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EEE confirmed in Thumb area horse

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) has been confirmed in Tuscola County.

"I was notified by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) that an unvaccinated horse tested positive for EEE," Ann Hepfer, health officer for both the Tuscola and Huron County health departments, said last week.

"The horse death did occur in the Cass City area on Sept. 28, and testing on it was just confirmed as EEE."

The horse started having symptoms the third week of September. Because of the illness, the horse was euthanized. Samples were taken and sent in for testing. The results that came back Tuesday showed the horse had EEE. Officials said the animal had not been vaccinated for the disease.

"Several other horses in Kent County and the surrounding area tested positive for EEE, and they were all unvaccinated cases," said Tuscola County's Mosquito Abatement Director Kim Green.

Despite that finding, Tuscola County's Mosquito Suppression Department has shut down for the season.

"Our (suppression) season is over. The temperatures are not allowing us to do any more spraying. Spraying cannot be done at night when temperatures dip below 50 degrees," Green explained. "And, spraying cannot be done during the day because it would be harming the bees."

Although suppression efforts normally stop at the end of September, they continued on briefly into this month due to the health threat to humans and animals. The spraying was extended in order to accommodate after school sports as well as public use areas such as parks.

The last day for suppression was Oct. 4.

"The crew has been laid off and we are done for the season," said Green, noting halting spraying was not just a temperature issue. "Our budget only runs until Oct. 1. We don't have the resources to continue on much past that."

Green, who strongly suggests horses be vaccinated against the EEE virus, said there have been other health risks detected in the region.

"One bird was found to have West Nile Virus that was turned in by a resident. We tested that bird in-house and it tested positive for West Nile. And, there was one mosquito pool that came back for it that was also positive earlier in the season," she added. "We've had some diseases detected in the county, but they were not as serious."

"There could be some animals with the virus running around, but they are not symptomatic."

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Huron jury convicts MSP trooper Mullin

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A Huron County jury spent about two hours deliberating Thursday before handing down verdicts of guilty against a Michigan State Police trooper facing four assault-related charges stemming from his assault of his female partner – and an attempt to cover it up – last February in Bad Axe.

The jury convicted Adam Mullin, 25, of Millington, on four counts, including felony charges of obstruction of justice, which carries a maximum five years in incarceration and/or a \$10,000 fine; and obstructing a police officer – causing injury, punishable by up to four years in prison and a \$5,000 fine.

He was also convicted on two misdemeanor charges – aggravated domestic violence, punishable by up to a year in



Adam Mullin

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Novesta officials eye millage hike for roads

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

After years of meeting at the Cass City Gun Club, the Novesta Township Board is poised to start taking care of business in its own home.

And, part of that business will be gearing up for a millage campaign in an effort to make more headway on road repairs in the township.

Starting with the Nov. 4 meeting, all meetings, postings and voting will take place at the new township hall at 3016 N. Cemetery Rd., Cass City, according to township Supervisor Chad Daniels.

The board recently approved the move to the new hall and immediately approved posting the change. Clerk Pennie Rienas made it official when she posted the notice on the gun club door.

The board's Nov. 4 meeting is scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m.

Township officials have been conducting official business at the gun

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FORMER U-M basketball player Austin Hatch brought his inspiring message to Cass City Junior-Senior High School during a special program Thursday. Hatch is often referred to as a walking miracle, having fought his way back to play for U-M after surviving two plane crashes in the span of eight years that claimed the lives of his parents and all of his siblings and left him critically injured.

True GRIT

Hatch, who survived two fatal plane crashes in eight years, shares inspirational message with local kids

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

It takes true GRIT to face the sort of unimaginable tragedy and physical challenges Austin Hatch has faced in his life, but he'll tell you that anyone can overcome adversity if they're prepared, willing to work hard and focus on the greater good in everything they do.

That was the message the former U-M basketball player shared Thursday with a packed house in the Cass City Junior-Senior High School gymnasium, filled with enthusiastic students.

Hatch's advice is far more than lip service; the young man many call a walking miracle survived two plane crashes in the span of eight years that claimed the lives of his parents and all of his siblings – and left him critically injured just days after committing to U-M on a basketball scholarship.

Hatch shared his inspiring story — and the ingredients that have made up his secret to success — after fellow U-M basketball alum and longtime Cass City educator Lloyd Schinnerer introduced him to the crowd, which included students and other members of the Cass City community as well as dozens of Kingston and Uby students bussed in for the special event.

Schinnerer noted he shares a few things in common with Hatch, including the fact that they both were members of Michigan teams that played in NCAA national championships — although 42 years apart. But he acknowledged Hatch is in a class by himself when it comes to overcoming the challenges Hatch has faced.

But Hatch was quick to point out that his success in life can belong to anyone if they make the decision to focus on the positive, are willing to put in the effort it takes to reach their goals, and always follow through on their commitments to others.

Hatch utilizes the acronym GRIT to illustrate his message, noting it stands for Growth mindset, Resilience, Integrity and a Team first mentality.

For example, when you face adversity, use that challenge as motivation to respond positively and create a new beginning — seize it as an opportunity, he said, adding it's wise to begin with small challenges so you're prepared if a

much larger one comes along. "If we learn things from the adversity we face today... that's the competitive edge," he said.

Hatch said he's learned that what happens in life is never as important as how people respond, and that's important because life has a way of not turning out the way you expect or want it to. "We are not the product of our circumstances; we are the product of how we choose to respond."

Equally important is an individual's integrity, he said, which means making good on obligations to others, even

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HATCH URGED local students to meet adversity head-on by it as motivation to respond positively to challenges in all aspects of their lives. He also played a game of HORSE with a handful of selected students and made time for a meet-and-greet with the kids after his program.



MEMBERS of the Cass City High School Class of 1964 recently gathered in Bad Axe for a reunion, present were: front l-r, Pam Dillon Reid, Carol Root Summers, Beryl Copeland Bliss, Richard Bukowski, Diane Repshinska, Sharon Profit Campbell, Sally Edzik Hedley, Dee Ellen Albee Herhalt, Alice Phillips Ellis, Charlene Leeson Sutherland; (middle) Bill McCarty, Florence Moore Welch, Gordon Bigham, Tom Craig, Jeri Field Mozden, Marilyn Brown Miller, Barbara Bridges Irrer, Lorraine James Oswald, Sharon Hoppe Rockwell, Ann Starman Craig, Martha Arndt, Etselene Wilcox Terbush; (back) Alan Milligan, Milton Sherrard, Roger Hartwick, Dave Stine, John Herhalt, Marvin Irrer, Don Englehart and Caroline Kloc Rutkowski.



THE CASS CITY HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1963 recently met at the Franklin Inn in Bad Axe. In attendance were, front l-r, Joanne Miljure Snow, Richard Reid, Kathy Van Vliet Nichols; (back) Ronald Rockwell, Jerry Ross and Ed Knight.

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Patient kind and true;
No other friend in all the world,
Will be the same to you.
When other friends forsake you,
To mother you will return,
For all her loving kindness,
She asks nothing in return.
As we look upon her picture,
Sweet memories we recall,
Of a face so full of sunshine,
And a smile for one and all.
Sweet Jesus, take this message,
To our dear mother up above;
Tell her how we miss her,
And give her all our love.

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Blanche A. Houghton
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October 14, 1969*



*Leeson, Adkins
exchange vows
in September*



**Stephanie and
Nicholas Adkins**

Stephanie Leeson and Nicholas Adkins were married Saturday, September 7, 2019 at Indian Fields Township Park in Caro. The reception was held at the Cass City VFW hall.

Stephanie is the daughter of Joe and Jill Leeson of Cass City. Nicholas is the son of Kris Wheeler and Mark Adkins of Cass City.

Stephanie works as a receptionist in Caro at Opticare Vision Center and coaches JV Volleyball in Cass City. She graduated from Saginaw Valley State University with her Bachelor's in Health and Human Science in 2016. Nicholas works at Thumb Cooling and Heating as an HVAC technician in Cass City and is currently pursuing his degree in that field.

The pair grew up in Cass City and went to school together where they first met in 2006. They will continue to reside in Cass City.

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Celebrating wearing pink pride



Learn how to lower risk of liver cancer

October is Liver Cancer Awareness Month, and state health officials are offering some sage advice worth following: you can lower your risk through testing, vaccination and a healthy lifestyle.

Liver cancer is the sixth leading cause of cancer deaths in Michigan, and between 2008 and 2017, liver cancer mortality increased by 46 percent.

To help raise awareness and promote early detection and prevention of the disease, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is urging Michigan residents to take steps now to protect themselves.

New cases of liver cancer continue to rise in Michigan.

Between 2007 and 2016, there was an increase of 50 percent in liver cancer incidence. And, liver cancer has the third lowest survival rate of any type of cancer, with a five-year survival rate of roughly 18 percent.

In the United States, chronic hepatitis B and hepatitis C infection are leading causes of liver cancer, making up 65 percent of factors contributing to liver cancer incidence. However, most people with hepatitis B or hepatitis C do not know they are infected because these infections rarely cause symptoms.

"Michiganders can reduce their risk of liver cancer through early detection and disease prevention," said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, chief medical executive and chief deputy for health for MDHHS. "Talk to your healthcare provider about possible risk factors and hepatitis testing."

To identify current infections, Michiganders should get tested for hepatitis B and hepatitis C by contacting their healthcare provider or local health department. For individuals with no prior exposure to the hepatitis B virus, infection can be prevented with a vaccine.

For individuals experiencing active infection with hepatitis B and/or hepatitis C, treatments are available that can reduce their risk of liver cancer. Hepatitis C treatments can cure more than 95 percent of persons infected with hepatitis C.

During Liver Cancer Awareness Month, Michiganders are urged to:

*Identify your risk for hepatitis B and/or hepatitis C by taking the CDC's five-minute online Hepatitis Risk Assessment at CDC.gov/Hepatitis/RiskAssessment.

*Get tested if you are at risk. Talk to your healthcare provider or local health department about getting a simple blood test for hepatitis B and/or hepatitis C.

*Protect yourself and your loved ones from hepatitis B by getting vaccinated.

*If you are currently infected with hepatitis B and/or hepatitis C, talk to your healthcare provider about treatment options. There are treatments for hepatitis B that can lower your risk of liver cancer and new and effective hepatitis C treatments with minimal side effects.

*Follow a healthy lifestyle, such as regular exercise and consuming a healthy diet with limited amounts of alcohol. Excessive alcohol consumption can lead to cirrhosis (scarring) of the liver.

I don't own any clothes that are pink and I don't think I ever did. I can understand the trend of pink is for girls and blue is for boys because it is difficult to tell if a baby is a boy or a girl. I firmly believe the trend of wearing pink or blue to designate sex should stop at age two.

I used to have an issue with adult females who went all out dressing in pink. That was before I was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2007.

October is breast cancer awareness month. Being a journalist saved my life, allowing me to be a breast cancer survivor.

Newspapers schedule articles to coincide with certain annual events, and each October news articles abound on breast cancer awareness.

As a veteran journalist, the cycle of some stories becomes routine and are written by rote. Thankfully, a little warning bell sounded in my mind when I was writing an article a few years ago about hospitals offering mammograms at a reduced price in October.

It was while I was typing up and editing a press release about mammograms and cancer statistics that I realized it had been awhile since I had a mammogram done.

I didn't have a mammogram done in 2005 when I was dealing with the death of my son. I didn't have one done in 2006 after I broke up with my boyfriend. After realizing that, my initial reaction was, so what. I had always had a mammogram faithfully done each year until those two life events. It shouldn't be a big deal that I missed a few years. After all, nothing had ever shown up on the other tests so I can deal with it the next year, I rationalized.

I finally scheduled a mammogram. I drove back roads to the hospital with the windows of my van down, enjoying the warm weather and singing along with the radio. It was an enjoyable drive, and a great day to be alive, I remember thinking.

After having a mammogram done, it takes a few weeks to get the results back. Because of my busy schedule, mail piled up. It took several days for me to get around to opening up the test results.

The letter said a suspicious spot was detected, so a biopsy was ordered.


It was cancer, so a mastectomy was done and then chemo.

Besides being a journalist, I am also a columnist. I struggled whether or not I should write a column about cancer. Eventually I did, and it was very difficult to write about such a personal issue, but I was happy I did.

From that column, several women who read it had a mammogram done. Some called to tell me they had the test done and everything was fine. There were a few who called and thanked me for the column because cancer was found.

The earlier cancer is detected, the better chance of survival. I know that first-hand. It has been 12 years since I was told I had cancer. I'm here to write this column, and to say, "Get tested. It really does save lives."

While I still don't look pretty in pink, I have a whole new appreciation for the color and those who wear it.



Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

A glance at my calendar says Monday was Columbus Day.

But according to Wikipedia, it's now Indigenous Peoples' Day - a holiday that celebrates and honors the Native Americans and commemorates their shared history and culture. It is celebrated across the United States on the second Monday in October, and is an official city and state holiday in various localities. It began as a counter-celebration held on the same day as the U.S. federal holiday of Columbus Day, which honors Italian explorer Christopher Columbus.

Who knew? Not me.

So, Saturday the Haire families traveled to Madison, Wisconsin to visit relatives and attend the Michigan State football game. It wasn't much of a game, but still fun to get away.

Madison, the state's capital, seemed pretty clean to me and offered plenty of lodging and dining choices. However, I also felt unimpressed with Camp Randall Stadium. A former Union Army training camp during the civil war, it has been the home of Wisconsin Badgers football since 1895, with a fully functioning stadium since 1917. The oldest and fifth largest stadium in the Big Ten Conference, Camp Randall is the 41st largest stadium in the world, with a seating capacity of 80,321.

The facility's age was apparent, or maybe it was just sour grapes on my part.

Saturday's MSU football game wasn't the first game that I attended this year. But that's not where this trivia is headed.

After attending the Spartans' game against Western Michigan on Sept. 7th, I purchased a program that included a poster with the Sparty mascot on center stage.

I mailed it to Michigan Wolverine fanatic Jim Hillaker on Monday, Sept 9th, from our Cass City post office to his Seeger Street home. It arrived last Monday on Oct. 7th.

Snail Mail, says my Maize and Blue friend.

This from the Cass City Police Department.

Calls for service in Sept. 2019 (132 complaints) have decreased from Aug. 2019 (163 complaints). It should be noted that the monthly comparison is 26 days to 31 days.

Also, calls for service have increased in 2019 (1507 complaints) from the date period in 2018 (1,296 complaints). The increase, officials say, is due to code enforcement efforts.

And this, from Cass City Village Manager Debbie Powell.

She says during the past month the village staff has been busy applying the new policy for nonpayment of water utility bills.

Accordingly, there were 16 customers who were tagged for shut off, however, only a few actual shut offs occurred and most of them were unoccupied properties.

She credited the rather smooth process of implementing the policy to advance notification to the water customers.

"The local media were essential with helping inform and educate the public on the new policy and changes," she said during the Sept. regular meeting of the village council.

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Wednesday, October 16

•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.
•Spaghetti Dinner at Cass City VFW Hall from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Take out available. For more information call (989) 872-4933.

Thursday, October 17

•AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.
•Sanilac County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, 3 p.m., HDC Adult Day Services Building, 227 N. Elk St., Sandusky. For more information, contact Kim at (989) 673-4121 or Amanda at (810) 648-4497.
•Grief Support meetings, "Healing Together." Heritage Hill, 1430 Cleaver Rd., Caro, 7-8:30 p.m. For questions or to register to attend please call the office at (989) 872-5852 or toll free (877) 872-5852. These sessions are open to anyone dealing with a grief or loss. Sponsored by Hospice Advantage, Cass City.
•Caregiver Support Group, 11:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Bullard-Sanford Memorial Library, 520 W. Huron Ave., Vassar. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

Friday, October 18

•Senior Citizen Movies, Rawson Memorial Library, Cass City at 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 19

•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.
•Revive Food Pantry, from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Must live in the Cass City School District and meet the financial guidelines. For more information, call (989)551-7803.

Sunday, October 20

•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, October 21

•Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubyly. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.
•AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.
•Shabbona Outreach Baby Pantry, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Shabbona Outreach 5448 Shabbona Rd. Decker, MI. Gently used clothing and equipment, diapers, bottles, toys, formula, baby food. For more information contact Judy Doerr (989) 658-8625.

Tuesday, October 22

•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.

NOTICE

Novesta Township Residents

Starting with the Board Meeting on
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all future posting, meetings and elections
will be at the
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Pennie Rienas
Novesta Township Clerk

Neighbor feud in Huron County ends in arrest of mom, daughter

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Neighborhood feuds are nothing new under the sun and rarely receive media attention, but there are times when someone goes too far.

That was the case Thursday in Huron County's Sheridan Township, according to Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson, who reported deputies arrested a mother and daughter on charges stemming from an ongoing dispute with a neighbor.

"Since May of this year, our office has responded over 20 times for incidents related to an ongoing neighbor dispute (on) South Thomas Road," Hanson said, adding deputies took the mother and daughter into custody on authorized misdemeanor charges of

stalking.

Arrested were 62-year-old Stella M. Pawloski and her daughter, Stardust L. Padilla-Medina, 37, who both reside at 2780 S. Thomas Rd. The pair remain lodged in the Huron County Jail on \$10,000 cash bonds.

The women's next court appearance will be pre-trial hearings.

"As what happens all too many times in situations like this one, as time goes on and intentional escalation occurs, someone either gets hurt or ends up in jail," said Hanson, who did not release specific details of the circumstances that led to last week's arrests.

"Disputes (like these) get very intense and emotional, and are normally over something like blight, noise or personalities — things that can easily be resolved

as long as rational thinking is existing on both sides," he said. "Unfortunately... a simple resolution isn't always allowed to occur.

"At any given time throughout our county, two or three neighbor disputes of this level exist. We ask residents who are involved in an ongoing feud, or about to get involved in one, please realize that unwarranted aggression will eventually lead to disrupting and inconveniencing the aggressor's life, well beyond just giving the other side a hard time," Hanson added.

"We also always try to warn both parties of things like this that if the feud doesn't end, someone normally, over time, will go beyond and eventually be charged with something."

Reese School officials: threat that locked down district not credible

Reese Public School officials reported some tense moments last week after the district's middle-high school received an undisclosed threat.

The incident unfolded shortly after 9 a.m. Tuesday, prompting school officials to implement their standard protocols by placing the middle-high school in "shelter in place" mode and the elementary schools in "secure mode" while

law enforcement investigated.

"Local authorities arrived on site along with the Tuscola County (Sheriff's Department) and Michigan State Police," school officials posted on the district's Facebook page.

"Upon arrival of law enforcement, the situation was assessed, school protocol was followed and the school remained in shelter in place until the all-clear was given

by authorities at approximately 11:55 a.m.

"It was determined by authorities that at no time was there a credible threat to the school. Law enforcement is continuing an investigation at this time and they have been in contact with the prosecuting attorney," officials stated.

No information was released regarding the nature of the threat.

Circuit court proceedings

Several appear on felony charges

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

*Dennis R. Robstad, 28, Vassar, pleaded guilty to tampering with an electronic monitoring device June 17 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual of-

fender (three or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$4,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Bruce A. Hipkins, 23, Millington, was sentenced to 365 days in the county jail following his pleas of no contest to charges of criminal sexual conduct, second degree (victim under the age of 13 years), unlawful imprisonment and stalking a minor.

He was also placed on probation for 60 months and ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,394.

*Edgar B. Mahan, 69, Deford, was sentenced to 365 days in jail following his pleas of no contest to three counts of criminal sexual conduct, fourth degree, between July 1, 2018, and Oct. 31, 2018, in Kingston Township.

The jail time was deferred, according to court records, which state he was placed on probation for 60 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$690.

*Dillin Jacob-Cole Lewis, 27, Cass City, was sentenced to 151 days in jail following his plea of no contest to domestic violence, third offense, May 4 in Elkland Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to jail time, he was placed on probation for 60 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,258.

*David S. Hayes, 41, Cass City, was sentenced to 90 days in jail following his pleas of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor and possession of a controlled substance June 2 in Novesta Township.

He was also placed on probation for 12 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$758.

*Codi L. Giddings, 26, Mayville, was sentenced to 90 days in jail following his plea of no contest to larceny in a building Feb. 7, 2018, in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony convictions).

In addition to jail time, he was placed on probation for 12 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$858 plus restitution of \$181.

*Jamie C. Gilliam, 48, Mayville, was sentenced to 365 days in jail, with work release and worksite privileges, following a plea of

guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, May 17 in Caro. The defendant was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

Gilliam was also placed on probation for 60 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,259.

*Alana M. Turner-Ambrozy, 33, Kingston, was sentenced to 93 days in jail following her pleas of no contest to two counts of child abuse, third degree, and one count of domestic violence between August 2018 and May 2019 in Kingston.

She was also placed on probation for 12 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$726.

*Chase Ray-Allen Green, 33, Caro, pleaded guilty to domestic violence, third offense, July 7 in Indianfields Township.

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

*Lance Matthew-Cody Lenker, 23, Vassar, pleaded guilty to assault with intent to commit great bodily harm less than murder June 20 in Vassar. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

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

*Jenna E. Gould, 33, Cass City, pleaded guilty to being a prisoner in possession of contraband (controlled substance) July 26 in Caro. She was also convicted of being an habitual offender (two prior felony convictions).

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

*Melissa D. Spencer, 41, Caro, pleaded no contest to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, and to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of a controlled substance or an intoxicating substance — with an occupant under the age of 16 years, second offense, July 5 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$15,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

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Reporter's notebook
Remembering my own hero
by Tom Montgomery
Editor



Unless you're a plastic surgeon, the name Dr. Ralph Blocksma probably doesn't ring a bell.

But in Michigan, across the nation and overseas, Blocksma is a legend, not only in the field of plastic surgery — particularly in the area of giving youngsters born with a cleft lip and palate a new lease on life — but also as a Christian man whose skills in the operating room were equaled only by his drive to serve his fellow man both home and abroad.

As a kid growing up in Grand Rapids, I idolized the man. His gentle demeanor and compassion helped me through some very trying years as a youngster and teenager.

Dr. Blocksma passed away 18 years ago this month at the age of 87, but my fond memories of my time with him haven't faded.

I met him on my first birthday at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids (now part of the Spectrum healthcare system) in early February 1962, but I can't say I remember the introductions. He was called in to consult after I was born with a very large birthmark on my scalp that was riddled with tiny benign tumors called multiple neurofibroma.

Over the next 15 years, Dr. Blocksma performed five surgeries on me, removing crescent-shaped sections of the birthmark along with the tumors. I still have a scar on my thigh where he took a skin graft for the first operation.

I was just a tot the first time he operated, and my mom was surprised to walk into my room the next morning to find Dr. Blocksma, chief of staff at Butterworth, feeding me breakfast.

Over the years, he and I had many conversations during my visits to his office, and he always seemed to know just what to say, especially as the sort of cruel, non-stop teasing I faced at the various schools I attended while growing up took its toll.

He once pointed out to me, very gently, that many of the children he cared for faced much worse physical deformities than I did. He added, however, that the loving God who created us all made no mistakes and had a very special purpose for children born with special challenges.

A few years later — I believe I was about 12 — I wrote him a letter to express my desire to follow in his footsteps, but expressed concern about also being able to one day marry and be a good family man.

I still have the type-written letter he sent me in response.

He told me he was delighted with my decision, and he encouraged me, but cautioned my goal would require me to be an excellent student over a long period of time (which sort of fell by the wayside, given my grades in math and science in the years that followed). He also shared his own experience, saying that in spite of the long hours of his profession, his wife always made sure that the time he had with his children was quality time.

"Tom, you are a very sensitive and perceptive young man, and I thank God that there are people like you in the world, because no matter what you do, the world will be better for your having lived in it," he wrote in closing.

It may not seem like much, but looking back, the fact that he took the time to encourage me meant everything, given his extraordinary career.

A graduate of Calvin College and the University of Michigan School of Medicine, Dr. Blocksma completed his surgery and plastic surgery residencies at St. Luke's Hospital in Chicago.

He was a captain in the U.S. Army, serving from 1942 to 1945 as a plastic surgeon in evacuation hospitals in England, France and Germany. Later, he embarked on a career in international medicine that would continue throughout his life, spending five years in Lahore, Pakistan, working to establish the United Christian Hospital, where he became medical director and chief of surgery.

He returned to Grand Rapids in 1954 to start his own private practice.

He also spent a great deal of his own time and money promoting the development of plastic surgery in Third World countries, performing short-term missionary service in Thailand, Korea, Taiwan, India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Oman, Bahrain, Lebanon, Ecuador, Sam Blas Islands, Panama, Borneo, Nigeria, Malawi, Nicaragua and Liberia.

At Butterworth Hospital, he served as chief of plastic surgery, director of the Oral Cleft Clinic, was chief of staff and served as a member of the hospital's board of trustees. He also founded and directed the residency program in plastic surgery that still bears his name.

Ralph Blocksma was a rare hero in my life, not just because of his impact on me, but because of the impact he had and — even years after his death — continues to have on so many lives.

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Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2014)

Organizers of Pinktober — A Community with a Cause recently announced this year's Pinktober art project winners, whose talents will be on display at the Artistic Endeavors Gallery in Cass City through the end of the month. The winners are first place — Connor Majeski, second grade; second place — Clair Walker, kindergarten; and third place — Caleb Loomis, third grade.

Paul Chappel was an invited guest to Saturday's Michigan State-Michigan football game in East Lansing. The former Cass City dentist and Marlette High School basketball star was among the members of the 1967 Spartan championship basketball squad that was honored during the annual rival game. Chappel says he was treated like royalty for the entire weekend that ended with a shindig at current MSU basketball Coach Tom Izzo's home.

10 YEARS AGO (2009)

With more than 30 years in education, including nearly 20 years as an administrator in traditional and non-traditional secondary public school settings in 3 different states, Kristine Simons could have sent her resume to any number of districts. But she chose to join the administrative team at the Ugly Community Schools. And, she says, it was an easy decision.

Christy Schmidt has been named Owendale-Gagetown School's "Senior Student of the Month" for October. Schmidt has been very active in sports during high school and has won numerous awards. She has been a member of the volleyball, basketball and softball teams each year and currently also serves as one of the high school coaches for the junior high volleyball team. Schmidt is the daughter of Mike and Loretta Schmidt of Gagetown. After graduation, she plans to attend Saginaw Valley State University.

For the past 2 weeks the Cass City volleyball team has played their best ball of the year under rookie Coach Vanessa Sutton, to end the regular season. Monday the Red Hawks took their show to a new level at the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Class C district tournament in Bad Axe, shocking Greater Thumb West (GTW) rival Elkton Pigeon-Bay Port in straight games. The conference runner-up Lakers, who defeated Cass City twice during GTW action before the district opener, had no answer for a balanced Red Hawk offense and bowed 25-22, 25-22 and 25-15.

25 YEARS AGO (1994)

The Euchre Club met Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Copeland. High prizes were won by Mrs. Frank Laming and Jerry Decker. Low prizes were won by Mrs. Elmer Fuester and Arnold LaPeer. Mrs. Frank Laming won the traveling prize. The group had supper at Charmont.

This week's student of the week is Brent Ruggles, son of Mark and Deb Ruggles. Brent is in the 10th grade. He is involved in the S.A.D.D. program. Brent was chosen by the Courtesy Council for his continued courtesy and his outstanding academic record. Brent also assists in the guidance office.

35 YEARS AGO (1984)

Dorothy (Crawford) Jenkins, formerly of Cass City, spent last week in Denver, Colo. She visited Margaret (Graham) Sarkis of Greeley, Colo. They graduated from Cass City High School and had not seen each other since 1959. The class had a recent 25th reunion at Colony House, which Mrs. Jenkins attended.

Mrs. Theda Seeger, Mrs. Normaleen McIntosh and the latter's sister, Patricia Hester of West Bloomfield, returned Monday night from an eight-day trip to the Ozarks, part of a tour group.

Mrs. James (Diane) Hrabec was recently awarded a Master of Arts degree in School Administration from Michigan State University. Mrs. Hrabec, now residing in Flint, graduated from Cass City High School and received her B.S. in education from Eastern Michigan University.

William R. Otulakowski graduated Oct. 12 from boot camp at Great Lakes, Ill. A 1984 graduate of Cass City High School, he entered the

Navy Aug. 14.

Thomas B. Guinther of Cass City is being recognized by General Telephone of Michigan on his 15th anniversary of employment with the company. Guinther, a switch person in the company's switching service department in Cass City, started his telephone career in Cass City. He is responsible for the maintenance and care of the Cass City switching office. Guinther, a graduate of Cass City High School, and his wife Kay live in Cass City. They have two children.

40 YEARS AGO (1979)

The Great Pumpkin came early for Beth Phillips, 20-month-old daughter of William and Jean Phillips of Grassmere Road, Grant township. Her father grew the pumpkin, which weighs 96 pounds and is 66 inches in circumference.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Esau had as Saturday supper guests, her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Schenck of Napoleon, Mi., the Schencks' daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Cash and three of their four children, Steven, Mary Kay and Michael. Mr. Cash is superintendent of schools in Richmond. While in Cass City they also called on Mrs. Gertrude Falkenhagen in Provincial House and Leonard Striffler.

Two babies were baptized at a special service in the First Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon. Some 75 persons attended the ceremony. The rites were administered to two-month-old Josef Kareem S. Khoury and to 14-month old Kareem II. S. Khoury. The children are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Kareem S. Khoury of Hill St., Cass City. Officiating at the service was the grandfather of the children, Father Saba Khoury, a priest in the Roman Orthodox church in Bethlehem.

50 YEARS AGO (1969)

After 30 years of handling babies in Cass City hospitals Mrs. Lela Wright will retire. She worked for 21 years at the Pleasant Home Hospital and moved to Hills and Dales Hospital as soon as it opened.

Navy hospital corps man William Ehrlich and his wife, the former Carol Ann Seeley, have completed a 30-day stay with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earney Seeley, after being stationed for the past year at Charleston, South Carolina. Mr. Ehrlich left Thursday for Treasure Island and from there goes to Ok-

nawa to serve with the 9th Marine amphibious brigade. Mrs. Ehrlich remained here with her parents.

Mrs. Howard Loomis who celebrated her 70th birthday Sunday, Oct. 19, was guest of honor at a cooperative dinner Sunday at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, the Irvin Kritzmans, at Kawkawlin. Forty were present. The group included Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Murray and family and Michael Shites of Williamston, Mrs. Matie Loomis of Caseville, Manuel Benites of Elkton, Russell Luther of Unionville, the Misses Helen Cutts and Sharon Avery of Caro, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Weatherhead of Gagetown, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Kritzman, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Murray, Mr. and Mrs. Don DeLong and family, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Loomis and family, Mr. and Mrs. David Loomis and sons from this area and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gray of Bay City. The affair was a surprise to Mrs. Loomis.

75 YEARS AGO (1944)

Edwin Baur, instructor in agriculture in the Cass City high school, has resigned and will be inducted into the armed forces from Huron county next week. Harold Perry, a graduate of Michigan State college, will fill the vacancy. He taught vocational agriculture at the Ugly school last year, and like Mr. Baur, has had practicable experience as a farmer.

Mrs. Stanley G. Koch received word from her husband, Lt. Stanley G. Koch, that he had been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received during the Rome campaign. Lt. Koch has been overseas since December of 1943 and is serving with the Fifth Army in Italy.

100 YEARS AGO (1919)

Mrs. H. A. Dompier was agreeably surprised last Thursday morning when several of her relatives gathered at her home to help celebrate her seventy-ninth birthday. There were about fifteen present and a bounteous dinner was enjoyed by all.

Miss Niva Gable and Bruce Johnson of Essexville were united in marriage at the home of Dr. Beady in Pontiac Friday morning, by Rev. J. D. Young. Immediately after the ceremony, the young couple left for a short trip to Niagara Falls. They will make their home in Essexville, near Bay City, where Mr. Johnson is employed.

NOTICE FOR GILFORD TOWNSHIP

September 12, 2019- MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting called to order at 7:30 P.M., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present: D. Strasz, Treasurer; R. Haines, Clerk; J. Stockmeyer, Supervisor; A. Goss, Trustee; K. Houghtaling, Trustee. Order of agenda approved. Public Comment: Would like to see fog lines repainted.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion by A. Goss, second by D. Strasz to approve minutes. Motion approved. Treasurers Report: Motion by J. Stockmeyer, second by R. Haines to approve Treasurers Report. Motion approved.

REPORTS:

Supervisor: No Reese fire runs this month. 4029 signatures. Discussion on Drain Commissioner edited forms. Motion by J. Stockmeyer, second by D. Strasz to rescind resolution 2019-16, motion approved. Resolution 2019-17 presented by J. Stockmeyer, second by A. Goss to file County Drain Petition VCCM. Roll call vote: 5 years, 0 nays. Resolution declared adopted. Roadwork decision for 2020 to be made at October meeting. P.A. 116 application for K. and B. Houghtaling. Motion by D. Strasz, second by A. Goss to approve P.A. 116 application, motion approved. Discussion on Fall roadside mowing, decision to schedule mowing during 2nd week of October.

Treasurer: Taxes due the 16th. Request for a doorbell. Audit is complete, went well.

Clerk: Election on November 5, 2019 for Reese Schools, Gilford TWP. residents in the Reese Schools District will need to vote at the Denmark TWP. Hall in Richville. Motion by J. Stockmeyer, second by D. Strasz to move \$6,00.00 from Township Other Expenses to Hall account, motion approved. Motion by A. Goss, second by J. Stockmeyer to pay bills, motion approved.

Trustees: Planning Commission next meeting December 9th, new Zoning Ordinance nearly ready for Public Hearing. Parks & Recreation meeting: top 5 items focusing on: new lighting, bathroom upgrades, handicap accessibility, tennis court upgrades, and playground equipment upgrades, Public Hearing September 24th for public comments.

Ambulance Representative: All members present at meeting received "Stop the Bleed" training, hired 2 new EMT's, paperwork for the generator grant have been sent in, 4 medical responses the Gilford TWP.

Fire Department Representative: Fairgrove: 6 emergency calls, inspecting equipment after runs, Village wants itemized receipts, poster contest, hose testing, walk through at Star of The West. Reese Fire: extrication training, accountability roster updated, election of officers in October, Richville tanker is out of service. Fairgrove: swearing in ceremony for new officers, giving glow sticks for Halloween, ladder testing.

Zoning Administrator: None.

Public Comment: Question about VCCM drainage clean out? Do Fire Depts ever talk about grain bin safety/rescue training? MMR inquiring about pickle harvesting safety/rescue. Nextera delivered updated Host Agreement, and Bond on new turbines for the Pegasus Project. Motion by K. Houghtaling, second by D. Strasz to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to countersign the 1st amendment to the Host Community Agreement. Motion approved. Any issues with Republic Services? M-138 Southside lane East and West of Bradford Rd. has standing water. G. Reif to donate walker to Township. When is Bradleyville Rd. near elevator going to be paved?

Motion by J. Stockmeyer, second by R. Haines to adjourn at 9:18 P.M. Motion approved.

Robert L. Haines
Gilford Township Clerk

News briefs

Revived Kingston fest success

KINGSTON — For the festival that almost wasn't, the Kingston Days celebration has earned rave reviews.

Earlier in the year there was talk of abandoning the annual festival because of lack of volunteers to help coordinate the event that is celebrated in August. After hearing the news that the celebration of the Kingston community could end, there was renewed interest in keeping it going and rejuvenated volunteers pitched in. Amy Fetting spearheaded the effort with the help of several volunteers.

Kudos regarding revival of the Kingston Days celebration was noted during recent village meeting and school board meetings in the community.

Fetting has since been selected as chairwoman for the 2020 Kingston Days celebration, with Sue Schantz as secretary, Stacey Curtis as treasurer, and Jeff Schantz as a new member.

Although the August celebration went well, Fetting noted in her report to the Kingston Village Council that the annual Halloween Walk will not be celebrated this year due to lack of volunteers. However, she said organizers hope to bring the lighted Christmas tree event back to the downtown area in December.

Senator Lauwers office hours

THUMB — Senator Dan Lauwers (R-Brockway Township) will hold office hours Friday, Oct. 18, at various locations in the 25th District, which is comprised of Huron, Sanilac and St. Clair counties along with Armada Township, Memphis, New Baltimore, Richmond and Richmond Township in Macomb County.

Residents are encouraged to attend and express their opinions or concerns about state government or to request assistance with a state issue.

The office hours will include stops at the Peppermill Restaurant, 685 N. Port Crescent St., Bad Axe, from 8 to 9 a.m., and Bob and Jamie's Grill, 57 Sanilac Rd., Sandusky, from 10 to 11 a.m.

For more information, contact Lauwers' office toll-free at 1-855-347-8025 or via email at SenDLauwers@Senate.Michigan.gov. Residents unable to attend the office hours may write Lauwers at: Sen. Dan Lauwers, P. O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48909-7536.

Huron Co. 4-H fall family event

KINDE — The annual Huron County 4-H Fall Family Social is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 3, at the Pasta House in Kinde. This recognitions program and fundraising event will begin at 1 p.m. with a pasta and salad bar dinner.

A portion of the dinner proceeds will go to the Huron County 4-H Youth Program. Guest speakers for the afternoon will be Huron County 4-H youth members Milan Forrester and Ellexia Puvalowski.

The rest of the afternoon will be spent recognizing 4-H youth members for their outstanding work in specific project areas, competitive activities and leadership roles through the 4-H program; as well as recognizing 4-H adult and teen volunteer leaders for their countless hours of dedication and work volunteering for the development of our area youth. Local area businesses and individuals who have generously supported the Huron County 4-H Youth Development Program in 2019 will also be recognized.

The deadline to register is Friday, Oct. 25. More information is available by calling Patti Errer, 4-H program coordinator, at (989) 269-9949 (ext. 609).

The 4-H Leaders' Association will be hosting its 11th annual silent auction fundraiser during the fall family event. Auction donations can be dropped off to the MSU Extension Office by Oct. 25. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Flint water crisis speech topic

CARO — Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha will be the guest speaker at an upcoming program on the Flint water crisis at Caro High School, 301 N. Hooper St., Caro, Thursday, Oct. 17, starting at 3 p.m.

She will be speaking about her new book, "What the Eyes Don't See", which tells the story of how her research helped expose widespread lead poisoning of Flint's drinking water, and her efforts to publicize and address the crisis.

The Caro Area District Library and Michigan Humanities is sponsoring the upcoming program, which is open to the public.

Ubly Schools again bags grant

UBLY — For the third time since 2011, the Ubly Community Schools has been selected to receive a \$25,000 grant from Grow Rural Education program sponsored by the Bayer Fund.

The grant will go towards construction of a small livestock learning laboratory at Ubly High School.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery

EEE confirmed in Cass City area horse

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Green pointed out that while the county's suppression program has been effective, it is not infallible.

"The mosquitoes in the traps are only a sampling," said Green, who is continuing to monitor the situation.

As of Oct. 4, EEE had been confirmed in nine people, with four fatalities, in Barry, Berrien, Calhoun, Cass, Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties.

In addition, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) officials have reported confirmed cases in 39 animals from 16 counties. Those counties, in addition to Tuscola County, are: Allegan, Barry, Berrien, Calhoun, Cass, Genesee, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Kent, Lapeer, Livingston, Montcalm, Newaygo, St. Joseph and Van Buren.

EEE is one of the most danger-

ous 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 virus.

MDHHS officials announced last week that the state has completed the planned aerial treatment for EEE in 14 target counties — Allegan, Barry, Berrien, Calhoun, Cass, Jackson, Kent, Lapeer, Livingston, Montcalm, Newaygo, St. Joseph, Van Buren and Washtenaw.

Although aerial spray is considered necessary to reduce human risk, it will not eliminate it. The mosquitoes that spread EEE are still active and were caught in traps set Oct. 1 in southwest Michigan.

State health officials say residents must continue to protect themselves from mosquito bites by:

*Avoiding being outdoors from dusk to dawn when mosquitoes that carry the EEE virus are most active.

*Applying insect repellents that contain the active ingredient DEET, or other U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-registered product to exposed skin or clothing, and always follow the manufacturer's directions for use.

*Wearing long-sleeved shirts and long pants when outdoors. Apply insect repellent to clothing to help prevent bites.

*Maintaining window and door screening to help keep mosquitoes outside.

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

*Using nets and/or fans over outdoor eating areas.

More information is available on the website Michigan.gov/EEE.

Huron County jury convicts MSP trooper

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jail and a \$1,000 fine, and assault and battery, punishable by up to 93 days in jail and a fine of \$500.

The trooper was originally charged with assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, a 10-year felony, but the jury opted to convict on the lesser charge of assault and battery.

In addition, a felony count of misconduct in office did not go to the jury for consideration as a result of Huron County Circuit Court Judge Gerald M. Prill's directed verdict on that count.

According to reports, Mullin and his partner were having an affair at the time of the assault, which took place Feb. 10 at the Michigan State Police detachment building in Bad Axe. Prosecutors said Mullin physically attacked the other trooper, causing injuries to her head and back. Later, Mullin conducted a traffic stop under false pretenses in an effort to cover up the assault by stating his partner had fallen and injured herself.

Mullin, who joined the state police ranks in July 2016, was arrested two days later.

Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel, whose office authorized the charges, weighed in on the jury verdicts last week.

"Domestic violence is a serious matter and we are steadfast in holding those who commit these acts accountable — law enforcement and civilians alike," Nessel said. "It is serendipitous that this verdict comes during National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and it reminds us of the work that still remains to end this epidemic in our state and nation."

"The Michigan State Police appreciates the careful deliberation of the men and women of the jury and we are grateful to the Michigan Attorney General's Office for their dedication to justice," commented Col. Joe Gasper, director of the Michigan State Police.

Gasper noted Mullin has been on unpaid suspension since his arrest

and, following his criminal conviction, "the department moved to permanently revoke his law enforcement certification and terminate his employment."

Mullin remains lodged in the Huron County jail until his sentencing, which was scheduled for Monday, Dec. 2, before Judge Prill.

Township eyes millage hike

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club for nearly two decades because the former township hall on Deckerville Road in Deford was in disrepair and didn't have an inside restroom.

Turning to finances during a recent monthly meeting, the board approved a resolution to seek a millage increase early next year. The proposal will be for two mills for roads, with the measure placed on the March 2020 ballot.

During the board's September meeting, officials noted the township's one mill for road maintenance will expire next year, and that one-mill levy generates about \$35,000.

However, the cost of road work has significantly increased over the last few years. As a result, the board discussed whether or not to go for a two- or three-mill levy. In the end, officials opted to ask voters to approve a proposal for two mills for roads during the spring election.




DISTRICT Deputy Brad Hartel (above, center) recently presented the Colombian Award to Grand Knight Rick Kloc (left) and Deputy Grand Knight Kevin Kausch of the Knights of Columbus Council 8892. The Colombian Award is given to those councils that exhibit, through their programs and events, focus on culture of life, youth, the council and service to the community and the church.

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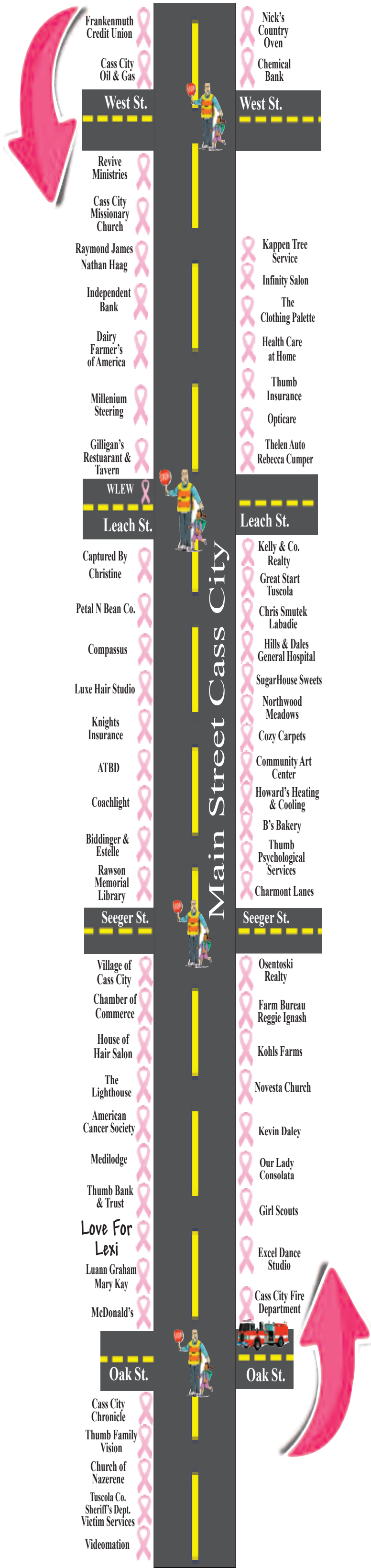
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CASS CITY'S Jeremy Velasquez (60) delivers a big hit during Friday's GTW tilt with Caro.

Stage set at Rea Field

Kingston Coach Brandon Jones is hoping for another performance this week like the one his Cardinals turned in Saturday against host Peck.

"If you would have told me before the game that the final score was going to be 52-16, I would have called you crazy. That just shows what an exceptional job our guys did preparing. When you play mistake free football, this is the kind of game that is possible. Huge week coming up for us versus Deckerville. We need to have our best week of practice of the season and take care of the football on Friday," he said.

The visiting undefeated Eagles (7-0 overall, 3-0 in the NCTL-B) can secure at least a share of the North Central Thumb League-Blue crown with a victory over Kingston (6-1 overall, 3-0 in the NCTL-B). Kick-off is slated for 7 p.m.

To upset Deckerville, another fast start by Kingston like the one over the weekend at Peck may be needed. The visitors led 22-0 after one quarter and 48-8 after two. Neither team found the end zone in the third quarter, before exchanging touchdowns in the final 12 minutes.

"We came into the game a little banged up and knew we could not go toe to toe with them because of their size. We were able to sustain two drives and move the ball

down the field, but their size and strength were too much for us to contain. I thought our kids played hard from start to finish and never gave up. We have Burton Atherton Friday at home and we are hoping to get back on track," said Peck Coach Rob McDaniel.

Kingston racked up 351 total yards during the win. Running backs Caleb Goss and Jake DeLong both ran for over 100 yards. Goss rushed for 120 yards on 14 carries with two touchdowns, while DeLong rushed for 119 yards also on 14 totes with two scores.

Kingston quarterback Aaron Koehler added 44 yards rushing and 61 yards passing on 3-of-4 attempts. He accounted for a total of three scores, including one each to Jack Green and Quinn Boucard through the air.

Defensively, for the winners, DeLong was credited with 4.5 tackles, 2 TFL, and one forced fumble, while Jacob Rayl had 7.5 tackles, one sack and one forced fumble.

STANDINGS

Team	NCTL Blue		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Deckerville	3	0	7	0
Kingston	3	0	6	1
Mayville	2	1	5	2
North Huron	1	2	5	2
Peck	0	3	4	3
Atherton	0	3	1	6



RED HAWK senior Hailey Beckrow records a winner in GTW play Thursday with Vassar. In on the action is Red Hawk Abby Phillips, right. (See story page 10.)

Playoff bound Cass City wins sixth straight game

by Clarke Haire
 Publisher

The Cass City Red Hawk football team sure looked pretty in pink Friday night.

Dressed in their cancer awareness uniforms, Coach Scott Cuthrell's squad recorded the school's sixth straight win while running over visiting Caro 58-0 in Greater Thumb West play.

The win secures the Red Hawks their 6th consecutive trip to the MHSAA playoffs. More importantly for many, Cass City also sealed at least a share of the conference crown in the process. They will be huge favorites to win the outright GTW championship for a second straight year in Week Eight at Reese. The Rockets have just one GTW victory on the year.

A three-headed attack led the way for Cass City against the Tigers. Sandyn Cuthrell ran for 155 yards on 12 carries, while Hadyn Horne added 122 rushing yards on seven totes and Jordan Mester 102 rushing yards on eight tries.

"Outstanding performance by the entire defense and again a stellar performance from the of-

fense line that opened holes to give an opportunity for three backs to achieve over 100 yards," said Cuthrell.

The hosts took a 16-0 advantage into the second quarter, when three touchdowns by Cuthrell helped widen the gap to 44-0 by the break.

Mester opened the touchdown parade with a 30-yard sprint that was followed by Horne's 54 yard TD run that ended the scoring after 12 minutes in the lopsided decision.

Cuthrell handled the scoring duties in the period before the intermission as the senior stand-out found pay dirt on a 3-yard dive, a 31-yard gallop and a 21-yard bolt. Horne added his second marker in the quarter, this time finding the end zone from 13 yards out.

With a running clock, Cass City scored touchdowns in each of the final two frames. Mester scored his second touchdown with 7:21 on the clock in the third and Tristan Swiderski - he had 26 rushing yards in three carries - scored in the final quarter with 8:30 remaining in the contest.

In addition to a trio of 2-point conversion runs - one by

Cuthrell and two by Horne - Thom Rijshouwer added four point after kicks.

Cass City benefited from four Caro turnovers throughout the night. Cuthrell, Alex Perry and Bryce Fernald all had interceptions, while Matt Mihalic was credited with a fumble recovery.

A total team effort on defense for Cass City has become standard late in the year. After allowing 16 points in the team's season opener against Division 6 power Montrose, the Red Hawks haven't allowed more than eight points since and have recorded a pair of shutouts.

Leading the charge against the Tigers was Mihalic with 10 tackles, while Jeremy Velasquez and Noah Zaleski had 6 stops apiece, and Dustin Naegele and Hunter Caister each had 5 tackles.

STANDINGS

Team	GTW		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Cass City	5	0	6	1
USA	4	1	4	3
EPBP	4	2	5	2
Caro	2	3	3	4
Bad Axe	2	3	3	4
Reese	1	4	2	5
Vassar	0	5	0	7

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CASS CITY'S Lucas Swiderski, right, and Ubly's Theron Harris battle for position on the Bearcat cross country course.

Runners gather in Ubly

In a preview featuring many teams in the Greater Thumb Conference League Meets, the USA men's team and the Reese women's team appear to be favorites to win Greater Thumb West (GTW) crowns.

That's according to the results of last week's Ubly Invitational, where the Patriot men posted a winning score of 44 at the 15-school meet.

Croswell-Lexington was the runner-up with 97 points, while fellow GTW foe Bad Axe finished third with 128. Other teams in the GTW meet had Reese 7th and Cass City 9th with tallies of 170 and 199, respectively.

Red Hawk Nick McArdle continued his strong running as he finished in first place individually in a field of 134 runners with a time of 16:28. Brandon Witherspoon was the second Red Hawk across the end line taking 30th and setting a new personal best time of 18:23.

"Nick is ranked as number 1 in our regional and is running excellent races at this point of the season," said Cass City Coach Jon Zdrojewski, adding, "It is nice to see Brandon's strength pay off as he continues to improve."

Also for Cass City, Drew Markel took 48th in a time of 18:57 and Anthony Boscaglia finished in 59th with a time of 19:29.

"Anthony has really become an excellent cross country runner as he transitioned from being one of our top sprinters in track to a solid 4th position runner," Zdrojewski said, while noting Hugh Walker is returning from an injury that he's still dealing with, but returned to race and was the final scorer, he finished in 77th place in a time of 20:01.

According to Zdrojewski, "Hugh is returning to his pre-injury times slowly and I look to have him be a force next season, while two more of our athletes had finishes of note as Thomas Muter set a

new personal best time of 21:32 as did Kevin Estrella running a new personal best time of 23:00."

"Ubly is not typically one of the faster courses we run, so to see this individual success is a good sign for our two remaining meets," he said.

For Kingston – the Cards finished 11th in the team standings with 254 points – Morgan and Ethan Green led the way with times of 18:43 and 18:46, respectively, placing 41st and 45th. Dustin Peter was next for the team with a time of 19:18 and was followed by teammates Ethan Harrington with a time of 19:33 and Trayton Wenzlaff with a time of 19:57. They placed 62nd and 75th.

Host Ubly had Zachary Garner (50th place) with a time of 19:09, Ethan Sabins (69th place) with a time of 19:40, Andrew Vogel (93rd place) with a time of 20:40, Grant Geiger (102 place) with a time of 21:15 and Theron Harris (110 place) with a time of 21:31. The Bearcats finished 14th in the team standings with a score of 367.

In the women's field, GTW favorite Reese recorded a winning team score of 59. Rounding out the top 3 team scores were Croswell-Lexington with 99 and Bad Axe with 138.

For the Cass City women's team, meanwhile, they finished in 5th out of the 14 complete teams present with a tally of 155.

Once again, Riley Copeland led the way and finished in 7th place individually on her way to a new personal best time of 20:45.

"Riley is running very strong as we enter the final races where we need our best performances," Zdrojewski said.

Red Hawk Madi Ware also set a new personal best time of 21:50 as she took 30th place and was second for the team. Third across the end line for the Lady Hawks was Mary Muter taking 32nd and setting a new season best time of

21:54. Amelia Weiler finished in 55th place with a time of 23:33 and Marla Muter rounded out the scoring, taking 60th place out of the 135 finishers with a time of 23:49.

Zdrojewski also praised the efforts of his non-scorers at last Wednesday's meet.

"Of special note are two other teammates that also set new personal records at this race. Jules Palm, an exchange student from Germany set a new personal record of 26:15 and Chloe Javorski with a new personal record of 28:23."

For Owen-Gage, a trio of Top 30 showings led to a 6th place team finish as the Bulldogs tallied a score of 168 despite lacking the student numbers of several of the teams present. Allison Haldane and Madelyn Haldane paced Owen-Gage with times of 21:38 and 21:44. Next was Libby Ondrajka for the team with a time of 21:47. They placed 23rd, 27th and 28th.

Other scorers for Owen-Gage were Amber Haldane who placed 51st with a time of 23:13 and Katriana Curtoys 69th with a time of 24:16.

For Ubly, Abigail Guza (37th place) was fastest with a time of 22:14. Next for the Bearcats – they finished 10th in the team rankings with a sum of 229 – was Maze Gusa (53rd place) with a time of 23:17, Shelby Messing (56th place) with a time of 23:36, Alexiss Guigar (61st place) with a time of 23:54 and Alexia Vogel (77th place) with a time of 24:55.

North Branch's Haileigh Bissett topped the field of 139 with a winning time of 19:29.

The Greater Thumb Conference League meets were scheduled for a 4:30 p.m. start Tuesday at Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Schools. On Saturday, Cass City travels to Caro where the action starts at 10:30 a.m.

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Card gals improve to 12-10 on season

The Kingston volleyball team used a pair of North Central Thumb League crossover victories to improve to 12-10 overall on the season.

In the Cardinals' latest win, host Carsonville-Port Sanilac fell in four sets. Scores on the night were 25-16, 25-13, 17-25 and 25-9.

"Kingston put together its best offensive effort of the season Thursday night in their win over the Tigers. CPS rallied back to take the third set by dictating the pace and taking the Cardinals out of their rhythm. Kingston stormed back in the 4th to take the match," said Kingston Coach Beth Hunter.

Kingston had several outstanding showings on the night. Brooke Mooney recorded 14 kills, two digs, Hannah James- 29 assists, 15 service points and one ace, Payton Kolacz- nine kills, 10 service points, five blocks, two digs and one ace, Ella Retan- nine kills and seven service points, Olivia Ulewicz- four assists, seven service points and two aces, Isabel Hurd- three kills, eight service points, three digs and one ace and Anna Ahern- three kills and three blocks.

Earlier in the week, Kingston entertained Bay City All Saints and used straight set scores of 25-20, 25-17 and 25-22 to capture Tuesday's contest.

"It was a game of runs with Kingston coming out on top when they needed to, sealing the win," Hunter said.

Individually, Kolacz had a big night for the home team with eight kills, 13 service points, five aces and three digs, while James chipped in 18 assists, eight service points and three aces, Ahern- eight kills and two blocks, Mooney- seven kills and two digs and Brooklyn Walker- 10 service points and one ace.

Kingston faces host Mayville on Thursday next.

Cass City spikers win pair in Greater Thumb West action

The Cass City volleyball team remained on top of the Greater Thumb West standings Thursday with an easy win against visiting Vassar. Behind decisions of 25-20, 25-9 and 25-11 the Red Hawks improved to 7-1 in conference play.

Cass City may have been looking ahead to this week's key matchup with USA and actually trailed 18-17 in the opening set against the Vulcans before Haley Beckrow and Sierra Spry took over for the eventual winners. The pair spearheaded a 7-0 run for the home team with solid play at the net, before a cross court winner by Haven Bouverette ended the initial set.

In the second set, with Tiara Anthony at the service line, Cass City jumped out to a quick 7-2 edge and never looked back. It was more of the same in the final set

as the hosts recorded a double digit margin of victory.

Beckrow was dominant on the night and led the way with 14 kills, while Spry chipped in nine kills. Cass City also had Abby Phillips and Taylor Cumper with 15 and 13 assists, respectively, while Abbey Salcido led the defense with 15 digs.

Earlier last week, Cass City avenged their only Greater Thumb West defeat with a four set win over guest Bad Axe.

"We came out ready and were able to take the first two but then we started to play conservative and let Bad Axe back into the game. We will continue to work to finish and up the confidence to keep hitting the ball. We are happy with the win and will continue to take one game at a time," said Cass City Coach Amy Cuthrell.


Cass City used wins of 25-16,

25-19 and 25-21 to turn back the Hatchets, whose only win came by a 25-21 margin.

Beckrow, with 18 kills, and Spry, with 16 kills, led the Cass City attack. Red Hawk leaders on the night also had Phillips with 26 assists and Salcido with 24 digs. Macey White had eight digs.

"Abbey Salcido continues to play a very strong libero and is relied on a lot to get those touches. I am extremely happy with her play. Hailey is a huge threat when she attacks. She is no secret the second time around in league play and will need to keep working hard to lead our offense," said Cuthrell.

Cass City, who was scheduled to face the Greater Thumb West second place team USA (5-2) Tuesday, continues to hit the road Saturday for the Marysville tourney.



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Caro @ Bad Axe	Bad Axe	Bad Axe	Bad Axe	Bad Axe
Ubyly @ Marlette	Ubyly	Ubyly	Ubyly	Ubyly
Vassar @ USA	USA	USA	USA	USA
(8-man games)				
Deckerville @ Kingston	Deckerville	Deckerville	Deckerville	Deckerville
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DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
8/23	Bad Axe (JV)	9:00 a.m.
8/24	Bad Axe (V)	9:00 a.m.
9/7	Birch Run (V)	8:30 a.m.
9/10	EPB Lakers (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
9/12	Bad Axe (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
9/14	Ogemaw Heights (V)	9:00 a.m.
9/17	Vassar (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
9/19	USA (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
9/21	Frankenmuth (V)	8:00 a.m.
9/21	Bay City Central (JV)	8:00 a.m.
9/26	Caro (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
9/28	Ogemaw Heights (JV)	TBD
10/1	Reese (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
10/3	EPB Lakers (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
10/5	Croswell-Lexington (JV)	TBD
10/8	Bad Axe (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
10/10	Vassar (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
10/15	USA (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
10/19	Marysville (V)	TBD
10/19	North Branch (JV)	TBD
10/22	Caro (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
10/24	Capac (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
10/29	Reese (V)	6:00 p.m.
11/4	Districts (V)	TBD

VARSITY FOOTBALL

DATE	OPPONENT
L - 8/29	Montrose 16, CC 14
W - 9/6	CC 13, USA 8
W - 9/13	CC 48, Marlette 6
W - 9/20	CC 51, EPB Lakers 0
W - 9/27	CC 59, Vassar 8
W - 10/4	CC 45, Bad Axe 6
W - 10/11	CC 58, Caro 0
10/18	Reese
10/25	Ubyly

All Varsity Games begin at 7 p.m.

JV FOOTBALL

DATE	OPPONENT
L -8/28	Montrose 22, CC 0
W -9/5	CC 30, USA 0
W -9/12	CC 40, HB 6
L -9/19	Lakers 28, CC 6
W -9/26	CC 44, Vassar 6
L -10/3	Bad Axe 51, CC 0
W -10/10	CC 38, Caro 6
10/17	Reese
10/24	Ubyly

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CROSS COUNTRY

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

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INFINITY SALON staff members are (from left) Jessica Doran, owner Whitney Laurie, Lisa Santhany and Charlie Cole.

Infinity Hair full-service salon, everyone welcome

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

Whitney Laurie's business offers area residents an "infinite" number of possibilities when it comes to creating a new and exciting look, thanks to a group of talented beauticians.

Laurie is the owner and operator of the Infinity Hair Salon, Suite Three, at 4455 Doerr Rd., Cass City.

"I had been doing hair for a while, and a few of my girlfriends did hair also. So, we started looking for a place," Laurie said of what led her to open her business. "We wanted to create a place that would be welcoming for all ages."

The salon, which is handicap accessible, boasts a professional staff of four, including Laurie, whose salon offers a variety of services.

"We do roller sets and perms. We offer everything from highlights to colors to manicures (and) pedicures, and...we added tanning a few months ago."

There is only one beauty service the salon does not offer right now. "We don't do facials. We don't have a spot for it at this time," she explained.

Laurie received her beautician degree from Howard's Beauty Academy in Caro.

"When it comes to products at the salon, we carry a little of everything," said Laurie, who added the community has embraced Infinity Hair Salon.

"I would like to thank the community for being so welcoming to us, and especially of their support of us," she added.

Infinity Hair Salon is open on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays. In addition, later appointments are available upon request.

The salon is closed on Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays.

For more information or to make an appointment, call (989) 872-8888.

Hatch shares inspiring message with students

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when circumstances change.

"It's we before me," he added. "Sometimes we just have to do things because it's what the team needs."

Hatch's story dates back to Labor Day 2003, when he and his family were flying home from their vacation home in northern Michigan. As they were preparing to land, the small aircraft piloted by his father, Stephen Hatch, experienced engine failure, crashed and burst into flames. Stephen Hatch threw Austin out of the plane, saving his life, and went back into the flames to get his mother, sister and brother, but tragically, was unable to. His mother, sister and brother did not survive.

Austin Hatch says he and his father grieved their loss, but became each other's lifeline through the grief, pushing each other to overcome the loss and move forward.

A year later, Stephen Hatch met Kimberley, who had three kids of her own and would become his second wife. The couple was married about a year after meeting and, together, they shared a blended family.

Meanwhile, Austin worked hard on athletic skills and began to have success on the basketball court. A standout six-foot six-inch sophomore, his dream was to play for Michigan, his late mother's alma mater. Then on June 15, 2011, U-M Coach John Beilein offered him a full scholarship to play basketball for Michigan.

Nine days later, Austin, his father and his stepmother were flying to their vacation home in northern Michigan for a weekend of celebration. As they were preparing to land, the aircraft crashed, killing both of his parents on impact.

Austin, who suffered a massive brain injury, internal injuries and multiple broken and fractured bones, remained in a medically-induced coma for six weeks. In the months that followed — it took three years to go from a hospital bed with tubes coming out of everywhere to arriving on campus — he beat all odds and the expectations of his doctors when he gradually re-learned how to do everything — eat, talk, walk, run, and even how to play basketball again.

In fact, Hatch was able to make good on his desire to play for Michigan. Coach Beilein was true to his word and had Hatch's scholarship waiting for him.

Hatch wasn't able to make the contribution he had dreamed of, but he played in five games in his freshman year and made one free-throw, securing his name in the program's record book. He moved to a medical scholarship the following season, which effectively ended his playing career. However, true to his belief in "we over me", he continued to contribute to the team as a student assistant/manager.

Hatch has since graduated from U-M with a business degree and is

working at Dominos' corporate offices. He married his wife, Abby, in the summer of 2018. They reside in Ann Arbor, where she works for the Michigan Athletic Department.

Hatch, who told the crowd in Cass City Thursday that he's only had two bad days in his life, encouraged everyone to live to the fullest every day, be the best they can be, and never give up.

"You can overcome (adversity) if you make the decision to work for it," he said.



FORMER U-M basketball player and longtime former Cass City educator Lloyd Schinnerer (above) introduced Hatch to the packed crowd, which included Cass City students and other community members as well as groups of students bussed in for the event from Kingston and Ubly.

Our sincerest thank you!

The family of John D. Rockefeller, Sr. would like to express our most heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to our family, friends and neighbors, both here and abroad for their love and support.

We are thankful for your kind expressions of sympathy, visits, prayers, flowers, cards, telephone calls and memorials that we the family received during the passing of our loving husband, father, grandfather, or great-grandfather.

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Annual remembrance service slated Nov. 3

Kranz Funeral Homes of Cass City and Kingston will be hosting their 23rd annual Service of Remembrance Sunday, Nov. 3, at 3 p.m. at Kranz Funeral Home in Cass City.

"The Service of Remembrance is a time of remembering and celebration," said Debra Kranz, owner of Kranz Funeral Homes. "Anyone who has had someone close to them die will appreciate this service. It is not a funeral, but a time for us to come together as a community in remembering those we have loved."

The service consists of music and inspirational readings, with a number of talented musicians from the area participating. Family members are invited to bring a flower to place in tribute of their loved one.

The event is non-denominational. "All clergy are invited to participate or to attend in support of their church members who have experienced the death of a family member or friend," Kranz said.

"Death is one thing that touches all of us," she added. "It is one thing we all have in common. We need to encourage our families in their grief process, allow them to still grieve, to still remember, and show them we remember, too. The Service of Remembrance facilitates this."

While the service is sponsored by Kranz Funeral Homes, anyone interested in attending is welcome.

Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, is located one-half mile east of the traffic light in town at 6850 Main Street.

Cookies, coffee and punch will be offered during a gathering time in the funeral home following the service.

More information is available by calling (989) 872-2195.

Obituaries

Vera Barrons

Vera Mae Barrons, 85, of Wilmot, died Friday October 4, 2019 in Covenant Healthcare Cooper Campus, Saginaw.

She was born November 28, 1933 in Delavan, Illinois to Charles and Verna (Stevens) Becker.

She married Robert Lewis Barrons June 29, 1957 in the Congregational Church in Imlay City. He died August 20, 2016.

Vera graduated from Central Michigan University, where she received a Bachelor's Degree in Education. She taught home economics in Imlay City Schools. Together, Vera and Robert owned and operated Barrons Cafe in Peck before moving to Wilmot. In Wilmot, they owned Barrons Grocery and Antiques and later moved the business to Kingston as Barrons Antiques. She taught in the Kingston school system as a third-grade teacher, a high school science and home economics teacher, and tutored students. Vera also worked in the school kitchen. She loved sewing, antiques and time spent with her beloved grandson.

Vera is survived by her son, Greg (Teri) Barrons of Wilmot; grandson, Joseph Barrons of Wilmot; brother, Mervin Becker of Applegate; sister, Stella Becker of Applegate; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Robert; brothers: Ben (Virginia) Becker, Gene (Carol) Becker and Orville Becker; sister, Doloris (Alfred) Davis.

Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday, October 19, in Kingston Wesleyan Church.

A memorial service will take place at 12:00 p.m. Saturday, October 19, in Kingston Wesleyan Church with the Rev. Len Wyatt officiating.

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

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Kingston.



George Moslander

George Everett Moslander, 87, of Cass City, died peacefully Monday, October 7, in his home. He was born January 31, 1932 in Oakwood, OK to Clarence and Zella Mae (Long) Moslander.

He married Lois Ream June 21, 1974 in Calvary Lutheran Church in Flint.

George and Lois moved from Detroit to the Cass City area in 1977. He proudly served his country during the Korean war and was very fond of his motorcycles.

George is survived by his wife, Lois; his children: Georgia of Cass City; Joseph of Ekron, KY; grandchildren: Jessica (Asher) Yona of Denver, CO, Joshua Mathis of Sterling Heights and Krystene McFalda of Ekron, KY; great-grandchildren: Damien McFalda and Autumn McFalda.

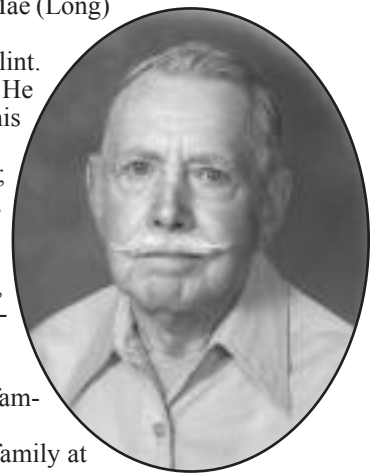
A funeral service was held Friday, October 11, in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City with William Kaiser of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints of Caro officiating.

Interment was in Novesta Township Cemetery, Cass City.

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Gerald Polk

Gerald M. Polk, 77, of Luzerne, Michigan, passed away at the Crawford Continuing Care Center in Grayling, Michigan on Tuesday, October 8, 2019.

Gerald was born in Detroit on August 31, 1942 to Harvey and Evelyn (Michalski) Polk.

He was raised in the Gageton/Cass City/Ubly area. He graduated from Cass City High School in 1960, then attended the University of Michigan, from which he graduated in 1964 with a Bachelor's Degree. Gerald married Judy in 1965. He went to OCS in New Port, Rhode Island in 1965, and was in active duty with the U.S. Navy until 1968. He moved his family back to Gageton, Michigan and began employment with the State of Michigan in 1968 with the Department of Social Services. In 1969, he transferred to the Department of Corrections. He was a Probation Agent in Tuscola County, and was later promoted to Supervisor in Tuscola, Huron, Lapeer, and Sanilac counties. He later transferred to the Oscoda County office, supervising 8 counties until his retirement in 2002.

Gerald was a member of the University of Michigan Alumni Association and the Michigan Snowmobile and ORV Association. He enjoyed tinkering in his workshop, daily morning coffee in Luzerne, snowmobiling, and doing anything that involved him riding one of his John Deere tractors. He most loved spending time with the love of his life, Judy.

Gerald is survived by his wife Judy; his children: Chris and Anne (Leland Decker); and his granddaughter Alivia Baker. He is also survived by his step-sister Jean Uhl; his step-brother Dan (Joanne) Miller; his step-sister-in-law Andrea Miller; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Gerald was preceded in death by his parents: Evelyn and Harvey Polk; his step-father Aloise Miller; his brother Dennis; his step-brother Paul; his grandson Andrew; his step-nephew Michael; and his step-brother-in-law Harold.

In accordance with his wishes, cremation has taken place. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary Catholic Church, Mio, Michigan on Saturday, November 2, 2019 at 11 a.m. by the Rev. Santiago Hoyumpa, with Military Honors to follow. The family will receive visitors from 10 a.m. at the Church until the time of the Mass.

Memorial donations may be made to Munson Cancer & Infusion Center, 1100 E. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738.

Arrangements were made by Lashley Funeral Home of Mio.

Sharon Reeder

Sharon F. Reeder, 58, of Cass City, died unexpectedly, Sunday, October 6, 2019 in her home.

She was born March 9, 1961 in Iron River to James and Helen Marie (East) DeGuzman.

She married Michael Frederick Reeder June 5, 1999 at Lake Mary near Iron River.

Sharon graduated with the Iron River High School class of 1979. She received her LPN license from Gogebic Community College. In 2006, Sharon graduated with honors from Davenport University, as a Registered Nurse. She worked for Tendercare of Cass City, Tuscola County Medical Care Facility, Covenant Visiting Nurses and recently for the Caro Center. Sharon was a proud and active member of Living Word Worship Center of Cass City. She enjoyed raising chickens, working in her flower gardens and listening to gospel music.

Sharon is survived by her husband, Mike; daughters: Mikayla, Shayna and Aurora; sister-in-law, Sandy Reeder of Carlinville, Illinois; brother-in-law, Roger Reeder of Carlinville, Illinois; several cousins from the Albertville, Alabama area and Iron River, MI.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

A funeral service was held Saturday, October 12, in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Pastor Jep Bryant of Living Word Worship Center officiating. Interment will be in Reeder Family Cemetery, Carlinville, Illinois.

Memorials may be made to Living Word Worship Center of Cass City.

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top villages fiercely protect their old-fashioned charm as the inhabitants welcome you with their own traditional songs and dance. Join in on an exploration of Corsica, where the traces of the past blend beautifully with the present (78 minutes).

*"Poland: Krakow, Auschwitz and Warsaw" - Visitors who imagine Poland as a backward, impoverished land of rusting fac-

tories, smoggy cities, and gloomy natives are left speechless when they step into Kraków's vibrant main square, Gdansk's colorful Royal Way, or Warsaw's lively Old Town. While parts of the country do still feel like a time warp, today's Poland also has a vibrant urbanity, enticing food and design culture, dynamic history and kindhearted natives (30 minutes).

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THE OWEN-GAGE School District will use a grant from the Huron County Community Foundation to implement a program that will enable students to raise salmon in the classroom, providing them with a variety of hands-on, academic lessons in the process.

Grant will enable Owen-Gage pupils to explore salmon rearing, planting

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

An Owendale-Gagetown School District teacher is gearing up to get “schooled” on dealing with a school of fish.

Science Teacher Jennifer Roller will use the money she received from the Huron County Community Foundation to implement a program called “Raising Salmon in the Classroom.” Owen-Gage Schools received a \$2,000 grant that will be used to buy the necessary equipment to raise fish.

“I had to apply for the program through the DNR (Department of Natural Resources). I found out in April that I was one of 28 teachers in Michigan selected for the program,” said Roller. “This will be the first year our district has been involved in the program.”

However, before she can implement the program, Roller must undergo some specialized training.

“I will be attending a full day of training on Nov. 14, at which time I will receive the eyed eggs,” Roller said.

The “eyed eggs” look like two dark dots, and as the fish yolk grows and develops, students start to see the membrane and eyes develop.

The hands-on effort to raise Chinook salmon will tie into a variety of academic programs, according to Roller.

“I decided to do it when we were designing our new STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) class for seventh and eighth graders because it is hands-on and is very well connected to the Great

Lakes ecosystem, so it is also relevant to our students,” she explained.

Students learn science by testing the water for pH balance, and math by statistical analysis of replacing water volume. They’re also exposed to marine ecology, the eco system, and water quality indicators such as nitrite, alkalinity and ammonia levels that have to be tested. Other lessons involve changing the water, conservation, stewardship, the lifecycle of salmon, and when developed the fish need to be fed daily.

Students in the sixth- and tenth-grade biology classes will also be involved in the fish project.

“Since this is our first year, we had to purchase all the equipment. This was made possible by the very generous grant from Huron County Community Foundation,” Roller said.

Raising the fish from eggs to fry big enough to be released will require students to utilize a variety of academic skills.

“Students will learn about water quality, physical characteristics of the Great Lakes, fish identification, adaptations, life cycle, migration, pollution, erosion, ecosystems, human impact, fish anatomy, water conservation, fish aging and tagging practices, how biologists manage fisheries based on probabilities, and invasive species,” Roller said.

From there, some of Roller’s students will present what they’ve learned to students in the fourth and fifth grades.

“I am very proud that our science

teacher, Jennifer Roller, has taken it upon herself to receive training for the Salmon in the Classroom (program),” commented Owen-Gage School Supt. Terri Falkenberg.

“I feel this will be a valuable experience for many of our students to watch the process from beginning to end.”

The Salmon in the Classroom is an educational program first and foremost, but it also assists in the effort to stock salmon.

Towards that end, students will be releasing the salmon in a river next spring.

Of the fish that are able to survive, some will grow to be about 40 pounds or more in the Great Lakes. The surviving salmon are expected to stay in Lake Huron and hopefully will return to the area where they were released in about three years to spawn.

Battel national finalist in FFA Agriscience Fair

Eighth grade student Dori Battel of the Cass City FFA chapter in Cass City has been named a national finalist this year in the National FFA Agriscience Fair.

Battel, the daughter of Sue and Bob Battel, Cass City, is scheduled to compete in Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 30, in the animal systems category in the junior high division.

More than 20 agricultural teachers and college professors from throughout the United States met in Indianapolis in August to determine which FFA members and teams would be named finalists to compete for top honors in the 2019 National FFA Agriscience Fair.

Battel’s research project, entitled “Comparing Broiler Feed Schedules Ad Libitum vs. 12-Hour Intervals”, was designed to determine the best feed schedule for today’s Jumbo Cornish Rock broiler genetics. She won first place in the Michigan FFA Arthur Berkey Agriscience Fair in March, allowing her project to advance for national consideration.

The National FFA Agriscience Fair is a key competition that is part of the annual National FFA Convention and Expo, Oct. 30 – Nov. 2, 2019, in Indianapolis.

To qualify for the event, FFA members working as individuals or teams in grades seven through 12 are required to conduct a scientific research project pertaining to the agriculture or food science industries and win their state’s FFA agriscience fair.

Individuals and teams compete in one of six categories – animal systems; environmental services/natural resource systems; food products and processing systems; plant systems; power, structural and technical systems; and social science – in six grade divisions.

First-place winners in each state have qualified for the national pre-qualifying judging. The panel of judges reviewed entries and selected a maximum of 12 in each category and division to move on to the national competition.

The National FFA Organization provides leadership, personal growth and career success training through agricultural education to 669,989 student members who belong to one of 8,630 local FFA chapters throughout the U.S., Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The organization is also supported by 459,514 alumni members in 2,236 alumni chapters throughout the U.S.



Dori Battel

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