chris Schwaderer has purchased the Fred Bardwell 136-acre farm just west of Cass City for \$12,000.

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Lawmakers honor Glen Roth

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

A man who quietly works behind the scenes was recently recognized with a state resolution honoring his service to Tuscola County.

State Rep. Phil Green (R-Millington) presented Glen Roth with a state resolution honoring his 20 years of service as the office manager for the Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation (EDC).

"We take this opportunity to recognize the dedication that Glen Roth has towards the betterment of Tuscola County and the work that the Tuscola County EDC has done for raising the quality of life in the community," said Green

reading from the resolution. "In his spare time, Glen has served as the treasurer of Tuscola County Right to Life and helps with all pro-life projects of the group."

Roth, who has also volunteered his time as a big brother for the Thumb Area Big Brothers and Sisters program, is founder of the Roth Business Development Center in Caro.

He was honored a few years ago as a Tuscola Star during the annual Tuscola Stars volunteer recognition program.

"We offer our thanks and gratitude for all that Glen Roth has done through the Economic Development Corporation and his time and effort in being an involved member of the community," Green said.



GLEN ROTH (left) was recently presented with a state resolution by state Rep. Phil Green for his two decades of service to the Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation as well as years of civic involvement in the community.

Sanilac County secures \$129,836 in grant funds to expand its recycling

Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) officials recently announced the awarding of infrastructure grants totaling \$1.23 million that will improve and expand recycling programs in eight Lower Peninsula counties.

The recipients include Sanilac County, which will receive \$129,836 in funding to expand its recycling collection program by adding storage that will enable staff to accept recyclable materials that are currently not being collected, and increase recycling collection locations throughout the county.

The state grants are designed to support the new Know It Before You Throw It campaign, EGLE's first-ever statewide effort to better inform Michiganders of what can – and cannot – be recycled and how to recycle correctly.

"We want to inspire and inform more people than ever before in Michigan about how to recycle better and more frequently," said EGLE Director Liesl Clark.

"Know It Before You Throw It' is a first-of-its-kind campaign for Michigan that offers multiple benefits. Increasing recycling and improving the quality of materials we're recycling saves energy, reduces water use, decreases greenhouse gases, conserves resources and translates into local jobs," Clark added.

EGLE's goal is to increase awareness of cleaner recycling practices to reduce the amount of contaminated materials improperly going into recycling bins. The state also wants to double Michigan's recycling rate to 30 percent by 2025, and ultimately reach 45 percent annually.

Michigan's current recycling rate of 15 percent is the lowest in the Great Lakes region and ranks among the nation's lowest.

Achieving EGLE's 30 percent recycling goal would produce a statewide total of as many as 12,986 jobs, which translates into an economic impact of up to \$300 million annually, according to the Expanding Recycling in Michigan Report prepared for the Michigan Recycling Partnership.

The \$1.23 million in grants unveiled last week are among 26 grants totaling more than \$5.96 million EGLE is allocating this year that will serve 16 counties covering every region of the state.

Recycling in Michigan is receiving a major boost as state legislators in an overwhelmingly bipartisan move have increased EGLE's funding for recycling from \$2 million last year to \$15 million in 2019. The extra funds will support development of recycling markets, increase access to recycling opportunities and reinforce planning efforts to grow recycling at the local level.

More information about the Know It Before You Throw It education campaign is available on the website RecyclingRaccoons.org.

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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:

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- ~ **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

Pot lock boxes are available

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

Whether someone keeps medical marijuana or recreational marijuana around their home, keeping it out of the hands of children is important.

There are special lock boxes to help with that.

Just like other prescription drugs, caution should be used to assure marijuana is out of the reach of children, said Ann Hepfer, health director for both the Tuscola and Huron county health departments.

“We do have a limited supply of lock boxes available free of charge while supplies last,” Hepfer added. “They are available on a first come, first served basis at the health department.”

The Tuscola County Health Department, located at 1309 Cleaver Rd., Caro, is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (closed for lunch from noon to 12:30 p.m.).

Medical marijuana is legal in more than half the states across the nation, but that doesn't mean it should be treated casually. Like alcohol and prescription medication, cannabis should be treated seriously.

Michigan voters approved the use of medical marijuana and facilities to process the drug. More recently, the state's voters approved recreational use of marijuana.

It's up to individual municipalities to decide if they wish to allow or prohibit commercial marijuana businesses.

In response to the new legislation, the group My Compassion assembled the Michigan Medical Marijuana Response Team specif-

ically to assist municipalities by providing accurate information they can trust when deciding to opt in or opt out.

My Compassion is a nonprofit organization that promotes responsible cannabis use. The organization provides community outreach, education, and research information on the medical benefits of cannabis.

With more than 70 years combined experience in the cannabis industry, its team of professionals — including attorneys, doctors, nurses and social workers — works hand in hand with patients, dispensaries, healthcare providers

and communities in Michigan.

My Compassion officials say public safety is a high priority for their organization because it is critical to the longevity and positive outcomes in any community considering a cannabis program.

My Compassion welcomes the opportunity to work with Michigan municipalities including its government officials, chief of police, fire chief, board of education, health department and residents.

More information is available by calling (884) 226-6200 or by visiting the website mycompassion.org.

Meet focus on healthy babies

CARO — The Tuscola County Health Department is coordinating a Perinatal Quality Assurance Project town hall meeting Tuesday, Sept. 17, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Tuscola Technology Center, 1401 Cleaver Rd., Caro.

The meeting is open to anyone who is interested or concerned about the health of mothers and babies.

The more input officials have, the better outcomes and healthier beginnings for babies, said Ann Hepfer, health director for the health departments in Tuscola and Huron counties.

Mothers and babies are dying from preventable causes.

According to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services' (MDHHS) Division for Vital Records and Health Statistics, Summary of 2017 Infant Death Statistics, roughly 90 women die each year in Michigan during pregnancy, during delivery, or within a year after the end of their pregnancies. And, in 2017, there were 762 infants who died before their first birthdays.

The vision of the local improvement plan is: Zero preventable deaths. Zero health disparities.

The plan can be viewed at the following link: https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mcihhs/MIHEIP_Final_Draft_Approved.

Kingston Schools offers tutoring

KINGSTON — Even though the 2019-20 school year just started, the Kingston School District is offering programs for students who need some extra help.

Free tutoring for high school students will be available before and after school. Morning tutoring will be from 7:30 to 7:55 each day, and after-school tutoring is from 3 to 4 p.m.

The help is free and the teachers can help in all subject areas.

Daley in Cass City for office hours

CASS CITY — State Senator Kevin Daley (R-Lum) will host constituent hours in the 31st District Friday, Sept. 13.

The senator, whose district includes Tuscola County, will be at Rawson Memorial District Library, 6495 Pine St., Cass City, 11 a.m. to noon.

Rain needed for Owendale project

OWENDALE — Because some of the streets in the village of Owendale are gravel, grading is an on-going need, but the best time to tackle the work is after it rains so the ground is softened. When crews are able to grade, they will also be filling potholes.

In other business, village officials recently revised the community's weed control ordinance.

“We lowered the allowed height of grass and weeds to six inches from 10 inches,” explained village Clerk Randall Howard, who noted the village council is also exploring the possibility of installing some stop signs.

Suicide prevention walk slated

PORT AUSTIN — The Huron County Suicide Prevention Coalition will host its eighth annual Walk For Awareness at the Huron County Nature Center.

The walk will be Saturday, Sept. 14. Registration starts at 9 a.m., with a program getting underway at 9:30 a.m.

The guest speaker will be former Detroit Lion quarterback Eric Hipple, who is a suicide survivor and outreach specialist with the University of Michigan Depression Center.

Participants are invited to walk at their own pace through the Memorial Garden along a small, unpaved loop. The closing ceremony will include readings and butterfly release.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery



ANN HEPFER, who serves as health director for the health departments in Tuscola and Huron counties, displays available lock boxes for storage of medical and recreational marijuana.

Space at a premium -- Tuscola County considering its options

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

Storage space is once again at a premium in Tuscola County.

According to Tuscola County Clerk Jodi Fetting, in about a year or less, record storage will reach “critical mass” in her department.

It isn't a new problem. Running out of storage space has been an issue on and off for more than 25 years in the county, despite having more than a dozen buildings.

One of the biggest reasons for lack of storage space is state regulations.

“State law requires I keep some records forever,” Fetting said. “And, other departments are also required to keep records for a certain number of years or forever.”

While some county departments' files can be purged after a certain number of years depending on state statute, other files — like the ones in the clerk's office — cannot be purged, ever.”

In addition, some stored records have to be kept close by for when they are needed. Divorce cases where there are children involved fall into that category until the children reach the age of 18 or 19.

Felony case files also have to be readily available.

Another issue adding to the space shortage are the files themselves — more than 85 cases that have several volumes that are inches thick.

“There are several files that are eight to 10 inches thick, and there are some case files that have 15 volumes,” Fetting said of why her department and some others need more storage space.

Although the vital records of the clerk's office takes up the majority of storage space in multiple county buildings, the clerk's office isn't the only department in need of more room.

The drain commissioner's office and the controller's office storage spaces are both about maxed out.

“The 30-by-50-foot (auxiliary) storage space is full. Every storage space is about full,” said Mike Miller, the county's buildings and maintenance director, noting the issue has to be addressed by the end of the year. “We are definitely going to need more storage sooner than later.”

Accomplishing that goal won't be cheap.

“Storage space for recorders has

to be in climate controlled (rooms) with heating and cooling, has to have a fire-suppression system, and has to be secure,” Miller explained. He estimated such a facility, depending on size, could cost about \$275,000 or more.

According to county Controller-Administrator Clayette Zechmeister, her department has a retention schedule and purges files regularly.

Over the years, departments have microfilmed records and digitized records whenever possible to save space.

Officials have discussed storing records in the salt mines near Grand Rapids, but that option is costly and wouldn't address the issue of having certain records readily available to county staffers.

In 2009, the clerk's office started digitizing criminal court cases, but time, effort and money is necessary to digitize the back caseload. And, Fetting pointed out, “Doing back filing is low priority.”

In 2011, the county purchased a former business building — the H.H. Purdy Building — at 125 W. Lincoln St. in Caro in an effort to alleviate the space issue. The facility houses the treasurer's office, register of deeds, drain office, equalization and controller's office.

The building's purchase was prompted by a major reorganization of space when the friend of the court moved from Green Street to the courthouse in the area that had housed the clerk's office and the treasurer's office. The

move was approved in order to be able to charge back more costs to the state.

The area that had been the register of deeds office became the clerk's office.

During discussion of the problem, a possible option for storage space near the jail was proposed — the county is in the process of assessing jail needs, which may include a new jail or an addition.

Depending on what is decided with the jail, there may be an opportunity for some additional space.

“At this point, until we know about the jail, we can't make any plans,” Miller said.

Another consideration are costs related to upkeep of the county's current buildings. Between buildings and grounds, the county owns 16 properties. The facilities include the annex, courthouse, MSU Cooperative Extension, animal control, health department, Department of Health and Human Services, dispatch, recycling, the Michigan State Police post (which the county owns and rents to the state), the Grant Street pole building, the maintenance building, the Purdy Building, the Luder Road pole building, Vanderbilt Park, and the jail.

The average annual cost of upkeep for those properties is roughly \$300,000. And, those costs, especially as the buildings age, will increase. Over the next decade, county officials expect to spend a combined \$3 million on those costs.

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Auxiliary continuing tradition

Continued from page one.

combined \$13,000 for new equipment and department needs at the hospital.

The auxiliary initially approved \$7,000 in purchases for the hospital this year, then recently chipped in another \$6,000, according to auxiliary President Ruth Whittaker, a member of the organization since 1965. "We just committed to two AEDs (automated external defibrillators) to two of the offsite doctors offices, and a new high-low table" for the physical therapy department, she explained.

Auxiliary members say they're glad to be settled into their new gift shop, which is located in the lobby and is back to regular business hours – Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

While operating the gift shop is the group's largest fundraiser, auxiliary members also prepare and sell popcorn two to three days a week, serve as messengers and deliver internal mail, and host smaller fundraisers that include a jewelry sale, book sale, scrubs sale and an annual holiday raffle/cookie walk.

Members also volunteer at Northwood Meadows and are always on hand during various hospital events. Volunteers have also been known to care for infants and youngsters in situations where a parent was undergoing emergency treatment.

Danielle Blaine, Hills and Dales director of marketing, says the local hospital auxiliary's reputation for service was well earned from the start, even before Hills and Dales opened its doors.

"Back then, they did tasks like sewing bed sheets, curtains, and preparing for the opening of the hospital," Blaine said. "Since, they have taken on any project or idea that comes their way."

Auxiliary history

"We currently have 45 members. At our highest, we had about 101 (members)," said Whittaker, who shared a brief history of the volunteer organization. Organized in November 1956, she added, the auxiliary's mission was – as it still is – to offer support to the hospital in any way it can.

Less than a year after being founded, the auxiliary pledged \$5,000 towards the hospital building fund.

During the first years of its existence, the group contributed to the landscaping of the hospital grounds, purchased two sewing machines, did all the mending and made the patient gowns, racking up 320 hours of mending work in 1967 alone. Another early project was making puppets to distribute to pediatric patients and the donation of leather craft projects for the older children.

Among the first major equipment purchases were two "isolettes" – in 1962 and 1966 — for premature babies. Later, another \$11,000 in cardiac and respiratory-related equipment was added. In 1968, the organization spent \$5,000 to help equip the hospital physical therapy department.

And the list goes on.

The auxiliary's first gift shop was added in 1972 and relocated in 1980.

These days, the Hills and Dales Auxiliary's contributions still come in a variety of ways, including hosting six or more blood drives each year. And they continue to tackle one fundraiser after another.

"All of the money raised is used for the needs of the hospital. The new items purchased benefit all of our patients, and often family members, too," Blaine said. In 2016, for example, the organization donated more than \$8,000 in new items and 5,553 hours of their time to the hospital. And those contributions add up.

Between 2006 and 2016, the auxiliary purchased more than \$148,000 worth of equipment and items for the hospital, including a chair scale for the med/surg unit, blanket warmers for radiology and surgery, a Vapotherm Precision Flow Unit for respiratory therapy, new furniture for the swing bed program activity room, stretchers for the operating room, wide reclining blood draw chair for the lab department, overhead heating and cooling system for the lobby area, whiteboards for patient rooms, automatic sliding glass doors in the front entrance of the hospital, overstuffed recliners for the second floor, operating room and general orthopedic surgical instruments, microscopes, tables and chairs, a bike stand, updated laptop computers, infant scales and step-on scales for the ER, and a "tono-pen" for the ER physicians to use for measuring eye pressure.

The tradition continues

More recently, as plans for the hospital's recently-completed renovation and expansion unfolded, the auxiliary was ready to lend its full support, pledging \$11,500 towards the \$6 million project, which was completed early this year.

The auxiliary made good on that pledge in 2017, according to Whittaker. "Plus, we had about \$4,600 in equipment donations that year," she said.

While the current membership continues to give back to the hospital in a big way year in and year out, member Mary Ann Hirn pointed out there's always room for more individuals – men are welcome, too — to join and lend a hand.

"Our membership is open to everybody. We just ask that they volunteer 20 hours a year," explained Hirn, who joined the auxiliary 22 years ago and heads up the gift shop operation. She added membership dues are just \$5 a year, \$10 for those who aren't able to meet the volunteer hours requirement.

The auxiliary meets on the fourth Monday of each month (except July and August) at 11:30 a.m. at Gilligan's in Cass City. Membership packets are available at the hospital gift shop or by calling Kerry Brown at (989) 912-6319.

"These women are a true testament of serving the community. They give of their time, resources, knowledge and skills every day. The list is endless. It really is," Blaine said.

Jean Anthony, Hills and Dales president and CEO, agreed.

"Thank you is not enough to say to our auxiliary members," she said. "These ladies give of their time, talents and resources every day. We're grateful for their service and want them to know we appreciate everything they do for us."



MEMBERS OF the Hills and Dales General Hospital Auxiliary include (front row, from left) Marilyn Peters; Chris Allen, secretary; (back row, left) Georgia Hammett (manager of messengers), Mary Ann Hirn (gift shop manager), Dorothy Knight, treasurer; and Ruth Whittaker, president. (Photo courtesy of Doug Julian, FP Horak)

Senior Movies on tap this month at library

Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City will host its next Senior Citizen Movies Friday, Sept. 20, starting at 1:30 p.m.

Films slated to be shown are:
 *"First Man On the Moon" – Everyone knows Neil Armstrong was the first to set foot on the moon. But this modest and unassuming man was determined to stay out of the spotlight, so the experience that led to his successful command of Apollo 11 is not

widely known.

Seen through the eyes of those that were close to him, this film examines the man behind the myth, and also reveals his unsung achievements as a Navy combat veteran and pioneer of high-speed flight (60 minutes).

*"Russia: St. Petersburg" – Join host Rudy Maxa on a tour of St. Petersburg, which is unlike any other city in Russia.

Explore this city of canals aboard a private water taxi, sample the of-

ferings at the upscale Kuznechny Market, and marvel at the opulence of the Winter Palace and the treasures of the Hermitage and Russian Museums. Take a break at a caviar bar, descend the famous staircase at the historic Astoria Hotel, and enjoy the playful frenzy of fountains and waterfalls in Peterhof (30 minutes).

Refreshments will be served. This older adult program is offered free of charge.



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LEADING THE pack is Cass City's Nick McArdle Saturday at the Hatchet Invitational in Bad Axe. The Red Hawk junior turned in a winning time of 16:41.

Defensive stand helps Hawks topple USA in GTW opener

By Clarke Haire
 Publisher

On one hand, they say defense wins championships. And if that's true, considering the results in Cass City's first two games of the season, Coach Scott Cuthrell's Red Hawks should have little trouble defending their Greater Thumb West (GTW) crown.

On the other hand, it's also been said that the best defense is a good offense. And if that's true, Cass City may struggle to repeat as conference champs.

Regardless, Cass City (1-1) evened its record Friday with a hard fought 13-8 victory over guest USA (0-2) in the GTW opener for both schools.

In a game with limited possessions, Cass City struck first, driving 79 yards for the game's only first half points. Alex Perry, who rushed for 93 yards on 14 tries, accounted for the marker with an 11-yard run and Thom Rijshouer added the point after kick. The Red Hawks, they fumbled the opening kick – had just one series of downs in the initial quarter.

Trailing 7-0, USA looked to even the score early in the second quarter and marched the length of the field only to be denied after a gutsy goal line stand by the hosts. The Patriots' drive stalled after

reaching the one-yard line as the Cass City defense rose to the occasion and got the ball back on downs, despite three tries inside the 5-yard line.

Cass City then marched 90 yards on their only possession of the second quarter. But this time it was the USA defense that prevailed and took back the ball deep in the Red Zone on downs with just 30 seconds on the clock.

After forcing a USA punt to open the final half, Cass City covered 92 yards for the game's only third quarter points. Senior running back Hadyn Horne did most of the work and busted loose for a 42-yard scamper that had the Red Hawks enjoying a 13-0 cushion. Horne rushed for a career best 140 yards on 16 totes and added another 23 yards of offense on Cass City's only pass reception on the night.

USA, to their credit, used a poor Cass City punt early in the final 12 minutes to gain momentum. But once again Horne helped save the day when he picked off a Landin Zimmer pass to thwart the threat.

Still, USA forced another Cass City punt moments later and with 5:28 showing on the clock a 2-yard dive by Braylon Ballard, followed by Zimmer's 2-point conversion toss, had the visitors trailing just 13-8.

The Patriots would never get the ball back as Cass City was able to run out the clock.

"Great win against a good team. Our defense really shined, holding USA in some key moments," Cuthrell said.

Noah Zaleski recorded nine tackles to lead the Cass City charge, while Jeremy Velasquez added seven stops and Sandyn Cuthrell, five.

STANDINGS

| Greater Thumb West | | | | |
|--------------------|---|---|---|-----|
| Team | W | L | T | PTS |
| EPBP | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Cass City | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Bad Axe | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Caro | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Reese | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| USA | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Vassar | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 |

Cass City runners show improvement at Hatchet invite

by Clarke Haire
 Publisher

The Cass City women's cross country team's best showing of the year Saturday in Bad Axe resulted in second place honors among the 11 complete teams in attendance.

Host Bad Axe edged the Lady Red Hawks 85-90 to win the Hatchet Invitational, while Sandusky with a score of 100 rounded out the Top 3 team finishers.

"The ladies all set either new personal or season best times and this team is looking to be very competitive as we move forward with the season," said Cass City Coach Jon Zdrojewski.

Leading the way for Cass City was Riley Copeland. She took 7th individually out of the 116 finishers, while setting a new personal best time of 21:16 that beat her previous best time by 13 seconds. Madi Ware also set a new personal best time of 22:15 and bested her previous best time by over a minute and taking 19th, while Mary Muter and Amelia Weiler were next to the finish line with season best time of 22:19 and 22:20, respectively. Marla Muter was the final scorer for the team taking 37th and setting a new season best time of 23:24 missing her personal best record by only one second.

"The girls' race was messed up at the finish line," said Zdrojewski who actually had his girls winning the event by his calculations as Weiler's time was missing from the original results.

Also for Cass City, but not among the team scorers, Chloe Jaworski finished in 91st place but set a new personal best time of 29:48 smashing her previous time by four minutes and Mia Wright was the final Lady Hawk across the line taking 92nd and setting a new season best time of 29:48.

For Owen-Gage – they placed 5th in the team standings with a score of 138 – Madelyn Haldane was clocked in 22:06, Allison Haldane in 22:12, Libby Ondrajka in 22:22, Amber Haldane in 24:30 and Katriana Curtoys in 26:15.

For Uby, Shelby Messing led the pack of Bearcats with a time of 23:25, while Abigail Gusa followed close behind with a time of 23:43, Alexiss Guigar had a time of 24:18 and Alexia Vogel a time of 24:34. Sierra Walker was the final scorer for the team - they finished 8th in the team standings with a point total of 189 – with a

time of 25:38.

For Kingston, who failed to record a team score, Brooklyn Walker ran a 25:38, Dakota Dahlke 28:25, Lohr Smith 31:53 and Misty Smith 39:20.

The women's race winner was Riley Ford, Marlette, who completed the 5,000 meters in 19:03.

Turning to the men's race, Red Hawk Nick McArdle won the race by 27 seconds over second place and posted a time of 16:41 which is only one second slower than his current personal best time.

"Nick is the strongest runner in the Thumb right now and by looking at other races he will continue to be the top runner in our area and he is on his way to his goal of Regional Champion for this year," Zdrojewski said.

Still, Cass City finished 5th in the team standings, racking up 121 points, captured by USA with a winning score of 50. Deckerville was the runner up with 94 points and host Bad Axe was third with 105 points.

Also for Cass City, Brandon Witherspoon took 19th out of the 126 finishers setting a personal best record time of 18:28 and beating his previous best time by 16 seconds. Drew Markel took 23rd and set his season best time of 18:32. Hugh Walker was 4th for the Red Hawks taking 40th and setting his season best time of 19:38 and Evan Roggenbuck was the final scorer for the team taking 71st and setting a new personal best time of 21:08.

Non-scorers for Cass City had freshmen Gabe Schwendinger in 76th place, setting a new personal best time of 21:21 and Thomas Muter taking 80th on his way to a new personal best time of 21:40.

"The men's team is moving in the right direction with everyone setting either new personal or seasonal best times at the traditionally fast course," noted Zdrojewski.

For Kingston, Morgan Green was fastest with a time of 18:31 and was followed by scorers Dustin Peter (19:39), Ethan Green (19:44), Marco Saenz (19:58) and Trayton Wenzlaff (21:04). The Cardinals' team score was 181. They placed 8th.

For 10th place Uby, who had a team score of 253, Zachary Garner made it to the finish line in 19:53, Ethan Sabins in 20:56, Grant Geiger in 20:57, Andrew Vogel in 21:10 and Gabriel Sweeney in 21:41.

O-G forfeits again

For the second straight week, the Owen-Gage football team had to forfeit due to injuries late in the Bulldogs' 8-player contest.

After building a lead late in Week One against host Burton Madison, the Bulldogs suffered their third injury on the night and forced first-year Coach Vince Scelfo to end the contest citing players' safety.

It was more of the same Friday in week two for Owen-Gage, as injuries halted the Bulldogs' home opener with North Huron early in the third quarter.

The win improved North Huron to 2-0, while Owen-Gage slips to 0-2. The Bulldogs host Peck Friday. The Pirates beat Bay City All Saints 46-0 to improve to 2-0.

"We started off slow, but were

able to make a few adjustments and the offensive line started getting in stride and we were able to control the line of scrimmage and move the ball. Caleb Potter and Nathan Robar were very effective running the ball behind our offensive line. Defensively over all it was a team effort. We were able to create some turnovers at key times in the game," said Peck Coach Rob McDaniel.

STANDINGS

| NCTL White | | | | |
|---------------|---|---|---|-----|
| Team | W | L | T | PTS |
| NH Merritt | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Caseville | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Owen-Gage | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Akron-Fair | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| BC All Saints | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |



CAREER NIGHT. Cass City senior running back Hadyn Horne follows the block of Alex Perry (44) during Friday's win over visiting USA. Horne led all rushers with 140 yards.

Cards roll at CPS

Kingston wasted little time setting the tone Thursday at Carsonville-Port Sanilac in route to a 50-0 victory in non-conference 8-player football action.

Freshman Kaidin Cavett hauled in the opening kick and raced 50 yards for the game's first score and the Cardinals never looked back.

"We got contributions from everyone tonight. This was a total team effort. It felt great to get a win and get some confidence going into a big week versus Genesee. They have some nice speed so we need a great week of practice and we must be extremely disciplined Friday night," said Kingston Coach Brandon Jones.

Another balanced offensive attack like the one on display against the Tigers would certainly help Kingston's chances for victory in Week 3.

The Cardinals racked up 349 total yards against the host Tigers, including 206 on the ground and 143 through the air.

Leading 20-0 after one quarter, the visitors extended their advantage to 34-0 at the intermission and then tacked on solo touchdowns in the final two stanzas.

James Wilson rushed for a team-high 77 yards on 10 carries to pace Kingston, while Jake DeLong added 56 rushing yards on nine attempts and two touchdowns and quarterback Aaron Koehler had 56 yards on five totes. Koehler, who was 4-8 passing, ran for one score and threw for one score.

Jack Green hauled in four receptions for 143 yards and one TD.

Defensively, Jacob Rayl was credited with 11.5 tackles and 1.5 sacks for Kingston, while Quinn Boucard and Lawson Lyons combined for 11 stops.

Kingston's (1-1) home match-up Friday with Genesee (1-1) kicks off at 7:00 p.m.

STANDINGS

| Team | NCTL Blue | | | |
|-------------|-----------|---|---|---|
| | W | L | T | W |
| Deckerville | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Peck | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| North Huron | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kingston | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Dryden | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Mayville | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |



THE CASS CITY junior varsity football team blanked USA Thursday to collect the Red Hawks' first win of the season. They are: (front row, l-r) Cameron Gottschalk, Ayden Torres, Jacob Graves, Blake Wallace, Aiden Hatcher (middle row) Aiden Doucette, Logan Kaake, Josh Jaster, Lance Swiderski, Josh Steely, Riley Swiderski (back row) Hunter Wallace, Dylan Halpin, Ethan Kampo and Michael Fernald. Missing: Asst. Coach Kyle Pine.

Cass City volleyball team shines at weekend invitational

The Cass City volleyball team's final tune-up before entering Greater Thumb West play had Coach Amy Cuthrell smiling from ear to ear.

"The Lady Hawks had a great showing at a highly competitive Birch Run Invitational and played well against top tier competition," she said.

In pool play Saturday, Cass City defeated Michigan Lutheran Seminary (25-11, 25-14) before dropping games to North Branch (20-25, 22-25) and Pewamo Westphalia (14-25, 20-25) and entered elimination play as the 10th seed.

"The latter opponents (North Branch and Pewamo Westphalia) are both ranked within the top 15 in D2 and D3," Cuthrell noted.

Cass City started to jell in the silver bracket play and advanced to the final. They defeated Tawas (25-21, 25-19) and Adrian (19-25, 25-20, 15-11) before Frankenthum ended their day with wins of 25-21 and 25-16.

Hailey Beckrow led the Cass City offense with 32 kills. Behind her was Sierra Spry with 15 kills and three aces.

Defensively for the Lady Red Hawks, Abbey Salcido and Madison Cumper turned in impressive showings with 74 digs and 41 digs, respectively. Salcido and Haven Bouverette paced the team at the service line with six aces each.

Cass City will entertain Bad Axe Thursday in their home opener. On Tuesday, the Lady Red Hawks were scheduled to meet Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port to kick off their conference play.

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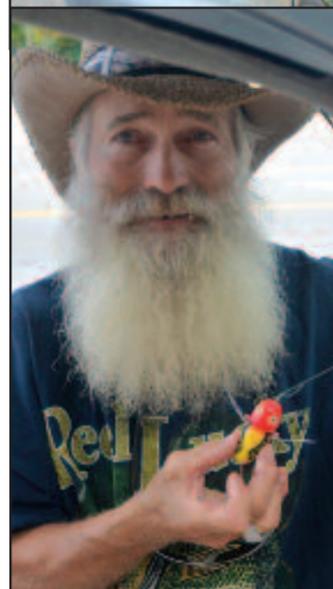
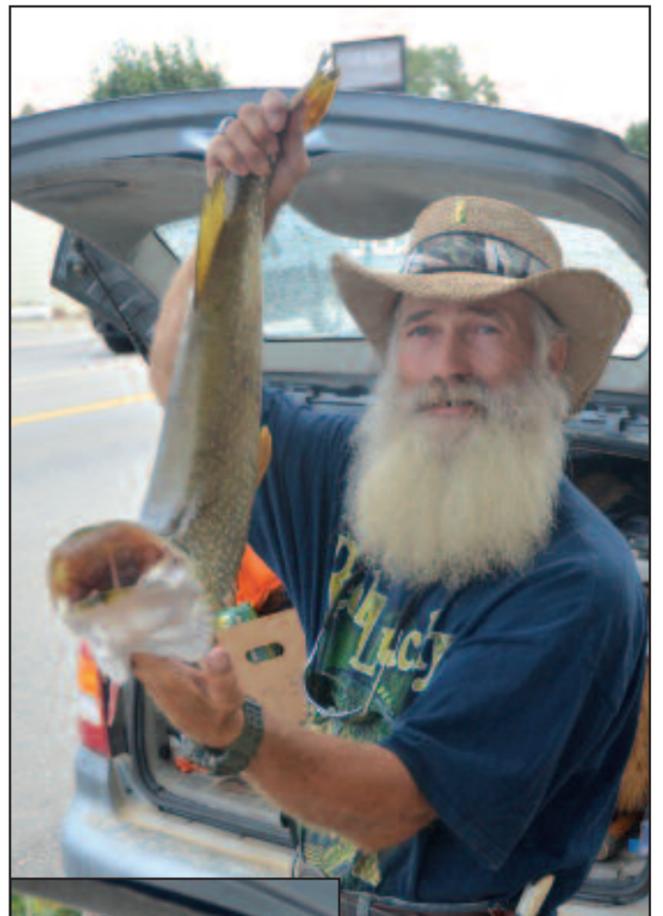
Kingston wins in straight sets over visiting Caseville

Defending North Central Thumb League champion Kingston had little trouble with visiting Caseville Thursday, downing the visiting Eagle volleyball team in straight sets.

With the NCTL crossover victory, Coach Beth Hunter's Cardinals improve to 2-0 in early season play. Scores on the night were 25-6, 25-12 and 25-5.

"The Cardinals had a strong game from the service line going 69/73 (95%) with 29 aces," said Hunter, adding, Kingston was scheduled to face Owen-Gage on Tuesday for their first road game in the NCTL crossover game.

Individually, Hannah James had 22 service points, eight aces and 8 assists for the winners, while Payton Kolacz added seven kills, six service points and four aces, Brooke Mooney had eight service points and six aces, Oliva Ulewicz had 10 service points, one ace and one assist, Anna Ahern, five kills and Ella Retan, two kills.



CASS CITY resident Robert Mullin holds his 36 inch and 15 pound trophy pike taken from the Cass River last week. It made a leap completely out of the water, he said, but couldn't shake the Heddon Crazy Crawler lure used to land the brute (pictured at left).



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|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| Cass City @ Marlette | Cass City | Cass City | Cass City | Cass City |
| Sandusky @ Ubly | Ubly | Ubly | Sandusky | Sandusky |
| Harbor Beach @ Capac Beach | Harbor Beach | Harbor Beach | Harbor Beach | Harbor |
| USA @ Caro | USA | USA | Caro | Caro |
| EPBP @ Bad Axe | EPBP | Bad Axe | EPBP | EPBP |
| Reese @ Vassar | Reese | Reese | Reese | Reese |
| (8-man games) | | | | |
| Genesee @ Kingston | Kingston | Kingston | Kingston | Genesee |
| Ashley @ Akron-Fair. | Ashley | Ashley | Ashley | Ashley |
| Peck @ O-G | Peck | Peck | Peck | Peck |
| (College games) | | | | |
| Arizona St. @ MSU | MSU | MSU | MSU | MSU |
| U of M (bye week) | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| (Pro game) | | | | |
| LA Chargers @ Detroit | LA | LA | LA | LA |
| LAST WEEK | 12 - 0 | 11 - 1 | 11 - 1 | 11 - 1 |
| SEASON RESULTS | 20-3 (87%) | 19-4 (83%) | 20-3 (87%) | 19-4 (83%) |

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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. |
| 9/10 | EPB Lakers (JV & V) | 6:00 p.m. |
| 9/12 | Bad Axe (JV & V) | 6:00 p.m. |
| 9/14 | Ogemaw Heights (V) | 9:00 a.m. |
| 9/17 | Vassar (JV & V) | 6:00 p.m. |
| 9/19 | USA (JV & V) | 6:00 p.m. |
| 9/21 | Frankenmuth (V) | 8:00 a.m. |
| 9/21 | Bay City Central (JV) | 8:00 a.m. |
| 9/26 | Caro (JV & V) | 6:00 p.m. |
| 9/28 | Ogemaw Heights (JV) | TBD |
| 10/1 | Reese (JV & V) | 6:00 p.m. |
| 10/3 | EPB Lakers (JV & V) | 6:00 p.m. |
| 10/5 | Croswell-Lexington (JV) | TBD |
| 10/8 | Bad Axe (JV & V) | 6:00 p.m. |
| 10/10 | Vassar (JV & V) | 6:00 p.m. |
| 10/15 | USA (JV & V) | 6:00 p.m. |
| 10/19 | Marysville (V) | TBD |
| 10/19 | North Branch (JV) | TBD |
| 10/22 | Caro (JV & V) | 6:00 p.m. |
| 10/24 | Capac (JV & V) | 6:00 p.m. |
| 10/29 | Reese (V) | 6:00 p.m. |
| 11/4 | Districts (V) | TBD |

VARSIITY FOOTBALL

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

All Varsity Games begin at 7 p.m.

JV FOOTBALL

| DATE | OPPONENT |
|--------------|---------------------|
| L - 8/28 | Montrose 22, CC 0 |
| W - 9/5 | CC 30, USA 0 |
| 9/12 | Harbor Beach |
| 9/19 | EPB Lakers |
| 9/26 | Vassar |
| 10/3 | Bad Axe |
| 10/10 | Caro |
| 10/17 | Reese |
| 10/24 | Ubly |

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

CROSS COUNTRY

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

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The motto of the observance is "It shouldn't hurt to be a little squirt!" After years of significant decline, Michigan's infant death rate has held relatively steady since 2003, indicating that not all parents and caregivers are getting the message about safe sleep practices. By eliminating just the unsafe sleep deaths, Michigan's infant mortality rate could be reduced to below the national average.

"Although we have made great strides in reducing the number of preventable infant deaths in Michigan, more work remains," said Bryant Wilke, director of the Sanilac County Child Abuse Prevention Council.

"In 2015, 159 Michigan infants died in unsafe sleep environments. The loss of these babies to unsafe sleep environments is such a tragedy, particularly since such deaths are largely preventable."

All babies should always be placed on their backs to sleep — never on their sides or tummies — in their own crib. Other lifesaving steps parents and caregivers can take to protect babies include:

*Never put the baby to sleep with adults or other children, as the practice exponentially increases the chance of a tragedy occurring.

*Place babies in cribs of their own — never on adult beds, pillows or couches.

*Use a firm mattress with a tightly-fitted sheet.

*Ensure that the crib does not contain any extra items, including pillows, crib bumpers and stuffed animals, and use a safe sleep sack instead of blankets.

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

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This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: August 21, 2019 Trott Law, P.C. 1392969

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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: August 21, 2019 Trott Law, P.C. 1393390

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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

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to MCL 600.3212, that the following will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on September 19, 2019: Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Leonard Skinner and Mary Skinner, married

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

Date of Mortgage: November 27, 2006

Date of Mortgage Recording: March 7, 2007

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$56,362.64

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Indianfields, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Part of the Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 4, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, described as beginning at a point on the South line of said Section 4 which is West 649.60 feet from the South quarter corner of said Section 4, thence continuing along said South line, West 168.00 feet; thence at right angles to said South line, North 247.00 feet; thence East 168.00 feet; thence South 247 feet to the place of beginning. Subject to the use of the Southerly 33.00 feet thereof as Van Geisen Road. EXCEPT easements of record.

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

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 SOUTH-WEST 1/4; THENCE EAST 300 FEET; SOUTH 726.70 FEET; THENCE WEST 300 FEET; THENCE NORTH 726.70 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING. SECTION 9, TOWN 11 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST, TOWNSHIP OF FREMONT, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclo-

sure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. Dated: 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 Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney. Notice is hereby given that the below mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00 am on September 26, 2019. Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Roger P. Warrington and Tamara L. Warrington, Husband and Wife Original Mortgagee: 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 mortgage on the date of notice: \$94,177.63 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in the Village of Kingston, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 1 and 2, Block B of 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 Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 311203

8-28-4

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 October 3, 2019: Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Richard L. Kuberski, unmarried Original Mortgagee: Bank of America, N.A. Foreclosing Assignee (if any): M&T Bank Date of Mortgage: July 8, 2002 Date of Mortgage Recording: July 19, 2002 Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$76,924.71 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Fractional Quarter of Section 4, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the North line of said Section 4, which is West 310.00 feet from the North Quarter corner of said Section 4, thence continuing along said North line West 208.75 feet, thence parallel to the North and South Quarter line of Section 4, South 01 degrees 08 minutes 10 seconds West 208.75 feet, thence east 208.75 feet, thence North 01 degrees 08 minutes 10 seconds East 208.75 feet to the place of beginning

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

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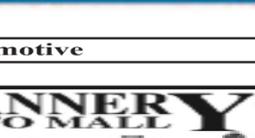
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Thumb's Battel, Daskam governor's award winners

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girls recruited additional youth to volunteer and taught workshops to develop an awareness of the issue of hunger and encourage support for their program. They also sought to establish partnerships with food pantries and reached out to donors for help with raising funds.

"Through hard work and inspiring dedication, this program raised \$54,000 for the Cass City community and provided 10,000 pounds of meat and 1,500 gallons of milk to food pantries. Between the two of them, these youth have accumulated an impressive total of 1,812 service hours."

Earlier this year, the pair – both founding members of the Boots and Bling 4-H Club and both past delegates to the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute — organized the first-ever Cass City Hunger Summit in an effort to secure even more community support, with the goal of recruiting other residents to ensure the "meating the need" project remains viable for years to come.

Both Battel and Daskam have traveled across the country, sharing their powerful story and advocating for food security. Their continued efforts have created a broader opportunity for dialogue about hunger in the greater Thumb area of Michigan and beyond.

Since 1994, the Michigan governor and his/her spouse have been hosting the Governor's Service Awards to pay tribute to outstanding volunteers from across the state. The annual awards ceremony was organized to recognize residents who demonstrate the power of giving and caring every day.

The event is coordinated by the MCSC, the state's lead agency on volunteerism, which strives to engage all Michigan residents in volunteerism to address critical community challenges.



Pearl Daskam (left) and Addy Battel



THE NAME of the photo in the background is "Awakened Light" because it reveals the beauty of the inside of the Thumb Octagon Barn near Gagetown. The picture has been on display at the Caro office of Osentoski Realty. Above, Rose Putnam and David Osentoski say the photograph can next be seen at the Caro Area District Library. The phot was taken by Nikki Schuler following the 2017 window restoration project. The frame was donated by Thom and Karla Bardwell, owners of FrameWorxz, and by Dennis and Joyce Anderson of Protrim LLC.

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