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Cass City wins outright conference championship.

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State lawmakers agree on “raise the age” bills

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The Michigan Legislature has passed bi-partisan “raise the age” legislation that would stop the

state from automatically prosecuting 17-year-olds as adults.

The bills have the support of the Michigan Attorney General’s office and are expected to be on their way soon to Gov. Gretchen

Whitmer’s desk.

Efforts to classify 17-year-old offenders as juveniles have been in the works for years, but until now have failed to materialize. The legislation approved by lawmak-

ers is being hailed as a step forward in the Michigan criminal justice system by a number of supporters.

However, some officials, including veteran Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark E. Reene, say the bills would fix a system that isn’t broken, at least not in the local court system.

If approved, the legislation would take effect Oct. 1, 2021 and would:

- * Make 17-year-olds charged with crimes go through family court rather than adult criminal court.

- * Prevent 17-year-olds from being housed in the same cells as adults.

- * Allow prosecutors to try people under age 17 as adults for certain violent offenses such as rape or murder with court approval.

- * Not apply to 17-year-olds that have already been tried as adults (it wouldn’t be retroactive).

The new bills, first introduced in the House, reflect a compromise after months of negotiations over

the funding mechanism for housing and caring for 17-year-olds who would now be considered juveniles. Under the current proposal, the state would pay for 17-year-olds in the system for three years. The funding method would then be re-evaluated.

Among the organizations lauding the legislation is the Mackinac Center for Public Policy.

“Treating all 17-year-olds accused of crime as adults rather than juveniles has proven to have negative consequences on their future prospects for employment, housing, and repeated criminal activity,” said David Guenther, senior strategist for state affairs for the Mackinac Center.

“Michigan joining the overwhelming majority of states that send most 17-year-olds through the juvenile justice system – while keeping the adult system as an option for the most serious crimes – will improve public safety and redeem more of our young people,” Guenther added.

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NEW TUSCOLA County District Court Judge Jason Bitzer is pictured above with his wife, Lindsay Maharg Bitzer, and the couple’s three-year-old daughter, Blair, who participated in the robing ceremony during Bitzer’s investiture ceremony Thursday afternoon in the Tuscola County Circuit Courtroom. Also pictured (far left) is Tuscola County Circuit Court Judge Amy Grace Gierhart.

Bitzer sworn in as district judge

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Fellow and retired jurists described Jason E. Bitzer Thursday as a fair, honest and hard-working attorney with an unyielding sense of integrity – all traits, they noted, that will serve the Cass City resident well on the bench.

The comments were made in front of a packed

Tuscola County Circuit Courtroom, where Bitzer was formally sworn in as just the third individual to serve as district court judge in Tuscola County.

The swearing-in was part of Bitzer’s investiture ceremony, which also included a formal “robing” of the new judge, assisted by his wife, Lindsay Maharg Bitzer, and the couple’s young

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Uibly joins Michigan “heartsafe” districts

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

No one wants to think about the possibility of school officials facing a cardiac emergency in a classroom, gymnasium or cafeteria, but it’s a frightening possibility every day.

That reality is prompting an increasing number of Thumb school districts to become better prepared to take swift action that could save lives.

Count the Uibly Community Schools among those districts, as both the elementary and high school buildings are among the latest schools to earn the MI HEARTSafe designation.

The Cass City School District – both the elementary and junior-senior high buildings – was among the first districts across the state to earn the designation when the MI HEARTSafe project was established six years ago, and until recently was the only area school district certified by the program.

Officials representing the Michigan Departments of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and Education (MDE), American Heart Association, Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) and Michi-

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Click It or Ticket, drivers

Autumn in Michigan includes tailgates and bonfires along with Halloween parties. The month also brings stepped-up enforcement of the state’s seatbelt laws.

Thumb area police departments,

sheriff’s offices and the Michigan State Police are joining their peers across Michigan in reminding citizens to enjoy all fall has to offer – and at the same time make the safe choice to buckle up every time they get behind the wheel this month.

The two-week “Click It or Ticket” campaign kicked off Thursday and will continue through Thursday, Oct. 31.

In Michigan, 192 people killed in traffic crashes during 2018 were not wearing a seatbelt. October is the second deadliest month, behind July, for fatalities involving those unrestrained in a passenger vehicle in Michigan between 2013 and 2017, according to Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP) statistics.

“Wearing a seatbelt is the simplest thing you can do to save lives and reduce injuries in a crash,” said Michael L. Prince, OHSP director. “When you’re out enjoying fall in Michigan, it’s important to remember to buckle up – every trip, every time, every passenger.”

Michigan law requires drivers, front seat passengers and passengers ages 15 and younger in any seating position to be buckled up. Children must be in a car seat or

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Argyle renews to fund roads, fire protection

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

When Argyle Township residents head to the polls in March 2020, they will decide a pair of local millage renewal requests on the ballot.

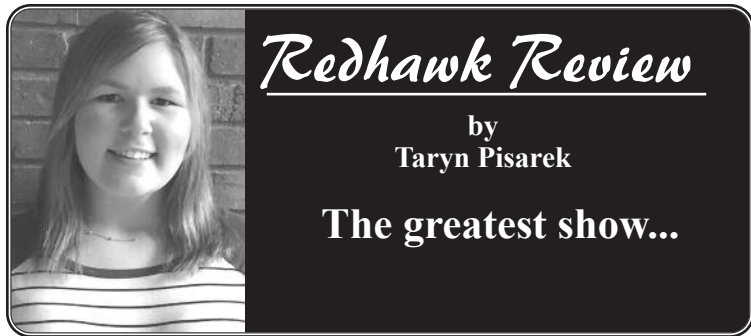
The Argyle Township Board recently approved a motion to have the township’s attorney review wording for the proposal, which if approved would continue to generate funding for roads and fire protection.

The board will be asking voters to renew a two-mill request for four years for roads, and to renew one mill for four years for fire protection services.

The board also reviewed new
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MANY OUTSTANDING photos are the result of being at the right place at the right time, but skill and timing are key, too. All of those ingredients came together last week for local photographer Cheryl Viney Osentoski, who was driving down Schwegler Road near Cass City when she spotted this buck on its way somewhere in a hurry.



This week brings the last big hurrah for the seniors in marching band. Most of us have been in band for eight years now, and in the marching band for five. Throughout that time, we have formed many lifelong friendships and unforgettable memories.

We have learned to become skillful experts in one, and in some cases five or six, instruments. Being in band has taught us how to accept and work with everyone of any background. For most of us, our favorite memory is of a time in band, whether that's participating in a competition at Alma College or just a day in class.

For our drum major, Colby Sutton, his favorite memory is going to Dave N Busters after a state concert band festival. For Kevin Estrella, it's receiving straight ones at our marching festivals.

For me, it is every time we circle up after a performance and live in the moment as a group. For that minute, we leave everything on the field and talk about the pride we have in our group.

If you would like to see our prideful marching band, you have a couple more chances. This Wednesday (Oct. 23) at 7, we will be presenting our annual Band-O-Rama concert featuring a light show performance by the high school marching band and other performances by the fifth and sixth grade bands and the junior high band. On Friday, Oct. 25, you have one last chance to support the marching band and the football team at the final regular season home game against Ubly. It will be a great chance to catch a thrilling game and see our brand-new uniforms one last time this season.

We hope to see you there!



CASS CITY Chief of Police Craig Haynes and Village Manager Debbie Powell recently welcomed Ukrainian foreign exchange student Daniyil Yolkin with a tour of the village offices. (Photo courtesy of the village of Cass City)



Heidi & Chad Anderson

Anderson and Hartwick wed in Kingston

Heidi Hartwick of Cass City and Chad Anderson of Cass City married on September 6, 2019, at A Doves Nest in Kingston, Michigan.

They were married by minister and friend Brad Speirs in the rain and surprised everyone.

With the blessing of Heidi's parents Richard and Donna Hartwick of Cass City, Chad's parents Jenny Anderson (Ed Morgan) of Kingston and the late Clyde Hollander, Chad and Heidi married and became a beautiful blended family, including Chad's two sons Chad and Chase Anderson and Heidi's daughter the late Lexi Smith.

Heidi is employed at Knights Insurance Agency in Cass City as their Claims Manager and Chad is employed at Mi-Tech Tooling in Cass City as a Tool Maker/Rough Grinder.

Cass City is where they will continue to call home. A July 2020 reception and celebration is planned.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals of Elkland Township will hold a public hearing on the 7th day of November, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall located at 6691 Church St., Cass City, MI 48726.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider the application by A3 Crushing & Aggregate LLC for a zoning variance for the purpose of using the 1/2 mile of the unpaved Crawford Rd. for mining operation to be located at 4312 Crawford Rd., Cass City, MI 48726 or on property identified as tax parcel number 007-036-000-2500-00.

Requested variance duration: October 7, 2019 to October 31, 2029

All interested persons are encouraged to attend the public hearing to ask questions or to make comments as to the application. Written comments may be submitted to the Clerk at 6691 Church St., Cass City, MI 48726 at any time prior to the public hearing.

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October showcases state's ag tourism

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer has proclaimed October as Michigan Agritourism Month as part of the month-long celebration recognizing the economic and social benefits of agritourism to Michigan's farms and communities.

The observance is a picture-perfect fit for the agricultural rich Thumb, which is part of the east-central Michigan region known for its innovative cities, quiet agricultural areas and sparkling waters.

The region includes the Great Lakes Bay area, which surrounds Saginaw Bay, Lake Huron's Blue Water areas, and the fertile farmland of Michigan's Thumb and the agricultural communities north of Lansing and Flint.

Known for its production of dairy, corn, wheat, sugar beets and potatoes, the area is ranked number one in the production of black beans, cranberry beans, small red beans and pickling cucumbers in the country.

Family farms grow a wide variety of produce, especially carrots, apples, pumpkins, squash, berries and sweet corn.

"When you combine agriculture and tourism, something magic happens," said Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) Director Gary McDowell. "You not only get fresh apples, pumpkins and baked goods, but you also get the experience that goes along with them - things like corn mazes and wagon rides, watching cider being pressed, petting baby animals, and launching pumpkins from a giant catapult."

Agritourism is a niche form of tourism and defines the places where agriculture and tourism connect, including any time a farming operation opens its doors to the public and invites visitors to enjoy their products and services.

Agriculture and tourism are leading economic drivers in Michigan, and agritourism provides ways for farmers to diversify their operations by offering value-added products and activities to protect their businesses against challenging weather conditions and market fluctuations.

Examples include farmers markets, on-farm markets, school farm tours, wineries, roadside produce stands, on-farm weddings and events, corn mazes and much more.

In the Thumb, Kohl Farms, 3062 Hobart Rd., Gagetown, is among these businesses. Kohl's is open in September and October, offering its Fall Family Fun Corn Maze, pumpkin patch and fall treats. The farm is also open in November and December and features holiday fresh outdoor décor, indoor décor and gift items.

Agritourism is a year-round business for many farms in Michigan, but Agritourism Month is celebrated in October at the peak of harvest and during a time when families and school groups traditionally visit farms, pumpkin patches and cider mills.

"Michigan Agritourism Month is a special time to acknowledge and experience the vast, integrated network of family farmers, processors, wholesalers, and retailers who produce a safe and nutritious food supply, as well as so many fun and unique farm experiences," said McDowell.

Visit www.MichiganFarmFun.com for a directory of Michigan agritourism businesses. The directory is searchable by business name, product, and region.

Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

Pumpkins, pumpkins everywhere



At the first sign of a little nip to the weather back in August, pumpkin everything rushed forth.

This year there seems to be pumpkin mania anything and everything pumpkin related.

The arrival of October means the pumpkin roll down the big hill on M-15 in Vassar, Tuscola County's annual Pumpkin Festival unfolds and all that goes with those celebrations.

The bandwagon for pumpkin everything was pulled out the first day in August when temperatures reached a chilly 75 degrees, and has careened to unprecedented pumpkin lengths.

I love pumpkin pie, but to me, the pumpkin craze has gone way, way overboard this year.

I'm used to the usual pumpkin spice coffee creamer that debuts about this time of year.

But, the first unusual pumpkin advertisement that got my attention this year was for the "limited edition of pumpkin spice SPAM." The label on the can shows a large pumpkin and some cinnamon sticks. I'm like, okay... I can see it being a very limited edition.

There was also an advertisement for pumpkin spice charcoal. I don't know about you, but I cannot think of anything that I want cooked on a barbecue that I would want to taste like pumpkin.

The one that really got my attention was the pumpkin spice shot gun shells that Remington is supposedly marketing, according to Facebook postings. The box says there are five plastic shells and they should be kept out of the reach of children.

Regarding those items, I doubt they are real. I'm sure they must be parodies about the pumpkin craze that goes on this time of year.

Anymore, it is difficult to tell what is real and what isn't. When I first saw the advertisement about buying a car from a vending machine like I do a candy bar, I thought it was just a quirky advertisement, but apparently not.

Then there was the advertisement for pumpkin spice communion wafers. They were advertised as the "fall edition" of communion wafers.

Could this be a unique Godly treat that might actually taste like pumpkin pie?

There are some sections in the Bible that don't spell things out specifically. So, I'm waiting for someone

to claim that when the Lord provided fish and bread to his followers, it was actually pumpkin bread.

Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)



The staff at the Sanilac County Sheriff's Office are again participating in "No-Shave November" as a fun way to raise funds to donate to a local charity. This year the Deputies will be collecting money for "P.C.U.P.S." - the foundation is a charitable organization dedicated to promoting men's health and wellness through early detection screening and knowledge of symptoms, treatments, and care - to further health awareness.

The donations will be collected throughout the month of October for members that volunteer to participate and anyone is invited to donate in support of the cause.

Sheriff Garry Biniecki stated, "I just wanted to alert the public again in advance that they will be seeing unshaven Sheriff's Office staff during the month of November. It is for a worthy cause and I am happy that my staff wanted to use this fun opportunity to give back to the community and make a positive difference."

For more information call (810) 648-2000.

Governor Gretchen Whitmer has ordered U.S. and Michigan flags within the State Capitol Complex and on all public buildings and grounds throughout the state of Michigan, to be lowered to half-staff for 14 days — from Saturday, October 19 through Friday, November 1 — to honor each year Governor Milliken served in office.

"Governor Milliken was a true statesman who led our state with integrity and honor," Whitmer said. "He had a unique ability to bring people from both sides of the aisle together for the betterment of Michigan. I extend my deepest and most heartfelt condolences to Governor Milliken's family for their loss."

Governor Milliken is the longest-serving governor in Michigan history. He began his service as an air combat soldier in the U.S. Army during World War II, earning a Purple Heart. Milliken was elected to the state Senate in 1961 and served as the 52nd lieutenant governor until 1969. He became governor after George Romney resigned to join President Nixon's Administration and was elected for three additional terms in office. He passed away at home in Traverse City at the age of 97.

The State of Michigan recognizes the duty, honor and selfless service of former Governor William Milliken by lowering flags to half-staff. Michigan residents, businesses, schools, local governments and other organizations also are encouraged to display the flag at half-staff.

To lower flags to half-staff, flags should be hoisted first to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff position. The process is reversed before the flag is lowered for the day.

Flags should be returned to full-staff on Saturday, November 2, 2019.

There will be a public open house Saturday, Oct. 26th from 1 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Sandusky City Airport.

A free lunch will be supplied by the Sanilac Medical Care Facility and a new flight simulator is for public use. Visitors will also tour the new hanger and walk the runway.

The Cass City Rotary Club's 5th annual "Wine and Beer Fundraiser" is slated for Nov. 6th at Rolling Hills Golf Course.

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Michigan wines and craft beers will be available.

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Wednesday, October 23

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

Thursday, October 24

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

Saturday, October 26

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

Sunday, October 27

- 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 28

- Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubyly. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.
- AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.
- Cass City School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
- Hills & Dales General Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 11:30 a.m., Gilligans (no meetings July, August, December).
- Tuscola County Right to Life meeting, 6:30-8 p.m., Caro Area District Library, 840 W. Frank St., Caro. For more information, call (989) 872-3259.
- Families Against Narcotics, 6 p.m., Hills and Dales Corporate Services and Regional Education Center, 6667 Main St. Cass City. For more information, call (989) 551-4326.
- Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.

Tuesday, October 29

- 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.

Obituaries

Berneice Armstead

Berneice Patricia Armstead (Profit), 91, died Oct. 17, 2019. Berneice was born in Cass City in 1928 and graduated from Cass City High School in 1946.

She married Joseph Armstead in September of 1953. They had 4 children, 12 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

She retired from Michigan Bell Telephone Company in 1983 after her 24 years of service. Berneice enjoyed traveling and living in Arizona for a number of years. She loved dancing, walking and many social activities.

Berneice is survived by her children; Jan (David) Passmore, John (Belinda) Armstead, Jill (Richard) Winglemire and daughter-in-law Debra Armstead; sisters; Almeda (Chris) Forster and Donna Mae Sturm; grandchildren; Jamie, Joseph III, Hank, Bradley, Daniel, Cody, Christina, Jessica, Benjamin, Jonathan, Alyssa Rae and Jacob; great-grandchildren; Kaeden, Landen, Makayla, Emma, Payton, Cameron, Robert, Elsie, Alyssa, Mason, Connor, Miles, Brooklyn, Bentley and McKenzie.

Berneice was preceded in death by her husband Joseph Armstead, son Joseph Armstead, Jr. and parents Glenn and Ella Profit.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday Oct. 26, at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly, with Chaplain Lynn Hopper officiating. Visitation will be from 12 noon until the time of the service. A luncheon will follow the service at the Calvary United Methodist Church, Holly.

The committal service will be at 1:00 p.m. on Monday Oct. 28, at Great Lakes National Cemetery.

Memorial donations can be made to Care Team Hospice. Arrangements were made by Dryer Funeral Home of Holly.



Florence Ridenour

Florence Ilene Ridenour, 85, of Cass City, died Tuesday, October 15, 2019 in Northwood Meadows Medical Care Unit, Cass City.

She was born July 22, 1934 at home in Manitou Beach, the sixth of eight children born to Karl Stanley and Marquerite Marie (Hodges) Steves.

She married Robert Duane Ridenour May 21, 1955 in Addison. He died November 21, 2014.

Florence graduated from Addison High School with the class of 1952. She graduated in the first ever dental hygienist class from the University of Alabama in Birmingham.

Florence worked for thirty-eight years as a dental hygienist in Adrian, and later in Cass City, retiring in 1991. She was a former Queen Mother of the Red Hat Society in Florida. Together, she and Robert were the main attraction while dancing, especially polkas at weddings. Florence loved country line dancing and was an avid golfer. She enjoyed time spent as a volunteer with Revive Ministries.

Florence is survived by her children: Kristine (David) Milligan of Cass City and Ross (Linda) Ridenour of South Lyon; grandchildren: Michael Milligan, Elisabeth Milligan, Ryan Ridenour and Eric (Chloe) Ridenour; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by parents; husband, Robert; siblings: Earl Dean Steves, Max Steves, Larry Dick Steves, Karleen Langmeyer, Kathleen Steves, Lois Ann Cheesbro and Elva Jane DeLine.

A funeral service was held Saturday, October 19, in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City with the Rev. Michele Hile officiating.

Interment will be in Elkland Township Cemetery.

Pallbearers for Mrs. Ridenour will be her grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Rawson Memorial District Library, or Revive Ministries.

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

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.



Owen-Gage gains kids; Ubyly, Kingston see fewer students

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

Area school officials saw a mixed bag of results during a recent statewide enrollment count that will be used to help determine the amount of state funding local districts will receive this year.

"We ended the last school year at 613 (students). We budgeted to be down 13 (kids) to 600. We counted 583.5, so we are down 29.5 students from the end of the last year," Kingston Community Schools Supt. Matt Drake reported.

Enrollment was in the 590's in the district's fall count a year ago. Since then, Kingston lost nine students.

"Kingston will get \$8,111 per student this year. So if we are minus nine from last fall, we are going to lose \$73,000," Drake ex-

plained. "If you go off of our June budget, which is probably the best way to do it, we are going to lose \$133,000," Drake said.

Officials in the Owendale-Gagetown Schools, meanwhile, saw a modest enrollment increase.

"We have seen an increase of about five students over last fall. We were hoping to at least maintain and are happy that we have done so," said Owen-Gage School Supt. Terri Falkenberg.

"We have had a few families move into the area that resulted in the increase of students," she added. "We look forward to serving these families along with our current members."

In the Ubyly Community Schools, Supt. Joe Candela reported a dip in enrollment based on this month's count.

"Ubyly Schools had a total of 623

students for count day. Last year we had 649 students on count day," Candela reported. He said the fluctuating numbers are due to several factors; Ubyly Schools have had larger classes graduating in recent years along with smaller classes entering in kindergarten.

Enrollment plays a key role in school funding from the state. The state "blends" student counts conducted twice a year by districts — in February and in October — to determine the number of students each district can claim. The state's blending formula places the greatest emphasis on the fall count, which is worth 90 percent of the total.

That blended enrollment number is multiplied by schools' foundation — or per pupil — allowances to determine the amount of funding each school will receive.

Student in court following threats

Reese Public School officials say a high school freshman is believed to be responsible for some tense moments after the district's middle-high school received an undisclosed threat earlier this month.

The incident unfolded shortly after 9 a.m. Oct. 8, 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.

The Reese Police Department, Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies and Michigan State Police troopers responded to the scene, but a

search turned up no evidence of danger.

"The investigation showed that no threats were made to any other facility within the school district. During the course of this investigation, a suspect was identified and interviewed," Reese School Supt. Keith Wetters stated in a letter addressed to the community. "Authorities then made contact with the Tuscola County prosecutor and...the suspect, a freshman student at Reese Junior-Senior High School, was taken into protective custody.

The student was subsequently placed into the county's juvenile court system and charged with

four felony counts, and then placed in juvenile detention.

"During the initial investigation, an additional threat was found written in the girls' bathroom. It was believed that the same suspect also made this threat," noted Wetters, who added officials ruled the threats not credible.

Students throughout the area are reminded to report any suspicious activity by contacting their local law enforcement agency. They can also provide information anonymously via Ok2Say by calling 855-565-2729, by texting 652729 or by emailing ok2say@mi.gov.

Circuit court proceedings

Several appear on felony charges

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

*Shawn M. Wood, 45, North Branch, was sentenced to one day in jail following his pleas of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor and possession of a dangerous weapon (metallic knuckles) May 26 in Dayton Township.

Wood was also placed on probation for 12 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,558.

Daniel R. Lohr, Jr., 20, Caro, pleaded no contest to four counts of child abuse, second degree, and four counts of domestic violence — aggravated assault stemming from incidents between January and April in Juniata Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$100,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Glenn R. Welch, 40, Caro, pleaded no contest to a charge of assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer June 16 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was set at \$25,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Dean B. Gage, 434, Linwood, was sentenced to 365 days in the county jail following his pleas of no contest to three counts of uttering and publishing Oct. 8, 2018, in Arbel 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 36 months and ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,644.

*James L. Richmond, 57, Vassar, was sentenced to six to 15 years in prison following his pleas of no contest to unlawful imprisonment and two counts of assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder April 28 in Vassar Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$394 plus restitution of \$180.

*Michael R. Sparks, 63, Otter Lake, pleaded no contest to malicious destruction of personal property totaling \$1,000 to \$20,000 Feb 23 in Watertown

Township.

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

*James F. Cox, Jr., 58, Caro, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle with a high BAC (blood alcohol content), third offense, Aug. 3 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

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

*Shameka S. Williams, 34, Flushing, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle with a high BAC (blood alcohol content), third offense, June 15 in Millington Township. She was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

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

*Trarea Annya-Ukniic Thomas, 19, Saginaw, pleaded guilty to a

charge of absconding or forfeiting bond March 18 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$20,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Christopher W. Jackson, 45, Millington, pleaded no contest to one count each of assault, resisting or obstructing a police officer and interfering with electronic communications, and two counts of domestic violence, second offense, June 27 in Arbel Township.

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

*Cory A. Ziegler, 29, Vassar, pleaded no contest to possession of a controlled substance, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor — with an occupant under the age of 16 years, child abuse, second degree, and child abuse, third degree, April 9 in Wells Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$45,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

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Reporter's notebook

Love to hear about hometown heroes

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



I'm not a big fan of the national morning news shows, largely because the line that distinguishes news from entertainment on these shows is often, well, indistinguishable.

Worse, the stories involving politics and crime have become so ridiculous and depressing, it's easy to forget how many really good stories there are out there, stories that remind us that there is, indeed, much hope left in the world today.

And then there's the live concerts they feature most mornings. Is it just me, or has anyone else in my generation never heard of these up-and-coming superstars (be honest here; aren't you glad, too)?

Anyway, I caught bits and pieces of a "Make Your Monday" segment on Good Morning America last week that really caught my attention. In case you're not familiar with it, Make Your Monday recognizes ordinary folks who quietly make extraordinary contributions in their communities and rewards them with a Monday off plus loads of pampering, including a day at a spa.

This particular segment honored Mary Ellen Kremer, who mans the reception desk at Magee Women's Hospital in Pittsburgh, Penn. Co-workers, friends and family say Kremer goes out of the way to reach out to patients and make them feel as comfortable as possible.

"It's a feel-good moment, and so many of our patients really need that when they come in here," the hospital president said of the welcome Kremer offers everyone she meets.

Kremer, meanwhile, was genuinely surprised and clearly flabbergasted by all of the attention for simply doing her job.

"My dad always told us, 'Love what you do, love what you do, and it's not going to be work,'" she said. "And this is exactly the way I feel every day."

By all accounts, Kremer's efforts aren't flashy, but she's always ready with a smile and warm greeting, makes time to visit with patients, and gifts them with custom wristbands hand-decorated with her own brand of bling.

How cool is that?

This was definitely a "feel great" story, the sort that many memes on Facebook will tell you the media never covers (just one of the reasons folks should consider spending way less time on Facebook).

It's an inspiring story because it focused on a wonderful example of someone caring about others without giving it a second thought. That's how we should all treat one another, although many times we don't in the rush to stay on top of our busy lives. I think many of us tend to think we don't have the skills or education or whatever to make a difference. But we do, if we care.

Take Mary Ellen Kremer, for example. I'm guessing this woman, by simply reaching out with a little kindness and compassion, has touched more lives in a positive way than she'll ever know.

I'm also certain we have a slew of Mary Ellen Kremers in the Cass City area, quietly doing their part to make a small difference in the lives of friends, neighbors — even strangers.

If you know someone like that, here's a personal invitation to send me an email and tell me a little about that person and a way to contact them. You can reach me at: tom@cchronicle.net, and I'll get back to you as quickly as I can.

We're not offering anyone a Monday off from work or a day at the spa, but we would enjoy sharing their story with our readers, if they're willing.

Why? Because these are the stories that should be told, and I can't think of a better time to tell them.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2014)

Tim and Lorna Dorland of Deford and Tom and Deb DeGraaf of Hudsonville, announce the engagement of their children, Megan Kay Dorland to Andrew David DeGraaf. Megan is a 2008 graduate of Cass City High School and is employed as a CNA. Andrew is a 2004 graduate of Unity Christian High School and a 2010 graduate of Lake Superior State University and is employed as a registered nurse. The couple is planning a May 30, 2015 wedding.

10 YEARS AGO (2009)

Zachary and Brandy Sutter of Bay City announce the birth of their son, Brendon Kyle Sutter. He is joined at home by big sister, Madison. Brendon was born Sept. 18, 2009 at 9:26 p.m. at Saginaw Covenant Hospital. He weighed 6 pounds, 2 ounces and was 17 1/2 inches long. His grandparents are Connie and Bill Roemer, Sr. of Deford, Dave and Tisha Sutter of Caro, Norma Thompson of Bay City, and Bill and Joanne Wielan of Munger.

Charles and Marilyn (Cargill) Carpenter celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a gathering at their home with friends and family Sept. 20. They were united in marriage Sept. 19, 1959 at the First Presbyterian Church in Marlette. The couple has 3 children: Carrie (Darren) Oxford of Flint, Julie (Brian) Moore of Snover, and Michael (Tracy) Carpenter of Caro. They also have 6 grandchildren: Andrea and Ryan Oxford, Jessica (Chad) Thorley, Nicholas Moore, and Stephanie and Mandy Carpenter; and a great-granddaughter, Madelynn Thorley.

Cass City School officials recently honored the first of this year's Red Hawk Award of Excellence recipients. Among the first recipients for the 2009-10 school year is Jaelyn Palmer, a fourth grade student and the daughter of Ron and Jillian Palmer. The middle school recipient is Audrey VanAuken, an eighth grade student and the daughter of Joe and Kate VanAuken. This is the second time VanAuken has been honored with the award. At the high school, senior Tyler Perry was also honored. The son of Randy and Joy Perry, he is also a 2-time Red Hawk award recipient. "Tyler is a student who throughout his high school career has demonstrated his leadership abilities," said teacher Nancy Folk, who nominated him. "He is active in student council, National Honor Society and Future Youth Involvement. He is a pleasant person who is always willing to lend a helping hand. Tyler is very responsible and is a student you can count on to get the job done in an efficient and complete way," Folk added. "Tyler has the respect of the students and staff."

25 YEARS AGO (1994)

Former Cass City Village Council trustee Joanne Hopper received a plaque Monday night in appreciation for her 10 years of service to the village. The presentation was made by village President L.E. Althaver during the council's monthly meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Rene Broussard (Pam Harris) of Woodlands, Texas, announce the birth Monday, Oct. 24, of twins, Allison Rene and Mason Luke. A sister, Amanda, 3, welcomed them home. Grandparents are Lois and Newell Harris of Cass City.

The Cass City Gavel Club's newly elected officers for 1994-95 include: Cas Pasieczny, treasurer; Bob Stickle, vice-president; Jack Burns, president; Dick LeValley, secretary.

Gagetown Rural Carrier Joe Wald is retiring after 21 years with the U.S. Postal Service. He was presented Friday with a certificate of appreciation by Linda Downing and Officer in Charge Sherry Kappen. Wald began his postal career in 1973 as a clerk in Caro. He's

been at the Gagetown Post Office for the past 13 1/2 years.

Gagetown Elementary third grade students Shawn McClorey and Stephanie Dorsch were the first and second place winners, respectively, in a Halloween coloring contest sponsored by the Gagetown Post Office. Both received candy and a collection of commemorative stamps for their efforts.

Army Reserve Pvt. Daniel C. Browning has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. During the training students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid and army history and traditions. Browning is a 1994 graduate of Kingston High School.

Navy Seaman Recruit David S. Osborn, son of Sam J. and Linda M. Osborn of Ubyly, recently completed basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. During the cycle, recruits are taught general military subjects designed to prepare them for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 occupational fields.

35 YEARS AGO (1984)

Earl Markel attended the birth-day celebration for his aunt, Katherine Schank, Sunday at the home of her son, Carl, in Lapeer. Mrs. Schank was 97. Also attending were nieces, Marjorie Brown of Brighton and Doris Markel of Holly. About 40 guests attended.

Harold Randolph, a teacher with the Peck Community Schools, has been named Supervisor of the Year for the Thumb Youth Employment Program of 1984. Randolph was chosen by the Joint Executive Committee of the Thumb Area Employment and Training Consortium from over 180 worksite supervisors in Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac and Tuscola counties. Randolph's selection was based on his overall supervisory ability, interest in the young people, and his organizational style; all of which resulted in meaningful work experiences for the youth and the completion of much needed work in the community. The Summer Youth Employment Program involved over 700 young people in work settings ranging from County Economic Development Offices to local high schools from clerical work to janitorial duties.

Airman Gregory I. J. Maikrzek, son of Richard W. and Rose A. Maikrzek of Ubyly, has been assigned to Chanute Air Force Base, Ill., after completing Air Force basic training.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Wright hosted a get-together at their home Sunday after the christening of their second grandson, Matthew Scott, son of Karen and Frank Wilding. He was baptized at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Linkville, and his sponsors were Herschel and Barbara Adams.

40 YEARS AGO (1979)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Merchant, a daughter, Lori Renee, Oct. 25 in Huron Memorial Hospital, Bad Axe. She weighed eight pounds and four and one-half ounces. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William Patch of Harrison and Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Merchant of Cass City.

Navy Gunner's Mate Seaman Kevin D. Hunt, son of Harriette I. Hunt of 4291 West St., Cass City, is participating in exercise "Unitas XX" off the South American coast. He is a crewmember aboard the guided missile destroyer USS Dewey, homeported in Charleston, S.C. This is the 20th consecutive year that U.S. Navy ships and aircraft have joined with South American naval and air force units in a series of combined naval exercises. His ship has visited 13 South American cities as well as Trinidad, Tobago, Curacao and the Panama Canal Zone. A 1976 graduate of Caro High School, Hunt joined the Navy in September of that year.

50 YEARS AGO (1969)

A happy smile followed tears of joy as Jill Auten, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Auten, was named Cass City High School Home-coming queen. The crown was placed Friday at the Bad Axe football game by Jean Russell, last year's queen.

Gerald W. King, 23, son of Mrs. Vera King of Cass City, who entered the Navy in January of 1966, received his discharge Oct. 10. He served on the USS Muliphen. He and his wife, the former Faith Pruitt of Lapeer, are residing near Flint where he had previously been employed. King is a former Cass City resident and attended Cass City Schools.

Terry Hile, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hile of rural Cass City, graduated from basic training Friday, Oct. 17. He entered the service Aug. 13, and received his basic training and AIT training at Fort Knox, Ky. Hile is a 1968 graduate of Cass City High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Davis announce the birth of their second child, a daughter, Jennifer Lynn, on Oct. 23, at Hubbard Memorial Hospital, Bad Axe. She joins a brother, Timothy John, at home.

75 YEARS AGO (1944)

Mrs. Nelson Harrison of Cass City has received the following message from the Adjutant General in Washington. "European area reports that your son, Pfc. William N. Harrison, was captured by the enemy on Oct. 4. Mail address cannot be furnished until confirmation of capture is received through international Red Cross. When additional information is received you will be promptly notified."

Sgt. Vilas Moore of the medical corps, stationed at Patterson Field, Ohio, left Tuesday to return to his location after spending a 15-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Moore.

Madelyn O'Rourke, a graduate of Cass City high school last June, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John D. O'Rourke, of Grant township, started training as a nurse in Mercy Central School of Nursing in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Root, Sr., were surprised when their son, Sgt. Jerome Root, Jr., walked in Thursday morning of last week. He has been released from the Crile General hospital in Cleveland, Ohio, where he has been a patient since June 17. Sgt. Jerome had been awarded the purple heart and the citation-ribbon before leaving the hospital.

First Lt. William H. Crawford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton J. Crawford of Deford and husband of Winnefred Crawford of Clawson, has been decorated with the distinguished flying cross, it was announced recently by the commanding general, Eighth Air Force.

100 YEARS AGO (1919)

Sam Champion dropped into the Chronicle office Saturday night with a small sack containing a half dozen eggs and this remark, "Just think. I paid 42 cents for six eggs." Consumers who bought eggs on Saturday were fortunate for early this week local buyers were paying ~1.00 in trade, or 65 cents cash. Wednesday, one buyer continued at this price while others were paying 80 cents a dozen cash or trade. The reason a fight on among the buyers. The farmers smile and urge the hens to lay faster, while the consumers in town gaze in awe at the hen fruit and are wondering if there are any egg substitutes that will go well with oleo.

The Misses Belva Tibbals and Alma McInnes were guests at the home of Mrs. Geo. Smith last Thursday evening. The young ladies gave several readings in an entertainment which was held in the school of which Mrs. Smith is teacher.

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News briefs

Fundraiser to benefit veterans

CARO – The Caro Knights of Columbus and the Caro Moose Lodge have joined forces to organize a “Sloppy Joes for GI Joes” fundraiser, slated for Friday, Oct. 25, starting at 5 p.m. (and serving as long as supplies last) at the Caro Knights of Columbus Hall, 904 Ryan Rd., Caro. The cost is \$6 for a sloppy joe, fries, corn and cookie, and \$8 for two sloppy joes, fries, corn and cookie. Veterans eat free.

Proceeds from the event will go to support projects honoring area veterans.

More information is available by contacting Joe Greene at (989) 670-2441.

Park improvement set slated

UBLY — The Ubly Village Council recently approved a request from the United Methodist Church to place two swings and a tree near the new walking path in the park in memory of Lola Brown and Tom Trussock. The work is scheduled for next year.

Vets helping vets in Tuscola Co.

AKRON — A program in which veterans strive to help their fellow veterans meets monthly in the village of Akron.

The “VET to VET” gathering is a time for veterans to connect with other veterans throughout the community to socialize, mentor, and network. The gatherings are also used as a platform to share information on new and existing programs and resources that benefit vets.

Veterans and surviving spouses can receive assistance to apply for healthcare benefits, compensation, pensions, survivor’s pension, requesting DD 214/Service Records, and more during the meetings.

The VET to VET sessions begin at 6 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at the Akron Village Hall, 4380 Beach St. There is no cost to attend.

More information is available by calling (989) 673-8148.

Human trafficking event focus

CASS CITY – The Internet offers a limitless amount of information, but it can also be a very dangerous place, especially for young people.

Michigan State Police Trooper Nicole Dhooghe of the Michigan State Police post in Caro will be addressing those dangers during a special program entitled “Internet Safety and Human Trafficking” next month.

The program is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 22, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Charmont in Cass City.

The presentation is free and includes a lunch for participants, but registration is required.

To register, call the Tuscola County Health Department at (989) 673-1723 or email sluedtke@tchd.us, or call the Huron County Health Department at (989) 269-3319 or email kpitts@hchd.us. The event is sponsored by the departments’ Empowering Youth Today programs.

Kickoff celebration Thursday

CASS CITY – Area residents are invited to a kickoff and celebration planned by organizers of the Meating the Need For Our Village effort.

The event, which will launch the next phase of the youth-led hunger project, will be Thursday, Oct. 24, from 3:15 to 5:15 p.m. at Rawson Memorial District Library, Cass City. Pizza and ice cream will be provided.

Fitness fundraiser set Oct. 24

KINGSTON — A physical fitness fundraiser slated for Thursday, Oct. 24, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. will help some Kingston students exercise their brain.

The fundraiser will offer 1.5 hours of fitness via a variety exercises led by local instructors Misty Roberts, Rebecca Walker and Jessica Flikkie. Local vendors will also be on hand for the event, which will take place at Kingston Elementary School, 3644 Ross St.

The cost to participate is \$10. Proceeds from the event will help cover the cost of the new, expanded curriculum the district wants to offer preschoolers. The Cardinal Center’s preschool needs help covering the cost of Spanish, art, engineering, science, reading and more.

The Cardinal Center is self-funded and does not receive money from the school.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery

Drybean growers approve referendum

Michigan dry bean producers have approved a referendum to continue the Michigan Bean Commission and its activities.

The Michigan Bean Commission and program will remain in place for an additional five years beginning Jan. 1, 2020, and ending Dec. 31, 2024. The current assessment is 10 cents per hundredweight (cwt) sold.

A total of 224 ballots were cast, with 209 producers voting “yes”

(93 percent) representing 13,123,282.55 cwt (99 percent), and 15 producers voting “no” (seven percent), representing 94,958.48 cwt (one percent).

For the Commission and its activities to be renewed, more than 50 percent of the voting producers, representing more than 50 percent of the hundredweight sold by those voting, must approved it.

The Michigan Bean Commission was appointed to improve the eco-

nomie position of the state’s dry bean producers by promoting research on bean varieties and agronomic practices as well as research on developing and discovering the health, food, therapeutic, and dietetic value of beans and bean products; carrying out market development, market research, and promotional programs; and compiling and publicizing commodity information.

Upgrades shaping up at Kingston Schools

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

A lot has been accomplished in the Kingston School District, both before and since school officials welcomed back students for the start of the 2019-20 school year.

Among projects completed is replacement of the HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning) rooftop units at both schools. Fencing has been installed at the newly-constructed concession stand and football field entrance, all new lighting in the high school has been completed, and a new PA/intercom system was installed at the high school, with bathroom renovations also now completed in both buildings.

“There were many other projects that have also been completed. The buildings are looking great,” school Supt. Matt Drake reported during a recent board of education meeting.

In addition, school officials spent \$10,500 to have SWAT Builders install a steel roof on the mainte-

nance building as well as repair the fascia and trim on the baseball field press box.

The work was funded by a \$4.8 million bond spanning 20 years that voters approved in November 2017.

During the meeting’s public comment period, audience member Matt Nelson called the board’s attention to a drug issue. He explained he wanted district officials to be aware that in a neighboring town there have been a couple of occurrences of overdoses involving liquid morphine.

In other business, a sixth grade teaching position was filled by long-term substitute Chelsea Green. She has been working with the district for two years and has taken on multiple long-term substitute positions as well as para-professional work.

“We are keeping the job posted and working on an emergency certification application for Chelsea,” elementary Principal Justin Diegel noted.

Also, the district is participating

in the National School Lunch Program and in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), which will enable school officials to provide free breakfasts and lunches to all students.

CEP is a non-pricing meal service option for school districts who meet certain low-income student criteria. The program enables schools to serve meals at no cost to all enrolled students.

Schools that adopt CEP are reimbursed using a formula based on the percentage of students categorically eligible for free meals based on their participation in other specific means-tested programs, such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

Turning to other matters, the board approved levying a general tax rate of 2.69 mills for the 2012 debt retirement and a tax rate of 2.76 for the 2018 debt retirement for a total of 5.45 mills, and 18 mills for non-homestead property.

Defunct group shines light on Gagetown

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

Thanks to some funds from a dissolved village organization, Gagetown officials were able to purchase a device designed to save lives, and the community will enjoy a brighter Christmas.

In the 1960s, the elders in Gagetown created a downtown development association, hoping their community would grow and flourish. And for a while it did — back in the 1970s, Gagetown was called “Sparkle City U.S.A.” In the summer, area residents would get together for a pig roast and party in the village park.

But over the years, the event faded away, as did the association’s vision for the community, so over time there was no longer a need for the organization.

Today, Fred Sullivan and Mary Margaret Downing are the only remaining members of the association, and they agreed to give the remaining money to the village council to be used for beautification of the village.

To honor their request, the council purchased and installed 51 LED street lights, which makes

every light in the village LED. Making the switch to LED lights saved the village at least \$300 a month on the street light bill, according to village Clerk Joan Koch.

The former DDA members requested some of the money be used for new Christmas decorations. So, officials purchased the decorations from Bronner’s CHRISTmas Wonderland in Frankenmuth with their blessing, she noted.

The new holiday decorations will

go up in November.

There was still some of the DDA funds left, prompting officials to purchase an automated external defibrillator (AED).

Having the life-saving equipment is important because it can increase the rate of survival of someone suffering from cardiac arrest by restoring a normal heart rhythm. AEDs come with step-by-step directions, enabling almost anyone to operate the equipment until medical first responders arrive.

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Hunter's moon...

SKYWATCHERS have been enjoying watching the Hunter's Moon – also called the Travel Moon, Dying Grass Moon, and sometimes Blood Moon or Sanguine Moon — light up the Thumb sky. Every three years, the October full moon is also the Harvest Moon, the name given to the full moon closest to the September equinox, which is the start of fall in astronomy. However, the astronomical seasons do not match up with the lunar month, so the month the Harvest Moon occurs in varies.

Ubly among new "heartsafe" schools in state

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gan Alliance for Prevention of Sudden Cardiac Death of the Young (MAP-SCDY) last week recognized 154 schools for earning the MI HEARTSafe School designation for the 2018-19 school year.

Aside from Ubly, other Thumb districts named newly-certified MI HEARTSafe schools are the Bad Axe Schools (all buildings) and Zion Lutheran School in Harbor Beach. The MI HEARTSafe School Program has recognized 569 schools for being prepared to respond to cardiac emergencies since it began in 2013. To receive a MI HEART-Safe School designation, schools must have:

*A written medical emergency

response plan and team.

*Current CPR/AED (automatic external defibrillation) certification of at least 10 percent of staff and 50 percent of coaches, including 100 percent of head varsity coaches and physical education staff.

*Accessible, properly maintained and inspected AEDs with signs identifying locations.

*Annual cardiac emergency response drills.

*Pre-participation sports screening of all student athletes using the current physical and history form endorsed by MHSAA.

In the Cass City Schools, ensuring everyone is prepared for a cardiac emergency is an on-going process, according to school Supt. Jeff Hartel, who cited continuing training for staff members – ad-

ministrators, many teachers, para-professionals, bus drivers, etc. – as an example. "A lot of people in this district are trained in CPR," he said.

Aside from having AEDs in both buildings, the school system has its own "Code Blue Team" charged with responding in an emergency. Each team member is assigned a responsibility such as calling 911, getting an AED, taking notes for emergency responders, and meeting an ambulance crew at the front doors to ensure quick access to the victim.

"So, there's a plan in place that is followed in case of a medical emergency, and there's a back-up person for every job (on the Code Blue Team)," Hartel said.

"Sudden cardiac death claims the lives of more than 300 Michigan children and young adults annually," said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, MDHHS chief medical executive and chief deputy for health. "Having schools prepared for cardiac emergencies can help decrease the number of these tragedies, one community at a time."

"We are proud to support Michigan's HEARTSafe schools," said Dr. Michael Rice, state school superintendent. "Ensuring schools are prepared for sudden cardiac emergencies through planning, training and life-saving AEDs is an important part of having safer learning environments for students, staff and the community."

The MI HEARTSafe School designation lasts for three years, and this year 67 schools received their second MI HEARTSafe award. Currently, 490 schools are designated as MI HEARTSafe Schools.

Click It or Ticket this month

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booster seat until they are eight years old or four feet nine inches tall, and children under the age of four years must be in the back seat.

The fine and associated costs for not wearing a seatbelt is \$65.

In Michigan, the seatbelt use rate stands at 94.4 percent. The national seatbelt use rate in 2018 was 89.6 percent.

The OHSP coordinates the Click It or Ticket campaign, which is supported by federal traffic safety funds.

"This enforcement period, there are 114 law enforcement agencies participating with the seatbelt enforcement program, including the Tuscola County Sheriff's Office. This includes 36 counties in Michigan and approximately 3,400 total enforcement hours," said Tuscola County Sheriff Glen Skrent.

"The Tuscola County Sheriff's Office will have extra patrols scheduled for seatbelt enforcement starting Oct. 18 and running through Oct. 31," he added, noting Tuscola County received grant funding because local seatbelt use is documented at well under the state average.

"The state of Michigan wants all counties to be at or near the average use in order to save lives on Michigan roadways," Skrent said.

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Cass City's Bitzer sworn in as county's new district court judge

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daughter, Blair. Tuscola County Circuit Court Judge Amy Grace Gierhart administered the oath of office, and Melissa Malloy, president of the Tuscola County Bar Association, presented Bitzer with a ceremonial gavel.

The proceedings were attended by fellow attorneys and associates, friends and family members, as well as a group of current and former judges — Tuscola County Probate Judge Nancy L. Thane, retired Tuscola County Circuit Court Judge Patrick R. Joslyn, Huron County Circuit Court Judge Gerald M. Prill and Probate Judge David L. Clabuesch, and David Nicholson, retired St. Clair County District Court judge.

For his part, Bitzer thanked a number of individuals he described as having a positive impact on his career over the years, including former law partner Michelle Biddinger, and the staff of Biddinger's Cass City practice.

Bitzer also vowed to utilize his experience and employ fairness in approaching each case assigned to his court.

"I will do everything humanly possible to be the best judge I can...because it matters to me," he added.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer appointed Bitzer to the 71B District Court bench July 24 to fill a vacancy left by the early retirement

of Judge Kim David Glaspie, also of Cass City.

"Throughout Jason's career, he has worked hard to uphold and defend our justice system," Whitmer said in making the announcement. "His previous experience arguing in criminal, civil and probate matters allows him to seamlessly transition into this new role."

At the time, Bitzer expressed confidence in the experience he could bring to the bench, including having practiced law in every court in Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties over the course of his career. And, he said, that includes every type of case handled by a district court — misdemeanors, civil cases involving \$25,000 or less, civil infractions, landlord/tenant law and land contracts.

Prior to joining his practice, Bitzer served as a legal intern with the Michigan Attorney General's Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement Division. After joining Biddinger in Cass City, he handled a variety of criminal, civil and probate matters, including serving as a court-appointed attorney representing individuals facing misdemeanor charges.

"I was in front of Judge Glaspie probably more than anyone else in the last 11, 12 years," he said. "I've got big shoes to fill, but when he stepped down, I knew that was a job I wanted."

The path to making that dream

come true included two interviews, with the first taking place in front of 25 to 30 members of the Michigan State Bar. The second interview, Bitzer noted, was less formal and took place with the governor's chief legal counsel, two deputy legal counsels and her director of appointments.

Bitzer, who actually started in his new role in August, will serve the balance of Glaspie's term, which will expire Jan. 1, 2021. He will run as the incumbent in the November 2020 election for a full six-year term.

His appointment was welcomed by Gierhart, who also serves as Tuscola County's chief judge.

"He (Bitzer) has been raised in this community, and his knowledge, qualifications and demeanor will be a profound asset to the Tuscola County courts and this community for years to come," she said. "I could not be more pleased. I would also like to thank the governor and her staff for their careful, thorough and timely decision in this matter."

A graduate of Caro High School, Bitzer earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in communications and public law and government from Eastern Michigan University, and his Juris Doctor Degree from the Thomas M. Cooley Law School. Prior to accepting Whit-

mer's appointment, he had been in private practice with Biddinger and Bitzer since 2008.

Bitzer is a member of the Hills and Dales General Hospital Board of Directors, the Rotary Club of Cass City, and the United Way of Tuscola County Board of Directors. He is also a 2015 LEAD Tuscola graduate.

Glaspie, 63, a Cass City native and 1973 Cass City High School graduate, earned the distinction of being Tuscola County's longest-serving district court judge. He stepped down in the spring after serving nearly 30 years on the bench.



FORMER LONGTIME Tuscola County Circuit Court Judge Patrick R. Joslyn (standing), now retired, offers some words of advice to Bitzer during his investiture ceremony.



THURSDAY'S FORMAL investiture ceremony for new Tuscola County District Court Judge Jason Bitzer, Cass City, included taking the oath of office, administered (above) by Tuscola County Circuit Court Judge Amy Grace Gierhart. Also pictured is Bitzer's father, Eric Bitzer.



STATE SENATOR Kevin Daley (R-Lum), center, and state Rep. Phil Green (R-Millington), left, present Bitzer with a state of Michigan tribute in honor of his appointment as only the third individual to serve as district court judge in Tuscola County.

Argyle officials seeking renewals

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guidelines and policies for poverty exemption, which now require officials to complete an "asset test". A poverty exemption can be requested by low-income property owners, and if approved, their tax liability could be lowered.

In other matters during the recent meeting, board members learned that because a publication deadline was missed, a solar energy ordinance adopted by the township board must be acted on again. The board took corrective action by readopting the ordinance.

Because 2020 will be a presidential election year, along with other items on the ballot, the township officials want to be prepared, which prompted the board to approve the purchase of an upgraded laptop computer for an additional \$240 over the planned expenditure for an e-poll book used for elections. It was also noted a better computer can be used for other purposes if needed.

Also during the session, the board appointed Joann Langenburg as zoning administrator.

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Cass City wins GTW crown

**Cuthrell
 sidelined
 with injury**

by Clarke Haire
 Publisher

It certainly wasn't a shocker that Cass City wrapped up a perfect Greater Thumb West campaign Friday with an easy win at Reese. But that doesn't mean the Red Hawks didn't endure a nightmare on their way to a 46-0 triumph that secured Coach Scott Cuthrell his second straight league crown. Loss for the night, early in the first quarter, was senior team

leader Sandyn Cuthrell. The two-way all-conference dream team performer was sent to the hospital with a hard hit to his shoulder area and his status for this week's regular season finale against visiting Ubyly is day-to-day.

Even without their 4-year varsity playmaker, Cass City had no trouble winning its 7th straight game. The visitors led 12-0 after one quarter and 20-0 after two. It was more of the same in the final half as the Red Hawks stretched the margin to 40-0 in the third when a running clock started with 1:05 remaining.

Cass City struck first on a 65 yard pass from quarterback Bryce Fernald to Hadyn Horne. The senior running back then added his second marker of the period a few minutes later on a 23 yard dash.

Horne, who gained 130 yards on 13 carries, wasn't done yet. He found pay dirt on a 14 yard run for the only second quarter points that

removed most doubt of the game's outcome.

Especially considering the Red Hawk defense that recorded its second consecutive shutout and hasn't allowed more than eight points since Week One.

"I remind these players that in five to ten years from now they will understand what kind of history they made this season. This is a tough league and they have been at the top back-to-back years," Cuthrell said.

"With these players it's not about who scores the most or who makes the most tackles, its 23 guys who show up every day to practice to work hard and enjoy the game of football. This should go down as one of the best defensive teams we have had, only allowing 44 points going into Week 9. I would say that is the making of a record."

In the final half a pair of TDs by Jordan Mester and Alex Perry

completed the whipping. Both scored on short 2-yard dives in the third and followed those markers with long scoring runs – Perry from 44 yards and Mester from 48 yards – to put the finishing touches on a 6-0 GTW mark. Perry would lead all rushers on the night with 145 yards on 13 totes while Mester chipped in 97 yards on 10 tries.

Defensively, Cass City had Noah Zaleski with eight tackles while Jeremy Velasquez and Hunter Caister had 6 and 5 stops, respectively. Also making contributions on defense were Justin Miller with a fumble recovery, and Fernald with an interception.

Ubyly, meanwhile, invades Cass City also with a 7-1 overall record. The Bearcats easily defended command foes Reese, Marlette and Caro in 2019. Against USA, the Bearcats won 28-6 and Cass City won by a score of 13-8.

CASS CITY quarterback Bryce Fernald has room to run.

Kingston suffers first NCTL Blue gridiron defeat

Kingston's bid for the North Central Thumb League Blue football championship fell just short Friday as visiting Deckerville escaped with a tight 42-34 victory.

"I'm extremely proud of the toughness and grit that our guys showed tonight. They gave everything they had until the final whistle. We made a few mistakes early that we would like to have back, but we just have to do a better job moving forward of taking care of the ball. Hats off to Deckerville, they are a great team and are very well-coached," said Coach Brandon Jones after his Cardinals (6-2 overall, 3-1 NCTL-B) suffered their first setback in conference play. The Eagles (7-0 overall, 4-0 NCTL-B), meanwhile, remained unblemished on the year.

After a Carlos Ibarra interception halted Kingston's first possession, the hosts' defense was able to prevent any damage from the miscue as they forced a 3-and-out on Deckerville's first drive.

However, on Kingston's next drive Traiten Colesa pounced on a Kingston fumble and moments later was rewarded for his defensive effort as quarterback Isaac Keinath hit a streaking Colesa for the game's first points. The pass reception covered 80 yards. Keinath added the points after run that ended the scoring after 12 minutes of play.

Another Keinath pass, this time to Richard Oldenburg from 7 yards out, extended Deckerville's margin to 14-0 early in the second quarter.

To their credit, Kingston would answer with a 70 yard run by Jake DeLong and a 2-point conversion run by quarterback Aaron Koehler with 9:07 remaining in the half.

That proved more than enough time for both teams to find the end zone before the break.

Deckerville went on top 20-8 on a 15-yard run by Keinath, but Kingston closed the gap to 20-14 when Koehler spotted tight end Jack Green open in the end zone for the final points of the half.

Deckerville nearly scored in the final minute of the initial half, but a touchdown saving tackle by Quinn Boucard prevented any more damage entering the third period.

The final half went back and forth as each team score touchdowns twice in the third quarter and once in the fourth before the Eagles prevailed.

DeLong gained 195 yards on 18 carries to pace Kingston, scoring three TDs, while Caleb Goss added 120 rushing yards on 20 totes and one TD.

Defensively, Koehler led Kingston with 11 tackles, while Jacob Rayl was credited with 7.5 stops. DeLong added one forced fumble.

Despite the heartbreaking defeat, Kingston will need to rebound quickly as they host Mayville (6-2) on Friday at 7 p.m.

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BATTLE IN the trenches. Kingston's Tristen Skinner, left, and Deckerville's Jacan Cischke square off during Friday's action.

USA spikers join Red Hawks at the top of the Greater Thumb West standings

With just two weeks remaining of Greater Thumb West volleyball battles, it appears to be a two-horse race for the conference crown.

Defending champion USA drew even with league leading Cass City last week, knocking off the visiting Lady Red Hawks during a hard fought match that included two sets needing extra points to determine the outcome.

Scores in Tuesday's contest were 25-20, 29-27, 25-27 and 25-18. With the USA victory, they improve to 6-2 in the Greater Thumb West, same as Cass City.

Hailey Beckrow and Sierra Spry

both recorded 16 kills to lead Cass City's offensive attack against the Patriots, while Haven Bouverette chipped in eight kills. The Red Hawks also had Abby Phillips with 29 assists and Taylor Cumper with 15 assists.

Defensively, the visitors had Abbey Salcido with 28 digs and Macey White with 16 digs. Beckrow added five blocks.

For USA, Ally Kemp posted 21 kills and Maci Montgomery 27 digs, both team highs for the winners.

MARYSVILLE TOURNEY

On Saturday, Cass City turned in

a solid showing at the Marysville tourney.

"We were happy with our play against some state ranked teams. Our goal was to focus on things we have practiced and look to improve on our weaknesses. I believe the goal was accomplished. This is a hard working squad and their work is paying off," said Cass City Coach Amy Cuthrell.

Cass City advanced into the elimination rounds over the weekend with a 5-3 record in pool play. The Red Hawks defeated Algonac, 25-13, 25-22, split with Marysville 25-23, 22-25, before Please turn to page 10.

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THEY'RE OFF! Runners at the starting line – including Cass City's Riley Copeland, in red on the left, and Amelia Weiler – enjoyed splendid weather conditions Saturday at the annual Thumb Area Cross Country Championships.

Thumb Area Cross Country Championships held over the weekend at Caro Golf Course

The Imlay City girls and Yale boys captured team honors at the Thumb Area Cross Country Championships Saturday in Caro. The Lady Spartans held off Croswell-Lexington 85-93 for top billing, while Yale finished third with a tally of 124.

Cass City, meanwhile, placed 5th in the team rankings with a score of 181.

"All of the ladies ran strong races. We are peaking at exactly the correct time of the season," said Cass City Coach Jon Zdrojewski.

Once again, Riley Copeland led the Lady Red Hawks, taking 11th individually out of the 131 finishers with a time of 20:51. Madi Ware and Mary Muter continued running together for Cass City and helped pull each other to great finishes taking 30th and 32nd respectively. Ware completed the 5,000 meters in 22:08 and Muter in 22:12. Amelia Weiler (23:38) ran a good race, according to Zdrojewski, taking 67 and the scoring was rounded out by Marla Muter (24:04) taking 74th.

"These girls have really gelled as a team and their respect for each other continues to get stronger. They have been great to watch come together as a team this season. It has certainly been a pleasure to be involved in the bonding of these ladies as more than just teammates," Zdrojewski said.

Other teams close to home had the Ubyly gals finish 10th in the team standings with 256 points. The Bearcats had Abigail Guza and Maze Gusa with Top 35 individual showings and times of 22:15 and 22:19, respectively. Alexiss Guigar added a time of 23:46, Andrea Grifka a time of 27:01 and Danielle Tschirhart a time of 28:39 to complete the scoring for Ubyly.

Over in Owen-Gage, Allison Haldane was fastest for the Bulldogs with a time of 21:46, while Libby Ondrajka was right behind with a time of 21:47 and Katriana Curtoys handed in a time of 23:50.

A trio of Kingston runners had Brooklyn Walker with a time of 25:44, Dakota Dahlke a time of 26:19 and Lohr Smith a time of

33:29.

The women's race winner was North Branch's Haileigh Bissett with a time of 19:09.

Turning to the men's field, Yale was the easy winner with 38 points. USA was the runner-up with 90 points and Croswell-Lexington next in the team standings with 107. Kingston (368), Cass City (370) and Ubyly (425) had team finishes of 13th, 14th and 16th, respectively.

For the Red Hawks, Nick McArdle suffered a severe cramp that forced him to drop out of the race with about a half mile left, said Zdrojewski, adding, as a result our finish placing was greatly affected taking 14th of the 18 full teams.

In McArdle's absence, Drew Markel (19:08) led the Red Hawks, taking 55th individually and was followed immediately by Brandon Witherspoon (19:10) in 56th.

"The course is typically slow and that held true this past weekend under near perfect conditions," claimed Zdrojewski noting, Anthony Boscaglia (19:54) contin-

ued his strong first season on the cross country team finishing in 82nd out of the 137 finishers on the day. Hugh Walker (20:13), back from his injury, ran another good race taking 95th and the scoring was rounded out by Gabe Schwendinger (21:41) taking 121st closing his excellent freshman season.

For Kingston, Ethan Green (18:52), Dustin Peter (19:33), Morgan Green (19:48), Marco Saenz (20:38) and Ethan Harrington (20:41) completed the list of Cardinal scorers as did Ubyly's Zachary Garner (19:16), Ethan Sabins (19:35), Andrew Vogel (20:38), Grant Geiger (21:26) and Theron Harris (22:09).

Matthew McClelland, Yale, was the men's medalist with a winning time of 16:25.

Up next for Cass City is regionals in Shepherd Friday with the ladies running at 3:40 and the men running at 5:00. The top 3 teams and the top 15 individuals all qualify for the State Finals that take place at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn on Nov. 2.

Hawks bow

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falling to Harbor Beach 24-25, 17-25 and sweeping Warren Mott 25-8, 25-21.

In their Gold Bracket elimination game, host Maysville ended Cass City's day with wins of 25-17 and 25-23.

Individually, Cass City had Beckrow with 31 kills, Spry with 20 kills, Phillips 40 assists, Cumper 29 assists, Salcido 37 digs and White 31 digs.

Cass City was scheduled to face Greater Thumb West foe Caro on Tuesday. The Lady Red Hawks entertain Reese next Tuesday (Oct. 29th) in the team's final conference outing.

Kingston spikers win again

Kingston won its fifth straight North Central Thumb League match Thursday at Mayville in straight sets, but for many the Cardinal victory didn't highlight the evening.

Scores of the All Cancers Matter fundraising game were 25-15, 25-9 and 25-11. Proceeds from the night will go to local families in each community that are battling cancer.

"In a night where two communities came together for a great cause, the Cardinals came away with the NCTL Stars Division win. The first set was back and forth with Kingston eventually pulling ahead. The Cardinals were able to ride that momentum through the next two sets. It was another balanced offensive effort for Kingston with many players finding their rhythm," said Kingston Coach Beth Hunter afterwards, adding, "A special thank you to all who came out, donated and supported (the cause) tonight."

The well-rounded attack for the winners had Ella Retan with nine kills, 21 service points and three aces, while Hannah James added 22 assists, 12 service points and one kill, Payton Kolacz seven kills, four service points, one ace and one block, Anna Ahern three kills, four service points, and one assist and Brooke Mooney eight kills.

Two days earlier, Kingston enjoyed similar success against visiting Genesee and recorded decisions of 25-16, 25-23 and 25-19.

"Kingston picked up a divisional win over Genesee Tuesday night. It was a match of runs and Genesee battled hard in every set," Hunter said.

Individually, the hosts had James with 24 assists, 10 service points, two aces and two digs, Kolacz with 10 kills, five service points, two aces and two blocks, Mooney 10 kills and four digs and Ahern seven kills, three digs and two blocks.

The Cardinals (13-10 Overall, 5-2 NCTL Stars) were scheduled to travel to Deckerville Tuesday before hosting Peck Thursday.

GTW all-conference honors earned at Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port High School

Greater Thumb West cross country individual and team honors were earned last week at Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port High School.

USA ran to the men's team championship Tuesday, while Reese recorded the women's team crown.

Although the Cass City boys' team finished fourth and the Cass City girls third in the 5-school association, several Red Hawks collected all-conference honors.

"The top 7 (runners) are first team all-conference, 8 - 14 are second team all-conference and 15 - 21 are honorable mention all-conference," explained Cass City Coach Jon Zdrojewski.

For Cass City, a pair of underclassman earned dream team dis-

inction. Junior Nick McArdle, the GTC West Individual Champion - took first place and Junior Riley Copeland finished in third place with a new personal record of 20:25, tying her for 10th place on the All-Time Board in Cass City.

Second Team all-conference performers for the Red Hawks were Madi Ware with a new personal record (PR) of 21:39 taking 10th, and Mary Muter setting a new PR of 21:40 taking 11th.

"The course at Lakers produced many great performances despite the light rain, temperatures were favorable for running," Zdrojewski said.

Besides Cass City's all-conference runners, Amelia Weiler took 23rd in 23:21 and Marla Muter

24th in 23:32. Jule Palm finished in 32nd for the Red Hawks also setting a new personal record time of 25:42, followed by Chloe Jaworski also with a new personal best time of 27:39 nearly a minute faster than her previous best, taking 38th place.

"I'm very excited as this team continues to improve, we are moving to the most important meet next week. Several athletes are running the best of their careers at this time," said Zdrojewski.

For the Cass City men, second team all-conference praises went to Brandon Witherspoon, as he placed 14th on his way to a new personal best time of 18:19. Landing on the honorable mention

all-conference listing was Drew Markel, who took 18th place in a time of 18:38.

Rounding out the scorers for Cass City at the League Meet were Hugh Walker, back from a previous injury, taking 28th in 19:38. He was closely followed by Anthony Boscaglia taking 29th in 19:45.

Zdrojewski also praised his non-scorers at the League Meet, "Gabe Schwendinger set a new PR time of 20:24 taking 32nd and Thomas Muter also set a new PR of 21:21 taking 38th. The men's team is also continuing to improve as we near the end of our season and our expectations are for setting best times at this time of the season." #####

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VOLLEYBALL (JV & VARSITY)

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

WEEK NINE - OCT. 25TH	WEEKEND			
(11-player games)				
Uby @ Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City
Harbor Beach @ EPBP	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach
Brown City @ USA	USA	USA	USA	USA
Bad Axe @ Sandusky	Sandusky	Sandusky	Bad Axe	Sandusky
Caro @ North Branch	North Branch	North Branch	North Branch	North Branch
Marlette @ Armada	Armada	Marlette	Armada	Armada
Otisville @ Vassar	Vassar	Otisville	Otisville	Otisville
Reese @ Michigan LS	MLS	MLS	MLS	MLS
(8-player games)				
Mayville @ Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Mayville
Owen-Gage @ New Haven	New Haven	New Haven	New Haven	Owen-Gage
BCAS @ Akron-Fairgrove Fair.	BCAS	BCAS	BCAS	Akron-
(College games)				
Penn State @ MSU	Penn State	Penn State	Penn State	Penn State
Notre Dame @ UofM	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame
(Pro game)				
NY Giants @ Detroit	Detroit	Detroit	NY Giants	Detroit
LAST WEEK	12 - 0	11 - 1	11 - 1	8 - 4
SEASON RESULTS	77-14 (85 %)	76-15 (84 %)	72-19 (79 %)	67-24 (74%)

STANDINGS

Team	NCTL Blue Overall			
	W	L	W	L
Deckerville	4	0	8	0
Kingston	3	1	6	2
Mayville	3	1	6	3
North Huron	1	2	5	3
Peck	1	3	5	3
Atherton	0	5	1	7

STANDINGS

Team	GTW Overall			
	W	L	W	L
Cass City	6	0	7	1
USA	5	1	5	3
EPBP	4	2	6	2
Bad Axe	3	3	4	4
Caro	2	4	3	5
Reese	1	5	2	6
Vassar	0	6	0	8

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
W - 10/18	CC 46, Reese 0
10/25	Uby

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	Uby

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17-year-olds no longer adults in court under proposed bills

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If the law passes, it brings Michigan in line with most other states. Currently, the only other states that view 17-year-olds as adults in the eyes of the law are Georgia, Wisconsin and Texas.

According to Raise the Age MI, a grassroots effort lead by Michigan communities, advocates and lawmakers, prosecuting youth as adults is harmful to children, threatens public safety and is expensive.

The group says there is no evidence that prosecuting 17-year-olds in the adult system shows any rehabilitative advantage, and that many have suffered severe mental and physical damage from the violence and sexual abuse they have endured while in the adult prison system.

Members of Raise the Age MI also cite the cost of incarcerating 17-year-olds.

"It costs upwards of \$34,000 a year to incarcerate someone, and the costs continue onward after that. After exiting the prison system, youth have an adult criminal record that haunts them the rest of their life. This limits them from finding housing, getting a job, and leading a productive life after prison," they say.

The organization's other talking points include:

*Youth incarcerated in adult facilities are more likely to be physically attacked, sexually assaulted and attempt suicide than young people in the juvenile justice system.

*Youth incarceration in adult facilities increases violent crime. National research found that youth exiting the adult system are 34 percent more likely to re-offend, re-offend sooner, and escalate to more violent offenses than their counterparts in the juvenile justice system.

*Raising the age allows 17-year-olds to access rehabilitative age-appropriate services. "Juvenile courts offer highly effective diversion and community-based programs not accessible in adult court. Because the majority of 17-year-olds have non-violent charges, they would likely respond well to community-based options that are designed to keep kids in school, address underlying treatment needs and engage the whole family."

Reene: hold the phone

Reene is quick to take issue with suggestions that 17-year-olds in Michigan who commit crimes are routinely slapped with a criminal record and shipped off to prison.

In fact, the Tuscola County prosecutor says, the vast majority of 17-year-old offenders are granted Holmes Youthful Training Act (HYTA) status.

In short, he explained, HYTA gives youth offenders, ages 17 to 23, the opportunity to keep eligible criminal offenses, including felonies, off of their records, provided they successfully complete the terms of probation set forth by the court.

A defendant who seeks HYTA status is required to formally plead guilty to the offense or offenses which are being considered for HYTA. However, once the court accepts someone on HYTA status, the court does not enter a judgment of conviction and Michigan State Police records become closed to the public view.

"We utilize that a lot – it's more the rule than the exception," Reene said.

Tuscola County Circuit Court Judge Amy Grace Gierhart agreed. "I use that (HYTA) probably eight times out of 10, if not nine out of 10," she said, noting the value of the program lies in giving young offenders a chance to change the direction of their lives.

Of course, Gierhart said, not every defendant qualifies. There's a difference, for example, between a 17-year-old who appears in court with a lengthy juvenile record, and one who faces a charge after simply doing something stupid such as vandalizing property or getting drunk.

And, even 17-year-olds accepted into the HYTA program don't necessarily escape jail time – Gierhart indicated that, depending on the offense, she has no problem doling out a brief period of time behind bars to a young offender in order to give them a taste of what they will want to avoid in the future.

However, the court also has at its disposal a variety of intervention tools – counseling, behavioral programs, substance abuse testing, etc. – designed to assist in rehabilitation.

The beauty of the program, she said, is that those individuals who complete their probation successfully have no criminal conviction on their public record, enabling them to avoid the stigma of a criminal record when it comes to applying for a job, applying to college, or filling out an employment application.

While many people are under the impression that prosecutors are interested only in racking up convictions, Reene said his objectives are to ensure public safety, and utilize available tools to encourage first time offenders from re-offending. "You want your first contact (with the criminal justice system) to be your last contact," he added.

"The suggestion that you have this large group of 17-year-olds (in prison) that shouldn't be – that's mistaken. It's very, very hard to get to prison in Michigan – you have to commit very serious offenses," Reene pointed out, adding those convicted of violent crimes and sex-related offenses fall into that category along with those who have multiple convictions on their records.

"The problem with treating a 17-year-old as a juvenile, is that at age 18, they'll be discharged because the juvenile court loses jurisdiction," Reene continued.

For an individual who commits a crime shortly after his or her 17th birthday, for example, that means by the time they go through the system, there is little time for the court to get them the help they need before they turn 18. "You can't get that done in 90 days," Reene said.

Another concern voiced by Reene along with Gierhart and Tuscola County Sheriff Glen Skrent is whether or not the state will actually shoulder the financial burden stemming from diverting 17-year-olds into the juvenile court system, or cover the expense for a period of time and then dump it onto the shoulders of counties.

Tuscola County, for example, has no juvenile detention center, meaning there would be a significant cost to house 17-year-olds in a facility outside of the county's borders.

Funding aside, Reene said, the local criminal justice system is already providing 17-year-old defendants with opportunities for a fresh start if they're willing.

"We want a system in place that gives the individual the opportunity to be successful," he added. "We're doing that now. It's working."

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MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made BY Janet Sieradzki and Walter Sieradzki, wife and husband as joint tenants whose address is 5151 White Creek Road, Marlette, Michigan 48453, as original Mortgageors, to Arbor Mortgage, being a mortgage dated November 22, 2005, and recorded on December 21, 2005 in Liber 1065 Page 1410, Tuscola County Records, State of Michigan. Said mortgage is held through mesne assignment by Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, as assignee as documented by an assignment dated December 10, 2014 and recorded on January 5, 2015 in Liber 1321 Page 1138, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE AND 90/100 D O L L A R S (\$130,571.90). Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, at public sale to the highest bidder AT THE PLACE OF HOLDING THE CIRCUIT COURT WITHIN TUSCOLA COUNTY, at 10:00 a.m. on November 7, 2019. Said premises are situated in the Township of Koylton, County of

Tuscola, State of Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 24, Township 11 North, Range 11 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the West line of said Northwest 1/4 which is North 01 degree 29 minutes 01 second West, along said West line, 993.44 feet from the West 1/4 corner of said Section 24; thence continuing North 01 degree 29 minutes 01 second West, along said West line, 331.72 feet to the North line of said Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4; thence North 88 degrees 27 minutes 35 seconds East along said North line, 1327.80 feet to the East line of said Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4; thence South 01 degree 31 minutes 20 seconds East, along said East line, 331.72 feet; thence South 88 degrees 27 minutes 35 seconds West, parallel with said North line, 1328.02 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to easements, rights-of-way, and restrictions of record. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA § 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCLA § 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: October 9, 2019 For more information, please call: (312) 541-9710, Kenneth J. Johnson, Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC, 5955 West Main Street, Suite 18, Kalamazoo, MI 49009. File No.: MI 19 3972

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to MCL 600.3212, that the follow-

ing will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on November 14, 2019:

Name(s) of the mortgageor(s): Curtis B. Gabriel II, a single man Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Freedom Mortgage Corporation

Date of Mortgage: August 25, 2016

Date of Mortgage Recording: September 12, 2016 Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$75,114.85 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing at a point on the Section line 766 feet North of the Southwest corner of Section 6, Town 10 North, Range 8 East; thence North 100 feet along the said Section line, East 150 feet; South 100 feet; West 150 feet to beginning, being part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Section 6, Town 10 North, Range 8 East.

Also, Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest fractional 1/4 of Section 6, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the West line of said Section 6, which is North 0 degrees 12 minutes 30 seconds West 736.0 feet from the Southwest corner of Said Section; thence along the West line of said Section, North 0 degrees 12 minutes 30 seconds West 30.0 feet; thence at right angles to said West line, North 89 degrees 47 minutes 30 seconds East 150.0 feet; thence parallel with said West line, North 0 degrees 12 minutes 30 seconds West 100.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees 47 minutes 30 seconds West, 150.0 feet to the West line of said Section; thence along said West line,

North 0 degrees 12 minutes 30 seconds West, 100.0 feet; thence at right angles to said West line, South 89 degrees 47 minutes 30 seconds East, 220.0 feet; thence South 0 degrees 12 minutes 30 seconds East, 230.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees 47 minutes 30 seconds West, 220.0 feet to the place of beginning.

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10-16-4

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE The Mortgage described below is in default: Mortgage given by James S. Daily and Beverly J. Daily, husband and wife, whose address is 3280 River Street, Kingston, Michigan 48741, and Gregory J. Daily, a single man, whose address is 3160 E. Sanilac Road, Mayville, Michigan 48744, as Mortgageors, to First Farmers Bank & Trust, an Indiana corporation, whose address is 123 N. Jefferson, P.O. Box 690, Converse, Indiana 46919-0690, as Mortgagee, dated March 7, 2017, and recorded on March 17, 2017, in Liber 1370, Page 77, Tuscola County Records, as modified (the "Mortgage").

The balance owing on the Mortgage is One Million Six Hundred Seven Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Nine and 44/100 Dollars (\$1,607,659.44) as of the date of this notice. No suit or proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt secured by the Mortgage. Notice is given that on Thursday, November 14, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., or any adjourned date thereafter, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the Mortgage and the applicable statutes, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the premises at public auction to the highest bidder in the lobby of the Tuscola County Courthouse, 440 North State Street, in the City of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan (which is the building where the Circuit Court for Tuscola County is held). The Mortgagee will apply the sale proceeds to the debt secured by the Mortgage as stated above, plus interest on the amount due, all legal costs and expenses, including attorney fees allowed by law, and also any

amount paid by the Mortgagee on or prior to the date of sale to protect its interest in the property. The premises to be sold at the foreclosure sale are situated in the Townships of Wells and Dayton, Tuscola County, Michigan described as follows: Parcel 1: The Southwest quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 32, Town 12 North, Range 10 East, Wells Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; except that part described as:

Beginning at a point on the North and South quarter line of said Section 32, which is North 01 degrees 33 minutes 56 seconds West 30.54 feet from the Southwest quarter corner of said Section 32; thence North 89 degrees 43 minutes 12 seconds East 330.99 feet; thence North 59 degrees 29 minutes 04 seconds West 390.54 feet to a point on the North and South quarter line of said Section 32; thence South 01 degrees 33 minutes 56 seconds East 200 feet to the point of beginning; except all that part of the Westerly 1406 feet thereof lying Southerly of a line 90 feet Northerly of, measured at right angle and parallel to the reference line of M46 relocated also, except that part thereof except the Westerly 1406 feet, lying Southerly of a line 75 feet Northerly of, measured at right angle and parallel to the reference line of M46 relocated. Parcel 2: The North half of the Southwest quarter of Section 4, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, Dayton Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, except Commencing at the West quarter corner, thence South 330 feet; thence East 560 feet; thence North 330 feet; thence West 560 feet to the point of beginning, also except the lands lying Southwest of a drainage creek, commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southwest quarter and running Northwesterly along the center of said creek to a point 560 feet East and 330 feet South of the West quarter corner. Parcel 3: The East half of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 4, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, Dayton Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; except that part which lies Northerly of a line 75 feet Southerly of, measured at right angle and parallel to reference line of M46 relocated, Also the South half of the Northwest quarter of said Section 4, except commencing 130 feet North of the Southwest corner; thence North 230 feet; thence East 380 feet, thence South 230 feet, thence West 380 feet to the point of beginning.

Also except commencing at the West quarter corner, running thence North 130 feet, thence East 380 feet, thence South 50 feet, thence East 180 feet, thence South 80 feet, thence West 560 feet to the point of beginning. Parcel 4: The West half of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 4, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, Dayton Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; except that part thereof which lies

Northerly of a line 75 feet Southerly of, measured at right angle and parallel to reference line of M46 relocated. Also a strip of land 25 feet in width lying Southerly of and adjacent to a line 75 feet Southerly of measured at right angle and parallel to reference line of M46 over and across the West 200 feet of the East 878 feet of the North half of the Northwest quarter, also except beginning at the Northwest corner of said section; thence South 01 degrees 36 minutes 16 seconds East along the West section line 224.11 feet; thence North 53 degrees 29 minutes 18 seconds East 338.29 feet; thence North 58 degrees 21 minutes 01 seconds West 55.06 feet; thence South 88 degrees 28 minutes 39 seconds West 231.38 feet to the point of beginning. Parcel 5: Part of the Northeast quarter of Section 4, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, Dayton Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as:

Beginning at a point on the North and South quarter line that is South 02 degrees 08 minutes 52 seconds East 156.36 feet from the North quarter corner of said section; thence along the Southerly right of way line of State Highway M46, North 89 degrees 03 minutes 18 seconds East 112.83 feet; thence continuing along said right of way, 1211.02 foot curve to the left, with a radius of 68,829.94 feet, a central angle of 01 degrees 00 minutes 29 seconds and a chord bearing and distance of North 88 degrees 33 minutes 03 seconds East 1211.00 feet; thence South 02 degrees 09 minutes 56 seconds East 89.39 feet; thence North 87 degrees 48 minutes 14 seconds East 37.46 feet; thence South 02 degrees 09 minutes 56 seconds East 773.91 feet; thence South 87 degrees 36 minutes 13 seconds West 37.42 feet; thence South 02 degrees 09 minutes 56 seconds East 1670.91 feet; thence along the East and West quarter line, South 87 degrees 33 minutes 48 seconds West 1324.52 feet; thence along the North and South quarter line, North 02 degrees 08 minutes 52 seconds West 2558.14 feet to the point of beginning. Tax Identification Nos.: 79-022-032-000-3300-00, 79-005-004-000-1500-01, 79-005-004-000-1100-00, 79-005-004-000-1300-00 and 79-005-004-000-0100-04 The redemption period shall be one (1) year from the date of sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, under MCL 600.3278 the mortgageor will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: October 16, 2019 FIRST FARMERS BANK & TRUST By: MILLER, CANFIELD, PADDOCK AND STONE, P.L.C. Joseph M. Ammar (P41972) Attorneys for First Farmers Bank & Trust 277 South Rose Street, Suite 5000 Kalamazoo, MI 49007 (269) 383-5810 (Publication 10/16/2019 - 11/13/2019) 10-16-5

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Legal Notices

State of Michigan
In the County of Tuscola

TI Group Automotive Systems, LLC a Delaware limited liability company, Plaintiff,
v.
ALGER FREIBURGER, GENEVIEVE FREIBURGER, FRANK FORT, GLADYS FORT, And all of their unknown heirs, devisees, and assignees. Defendants.

Case No. 30880-CZ
Honorable Amy Grace Gierhart

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ORDER AUTHORIZING ALTERNATIVE SERVICE PURSUANT TO MCR 2.105(I)
At a session of court, held in the City of Caro, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, on:
10-01-2019
PRESENT: HONORABLE S/ Amy Grace Gierhart CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

This matter having come before the Court upon Plaintiff TI Group Automotive Systems, LLC's Complaint for Quiet Title concerning certain real property located at 4620 Doerr Rd., Cass City, Michigan 48726, and Plaintiff's motions for Alternative Service pursuant to MCR 2.105(I) (the "Motion"); this Court having reviewed the Motion and determined that (i) Plaintiff has made diligent attempts to serve Defendants Alger Freiburger, Genevieve Freiburger, Frank Fort, Gladys Fort and their unknown heirs, devisees and assignees (the "Defendants"); and (ii) the service method below is reasonably calculated to give the Defendants actual notice of this proceeding, and the Court being otherwise fully informed:

IT IS ORDERED that the Motion is granted. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants, and all of their unknown heirs, devisees, and assignees shall be deemed served process of this proceeding under MCR 2.105(I) upon completion of the following:

a) Publishing a copy of this Order once each week for three (3) consecutive weeks in the Tuscola County Legal News also known as the Cass City Chronicle and
b) Mailing a copy of the Summons, Complaint, and a copy of the Court's Order for Alternative Service to Defendant Gladys Fort's last known address, 4446 Pine Street, Cass City, Michigan 48726 via registered mail with correct postage duly affixed, return receipt requested.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants, and all of their unknown heirs, devisees and assignees shall have 28 days from the completion of service to answer or otherwise respond to the Com-

plaint. Failure to otherwise respond to the Complaint within the time allowed in this Order may result in judgment being entered in favor of Plaintiff as requested in the Complaint. This Order does not resolve all pending claims and does not close the case.

S/ Amy Grace Gierhart
Circuit Court Judge

BLOOMFIELD 88594-2
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10-16-3

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael Wheeler and Linda Wheeler, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for First Franklin a division of Nat. City Bank of IN, its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 14, 2006 and recorded March 20, 2006 in Liber 1074, Page 1002 Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee, in trust for the registered certificate holders of First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust Series 2006-FF7, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-FF7, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Eight and 66/100 Dollars (\$81,778.66), including interest at 8.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on DECEMBER 12, 2019.

Said premises are located in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County Michigan, and are described as:

The South 103 feet of property described as: Commencing at a point 50 rods and 13 links South of the 1/4 post on the West side of Section 3, Towns 12 North, Range 9 East; thence East 8 rods 16 feet; thence South 10 rods 9 links; thence West 8 rods 16 feet; thence North 10 rods 9 links to the place of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

Dated: October 23, 2019
File No. 19-006348
Firm Name: Orland PC
10-23-4

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to MCL 600.3212, that the follow-

ing will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on November 21, 2019:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Waylon J. Tait, a married man and Jane A. Tait, his wife
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): The Bank of New York Mellon F/K/A The Bank of New York as Trustee, in Trust for the Registered Holders of NAAC Reperforming Loan REMIC Trust Certificates Series 2004-R1
Date of Mortgage: November 14, 2002

Date of Mortgage Recording: November 21, 2002
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$152,828.84
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Indianfields, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Part of the East one half of Section 2, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, described as: Beginning at a point in the centerline of East Dayton Road which is South 00 degrees 03 minutes 05 seconds West, 755.51 feet along the East line of Section 2 and North 65 degrees 45 minutes 00 seconds West 2138.00 feet along the centerline of East Dayton Road from the East quarter corner of said Section 2, thence continuing along the centerline of East Dayton Road, North 65 degrees 45 minutes 00 seconds West, 138.53 feet to the centerline of Weeden Road; thence along the centerline of Weeden Road South 21 degrees 00 minutes 15 seconds West 219.31 feet to the Northerly line of the Detroit Edison Property; thence along said line, South 46 degrees 18 minutes 00 seconds East 123.83 feet; thence North 26 degrees 18 minutes 30 seconds East 260.36 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: October 23, 2019
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10-23-4

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Notices

**Cass City United Methodist Church
Annual
Bazaar & Lunch
Sat., October 26
8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Lunch 11 a.m.-1 p.m.**
☞ Cookie Walk ☞ Straw Draw
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A group of women from Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola counties – known as the Charlie’s Angels Quilting Group – donated 40 hand-made quilts to United Hospice Service of Marlette Regional Hospital, bringing the group’s combined donations to 1,100 quilts to-date.

Brenda Miller of Bad Axe organized the quilting group in 2010 after her brother, Charlie, passed away in the hospice residence, located in Marlette. She and her family were touched to receive her brother’s quilt, and she became motivated to help support and provide to this cause.

Every quilt donated by the group has been unique in both color and pattern, and each is labeled, “May this blanket bring you peace and comfort.”

It is a tradition at United Hospice Service to gift a special, hand-crafted quilt to its patients receiving hospice care at home or at the hospice residence. The quilts provide a little extra comfort and warmth to patients in their time of need, and are later passed on to provide peace and comfort to the grieving family.

“These ladies have been such a blessing to our program, furnishing these special hand-made quilts for our patients and families,” said United Hospice Service Director Shelli Greschaw, R.N. “We want to thank Charlie’s Angels for their continued support of our hospice program.”

United Hospice Service serves Sanilac, Huron, St. Clair, Lapeer and Tuscola counties. For more information, call 1-800-635-7490 or visit the website www.marletteunitedhospice.org.



UNITED HOSPICE Service staff members stand with Brenda Miller and members of the Charlie’s Angels Quilting Group. Pictured are (left to right) Shelli Greschaw of United Hospice Service, Charlie’s Angels members Brenda Miller, Sharron Hartwick, Janet Wright and Pam Kern, and Madelyn Huffman and Deb Schell of United Hospice Service.

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Keep leaf piles at a maximum 36” high.
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Zone	Pickup Dates
ZONE 1	October 23 to October 25 November 7 to November 11 November 25 to November 27
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ZONE 3	October 31 to November 1 November 18 to November 20 December 4 to December 6
ZONE 4	November 4 to November 6 November 21 to November 22 December 9 to December 11

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