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## School eyes more upgrades thanks to \$600,000 windfall

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

A myriad of summer construction projects funded by a voter-approved bond extension were completed without a hitch in the Cass City School District, where officials are now looking at their options for spending a \$600,000 windfall after the work came in under budget.

Tom Daniel, construction manager for R and E Development Group, the school's construction management firm, told the Cass City Board of Education Monday night that summer projects went smoothly, and "it looks like we're about \$616,000 under budget."

Roughly \$100,000 of the windfall comes in the form of funding Daniel's firm is returning to the district because the company simply didn't need it, a decision that didn't go unnoticed by Cass City School Supt. Jeff Hartel, who called the described the move as an act of great integrity on the part of R and E Development.

Daniel and school board members briefly discussed how the unexpected money will be used, but a final decision won't be made until after contractors take a close look at the condition of the elementary

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## Laker teacher/coach quits over allegations

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

Speculation and allegations abound in the Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port School District after teacher/coach Justin Dubs resigned earlier this month amidst allegations of sexual misconduct with a student.

"Our investigation was conducted in close consultation with Thru Law, which provides legal services to over 80 percent of the school districts in the state," said Lakers School Supt. Brian Keim.

"Details of the incident and investigation have been reported to the Huron County Sheriff's Office, and to the Michigan Association of School Boards, and all have affirmed that proper protocol and action were taken.

"Situations of this nature are never easy, but we have taken this matter very seriously and have done our very best to consider all parties involved in our search for the truth," Keim added.

He pointed out that the board of education did not force Dubs to resign. He was given the option of having a board hearing on the issue or resigning, and he chose to resign.

"It is the job of a school district to conduct a preliminary investigation involving its employees or students, except for extreme cases involving clear criminal activity or arrest. A school employee, like any other employee, can be investigated and charged with professional misconduct without committing an actual crime, and an external investigation is not always needed," Keim explained, noting the sheriff's department has been contacted and is working with the district.

A press release issued by Lakers said the full report of the investigation that was conducted was shared with Dubs' legal representation prior to his resignation.

"The staff member is no longer employed by Laker Schools, so the board's work is finished. However, Huron County law enforcement has been in direct contact with the student's family and additional legal action is pending," he said. "As such, we will not comment any further on the specifics of the case at hand."

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## State grant to support new soybean plant

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) officials Thursday announced a state transportation economic development fund grant that will support eight new jobs in Tuscola County.

The Transportation Economic Development Fund (TEDF) Category A grant totaling \$120,000 will help leverage \$10 million in private investment at a private/public investment ratio of more than 83-to-one, officials noted.

Quality Roasting, LLC, a Wisconsin-based producer of high-quality soybean products for the dairy industry, is building a new

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**THE CAUSE OF a house fire in Cass City that caused an estimated \$25,000 in damage last Wednesday remains undetermined. Elkland Township fire fighters were called to the Dan Smith residence, 4297 Ale St., shortly after noon, according to Fire Chief Glenn Guilds, who reported the home sustained extensive smoke damage from a blaze that originated in a bedroom. Smith is insured. Elmwood Township-Gagetown firemen, including Trace Lopez (pictured at left) assisted at the scene, Guilds noted.**

## Shrinking numbers close church

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

Linda and Carl Krumenacker and about a dozen others will soon be looking for a new home - a spiritual home, that is.

Ubyly United Methodist Church at 4496 Pike St., Ubyly, is closing at the end of the month. The last service and fellowship celebration will be 9:30 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 22. The doors will close after the service.

Members of the church are encouraged to worship elsewhere.

Linda Krumenacker has been a member for more than 60 years.

"They don't have enough coming to church anymore. There is just the older ones left. The older ones are dying. There are no new, young people joining the church," said Krumenacker. "There's no one left. There are only about 10 of us that come to church on Sundays."

On July 25th, the remaining members of Ubyly UMC voted to close their church and move as a congregation to worship with another area United Methodist Church.

"The membership and available leadership determined there were not sufficient resources to continue. This faithful close-knit congregation will be worshipping with three area UMC's in coming weeks to select one to affiliate with," said Mark A. Doyal, who is director of communications for churches in the area. "Area United Methodist Churches and Cooperative Ministries are supporting the Ubyly congregation as they make this transition."

The Krumenackers were married in the Ubyly Church in 1971, and their three children were baptized there.

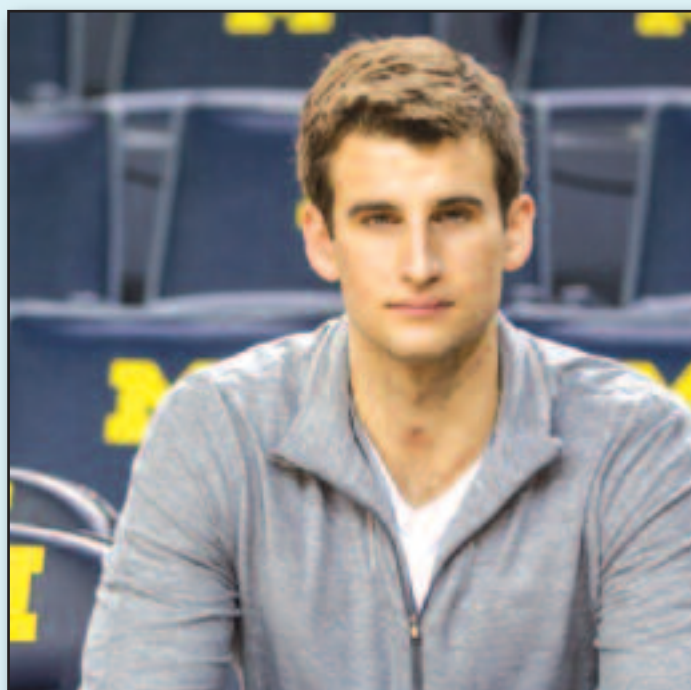
The closing is difficult for the remaining members of the congregation.

"It's sad it is closing. Really sad. I don't know where we will go. We are going to visit some churches and take it from there. Maybe we will go to a different one every Sunday. I just don't know," she said.

The Ubyly United Methodist Church has not had a pastor in more than three years. Speakers from other churches from Bad Axe United Methodist, Harbor Beach United Methodist and Pigeon United Methodist have tended to Ubyly's congregational needs.

"Bishop David Bard and the leadership of the Michigan Conference of The United Methodist Church join the Ubyly congregation in grieving the closure of their church," Doyal said. "We celebrate the faithful members of the church for their stewardship and dedication to community mission work in their community. As the

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**FORMER U of M player Austin Hatch set to speak at Cass City Schools Oct. 10.**

## Hatch set to deliver motivational speech

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

Next month a program on GRIT will be presented to Cass City students and community.

Former University of Michigan basketball player Austin Hatch will speak Oct. 10 in Cass City Schools. The assembly will begin at 9:15 a.m. sharp and will conclude at about 11 a.m.

"Austin's story has been shown on ESPN and many other media outlets over the past few years. Austin, who survived two plane crashes that resulted in the loss of many members of his family, has a message of overcoming adversity and showing GRIT," according to Superintendent Jeff Hartel.

GRIT is an acronym Hatch developed from overcoming injuries suffered in the second of two plane crashes and is his key to overcoming any form of adversity we face in life.

The following are the components of GRIT that he uses and says can be used in any critical role to achieve any goal.

"First and foremost, GRIT is driven by having a greater purpose for why we do what we do. If we are working just for ourselves, it is likely that life will present us with adversity that will cause us to quit because

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# Herron celebrates retirement

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

There will be a retirement open house 2 to 5 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 28, for the man who built a large section of Cass City Village.

The party for Tom Herron is at the VFW Hall, 4533 Veterans Dr., Cass City. It is to celebrate his retirement of a career that spanned 55 years.

"Dad built over 1,000 homes in the area, and that doesn't count all of the businesses. That is quite an accomplishment. He even built homes and businesses south of 69. After 55 years, it was time for him to retire," said Herron's daughter, Dawn Karr.

"The open house is to celebrate all that, and it is open to all. Especially those whose homes and businesses he built, and all of his employees and subcontractors who worked with him over the years.

"We will be setting up boards for them to sign and send messages to him."

During his career as a builder, Herron left his mark throughout the Thumb area, especially in Cass City and Caro.

When Herron talked about his retirement and the sale of his business, he pointed to a wall map with yellow pins marking the location of his various projects. The northwest side of the map is crowded with yellow pins noting his various housing projects in Cass City as well as a few others scattered throughout Cass City and the Thumb area.

The statement that Herron built sections of Cass City is true.

In 1972, he bought 10 acres in the corner of the village where he built his first subdivision. In 1974, he built Hillcrest Subdivision. When that subdivision was completed in 1978, he started construction of Northwood Lake Condominiums. He then built the Northwood Shores golf course and restaurant. In 1996, he started doing modular homes and created the company Northwood Modular Homes, Inc.

A few of his other construction projects just in Caro include: the Brentwood, Star Brite restaurant, remodeling the Capri, which is now the Oven restaurant, and Walbros in both Cass City and Caro.

And, his residential and commercial construction also included building IGA grocery stores, car dealerships as well as a variety of other businesses in the Thumb.

Herron sold his business, Herron Building, to brothers Jason and Matt Klein, who also own Superior 1 Plumbing and Heating in Cass City.



Tom Herron

Although retiring from a career he loved was not an easy decision for Herron to make, he will keep busy serving his community as a trustee on the village council.

# It's a girl!



Anjali Grace Sutter

Doctors David and Jyoti Sutter of Ann Arbor announce the birth of their daughter Anjali Grace Sutter.

Anjali was born August 1, 2019 at 11:25 a.m. at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. She weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and was 20-1/2 inches long.

Anjali is welcomed home by her brothers Nikhil and Rajin.

Anjali's grandparents are Connie and Bill Roemer of Deford, Dave and Leticia Sutter of Caro, and Joyashiri and Shashi Kothavale of Cumming, Ga.

# Sutter and Wright recently married

Zachary Sutter and Samantha Wright were married June 2, 2019 in Harbor Springs, Mich. Officiating the ceremony was John Rathje, Sr., uncle of the groom.

The bride is the daughter of Barb and John Doerr of Cass City and Jim and Sherry Wright of West Branch. She is the granddaughter of Nancy and the late Glen (Sonny) Churchill. She is a 2007 graduate of Cass City High School.

The groom is the son of Connie and William Roemer, Sr. of Deford, and David Sr. and Leticia Sutter of Caro. He is the grandson of Kenneth Sr. and Dorothy Rathje of Caseville, and Kathleen and the late Kenneth Sutter of Saginaw. He is a 2004 graduate of Owendale-Gagetown High School.

The maid of honor was the bride's daughter, Jerzee Karas. Bridesmaid was Madison Sutter, daughter of the groom.

The best man was Brendon Sutter, the groom's son. Groomsman was Quintin Karas, son of the bride.

The couple currently live in Unionville.



Zachary and Samantha Sutter

# Public Open House

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OPINION...**

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## Smart for Michigan: let's recycle better

Are you doing a good job recycling? Many of us aren't, prompting the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (MDEGLE) to launch its "Know It Before You Throw It" statewide education campaign to better inform Michiganders on what can – and cannot – be recycled and how to recycle correctly.

It's an especially smart idea for a state with so much to protect in the way of natural resources.

The goal, of course, is to promote 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.

"We want to inform and inspire more people than ever before in Michigan about how to recycle better," said MDEGLE Materials Management Division Director Jack Schinderle. "This campaign is a first of its kind 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."

Recycling in Michigan is receiving a major boost as state legislators in an overwhelmingly bipartisan move have increased MDEGLE'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.

"What's really great about MDEGLE's campaign is that we've spent the past decade or more stressing the importance of putting more resources into recycling education and supporting local communities' programs," said state Senator Curtis Hertel Jr. "Michigan is now putting words into action."

Research shows that education is key for residents to learn how to properly recycle. For example, 50 percent of Michigan residents mistakenly believe they're allowed to recycle plastic bags in their curbside recycling, which is prohibited by most municipalities, and 76 percent are unaware that failing to rinse and dry items before putting them in the recycling bin poses a risk of contaminating everything in the bin.

Michigan recycles more than 90 percent of bottles and cans, but those represent only 2 percent of all the waste Michiganders recycle every year. Nearly 53 percent of the state's municipal solid waste goes to landfills instead of recycling facilities.

Five decades have passed since Michigan's historic accomplishment with the bottle deposit legislation earned the state national recognition as an environmental champion.

"Over that time, Michigan has gotten complacent," said Michigan Recycling Coalition Executive Director Kerrin O'Brien. "We can – and must – become America's leaders again in recycling. The MDEGLE campaign is a tremendous opportunity for Michigan to advance to the next level of performance in protecting our environment."

# Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

Staying golden in mental years



Now that I'm semi-retired, television is my main source of entertainment. That was when I came across the TV show "Golden Girls," that I have come to enjoy watching.

A new show reported in February 2020, that there will be a five-night Golden Girl's-themed Caribbean Cruise. I'm considering going.

After I heard that, I was looking for more information on the cruise, when I found more Golden Girls information. There is a Golden Girls game of "Clue." I can't picture any one of those geriatric ladies killing someone. On second thought, petite Sophia Petrillo, who is Sicilian, probably has connections that could do the job.

However, from what I read about the game, the clues were not who committed a murder with a candlestick in the study but rather trying to track down who ate the last piece of cheesecake.

And, there is even a Golden Girls Monopoly game. To me, this game fits the Fab Four better. After all, there were episodes in the show where they went to jail.

For the whippersnappers who read my column and are unfamiliar with the 1980s sitcom, I'll explain. It was about four retirees from very different backgrounds living together. The characters were: Blanche Devereaux played by Rue McClanahan, Rose Nylund played by Betty White, Dorothy Zbornak played by Bea Arthur and Dorothy's mother Sophia Petrillo played by Estelle Getty.

Getty had a biting tongue and wasn't afraid to call a spade a spade or call out Southern bell Blanche for her promiscuous ways. Rose, who was from St. Olaf was naive and rather slow on the uptake. Then, there is Dorothy who delivered humorous one-liners with deadpan grace. The show ran from 1985 to 1992 and won several awards.


Among other Golden Girl items I found on line were a jalapeño hot sauce with a photo Dorothy saying "Bea Spicy, and a photo of White saying Desert Rose. The other sauces are habanero hot sauce with a picture of Sophia called Sicilian fire and one with a photo of Blanche call Hot S##t.

There are Golden Girls Chia Pets, and Golden Girls underwear - granny panties. There is even a line of Golden Girls shirts on the website Etsy. I like the one that says: I live like Rose, I love like Blanche, I think like Dorothy, and I speak like Sophia.

The best items, I think, are the Golden Girls action figures. There are a wide variety of action figures for super heroes, movie stars, and of those in the Armed Services. For the white-

haired geriatric set to be action figures, is pretty cool.

Now that I'm a mature adult, I cannot understand why they call this stage of life the "Golden years." It is more like the metal years. I have silver in my hair, gold in my reading glasses and hearing aids, and lead in my bottom.



## Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can  
get to help)

The 32nd annual "Indian Heritage Day" will be held at the Reid Music Hall and Museum this Saturday (Sept. 28) from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The facility is located at 4028 Ruth Rd, one mile north of Deckerville.

Among the featured events is the famous Indian Luncheon at noon – and visitors are asked to bring a dish to share. After lunch, several lectures on the Thumb area Indian Villages, trails and sites are planned. Also, there will be authentic artifacts, clothing and baskets on display.

Come and meet the people who have been working to keep the local history alive and tell us your stories, says event spokeswoman Joyce Reed. For more information and a complete list of activities call her at (810) 404-4028 or (810) 376-6695.

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The Pinney Foundation is once again looking for worthy non-profit causes to help financially. Spokesman Dave Milligan says eligible organizations have until Friday, Oct. 15, to request grant money from the Thumb organization. Requests must be written. Call Milligan at (989) 670-4174 or (989) 872-2937 and he'll be happy to walk you through the application process.

"Once again, we have about \$70,000 to give away," says Milligan, adding, "If we don't spend the money we earn, we have to pay taxes on it."

The Pinney Foundation was established in November 1993 by Frederick and Lottie Pinney for the benefit of Cass City and surrounding areas. Mr. Pinney served as the president of Pinney State Bank from 1931 to 1977 and was a lifelong Cass City resident.

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Unfortunately a citizen fell victim to the "grandchild scam" recently and the Cass City Police Department are asking folks to please talk to your parents and grandparents about these potential threats.

According to the local police Facebook page, Here's how the grandchild scam works: You get a call, "Grandma, I need money for bail." Or money for a medical bill. Or some other kind of trouble. The caller says it's urgent - and tells you to keep it a secret.

But is the caller who you think it is? Scammers are good at pretending to be someone they're not. They can be convincing: sometimes using information from social networking sites, or hacking into your loved ones's email account, to make it seem more real. And they'll pressure you to send money before you have time to think.

Here's what you can do:  
(1) Stop. Check it out. Look up your grandchild's phone number yourself, or call another family member.

(2) Pass this information on to a friend. You may not have gotten one of these calls, but chances are you know someone who will get one - if they haven't already.

Since most of these scams originate overseas, there are limits on what law enforcement can do. If you spot a scam, please report it to the Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357).

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The Cass City Lions Club held their first meeting of the year last week and as in years past held a golf scramble at Rolling Hills Golf Course before getting down to business. This year's winners are picture below, from the left are, John Bittner, Kelly Smith, Mark Gohsman and Dan Caister.



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# Commissioner questions EDC board representation in county

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

Is the Tuscola County Economic Development Commission out of compliance?

That concern was raised by Commissioner Dan Grimshaw. He said he felt the current EDC Board was not in line with the EDC by-laws that outlined the geographic areas for representation.

The by-laws state "Of the ten geographic areas, (Akron-Fairgrove, Caro, Cass City, Gagetown, Mayville, Millington, Kingston, Reese, Unionville, and Vassar), the board has a goal of seven geographic areas being represented, and ideally a maximum of five from one geographic area."

Grimshaw feels that is not happening, "because there are more board members from the Caro and Cass City areas than other areas, and some areas are not represented at all."

Commission Chair Tom Bardwell asked to see a list of current board members, and to review the budget.

Bardwell sided with Grimshaw about the lack of diversification. And, if the by-laws could not be

followed, then they should be changed.

The other three commissioners approved making the following appointments: Kim Stevenson - Chemical Bank, Doug Daniels - Greater Thumb Real Estate, Mike Pattullo - Walbro; Jeff Laverty - Quality Roasting, Jody Dean - Village of Millington, Joe Pomeroy - Labudde Group. Each term will expire Dec. 31, 2024.

Commissioners voting yes were Tom Young, Kim Vaughan, and Mark Jensen while Grimshaw and Bardwell voted no.

The next order of business was appointments to the Republican Party and to the Democratic Party representatives to the Tuscola County Board of Canvassers.

County Clerk Fetting presented the names nominated from the District Chairs of the Democratic and Republican parties.

The board voted for Michael Slocum for the Republican Party and Michael Warchuck for Democratic Party.

The two will represent their political party on the board of canvassers for a four-year term.

In other matters, concerns re-

garding South Central Michigan Construction Code Inspections (SCMCCI) were discussed.

In 2001, commissioners approved contracting with SCMCCI, which is a private company, to handle building code issues rather than continuing to operate their own building codes department because it was cheaper to do so.

However, at the last couple of county meetings issues and complaints about SCMCCI's lack of response/service, especially regarding a flooding issue in the village of Reese, were discussed.

Reese village residents, Marilyn Holt and Nancy Erdody each claim they have had flooding issues on their properties since Reese Schools razed the former elementary school nearly three years ago.

And, Reese Village Manager Thomas Raymond also expressed concerns about SCMCCI's lack of response by Curtis Stowe, who heads SCMCCI's Tuscola County office, to other issues in the village.

Young also reported builders in Cass City have also had issues with SCMCCI's performance.



**FROM BUCKS TO DUCKS.** Dylan Severance, top, bagged this nice 8-point during the Youth Deer Hunt and then he and Kian Hoppe, bottom left, bagged eight ducks this past weekend during the Youth Duck Hunt. With the help of avid hunters Steve Wright, far right, and Randy Stec, they also bagged 19 geese to cap two weekends of fantastic hunting.

## CALENDAR EVENTS

Deadline for submitting items in the calendar is the Friday noon before publication. Please send calendar items to:  
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### Wednesday, September 25

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

### Thursday, September 26

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

### Saturday, September 28

- 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 29

- 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 30

- Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubly. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.
- AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.
- Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.

### Tuesday, October 1

- 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.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Village of Cass City Zoning Board of Appeals will be holding a Special Meeting, Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. at the Village Municipal Building to consider a Zoning Variance for parking requirements for proposed Dollar General new building construction.

Nanette S. Walsh  
Clerk/Treasurer

## State grant supporting soybean plant

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facility on Bradleyville Road in Tuscola County's Gilford Township that, when completed, will heat and press raw soybeans to extract the crude oil. The remaining soybean meal will then be processed into feed for dairy cattle.

"I am pleased that we were able to work with Quality Roasting and our local partners to support the transportation needs of the company's expansion," Gov. Gretchen Whitmer said of the funding.

"This underscores the link between transportation investments and economic development," she added. "As a state, we need to invest more in our roads so that employees have safe routes to work and companies have unimpeded access to markets."

The Bradleyville Road location, with convenient access to raw materials and the state trunkline system, was selected over competing sites in New York and Wisconsin.

However, the condition of Bradleyville Road presented an obstacle to the company's development plans — the pavement is nearing the end of its operational life and the increase in traffic generated by Quality Roasting's freight shipments was expected to accelerate the rate of deterioration, effectively shortening the life span of the road.

To assure continued access to the transportation network and enable full truck loads during seasonal weight restrictions, the Tuscola County Road Commission (TCRC) will resurface Bradleyville Road, from Gilford Road to M-81. This project will enable Quality Roasting, LLC, to proceed with its \$10 million development, resulting in eight new full-time positions.

"Quality Roasting, LLC, greatly appreciates MDOT's approval of a grant to fund surface improvements to Bradleyville Road," said Jeff Laverty, site manager for Quality Roasting, LLC. "With the increased truck traffic generated by our new soybean crushing facility in Gilford Township, these improvements will be extremely beneficial not only to Quality Roasting, LLC, but also to the community in general.

"It's another example of the welcoming partnerships we have experienced here in Tuscola County and with the state of Michigan."

The overall cost of the project is \$374,753, including \$120,000 in TEDF Category A funding and \$254,753 from the TCRC.

Enacted in 1987 and reauthorized in 1993, the TEDF helps finance highway, road and street projects that are critical to the movement of people and products, and getting workers to their jobs, materials to growers and manufacturers, and finished goods to consumers.

TEDF "Category A" or "Targeted Industries Program" grants provide state funding for public roadway improvements that allow road agencies to respond quickly

to the transportation needs of expanding companies and eliminate inadequate roadways as an obstacle to private investment and job creation. Eligible road agencies include MDOT, county road commissions, cities and villages.

### Ready to go

Quality Roasting, which is investing \$12 million to build its new 16,000-square foot facility, is expected to be ready to accept delivery of soybeans starting early next month.

"The construction process is going very well. The outside grain handling equipment is in place. The electricians are working on getting the inside wired at this time," said company CEO Scott Rabe.

"The plant itself is in the process of being finished up on the inside, equipment is getting set up and fabricated. That will be going on until the end of October, but we can start being able to unload soybeans the first week in October, if they are ready."

That should be perfect timing. "The crop is expected to be harvested late. It was planted late, but it is still looking like it will be a pretty good harvest. The harvest will be later than normal," said Bob Battel, an MSU Extension field crops educator who serves farmers in both Tuscola and Huron counties. "Soybeans are normally ready about the middle of October."

However, Battel could not predict when soybeans would be ready.

"It will depend on what kind of September we have and how warm it will be. They were planted late, so they will be harvested late is all I can really say," he noted.

"It was a challenging spring with rains and to wait for fields to dry. I think overall the crop is looking good."

The Quality Roasting processing facility has storage for 333,000 bushels and will be processing year-round.

"When we are up and running, we will be able to process about 70,000 bushels of soybeans per day. So we will always be making room for raw soybeans to come in," Rabe said.

The facility will have the capacity to process about 2.2 million pounds of soybeans a year. Tuscola County produces about 3.67 million bushels of soybeans annually. Rabe noted the center will take soybeans from surrounding counties also.

According to Battle, Tuscola County farmers planted 83,220 acres of soybeans in 2018.

The processing facility will have a small office, a truck scale, soybean storage bins and finished product storage. The operation would be 24/5; Sunday evenings through Friday evenings.

The soybean harvest typically covers about three weeks between September and November.

Rabe estimates the processing of soybeans at Quality Roasting's value-added facility will mean an additional income of about \$500,000 annually for area farmers.

Long range plans include the possibility of a second processing facility.

Quality Roasting processes soybeans to produce crude soybean oil and Exceller Meal. The soybean meal is designed for high producing dairy cattle.

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**Reporter's notebook****I just don't get my wife**by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

I wonder if other couples are like my wife, Deb, and I when it comes to our taste in television shows and movies.

I don't care much for most of her choices – although we do agree on crime shows such as Law and Order and the amazing nature documentaries on the BBC channel — and she doesn't like mine.

Here's the difference, though; I can be watching something she absolutely detests, and yet if it catches her eye for even a millisecond, she'll stand there and watch it for 10 minutes. Every. Time.

What's up with that?

For my part, if I walk into the living room and Deb has one of those house flipping or fix-up shows on – you know the ones, with master designers and carpenters gearing up to turn another shack into a mansion for a couple who have a gazillion dollar budget and yet little obvious means of income – I can't get out of the room quickly enough. I know what the show is all about, I don't care about it, I leave. Simple.

In contrast, Deb can be in the biggest hurry, but if she hesitates while walking past the television, I can almost guarantee you she's going to lose at least three or four minutes of her life that she'll never get back.

"You know you've stopped in your tracks to watch a hemorrhoid cream commercial, right?" I'll ask.

"Yes, I do," is her indignant response before continuing on her way.

As she makes her retreat, it's difficult to resist making another smart remark, so I do; "Would you like me to give you a yell if the guy hawking AARP scooter insurance shows up on the tube?"

I just don't get it. If I've put my day on hold for a few seconds to watch a commercial, chances are there's one or more good reasons – reasons just about any guy can understand: the advertisement obviously features an extremely competent spokesperson offering me a great deal on yard tools, or maybe she's hosting an infomercial explaining why my kitchen should never again be without a Chop-O-Matic.

Most of the time, I don't think Deb even realizes what she's watching after she pauses while strolling past that flat screen en route to another room in the house. Even if I'm viewing something I really enjoy, and she really hates — say a classic Three Stooges short — there she stands. Really? I mean, hey, isn't it obvious this is a Stooges film after the first 15 (or five) seconds?

"Oh! You're watching that!" she'll say, all snippy like, before making her retreat.

What was your first clue, dear; Curly's second eye poke at the hands of Moe, or maybe it was that smack in the kisser Moe gave Larry with a pipe wrench?"

I suppose an argument could be made that Deb's training and experience as a nurse has taught her to stop – even for just a moment or two – to examine and/or double check everything in her environment. Maybe it's some sort of intuitive skill.

Nah. I suspect that, deep inside, she really does like the Stooges but just can't bring herself to admit it after all these years.

**Down Memory Lane**

by Tina Pallas

**5 YEARS AGO (2014)**

Congratulations to this week's Schneeberger's Athlete of the Week award winner, Maegan LeValley. The Cass City junior honor student is a force in the classroom and on the volleyball court. She has helped the Lady Red Hawks to an impressive 5-1 mark in the Greater Thumb West and most recently to victories over Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port and Bad Axe. Against the Lakers, she was credited with 31 kills and 2 aces in the Lady Red Hawks' 5 set victory, and against the Hatchets, she connected on 13 winners during the straight set decision. Maegan is the daughter of Paula and Dick LeValley.

CASS CITY'S BLAINE deBeaubien underwent his first haircut in three years Thursday night at Rolling Hills Golf Course, where Cass City Chronicle Publisher Clarke Haire did the honors. deBeaubien, president of the Cass City Lions Club, turned the trim into a fundraiser a month ago, selling 60 tickets for \$10 each for a raffle in which the winner would be allowed to lop off his locks. Marty Osentoski was the winner but was unable to attend, and runner-up Tom Craig also couldn't make it, so Haire agreed to lend a hand Thursday. The \$600 in proceeds from the fundraiser will go to sight-related Lions Club projects in Cass City, while deBeaubien donated his hair – all five ponytails worth – to the Children With Hair Loss organization.

**10 YEARS AGO (2009)**

Army Pvt. Richard M. Warford III has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla. Warford is the son of Tammy Warford of Kingston, and the grandson of Jim Sherman of Sandusky. He is a 2009 graduate of Kingston High School.

Carla Dzielinski and Carl Cifka announce their engagement. Carla is the daughter of Dawn Haag of Cass City, and the late Ronald Haag. Carl is the son of Ann Cifka of Shelby Township, and the late Carl E. Cifka. A July 3, 2010 wedding is currently being planned.

What started as a personal labor of love for Bob Morley has become a treasure for Cass City Red Hawk basketball fans of all ages. Morley, a former Red Hawk basketball player under Coach Irv Claseman and 1962 graduate, has written Cass City Red Hawks Boys Basketball, 1950-2001, an exhilarating trip through Cass City history that chronicles the Red Hawks basketball program for 5 decades. Morley began his project by putting together a booklet about the Cass City teams of the 1950's and 60's.

**25 YEARS AGO (1994)**

Shawn Gaeth was honored with a family gathering at the Brian Gaeth home in Unionville. Guests were great-grandmother Helen MacCallum of Owendale, grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Keith McCullough, and daughter and friend of Porton Station, Ontario, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gaeth of Owendale and Paul MacCallum, Owendale, and Mrs. Linda Flannery of Uby. A special Power Rangers cake centered the table. Shawn, a few days earlier, was guest at McDonald's in Sebewaing with friends and cousins who helped celebrate his 7th birthday.

Ferris State University's summer semester academic honors list includes 263 students, including area residents, university officials announced. The area residents are James A. Palmateer of Cass City and Bobbi Sue Voss of Deford.

Michelle Pisarek, a senior at Owen-Gage High School has been named September's student of the month. She has held a variety of offices at the school and currently is student council president after serving as vice president last year. She has been or is a member of many school clubs including the French, Drama and Trip clubs. In addition she served in Students Against Drunk Driving and has been in band for 3 years and is currently the drum major. She has been active with the yearbook staff and is the clubs' editor.

**35 YEARS AGO (1984)**

Teresa Scollon, who returned from a year's stay in Japan, is now doing an internship at the Institute of Policy Studies in Washington, D.C. She will be researching a project involving Nicaragua. Miss Scollon is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. E.C. Scollon of Cass City.

Mrs. Ivan Tracy went Saturday to visit her daughter, Mrs. James Bolz, at Milan. Sunday, she attended the 25th wedding anniversary of her son, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore O'Dell at their home in Milan. Others attending from this area were Mr. and Mrs. George Fisher Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Donald Whittenburg, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas O'Dell, Erin and Kyle, Mr. and Mrs. Duane O'Dell, Jason and Laura of Deford.

The Thumb Area Women's Bowling Association Bowler of the Week for Sept. 10-16 is Noel Wichert. She bowled an actual series of 580 at Pigeon Lanes and bowls for Thumb National Bank on the Wednesday Night Ladies' League.

William J. Wruble, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wruble, Ubyly, has been promoted to Specialist Fourth Class in the United States Army. Wruble, a 1980 graduate of Ubyly High School, works in missile repair at Fort Campbell Army Base, Fort Campbell, Ky., with the 801st maintenance battalion.

Army Private Edward C. Ashmore, 19, a 1984 graduate of Owendale Gagetown High School, recently completed his basic training at Fort Dix, N.J. Ashmore, son of James L. Ashmore, Bay City, and Mrs. Linda A. Ashmore, Owendale, received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading and first aid. He will be stationed at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Aberdeen, Md., where he will study small engine repair.

Jeffery R. Blue has been named 1984 U.S. National Award winner by the U.S. Achievement Academy for his musical ability and leadership service. He was nominated for the award by Randy Wolfrum, minister of the East Arabela Church of Christ. His name add biography will appear in the USAA yearbook. Jeffery attends Juniata Christian School and is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Vern McConnell of Cass City. His parents are Norman and Patricia Blue of Millington.

Nicholas James Turner was christened Sunday at the 9:00 a.m. mass at St. Pancratius Church, Cass City. Father Julius Spleet officiated and sponsors were Ron and Rick Turner and Jean Heck. Nicholas' parents, Joyce and Jim Turner, hosted a brunch at their home after the ceremony. Guests were grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Comment and Mrs. Lola Nicholas, Mrs. Arthur Carolan and the Ron and Rick Turner families.

**40 YEARS AGO (1979)**

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hutchinson will observe their 70th wedding anniversary Sunday, Oct. 7, with a family dinner at the home of the Grant Hutchinsons. Attending will be Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hutchinson, Jeff, Mike and Lynne of Freeland and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hutchinson and Sarah of Camp Hill, Penn.

Chester Kulinski, Lamton Road, Cass City won the prize of a Honda Express from Bloch and Guggenheimer pickle plant, Bad Axe, manager Donald Schneider, for growing the most No. 1 size pickles, 11,631 pounds. He grew a total of 28,384 pounds on the 3-acre plot. Also winning an Express was Pamela Heemer, 13, of East Lansing who grew 4,983 pounds of No. 1's on a half-acre on the farm of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Heerner, Snover, with help from them and her father, Robert.

Mrs. Delos Neal of Cass City, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Timmons and daughters of Owendale, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Lapeer and Shawn and Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Lapeer were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lynwood Lapeer and daughters in honor of Sheree Lapeer's 18th birthday.

**50 YEARS AGO (1969)**

Cpl. Ronald Weippert was recently selected Soldier-of-the-Month at Fort Carson, Colorado. He has been stationed there since November and is with the 1st Battalion, 29th Artillery. His wife is the former Christine Guinther. Cpl. Weippert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Weippert and his wife is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Guinther, all of Cass City.

L. Cmdr. Stanley Beach arrived Tuesday to spend some time with his wife and two children, who are living in Caro, and with his parents, the Leslie Beaches of Gagetown. Chaplain Beach has been stationed at a Naval hospital at Long Beach, Calif. Following his leave he will go to the Philippines, where his family will join him later. He will be guest speaker at the Cass City Baptist Church Sunday morning.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard McNeil of rural Cass City, Sept. 25, a seven-pound, nine-ounce son, Larry Richard. Mother and baby came home Monday from Scheurer hospital, Pigeon.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tuckey (Kathy Bartle) announce the birth of a seven and a half pound daughter, Carolyn Marie, on Sept. 26 in the Bad Axe hospital.

**75 YEARS AGO (1944)**

Ellis Karr has been promoted to the rank of Sp. Q 1-C. He is located at Pearl Harbor and his mother received word that he met Chas. Bayless, Jr., and they spent a day together and really talked old times.

Mrs. Nile Stafford received word from her brother, Henry Boersma, stationed in England, that he had been promoted to First Lieutenant. She also has three other brothers in the Service, Pvt. Wm. Boersma, somewhere in France, 2nd Class Petty Officer Mark Boersma in Hawaii, and Sgt. Burton Boersma in Florida.

A farewell party was given Friday evening in the dining room of the Methodist church for Dr. and Mrs. L. D. MacRae who are leaving this week for their new home in Bay City. Dr. June MacRae will occupy the office vacated by Dr. L. D. MacRae. Rev. E. Geer spoke of Dr. and Mrs. MacRae's interests in the church and community. They have resided here 12 years and will be greatly missed. Mrs. Edwin Fischer presented, with pleasing remarks, a gift to the MacRaes. The evening was spent with games and refreshments were served to about 80 persons. Several parties have been held for Mrs. MacRae honoring her departure.

Little Phillip Thurman celebrated his 7th birthday on Friday, Sept. 22. A party was given for him at the Dairy Bar, and his guests were Marion Wise, "Chuck" Reed, Andy Wise, Donald Finkbeiner, Bobby Williams, Sharron Brown, Bruce Wieland and Freddie Walmsley.

**100 YEARS AGO (1919)**

Stanley A. Striffler has purchased the Edward Pinney home on Houghton St. As soon as Mr. Pinney moves into his new home now in course of construction, Mr. Striffler will move his new purchase to his residence lot on Main St. east. He expects to build the foundation for the house this fall.

F. E. Sinclair, superintendent of Cass City schools 12 years ago, greeted his old time friends here Tuesday afternoon. He is now superintendent of the Brown City schools and accompanied the football team to Cass City. Cass City proved to be too strong contenders for the visitors and the game was a one-sided affair. Brown City failed to score, while the locals won points up in the "forties."

Miss Isabelle MacIntyre is the winner of a five-pound box of candy, having been successful in a milking contest on the Geo. MacIntyre farm in Greenleaf Township. The task was milking nine cows and Miss MacIntyre completed it in 55 minutes. Dr. I.D. McCoy, her opponent, was three minutes slower in milking the same nine.

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## Redhawk Review

by  
Taryn Pisarek

### Biggest week of the fall semester

At the high school we are finally getting used to our new schedules and changes. Things are starting to calm down in the sense that not everything is new and crazy.

This week is the major exception to the day-to-day routine life of a high schooler – it's Homecoming! Homecoming isn't just about the thrilling football game at the end of the week; for students it brings a lot more.

Throughout the week we have "dress up days" which range from sporting your favorite college apparel to dressing like your favorite teacher to proudly wearing our maroon and white at the week's end.

That last half-day of the week hosts the first big pep assembly in the school, with team introductions, hype speeches and, of course, games involving both the student body and the staff.

Of course, Friday is game day, but it's also the day when a week's worth of long hours of float building pay off. This year's board game-based floats are showcased in the parade, then judged and ranked during halftime of the football game.

On the note of halftime, all of our elected court members are escorted onto the field. This is an opportune time for our community to get to know a few of my amazing fellow students, as the announcer will read a little bit about each one. This is also one of the best times to meet all of our new foreign exchange students that bring so much valuable culture and diversity into our halls every day.

To end this exhilarating week on Saturday, the student council puts on a semi-formal dance. The theme this year is "Hollywood".

This is the best night of the week to really enjoy the big moments of high school. It brings so many memories, this being among the favorites of most kids. If you are wondering what the night consists of, you'll find so many treasurable experiences such as dancing your heart out to your favorite throwback or just talking and laughing with your friends.

The biggest scene on the floor is usually a dance-off. This gets most of us in a circle and challenges the outstanding skills of students in a friendly competition that brings major bragging rights.

So, this week is going to be a big one for all of us in the high school. The seventh graders are experiencing their first spirit week and pep assembly. The freshmen are participating in all of the activities for the first time, and the seniors are doing it all one last time.

## Ordinances focus of Ubly council

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

Addressing ordinances was the focus of the last Ubly Village meeting.

The traffic control orders for parking on Pike and Riverview were reviewed and discussed at length.

After discussion, a motion was made and approved to rescind Traffic Control Order 69P and approve Traffic Control Order 87P.

The change was for moving the "no parking" signs from the east side to the west side of Pike Street.

The Traffic Control order 86P approved placing "no parking" signs on the South side of Riverview from Park Street, to the end of Riverview Street, in order for traffic to get through.

During the meeting, the second

reading of the village's proposed dangerous dog ordinance was read, and the second reading of the proposed fireworks ordinance was read. Both ordinances will be published in the newspaper.

There will be a public hearing on the proposed ordinances at 7 p.m., Oct. 10.

In other matters, the council approved a rental land agreement between the village and the Ubly Community School District. The rented land is the area where the school's Future Farmers of America's (FFA) barn is being built.

The barn will help enrich students' educational curriculum and provide expanded learning opportunities to area youth who do not have access at home to agriculture or livestock facilities.

When the barn is completed, the FFA and Agri-Science livestock barn will be used for a zoology

course and several special projects for other classes throughout the year.

In other school connected business, Paulette Heleski, who represented the Ubly Athletic Boosters, addressed the council about the possibility of putting student banners on light poles as a fundraiser. Banners would recognize seniors and what sports or club they are in.

Although the council was receptive to the idea, they didn't take action because they wanted to look into what would fit on the pole with the village's banners.

Also, the speed limit by the new school entrance was brought up during the meeting. Parents would like to see the speed lowered in that area. Because it is a state highway it will be looked into what the state recommends.

## Local churches host inspirational movie for Cass City area students

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

Two Cass City churches will pay for high school students to see a movie about overcoming adversity by hard work, perseverance, and having faith.

The Cass City Theatre will host the movie, "Overcomer" through Thursday.

Because the pastors at the Cass City Missionary Church and the Novesta Church of Christ think every teen should see this movie, the pastors decided to pay for the movie for junior high or high school students.

To see the movie for free, youths just have to show a sports pass or student identification.

The movie is about adapting to changes and having faith to follow unexpected paths.

When Joel Schwenlinger became pastor of Cass City Missionary Church in 2016 he started working with youth, and he feels this movie will resonate with young people.

"Junior high and high school students are still in the process of trying to figure out who they are as they are growing up; and it is my opinion, they will identify with this movie," said Schwenlinger.

"The movie deals with several issues. It is my opinion, that having Christ at the center helps in trying to figure out who you are. Those who are that age are still working on that."

In the movie, life changes overnight for coach John Harrison when his high school basketball team and state championship dreams are crushed when the largest manufacturing plant in town shuts down and hundreds of families move away. He questions how he and his family will face an uncertain future.

"After reluctantly agreeing to

coach cross-country, John and his wife, Amy, meet an aspiring athlete, Hannah Scott, who's pushing her limits on a journey toward discovery. Inspired by the words and prayers of a new-found friend, John becomes the least likely coach helping the least likely runner attempt the impossible in the biggest race of the year," according to information about the movie.

The two-hour movie was released August 23, 2019. It is directed by Alex Kendrick and produced by Stephen Kendrick.

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

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

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

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## Laker teacher-coach resigns

Continued from page one.

Because the incident was recently turned over to the Huron County Sheriff's Department, Sheriff Kelly Hanson didn't have much additional information.

"I honestly don't know anything about why he decided to resign, but we were made aware last Thursday of some allegations of inappropriate conduct being made against a coach who was also a teacher," said Hanson.

The sheriff's department was told that one particular incident allegedly took place during the summer.

"We were also under the understanding that the victim was unsure about wanting to actually make a criminal complaint against the teacher. However, the victim decided to proceed. And that's where it's at right now," Hanson said. "We began immediately, and I don't have any further information to release.

"It'll probably be some time before we get to that point."

"Our sole focus must be on the safety and welfare of the student involved," Keim said. "I've frankly been appalled at the hostility shown toward this child by some of the adults in our community."

Keim said he has contacted the Huron County Prosecutor's office to report several social media posts that may have crossed cyber-bullying lines, and Internet comments will continue to be monitored for anyone who threatens the mental, emotional, or physical wellbeing of a child.

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# News briefs

## Kingston student numbers down

KINGSTON - Kingston School officials are hoping for an influx of students.

School Supt. Matt Drake recently reported the district's enrollment is down by more than what was originally projected.

The district had planned its 2019-20 budget around being down about 13 students, but that may not be accurate.

"It appears that we may be down by around 22 (students). We are hopeful that we may have additional students still coming in," he said.

The state funds schools on a per-pupil basis, so a drop in enrollment can mean a substantial loss of revenue. The funding is based on two statewide enrollment counts -- one conducted in the winter and the other in the fall.

The next formal student tally will take place Oct. 2, so it is important for all students to be in attendance that day.

## Citation in Owendale dismissed

OWENDALE - After an explanation of an incident, the Owendale Village Council dismissed a resident's citation.

Tony Hockmuth attended a recent council meeting to ask officials to dismiss the citation he received for putting up a swimming pool before the fencing was completed. He explained the base of the pool was set up, but the liner was not installed and there was no water in it.

Following discussion, the council agreed to dismiss the citation.

In other matters, plans to install new stop signs were halted when DPW Supt. Steve Sweatland reported it would cost about \$2,000 to install new stop signs at every intersection.

The council then decided to keep the current stop signs, and to install new signs at intersections that have limited visibility.

Also, gravel work on village streets and alleys has been completed, and the annual street report shows the village has 1.49 miles of major streets and 3.65 miles of local streets.

## Student financial aid meet slated

KINGSTON - The Kingston School District will host a financial aid night Wednesday, Oct. 9, at 6 p.m. in the high school cafeteria for seniors and parents of seniors.

During the event, questions about the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form to apply for financial aid grants, work-study, and loans to pay for college or career school will be answered.

## Aerial patrols on tap this week

NOVI — ITC will be conducting its semi-annual aerial patrols of high-voltage transmission towers and lines in east Michigan this week, weather permitting. The helicopter patrols are conducted to provide an overall status of the overhead transmission system that is operated by ITC's Michigan operating entities, ITC Transmission and Michigan Electric Transmission Company, LLC (METC).

The aerial inspections will cover the eastern part of the state, including all or parts of Clinton, Genesee, Gratiot, Huron, Ingham, Lapeer, Livingston, Macomb, Midland, Oakland, Sanilac, Shiawassee, St. Clair and Tuscola Counties.

The patrols are a North American Electrical Reliability Corporation (NERC) requirement for ITC's vegetation management program and support proactive maintenance objectives. They include inspections of steel towers, wood poles, conductors (wires), insulators and other equipment. Crews check for damaged or worn equipment and vegetation hazards.

The inspection flights are often conducted at low altitudes to allow accurate visual inspection of equipment for lightning damage, wear or other potential problems. This is normal procedure, so there is no cause for alarm if a low-flying helicopter is sighted near transmission lines.

## 4-H fall award applications due

HURON COUNTY — The deadline to turn in completed Huron County 4-H Fall Achievement Awards applications is 4:30 p.m. Friday, October 4. The applications can be submitted to the MSU Extension Office, located within the Huron County Health Department at 1142 S. Van Dyke Rd. in Bad Axe, Monday through Friday from 8 through 4:30 p.m.

Fall Achievement awards will be presented during the Huron County 4-H Fall Family Social Sunday, Nov. 3, at The Pasta House in Kinde.

More information is available by contacting Patti Errer, 4-H program coordinator, by calling (989) 269-9949 (ext. 609).

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery

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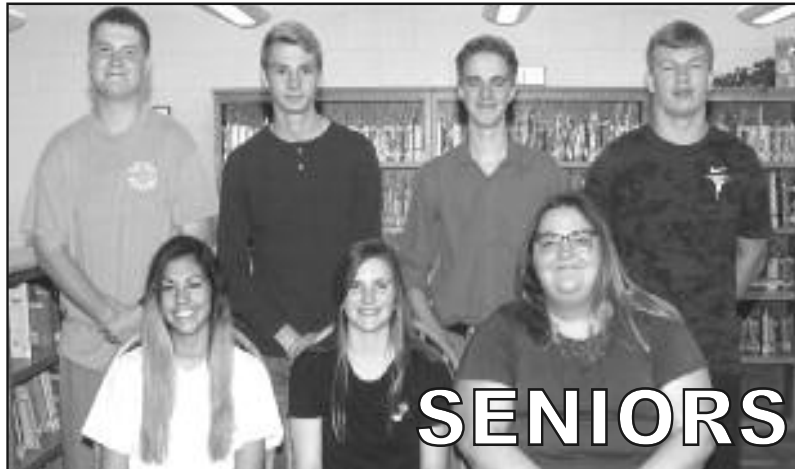
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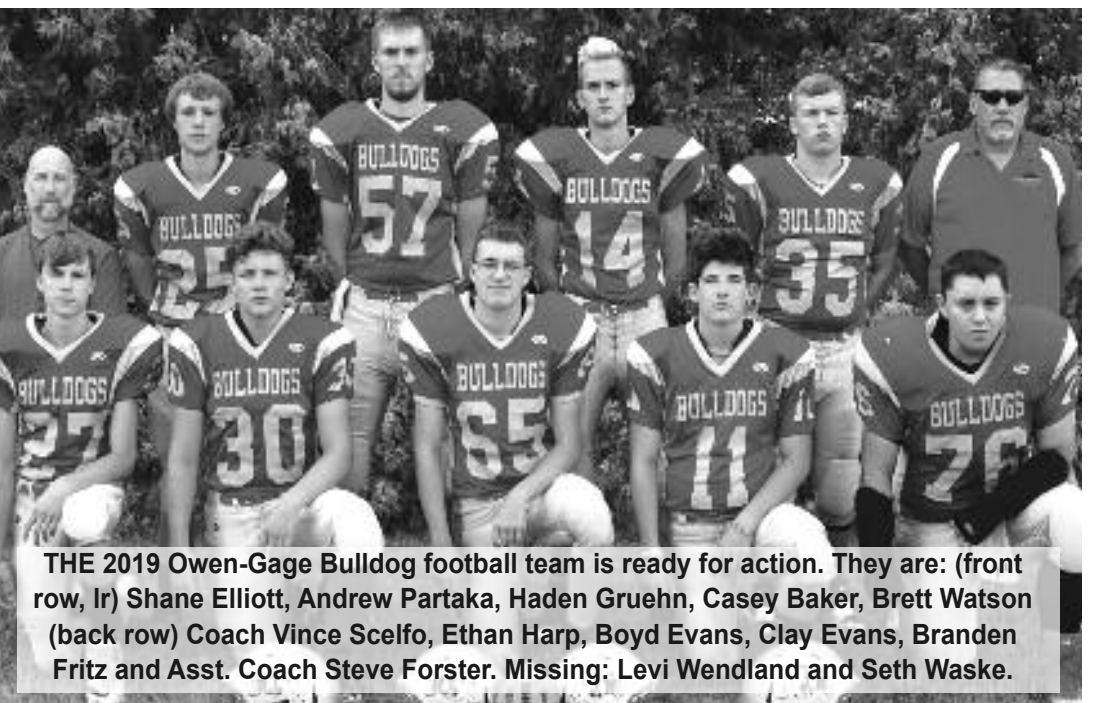
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## Friday, September 27

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# Gardening a passion for Kingston sisters

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

Almost as much care is needed when putting flower beds to bed for the winter, as when blooms start in the spring.

Few people realize that fact; and the ones who do know that has to be done, normally don't have time to do it.

That is part of the garden care service that Three Sisters Gardens, at 3090 Cemetery Rd., Kingston, provides.

"In getting ready for winter, flowers need to be dead-headed, with the dead blossoms removed. We put down a special fertilizer that lasts through the winter," said Callie Hawkins who operates the business with her sisters, Cherie and Carla. "It is a granule that breaks down slowly. There are warm days in the winter with thaws and refreezes. When that happens, the fertilizer granules will be slowly feeding the plants."

And, she has developed her own special mix of fertilizer she uses for struggling plants.

The family moved to the Kingston area in 2001. They each have more than 20 years of experience in gardening. They started putting their expertise to work for others about the last 15 years because of a friendship.

"I started helping Mrs. Ruggles with her flower gardens because she wasn't physically able to do it anymore. We just did that to help her out, Hawkins explained.

"Doing that to help her, developed into a business. We are now booked every day with sometimes three clients a day during the season," she said.

"God has really had his hand in this, and directed us."

Although most people like the look of a well-groomed flower garden, some don't have the knowledge on what to do or the time to do it.

"Many of our gardening friends are too busy or unable physically to do their flower beds around their home or businesses," said Hawkins. "There are a lot of people who don't like running into snakes and bugs in the gardens, so they hire us to do the work."

The three sisters and other employees work throughout Tuscola County. They do weeding and landscaping, and some patio paving work. The charge is \$15 per hour person, and \$17 per hour person on the weekend.

"Because we all enjoy gardening, we put our heart into it. We do our best to take care of your gardens that you love. It's not just about making money. We want to make it pretty," said Hawkins. "At Three Sisters, we are all believers of Jesus Christ. So we are held accountable to perform our very best and be as honest as possible. As Christians, we try to help as many people as we can, and we also try to help those who love to garden, but physically can't."

They recently helped a man with his garden who was going through cancer treatments.

"I love seeing the smiles on their faces when they see their gardens come back after they are all cleaned up," she said. "I just tell them to go ahead and take the credit for the work."

Three Sisters Gardens also sells perennials with a one-year guarantee. "We can even suggest plants that may grow better in certain gardens. We can sell the plants, bring and plant them for your garden," said Hawkins.

Also, The Three Sisters Gardens host two open house parties annually. There is the December Christmas light show with a free chili dinner. There is also a Spring open house with free hotdogs, cotton candy, snow cones, nachos, popcorn and prizes.

There are also tours of the historic woods where Weldon bricks were made, a wide variety of animals to pet and gardens to tour. Both events are free and open to the public.

For more information, about Three Sisters Gardens, call 989-683-3379 or e-mail them at three\_sisters\_crafts@yahoo.com.



The Three Sisters Garden service is ran by Callie Hawkins, right, who operates the business with her sisters, Cherie and Carla. The trio does weeding, planting, mulching, and designing of flower gardens through-out Tuscola County from early spring until winter.



## Hatch to speak to students

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we don't have a driving force for why we do what we do," Hatch explained. "If we are working for something bigger than ourselves, we will always do what it takes to get the job done, no matter the task."

"We will not only find a way to overcome the adversity, but we will also find a way to get better because of it. Our purpose drives GRIT." Hatch's four components to GRIT are:

- Growth Mindset - which views adversity as opportunity. We can find a way grow from anything we experience in life.

- Resilience - what happens to us is never as important as how we respond. We are not the product of our circumstances; we are the product of how we choose to respond.

- Integrity - in the context of overcoming adversity or working to achieve any goal, for that matter, I think Integrity is about following through on our commitments and doing what we said we would do, especially when our circumstances change.

- Team First mentality. We should always think about the team first. We should train ourselves to think WE before me. Sometimes we'll just have to do things because it's what the team needs.

"The goal of my message is to give the audience perspective and to hopefully encourage them to think about adversity and opposition a little differently," said Hatch. "I use stories from my experiences, both from my road to recovery as well as from my time on the basketball team at Michigan to support each component of GRIT."

There is a cost to bring this empowering program, so donating sponsors are needed.

For more information about helping to sponsor this event that is open to the entire Cass City community, call (989) 912-1821.

Austin will be in the building around 8:30 a.m. to visit with students in classrooms and will hang around after the assembly for anyone to visit personally with him.

The entire Cass City community is welcome to attend and listen to his message.

## Ubyly church set to close doors

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congregation moves to their new church home, we pray for them and the Ubyly community."

The Michigan Conference now has approximately 750 churches statewide when the church closes in Ubyly.

The Ubyly church isn't the only one closing. In 2017 and 2018, 18 churches closed in the Michigan Conference, all due to a significant decline in membership.

"It's very sad, but this seems to be the way things are going. I don't know... are the young ones too busy now to go to church?" Krumenacker questioned.

According to Doyal, the majority of these churches were established between 1840 and 1920 when rural communities thrived. In 1953, 36 percent of Americans lived in rural communities.

"Today that number is 21 percent. This decline in population and the aging of church members has impacted all denominational memberships," he said.

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**CASS CITY's Alex Perry chases down EPBP quarterback Bryce Sears during first half action Friday. The Red Hawks took command of the GTW title chase with a 51-0 blowout.**

## Cards roll in final tune-up before NCTL Blue action

The preliminaries are over for the Kingston football team.

After whipping host Burton Madison over the weekend, Coach Brandon Jones and the Cardinals are busy preparing for Friday's matchup against undefeated North Huron in a North Central Thumb League White showdown with title aspirations on the line.

Kingston enters the key road affair after Saturday's 60-0 win over the Eagles, while North Huron defeated Caseville 61-0 in Week Four.

"A lot of guys contributed in this win. We had 11 different players score points," said Jones after the Burton Madison contest, adding, "The true test begins this week. North Huron is undefeated and has been playing at a very high level. This is when football gets fun."

The visitors scored 22 points in each of the first half quarters and never looked back.

Leading 44-0, Kingston then added solo touchdowns in both second half quarters to finish the

## Injuries still hampering O-G

Injuries continue to plague the Owen-Gage football team in 2019.

After the Bulldogs were forced to forfeit their first three games – twice after starting contests with enough players, but unable to finish the games as rookie Coach Vince Seelfo stated safety concerns for his players – Owen-Gage was defeated Friday by visiting Akron-Fairgrove 48-30 in a non-conference game between NCTL White foes.

Once again injuries hampered Owen-Gage against the Vikings, as they finished the game with only seven players.

Despite the team's woes, the

job at hand.

For the winners, quarterback Aaron Koehler had four carries for 40 rushing yards and one touchdown, while passing for another 35 yards and three touchdowns. Caleb Goss chipped in 118 yards rushing on seven totes and one TD, while Jacob Savage also scored once and was credited with 40 rushing yards on three carries. Tight End Quinn Boucard hauled in two TD passes for another 31 yards in total offense.

Goss led Kingston's defensive charge with five tackles, he had two tackles for losses and one sack.

Kingston is 3-1 overall.

### STANDINGS

Team	Overall		NCTL Blue	
	W	L	W	L
Deckerville	4	0	0	0
Peck	4	0	0	0
North Huron	4	0	0	0
Kingston	3	1	0	0
Mayville	3	1	0	0
Dryden	2	2	0	0

Bulldogs will look to break into the win column this Friday when Carsonville-Port Sanilac visits Owendale for the Bulldog homecoming contest. Kickoff is slated for 7:00 p.m.

### STANDINGS

Team	Overall		NCTL White	
	W	L	W	L
New Haven	3	1	0	0
Akron-Fair.	2	2	0	0
BCAS	1	3	0	0
Owen-Gage	0	4	0	0
Caseville	0	4	0	0
CPS	0	4	0	0

# Cass City takes control in Greater Thumb West

by Clarke Haire  
 Publisher

Cass City took over the driver's seat Friday in the Greater Thumb West championship race with a dominating performance against host Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port.

With the unexpected 51-0 trouncing, Coach Scott Cuthrell's Red Hawks improved to 3-1 on the season, but more importantly, stands 2-0 in conference play. Defending champion Cass City now controls its own destiny as the only undefeated team in league action.

For the second straight week, a change in the Cass City backfield paid dividends for the winners. In Week 3 at Marlette, Jordan Mester made his first appearance at running back during the campaign, and rushed for 168 yards on only 10 carries and three scores.

Against the Lakers, another switch in the Cass City backfield came up big for the visitors. In a surprise move few saw coming,

fourth year quarterback Sandyn Cuthrell – the GTW all-conference dream team signal caller in 2018 – moved to running back for much of the night. That decision resulted in a game-high 199 rushing yards and three TDs on just a dozen tries.

As was the case against Marlette, Mester struck for the game's first points against the Lakers, racing to the goal line from mid-field. Cuthrell added the points after run and with 8:52 on the clock Cass City enjoyed an 8-0 edge.

The Lakers mounted the hosts' best drive of the night next. Starting from their own 27-yard line, Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port moved the length of the field. Despite being aided by a roughing the passer penalty, the drive stalled deep in the red zone as a sack by Collen Wrubel squashed the Lakers' only series of downs in the opening quarter.

Cass City then tacked on three more scores to build a 32-0 advantage at the break.

Cuthrell started the touchdown

parade on the first play of the second quarter. His 30-yard jaunt was followed by Mester's run for points after.

Then after stopping the Lakers on downs, thanks in part to an Alex Perry sack, Cuthrell struck again. This time, the one-play drive covered 55 yards while Hadyn Horne added the point after run.

Trailing 24-0, Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port was forced to punt on their next possession. However, Cass City misplayed the boot and the Lakers took back the ball inside Red Hawk territory.

Its miscue didn't matter as sacks by Matt Mihalic and Noah Zaleski prevented any damage by the hosts.

Still, Cass City wasn't done yet as Perry – he ran for 94 yards - set up his own touchdown run from the 2-yard line with a 48 yard burst moments earlier. Horne added the 2-point try for the final points before the intermission.

"Proud of these kids and their complete domination. They practiced how they played. I cannot say enough about the quality of their focus and play. Our off-season workouts pay off for those that believe in it," said Coach Cuthrell.

Another Cuthrell touchdown and two markers by Horne in the final half had Laker fans heading to the exits early. Horne finished the night with 122 rushing yards on 10 totes.

Defensively, Zaleski and Perry split 12 stops to pace the Cass City effort.



**RED HAWK Matt Mihalic, left, uses his quickness to get past a Laker blocker.**

### STANDINGS

Team	Overall		GTW	
	W	L	W	L
Cass City	3	1	2	0
EPBP	3	1	2	1
USA	2	2	2	1
Reese	2	2	1	1
Caro	2	2	1	1
Bad Axe	1	3	1	2
Vassar	0	4	0	3

## Harbor Beach gals and Lake Fenton boys win Laker Cross Country invite

The Harbor Beach women and Lake Fenton men captured first place honors Saturday at the Laker Cross Country Invitational.

The Lady Pirates, led by medalist Paige Anderson with a time of 20:46, topped the team standings with a score of 51. Rounding out the Top 5 team finishes over the weekend were Cass City (65), Lake Fenton (70), Deckerville (71) and Ubyly (99).

For the runner-up Red Hawks, Riley Copeland was best with her overall fifth place and was followed by teammate Madi Ware in 11th place. Copeland recorded a time of 21:48 and Ware had a time of 22:50. Also for Cass City, Mary Muter took 18th place and was clocked in 23:26, while the remaining scorers for the team finished very close to each other and all earned scorers medals. Amelia Weiler finished in 23rd and Marla Muter in 25th with times of 23:51 and 24:15, respectively.

For the Ubyly women, Shelby Messing was first to the tape with a time of 23:30 and in 19th place. Finishing one sport behind was Bearcat Abigail Guza with a time of 23:34, while Grace Conley with a time of 24:39, Alexiss Guigar with a time of 25:09 and Maze Guza with a time of 25:21 complete the list of scorers for Ubyly.

Turning to the men's field, Lake Fenton was the easy team winner with 27. Deckerville edged Mayville 74-75 for runner-up honors, while Cass City and Kingston rounded out the Top 5 teams with scores of 98 and 130.

"Another very hot and humid meet, but on a flat course this

time. The men's team finished in 4th place with the absence of Hugh Walker out with an injury," said Cass City Coach Jon Zdrojewski.

Cass City's Nick McArdle was second overall with a time of 17:02 and Drew Markel was again the second Red Hawk across the line taking 14th place with a time of 18:51. Brandon Witherspoon took 20th – he completed the 5,000 meter run in 19:16 - and was followed by Anthony Boscaglia taking 38th on his way to a new personal best time of 20:13.

"Anthony is putting in the work and he continues to improve each time he runs and I am looking forward to the next couple of years with him," Zdrojewski said, adding, "Evan Roggenbuck (21:21) was the final scorer for the team taking 52nd out of the 74 finishers."

For Kingston, Morgan Green and Ethan Green had Top 25 individual showings. Morgan was 21st to the tape in 19:23 and Ethan was 25th with a time of 19:35. The Cardinals also had Dustin Peter with at time of 19:59, Marco Saenz with a time of 20:27 and Trayton Wenzlaff with a time of 20:58. They placed 33rd, 41st and 48th, respectively.

Lake Fenton's Joseph Gilbert was the race winner with a blistering time of 16:40.

### FRANKENMUTH INVITE

On Thursday, Cass City's girls finished first in the Red Division at the Frankenmuth invite.

"These girls are really coming together as a team and are working together to get the best performances from everyone involved. The girls are looking forward to the remainder of the season as

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**MADI WARE heads towards the finish line Saturday.**



## Hawk spikers down USA

Abbey Salcido made good on 27 of 29 serve receptions, Sierra Spry chipped in seven blocks and Macy White came up with 36 digs as the Cass City Red Hawk volleyball team knocked off visiting Unionville-Sebewaing Area High School Thursday in Greater Thumb West play.

"Defense wins games and the girls played at a very high level. We have worked (on) team chemistry and finishing and they were able to finally put it all together. I am so happy for them, as I raised the bar pretty high and they responded," said Cass City Coach Amy Cuthrell.

Game one saw the hosts jump out to a quick double digit cushion, only to get stuck on 23 points late in the opening set, before winning the extra points affair 28-26.

Game two was a back-and-forth battle, but once again the Red Hawks' defense resulted in a Cass City win, 25-21.

In the final set, Cass City sent the Patriots packing with a 25-17 victory.

"We still have work but I am thrilled with their effort tonight," Cuthrell said, adding, "Macey White's crashing into the chairs to defend was the game changing play. She is so aggressive and willing to do what it takes for her team. Taylor (Cumper) as well defended her best game to-date."

Leading the Cass City offense was senior Hailey Beckrow. She led all hitters with 20 kills, while Abbey Phillips chipped in 15 assists. Also for the Red Hawks, Sierra Spry had nine kills and Haven Bouverette, three aces.

Earlier in the week, Cass City traveled to face Vassar and swept the Vulcans with wins of 25-9, 25-17 and 25-11 in Greater Thumb West action, last Tuesday.

Red Hawk leaders had Beckrow with 16 kills and Bouverette with nine, while Phillips added 24 assists. Salcido and White each had 19 digs.

## Kingston girls win twice

The Kingston volleyball team improved to 2-0 in North Central Thumb League Stars play Thursday with an easy victory over visiting Mayville. With decisions of 25-7, 25-11 and 25-11, Coach Beth Hunter's Cardinals improved to 8-8 on the season, while keeping their conference mark unblemished.

"(It was) a solid team effort. The Cardinals' offense was effective from the first serve, which helped set the tone early," said Hunter.

Coming up big for the winners were Payton Kolacz with 7 kills, 14 service points, three digs, and two aces and Hannah James with 14 assists, 13 service points, three aces and two kills, while Brooke Mooney added eight kills, three digs and one assist, Ella Retan, two kills, four service points and three aces, Isabel Hurd, two kills, three service points and one ace and Brooklyn Walker, eight service points.

Kingston traveled to Genesee for the Cardinals' first North Central Thumb League Stars game last Tuesday and returned home with a win in straight sets. The scores were 25-7, 25-16 and 25-13.

"As a team, the Cardinals were solid from the service line going 67/70 with 10 aces on the night," Hunter said.

Individually for Kingston, Hannah James had 17 assists, 14 service points and two aces, Payton Kolacz, eight kills, six service points, two aces and one block, Ella Retan, four kills and six service points, Brooke Mooney, four kills and four service points, Olivia Ulewicz, two kills, four service points and four aces and Anna Ahern, eight service points, two aces and one block.

Kingston will look to maintain their momentum this week in contests with Deckerville and Peck. The Eagles were scheduled to invade Kingston on Tuesday, before the Cardinals travel to face Peck Thursday.

## Hawk girls paced by Top 10 showings at Frankenmuth meet

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they are running very strong and beginning to score very well in some large meets," said Zdrojewski.

The Lady Red Hawks recorded three Top 10 individual finishes in their division, according to their veteran coach, as Copeland finished in 4th place followed by Madi Ware in 7th and Mary Muter taking 10th. Marla Muter followed her sister taking 12th and Amelia Weiler finished 19th out

of the 45 finishers.

The Cass City men's team, meanwhile, finished in 4th place in the Red Division.

Nick McArdle finished in 3rd followed by Drew Markel in 11th. The next two guys finished together with Brandon Witherpoon taking 13th and Anthony Boscaglia in 14th, followed by Hugh Walker taking 19th for a very good finish for the team.

Problems with the EMMxc results delayed the complete meet results.

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Season



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WEEK FIVE SEPT. 27TH WEEKEND				
(11-player games)				
Bad Axe @ Brown City	Bad Axe	Bad Axe	Bad Axe	Brown City
Vassar @ Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City
EPBP @ Caro	EPBP	EPBP	EPBP	EPBP
Harbor Beach @ Ubyly	Ubyly	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Ubyly
USA @ Reese	USA	USA	USA	USA
Sandusky @ Marlette	Sandusky	Sandusky	Marlette	Sandusky
(8-man games)				
Kingston @ North Huron	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	North Huron
Akron-Fair. @ Caseville	Akron-Fair.	Akron-Fair.	Akron-Fair.	Akron-Fair.
CPS @ Owen-Gage	CPS	CPS	CPS	Owen-Gage
(College games)				
Indiana @ MSU	MSU	MSU	MSU	MSU
Rutgers @ Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
(Pro game)				
Kansas City @ Detroit	Kansas City	Kansas City	Kansas City	Kansas City
LAST WEEK	9 - 2	8 - 3	6 - 5	8 - 3
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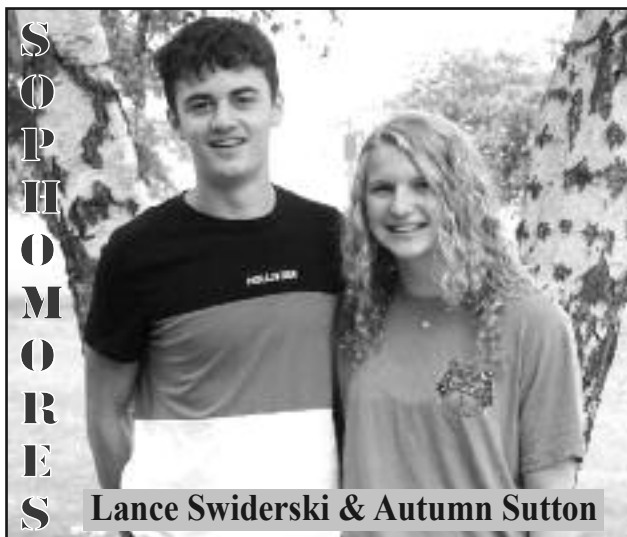
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2019 KING & QUEEN CANDIDATES ARE, front l-r, Hanna Dobson, Tiara Anthony, Taylor Cumper, Madilyn Tschirhart, Hailey Beckrow and Jozie Chippie; back, Kris Nika, Kendall Anthes, Sandyn Cuthrell, Hadyn Horne, Logan Boynton, & Colby Sutton



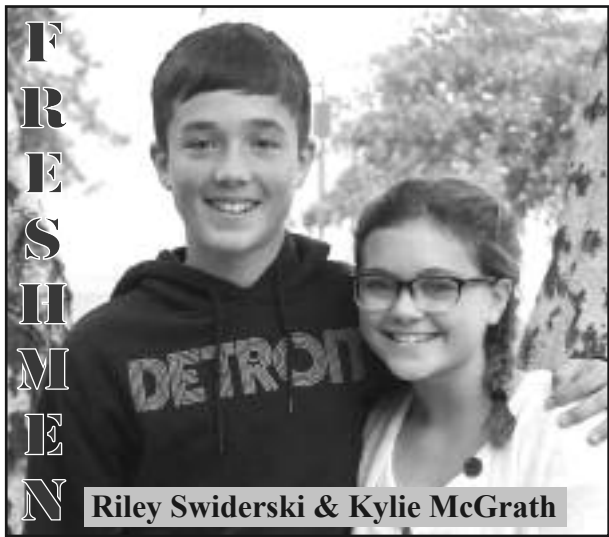
JUNIORS

Matt Mihalic & Kristin Stimipfel



SOPHOMORES

Lance Swiderski & Autumn Sutton



FRESHMEN

Riley Swiderski & Kylie McGrath



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

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# Sugarbeet harvest underway

Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

The harvest is underway for Michigan Sugar Company's 2019-2020 processing campaign.

Beets are being processed in factories in Bay City, Caro, Crosswell and Sebawaing.

That means there is more truck traffic on roadways and with recent rains, mud could be on roads making them slippery even if they have been scrapped.

Company officials are predicting a 185 to 190-day campaign this year with processing wrapping up sometime between March 10-15.

The spring started out super wet, and stayed wet through most of June. Then, it didn't rain much until recently.

"We had a very challenging spring due to wet weather and

field conditions that created great variability across our growing region," said Jim Ruhlman, executive vice president for Michigan Sugar. "Some of our nearly 900 grower-owners were able to plant beets in March, while others had to wait until June. The result is a crop that continues to show great variability."

Even though 2019 has presented some challenges, Ruhlman said this year they aren't dealing with Leaf Spot disease. "Leaf Spot disease affects both the ability for the crop to put on sugar and tons," he said.

Ruhlman noted that some positive results of pre-harvest samples were taken in late August. The 200 samples tested showed an average sugar content of 17.07 percent, the highest pre-harvest sample quality in eight years. Stand count, the average number

of beets in a 100-yard row came in at 213, also an eight-year high.

The average yield in the pre-harvest sample was 19.34 tons per acre, less than similar samples taken last year that showed yields of 23.29 tons per acre.

The lower tonnage this year is due to lack of moisture in August as the beets began to mature and put on weight. Michigan Sugar Company's estimated yield, dependent on adequate rainfall in the coming weeks, is 27.5 tons per acre, down from last year's final yield of 29.3 tons per acre.

That equates to more than 4.2 million tons expected for delivery. "We can certainly use some rain over the next few weeks, but the good news is we have an incredibly healthy crop," Ruhlman said. "Our growers have simply done a phenomenal job."

## MiSTEM event set at fairgrounds

The Upper Thumb Region will host MiSTEM county-wide career exploration events for youths in Tuscola County.

The event for Tuscola County students is 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct 1, at the Tuscola County Fairgrounds.

The free event will provide hands-on career exploration for students, an opportunity for local businesses to showcase their trade, interact with students, and to promote careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM).

Businesses who want to participate, help sponsor the event, or volunteer to help, can call MiSTEM Regional Director Kristen Zagorski at 989-992-3916.

Michigan, together with business, education, and community partners created a MiSTEM Network throughout the state.

The program developed out of former Governor Rick Snyder's MiSTEM Advisory Council recommendation to make Michigan a world leader in STEM education.

The Council report listed four pillars as necessary components to

establish a system that will produce STEM-equipped students and educators.

These pillars are: create a STEM culture, empower STEM teachers, integrate business and education, and ensure high quality STEM experiences. That has been done and the program is being implemented.

The MiSTEM Network builds on existing STEM networks to create a STEM ecosystem that supports and implements the components outlined in the four pillars.

## Suicide awareness walk set Friday

Sanilac County will host a suicide awareness and remembrance walk, 6 to 8:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 27.

The theme for this year's fourth annual walk is "bringing light to the darkness."

Anthony Grupido, who is a wellness speaker and activist, will be the guest speaker at 6 p.m. at the Maple Valley Elementary School.

The event will include informational resource tables, a temporary tattoo table, an opportunity to personalize a luminary and to create your own personal remembrance candle.

The walk will follow the luminary lighting ceremony. The route for the walk will be from the Maple Valley School to the courthouse and back to the school.

For more information, go to the website: [www.stopsuicidenow.myevent.com](http://www.stopsuicidenow.myevent.com) to register, donate, and/or purchase a shirt.

All funds raised at the walk will be used for suicide prevention activities in 2020.

Death by suicide occurs in every community. In Michigan, it is the second leading cause of death for 15 to 34 year olds, the fourth leading cause of death for 35 to 44

year olds, and the fifth leading cause of death for 45 to 54 year olds. On average, one person dies by suicide every six hours in Michigan.

Every year suicide claims more lives than natural disaster, murder and war combined, and yet lacks funding necessary for prevention.

A difference can be made by raising funds to provide education on suicide and resources.

For those who are feeling overwhelmed, reach out for help by calling the Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 800-273-TALK (8255) or texting the Text Crisis Line: 74741. Help is available.

## Bat tests positive for rabies in Tuscola Co.

Tuscola County Health Department reports a bat in the county has tested positive for rabies.

The bat was found in the Caro area, pet exposure was documented and there was no human bite exposure.

"Rabies is a viral disease of mammals that is transmitted through the bite or scratch of an infected animal. Bats and skunks are the most common carriers of rabies in Michigan," said Ann Hepfer, who is the health officer for both the Huron and Tuscola County Health Departments, in a press release.

In 2018, there were 79 cases of rabies in animals in Michigan, including 77 bats and two skunks.

Local health departments expe-

rience an increase in calls from citizens about bat encounters during the warm weather months between May and September.

"During this time, bats are more active, searching for food and rearing their young. While bats are beneficial to our ecosystem, they are also one of the species of animal that is a natural host for the rabies virus," explained Hepfer. "People or pets usually get exposed to rabies when they are bitten by an infected animal."

"Other situations that may present a risk are when a bat is found in a room with people who have been asleep, or a bat is found with an unattended child or impaired adult who cannot be sure they didn't have contact with the bat."

In those cases, it is important to collect the bat for rabies testing.

If you are bitten or scratched by an animal, seek immediate medical attention and alert the Tuscola County Health Department by calling 989-673-8114.

If you find a bat in your home, safely confine or collect the bat if possible and contact your local health department to determine if it should be tested for rabies. More information on how to collect a bat safely can be found on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's website.

Protect your pets by getting them vaccinated against rabies. Even cats that live indoors and never go outside can encounter a bat that gets inside the home.

# Obituaries

Carol Gaffney

Carol Rose Gaffney, 71, of Cass City, died following a short illness, Sunday, September 15, 2019 in Covenant Medical Center Cooper Campus, Saginaw.

She was born November 7, 1947 in Pontiac to Leo and Dorothy (Harlow) Tracy.

She married Richard Gaffney on June 9, 1994.

Carol started her career working in many restaurants. She owned and operated Pizza Villa for many years and later Gaffney's Hometown Kitchen. Carol was also a bus driver for Cass City schools. Together, she and Richard served with the Cass City Fire

Department. She was a member of Living Word Worship Center of Cass City. Carol volunteered her time and skills restoring old dolls with Revive Ministries. She enjoyed crafts, crocheting and her doll collection.

Carol is survived by her husband, Richard; children: Tracy (James) Belanger of Holland, Tina (William) Rippey of Cass City, Michael (Joann) Furness of Manhattan, KS and Todd (Tonya) Furness of Caro; grandchildren: Kellie Belanger, Andrew Belanger, Roslyn (Edward) Coy, Ian (Hannah) Rippey, Autumn Rippey, Connor Furness and Peyton Furness; great-grandchildren: Mark and Brenna; step-children: Karen (Jim) McIntosh of Hadley and Kevin (Peggy) Gaffney of MS; step-grandchildren: Tavis (Carrie) Osentoski, Rory Osentoski, Blair Osentoski, Summer Osentoski and Joanna (Jeff) Jones; great-grandchildren: Elijah, Haven and Collen; brothers: Gary (Peggy) Tracy of NC and Christopher Tracy of MD; sisters: Dorothy Caverly (Alan Roth) of Deckerville and Teresa (Herbert) Williams of IL; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her great-grandson, Blake.

A funeral service was held Thursday, September 19, in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City with Pastor Jep Bryant of Living Word Worship Center officiating.

Interment will be Elkland Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Living Word Worship Center of Cass City. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and photos with the family at [www.kranzfuneralhome.com](http://www.kranzfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.



STATE REP. Phil Green (R-Millington), center, hosted Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson (left) and Tuscola County Emergency Services Coordinator Steve Anderson during a Sept. 11 remembrance ceremony earlier this month at the Michigan State Capitol.

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# School eyes more upgrades

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boilers, which are beyond their lifespan and may or may not continue to serve the building for another couple years.

If the boilers have to be replaced now, the cost would be about \$300,000, leaving the district with \$300,000.

Projects school officials are considering include a new heating, ventilation and air conditioning system for the junior-senior high offices and administrative offices, which were bypassed this summer; installation of new lighting and ceiling in two hallways near the high school gym; the purchase of three new buses, which cost roughly \$86,000 new but will be purchased with a grant that will cover 25 percent of the cost; and new keys for all offices as a security measure.

### Latest test scores

Turning to test scores during the regular monthly meeting, school officials reported local students have not only kept pace with statewide improvements in standardized test scores, but also led the pack in most categories among neighboring districts in the upper Thumb.

Statewide, Michigan Department of Education officials say third- and fourth-grade English language arts scores on the 2019 Michigan Student Test of Education Progress (M-STEP) – administered last spring — showed modest gains for the second straight year.

English language arts (ELA) scores by Michigan sixth graders also increased, as did math scores for third-, fifth-, and sixth-grade students.

Among Tuscola County Schools, Cass City's third grade scores ranked first in both English language arts (ELA) and math, with 68 percent and 77 percent of local students proficient on the exams, respectively. The fourth grade ELA scores were also ranked at the top, with 60 percent of Cass City students proficient on that exam. Fifty percent of Cass City fourth graders were proficient in math, placing them third among county schools behind Kingston (70 percent) and Reese (66 percent).

Among local fifth grade students, 53 percent were proficient in ELA (ranked third in the county) and math (ranked first in the county), and 32 percent were proficient in social studies (ranked first in the county).

Sixth graders, meanwhile, topped the county in ELA (52 percent proficient) and posted the second highest percentage (38 percent) in math among county schools behind Kingston (41 percent proficient).

The scores posted by Cass City students in grades three, four, five and six easily surpassed the average scores in all subject areas compared to their peers in the Tuscola Intermediate School District and statewide.

Cass City seventh grade M-STEP scores in math (37.7 percent proficient) and ELA (53.2 percent proficient) also topped the average scores posted by schools in the county and statewide, as did the eighth grade scores in math (52.2 percent proficient), ELA (64.2 percent proficient) and social studies (43.9 percent proficient).

Cass City's scores were less impressive in grade 11, with local students demonstrating a proficiency of 42.4 percent in social studies compared to state and county averages of 28 percent and 44.9 percent, respectively.

As for SAT scores, Cass City's juniors performed well, earning the district a first-place ranking among Tuscola County schools – second place overall in the upper Thumb (Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties) behind Harbor Beach.

The 2018 and 2019 assessments are the first time during the past five years where there is a relatively clean comparison across years for M-STEP and SAT (a standardized test widely used for college admissions), according to state education department officials.

"Year-to-year comparisons of state assessment results can be problematic," explained Dr. Venessa Keesler, deputy state education superintendent. "Changes and systematic improvements to Michigan's state assessment system have been made each year since the M-STEP began in 2015, which make it difficult to make data comparisons or interpret long-term data trends."

A number of changes have been implemented in standardized student testing in recent years.

In 2015, the online M-STEP assessment system replaced the paper-and-pencil, 44-year Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) system, for example. And, in 2016 and 2017, the ELA performance tasks were removed in grades three, four, six and seven, and the "SAT with Essay" replaced the Grade 11 Michigan Merit Exam's test in English language arts and math.

### In other business

In other business Monday night, the board:

\*Learned the district's fund balance is at a new high following completion of a routine audit of Cass City's 2018-19 budget, which was closed out at the end of June.

Chief Financial Officer Allison Zimba reported the audit revealed revenues for the fiscal year topped expenditures by more than \$97,500, up from the preliminary estimate of \$31,619. The district's fund balance now totals more than \$1.93 million – an amount equal to roughly 19 percent of its general fund budget.

\*Heard an update related to the state's new Read by Grade Three Law. Approved by the Michigan Legislature in 2016, the law goes into effect this school year and provides for the retention of third grade students if they are more than one grade level behind.

Hartel, who indicated he doesn't believe local school officials will be impacted by the law this year, judging by the latest standardized test scores, outline the law and steps taken to support youngsters who need additional assistance in achieving reading proficiency.

\*Formally approved an Emergency Operations Plan that will be forwarded to law enforcement and county emergency management officials. Hartel explained the plan, required by law, covers the protocols to be followed in the event of an emergency — such as a fire, bomb threat or intruder on school property — and includes procedures to protect students and staff, building diagrams, contact numbers, etc.

\*Accepted "with regret" the resignation of agriscience teacher and FFA Advisor Leigh Osentoski.



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# Legal Notices

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to MCL 600.3212, that the following will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on 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.

This notice is from a debt collector.  
Date of notice: September 4, 2019  
Trott Law, PC.

1394463 **9-4-4**

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Shawn A. Watts, a married man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 16, 2013 and recorded July 17, 2013 in Liber 1286, Page 629 Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by U.S. Bank National Association, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Four Thousand Forty-Six and 40/100 Dollars (\$164,046.40), including interest at 4.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on OCTOBER 17, 2019.

Said premises are located in the Township of Millington, Tuscola County Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 35, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, thence South 88 degrees, 30 minutes, West 739.21 feet along the South line of said Section 35 to the Point of Beginning of this description, RUNNING THENCE North 01 degrees, 30 minutes, West 300.0 feet, thence South 88 degrees, 30 minutes, West 200.0 feet, thence South 01 degrees, 30 minutes, East 300.0 feet to South line of said Section 35, thence North 88 degrees, 30 minutes, East 200.0 feet along South line of said Section 35 to the Point of Beginning.

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

Dated: September 18, 2019  
File No. 19-008054  
Firm Name: Orlans PC

**9-18-4**

FORECLOSURE NOTICE IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICEMEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY NOW OR IN THE PRIOR TWELVE MONTHS, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE.

Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Daniel J Brower, a single man to United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture, Mortgagee, dated October 6, 2010, and recorded on October 7, 2010, in Liber 1207, Page 849, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Eight and 50/100 (\$65,768.50) including interest at the rate of 4.25000% 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 in said Tuscola County, where the premises to be sold or some part of them are situated, at 10:00 AM on October 17, 2019 Said premises are situated in the City of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

The south 3 rods of lot 3, block 6 of the plat of Centerville (now Caro), according to the plat recorded in liber 11 of deeds, pages 362-363, now being page 59A excepting therefrom a strip of land 6 inches in width on the south side thereof Commonly known as: 218 PEARL ST, CARO, MI 48723 If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 6.00 months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) 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.

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that

event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Dated: September 18, 2019 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, (248) 335-9200 Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Case No. 19MI00407-1

**9-18-4**

SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN P.C., is attempting to collect a debt, any information obtained will be used for that purpose. MORTGAGE SALE - Dennis L. Delong and Melissa L. Delong, husband and wife, granted a mortgage to Bay Creek Mortgage, Mortgagee, dated November 21, 1996, and recorded on November 26, 1996, Liber 701, on Page 1338, and modified on September 17, 2014, recorded October 9, 2014, in Liber 1316, on Page 1117, and assigned by said mortgage to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twenty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Three and 77/100 Dollars (\$24,923.77).

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 Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on October 17, 2019. Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 31, Town 12 North, Range 11 East, thence North 265 feet, thence West 300 feet, thence South 265 feet, thence East 300 feet to the point of beginning. The redemption period will be one year from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later, or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238.

If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., S/B/M Chase Home Finance LLC, S/B/M to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 1395900

**9-18-4**

FORECLOSURE NOTICE IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICEMEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY NOW OR IN THE PRIOR TWELVE MONTHS, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE.

Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Daniel R. Skank and Susan T. Skank, husband and wife to Fifth Third Mortgage - MI, LLC, Mortgagee, dated June 5, 2007, and recorded on June 22, 2007, in Liber 1123, Page 270, Tuscola County Records, said mortgage was assigned to Fifth Third Bank by an Assignment of Mortgage dated September 05, 2019 and recorded September 16, 2019 in Liber 1431, Page 93, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Eight and 21/100 (\$145,538.21) including interest at the rate of 4.50000% 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 in said Tuscola County, where the premises to be sold or some part of them are situated, at 10:00 AM on October 24, 2019 Said premises are situated in the Township of Dayton, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: A parcel of land being part of the Northwest quarter of fractional section 5, Town 11 north, Range 10 east, described as:

Beginning at the west quarter corner of said section 5; thence along the west line of said section north 01 degrees, 29 minutes, 06 seconds west 300.00 feet; thence parallel with the east-west quarter line of said section north 88 degrees, 29 minutes, 59 seconds east 744.92 feet; thence perpendicular to said east-west quarter line, south 01 degree, 30 minutes, 01 seconds east 300.00 feet to said east-west quarter line; thence along said east-west quarter line, south 88 degrees, 29 minutes, 59 seconds west 745.00 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as:

3725 BYINGTON RD, MAYVILLE, MI 48744 If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 6.00 months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) 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.

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Dated: September 25, 2019 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Fifth Third Bank 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, (248) 335-9200 Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Case No. 19MI00393-1

**9-25-4**

NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, on April 19, 2004, a certain Adjustable Rate Mortgage was executed by Fraser Gene Seney a/k/a Fraser G. Seney and Bonnie L. Seney, as mortgagors, in favor of Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, a subsidiary of Lehman Brothers Bank, FSB, as mortgagee, which was recorded December 13, 2004 at Liber 1020, Page 770, Tuscola County Records; and, WHEREAS the mortgage was insured by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (the "Secretary")

pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family housing; and, WHEREAS the mortgage is now held by the Secretary, through mesne assignments as documented by an Assignment of Mortgage, dated July 27, 2015 and recorded August 6, 2015 at Liber 1334, Page 1421, Tuscola County Records; and, WHEREAS the mortgage at Paragraph (9)(a)(i) states that "Lender may require immediate payment in full of all sums secured by this Security Instrument if . . . [a] Borrower dies and the Property is not the principal residence of at least one surviving Borrower;" and, WHEREAS Fraser Gene Seney died on September 24, 2006 and there is no other borrower occupying the property; and, WHEREAS Bonnie L. Seney died on August 3, 2018 and there is no other borrower occupying the property; and,

WHEREAS the debt secured by the mortgage has been accelerated and is due and owing in the amount of \$169,977.78 as of September 4, 2019, and which remains wholly unpaid, as of today's date; and, WHEREAS the debt must be paid in full to avoid foreclosure of the property commonly known as: 621 Wilmot St., Vassar, Michigan; and, WHEREAS, by virtue of this default, the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the mortgage to be immediately due and payable; NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. § 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR part 27, subpart B, and by the Secretary's designation of me as Foreclosure Commissioner, recorded on September 26, 2016 at Liber 1359, Page 972, Tuscola County Records, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Thursday, October 24, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. local time, the real property located in the City of Vassar, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, the below described will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder:

Lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 17 and 18, Block 6, Harrington's Addition to the Village (now City) of Vassar, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats on Page 23A, Tuscola County Records. Commonly known as: 621 Wilmot St. Tax Parcel No: 051-500-276-0400-01 The sale will be held at the Tuscola County Circuit Courthouse, which is located at 440 N. State St., Caro, Michigan. The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development may bid any amount up to and including the total debt at the date of sale, plus any and all amounts recoverable under the provisions of the mortgage. There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before closing, his pro rata share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale. When making their bids, all bidders, except the Secretary, must submit a deposit totaling 10% of the successful bid in the form of a certified check or cashier's check, made payable to the Secretary of HUD. Each oral bid need not be accompanied by a deposit. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of 10% of the successful bid must be presented when the bidding is closed. The deposit is nonrefundable. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within 30 days of the sale or such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier's check. If the Secretary is the high bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveyancing fees, all real estate and other taxes that are due on or after the delivery of the remainder of the payment and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At the conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them. The Secretary may grant an extension of time within which to deliver the remainder of the payment. All extensions will be for 15-day increments for a fee of \$500.00, paid in advance. The extension fee shall be in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of HUD. If the high bidder closes the sale prior to the expiration of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied toward the amount due.

If the high bidder is unable to close the sale within the required period, or within any extensions of time granted by the Secretary, the high bidder may be required to forfeit the cash deposit or, at the election of the Foreclosure Commissioner after consultation with the HUD Field Office representative, will be liable to HUD for any costs incurred as a result of such failure. The Commission may, at the direction of the HUD Field Office Representative, offer the Property to the second highest bidder for an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder. There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgagor or others subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure Commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale, as provided herein. HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant.

The mortgage cannot be "reinstated" prior to sale, as the event triggering acceleration was not a default in payments. Payment of the entire outstanding balance of the mortgage debt is required to stop the foreclosure. The "outstanding balance" includes amounts that would be due under the mortgage agreement if payments under the mortgage had not been accelerated, advertising costs, posting costs and postage expenses incurred in giving notice, mileage by the most reasonable road distance for posting notices, reasonable and customary costs incurred for title and lien record searches, the necessary out-of-pocket costs incurred by the Foreclosure Commissioner for recording documents, a commission for the Foreclosure and all other costs incurred in connection with the foreclosure prior to the sale.

Date: September 4, 2019  
Heide M. Myszak  
Foreclosure Commissioner for the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development  
31440 Northwestern Hwy., Ste. 145  
Farmington Hills, MI 48334 STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF OAKLAND SS.  
On this 4th day of September, 2019, before me, a Notary Public in and for Oakland County, appeared Heide M. Myszak, Foreclosure Commissioner for the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, to me personally known and being duly sworn did say that said instrument was signed and did acknowledge the same to be her free act and deed.

Name: Jessica A. Allen  
Notary Public, Oakland County, Michigan  
My Commission Expires: February 4, 2024  
Drafted by and when recorded return to: Gary C. Bengtson (P57250)  
Trott Law, PC  
31440 Northwestern Hwy., Ste. 145, Farmington Hills, MI 48334  
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**9-25-3**

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GARAGE SALE - Sept. 27, 28 & 29 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 7070 Elmwood Road, Cass City. Tools, appliances, indoor/outdoor furniture, bedding, toys, pets & holiday items, corvette and much more. 14-9-18-2

SATTLEBERG ESTATE SALE - 2697 E. Dickerson Rd., Unionville. 1-1/2 miles E of Colwood Bar. Thursday, Sept. 26 & Friday, Sept. 27 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All items 1/2 off Saturday. 5 pieces oak bedroom set, freezer, easy chairs, sofa beds, sonblower, misc. tools, kitchenware, glassware, misc. furniture and garage items. Bring help to carry heavy items. Everything very clean and in good condition. Wonder-Women Sales. 14-9-25-1

GARAGE SALE - Housewares, furniture, yarn and fabric. 6643 Seed St., Cass City. Thursday. Sept. 26 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. 1 4-9-25-1

ESTATE SALE - Friday, September 27, and Saturday, September 28 from 8:30 to 5 p.m. Saturday is half priced day. House and Workshop. Tons of wood-working tools, great sale for men. Pictures available on Facebook and Craig's list, 6181 Milligan Cass City. 4-9-25-1

First Presbyterian Church FALL RUMMAGE SALE Thurs., Sept. 26 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. with bake sale Fri., Sept. 27 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. HALF OFF 1 block north of stopligh in Cass City. 14-9-18-2

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**Legal Notices**

State of Michigan Probate Court  
County of Tuscola  
Publication of Notice of Hearing  
File No. 19-000008-NC

In the matter of Cyrena Marie Beckman-Wright. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including: whose address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on Monday, October 7, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. at Tuscola County Probate/Family Courtroom before Judge Honorable Nancy L. Thane (P38918) for the following purpose: To complete a legal name from: Cyrena Marie Beckman-Wright, to: Cyrena Marie Wright.

Dated: 09/05/2019  
William Wright petitioner  
118 E. Washington St.  
Caro, MI 48723  
(989) 672-9043

**9-25-1**

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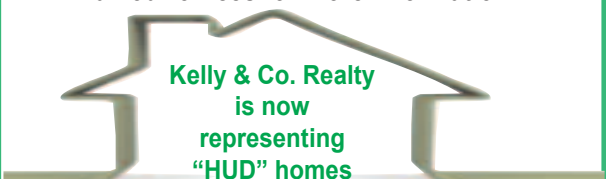


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# Health officials: EEE cases confirmed in 7; disease claims 3 lives

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) urges people to protect themselves from mosquito bites because of the risk of Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE)

The alert is because of seven confirmed human cases of EEE since July. The reported cases were in Barry, Berrien, Calhoun, Cass, Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties. Three of the cases were fatal.

As of Sept. 20, EEE has been confirmed in 21 animals from 11 counties: Barry, Berrien, Calhoun, Cass, Genesee, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Lapeer, Montcalm, St. Joseph and Van Buren.

There is an EEE vaccine available for horses, but not for people. Additional animal cases are under investigation.

MDHHS is encouraging Southwest Michigan counties that have been impacted by human EEE cases and St. Joseph, Genesee and Lapeer counties – which have had animal EEE cases – to consider postponing, rescheduling or cancelling outdoor activities occurring at or after dusk, particularly activities that involve children. The recommendation was made out of an abundance of caution to protect the public health and applies until the first hard frost of the year.

“Michigan is experiencing its worst Eastern Equine Encephalitis outbreak in more than a decade. The ongoing cases reported in humans and animals and the severity of this disease illustrate the importance of taking precautions against mosquito bites,” said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, MDHHS chief medical executive and chief deputy for health. EEE is one of the most dangerous mosquito-borne diseases in the United States, with a 33 percent fatality rate in people who become ill. People can be infected with EEE from the bite of a mosquito carrying the viruses. Persons younger than age 15 and over age 50 are at greatest risk of severe disease following infection.

Recommended precautions include: using insect repellents with DEET, Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants when outdoors. Apply insect repellent to clothing to help prevent bites.

Maintain window and door screening to help keep mosquitoes outside.

Empty water from mosquito breeding sites around the home, such as buckets, unused kiddie pools, old tires or similar sites where mosquitoes may lay eggs.

Use nets and/or fans over outdoor eating areas.

Signs of EEE include the sudden onset of fever, chills, body and joint aches which can progress to a severe encephalitis, resulting in headache, disorientation, tremors, seizures and paralysis. Permanent brain damage, coma and death may also occur in some cases.

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



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