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Zyrowski: despite delays, new grocery will open

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

While two Thumb communities are mourning the losses of local grocery stores, residents in Cass City are still waiting – and hoping – the owner of Ben’s Supercenter will open his new location in the former Erla’s Food Center building in the near future.

Village officials say they’re still confident that will happen.

So does Jim Zyrowski, president of Ben’s Supercenter Inc., who said last week that a lengthy delay in construction due to a lack of heat inside the building has now been resolved, enabling crews to get back into the Cass City store so they can wrap up renovations. Cass City has now been without

a grocery store for nearly 5 ½ years.

Zyrowski initially announced in the spring of 2017 that he was ready to move forward with plans to gut and renovate the former Erla’s Foods building, located at 6233 Church Street. At the time, he predicted the business would be open by the end of that same

year.

However, that didn’t happen, although crews continued to chip away at extensive renovations at the property on and off. At one point, the work was halted for months due to an issue with Detroit Edison, but Zyrowski eventually came to terms with utility officials, who later gave the proj-

ect the green light to proceed.

Last spring, after the Cass City Planning Commission approved the site plan for the former Erla’s building, Zyrowski predicted the store could be completed as early as the following June.

Again, summer came and went without the grocery opening for

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Village ready to unveil proposed ordinance on local rental properties

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Cass City officials plan to unveil the specifics of a new ordinance designed to ensure safe living conditions in rental units throughout the community during a monthly village council committee of the whole meeting next week.

The meeting will be Wednesday, March 11, starting at 7 p.m. at the Cass City Municipal Building.

According to village Manager Debbie Powell, a portion of the meeting will be devoted to the proposed Cass City Rental Ordinance and Rental Registration Program, which she says fulfills the council’s goal to create an organized inspection and registration program for rental properties in order to ensure rental units meet fire, health, safety and zoning codes.

“The ordinance provides for a rental registration program, which will provide an efficient system for compelling both absentee and local landlords to correct violations and maintain their rental property within the village,” she added.

The new ordinance represents the latest in a progression of updated guidelines focusing on blight in the village.

Village President Dan Delamarter explained officials first tackled new rules governing abandoned property last year, followed by strengthening enforcement related to blight. “And this is the third piece of it.”

In a nutshell, Delamarter said, the goal of the new ordinance is to protect the health, safety and welfare of local residents living in rental dwellings.

“We cannot have an incident where we lose somebody’s life, when we could have had a program that would have prevented it,” added Dela-

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Tax proposals on ballot

Road maintenance and upgrades are on the minds of some area township officials as the presidential primary election nears.

Proposals placed on the Tuesday, March 10, ballot in Tuscola County include:

*Elmwood Township – voters will be asked to approve a 1.5-mill renewal to preserve, improve, repair and maintain township roads.

The request is composed of a 1.485-mill tax, plus an additional .0015 of a mill to restore the rate to the original 1.5-mill tax rate previously authorized for 10 years.

If approved, the millage would remain in effect through 2029 and gen-

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RENOVATIONS AT the new Ben’s Fresh Market, located inside the former Erla’s Food Center in Cass City, are 90 percent complete, according to Ben’s Supercenter President Jim Zyrowski, who last week reported heat has been restored to the building, thanks to installation of a new gas line. While the lack of heat resulted in a lengthy delay, Zyrowski indicated work crews are gearing up to complete the project.

Troopers say suspect’s crime spree included vehicle thefts and robbery

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A crime spree covering three counties that included multiple crimes ranging from vehicle thefts to robbery to home invasions Saturday ended in Tuscola County’s Koylton Township, where troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro arrested the suspect.

That arrest came shortly after 5 p.m. after a Koylton Township resident called 911 to report a home invasion in progress, according to a news release issued by the post.

Troopers arrived at the scene – Kingston Road near Marlette Road – and took the male suspect into custody without incident.

“The investigation revealed the suspect possibly stole a vehicle in Wayne County earlier in the day

and was involved in at least one robbery, which happened in

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Milligan new NAWG president

Lifelong Cass City farmer Dave Milligan, who three years ago became the first Michigan farmer

to serve as an officer with the National Association of Wheat Growers (NAWG),



Dave Milligan

was named president of the national organization last week.

Milligan accepted the gavel from outgoing NAWG President and Texas farmer Ben Scholz during the 2020 Commodity Classic in San Antonio, Texas.

“We are excited for Dave Milligan to take over as NAWG’s next president,” said NAWG CEO and National Wheat Foundation Executive Director Chandler Goule.

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THE TUSCOLA County Victim Services unit is looking to add more volunteers to its roster. Current members include (above, from left) Cameron Steele, Nancy Cook, Jennifer Sayles and Lang Yang. Missing from the photo are Linda Harrington, Jerry Harrington and Geir Hunsbedt.

Volunteers are needed to serve as victim advocates

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

The Tuscola County Sheriff’s Department is looking for area residents willing to help others during times of crisis or trauma.

The department is seeking volunteers for the county’s victim services unit, which responds to crisis calls to assist victims.

Those volunteers, known as victim’s advocates, touch the lives of others by providing a valuable source of support and information to those who have had their lives altered by traumatic events, explained Tuscola County Victim Services Coordinator Nancy Cook.

Volunteers provide support in the form of information and referrals, personal advocacy, criminal justice advocacy, courtroom accompaniment, securing assistance for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence, crisis counseling, and assistance with personal protection orders and subsequent violations.

“We do this because no one should have to go through a traumatic incident alone. We give them support or at least help them locate the support they need,” Cook said. “For a victim of a crime, the criminal justice system can be scary, complicated and overwhelming.”

“Advocates are available to help a victim through this process and help connect them with other resources and agencies in the area.”

Cook noted that a person does not have to have contact with law enforcement in order to receive help.

“An advocate can help with safety plans, discuss options, explain

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Owen-Gage announces Students of the Month

The focus for Owen-Gage's students of the month for February is being an "Effective Communicator". A student who is an effective communicator speaks, reads, writes, and listens effectively. He/she also uses numbers effectively and uses effective non-verbal language. The following students have been chosen: Axton Hellebuyck, third grade (elementary level), son of Anthony and Ashley Hellebuyck; Conner Snear, eighth grade (junior high level), son of Laura Snear; Emily Schultz, ninth grade (high school level), daughter of Christy Schultz

and Josh Lesoski and Jason Schultz; and Madyson Menzel, twelfth grade (senior student), daughter of John and Christina Engelhardt. Special recognition goes to the "Senior Student of the Month", Madyson Menzel. As a freshman, Menzel participated in volleyball, track, and Future Farmers of America at Laker High School. At Owen-Gage, she played volleyball her sophomore year and was a member of the Innovative Vehicle Design team. She also was on the prom committee as a junior. She's a member of the

yearbook staff this year. Menzel served as her class president the past two years, and therefore, has been a member of the student council those years. Menzel was a snowball representative her sophomore year, and she was a queen candidate for both home-



Madyson Menzel

coming and snowball this year. She's been on the honor roll the past three years and is a member of the 3.0 Honors Club this year. Menzel has attended the Huron Area Technical Center enrolled in the health science program the past two years. Through this program, she has been a member of the Huron Health Science Advisory Committee and a member of Future Health Professionals (H.O.S.A.) the past two years. Menzel is the daughter of John and Christina Engelhardt of Owendale. She plans on attending Saginaw Valley State University in the fall and pursue a career as a nurse practitioner.



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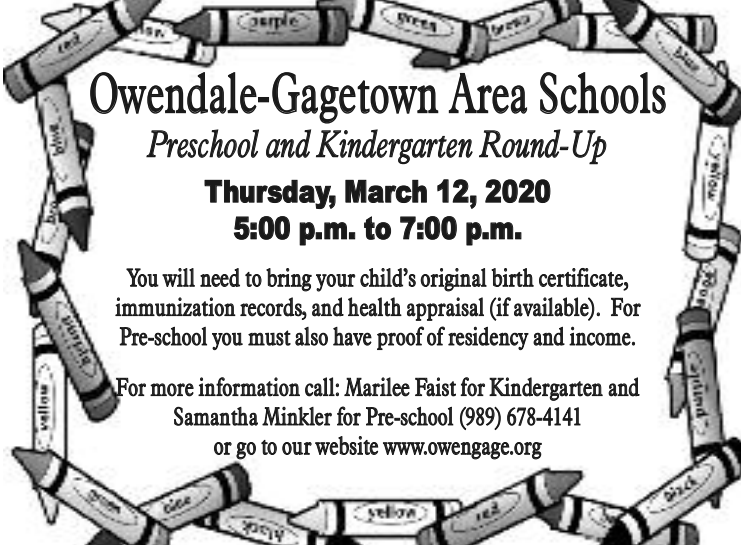
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Scams now targeting fear over coronavirus

It was only a matter of time.

Officials in Michigan are warning residents to watch out for scams related to the coronavirus disease, including websites selling fake products, and fabricated emails, texts and social media posts designed to steal money and personal information.

The emails and posts may be promoting awareness and prevention tips along with phony information about cases in residents' neighborhoods. They may also ask for donations to victims, provide advice on unproven treatments or contain damaging attachments.

"While the threat of coronavirus disease 2019 is real, there have been no confirmed cases in Michigan," said Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel. "Do not fall for these scams. In fact, this is the perfect example of criminals preying on people's fears. Don't give a single piece of personal information to anyone reaching out to you regarding coronavirus."

The Federal Trade Commission has offered the following tips to help residents avoid these scammers:

- *Don't click on links from sources you don't know.
- *Watch for emails claiming to be from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) or experts saying they have information about the virus.
- *Ignore online offers for vaccinations.
- *Be alert to "investment opportunities."

"While the current risk of COVID-19 in the United States is low, we are working with our local and federal partners to make sure our public health system is prepared," said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, chief medical executive and chief deputy for health at the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS).

"The best way Michiganders can stay healthy is to wash their hands often with soap and water, cover their coughs and sneezes, stay away from people who are sick and stay home if they are not feeling well. For accurate, up-to-date information, visit the CDC's website or the MDHHS' webpage."

Regardless of who they claim to be, people who text or email asking for personal or financial information should be treated as potential thieves who may be trying to steal someone's identity.

Resist their believable scenarios and confirm the identity of a contact by independently speaking with the identified source, Khaldun said. "Do not provide any personal information to people who call or email seeking it."

Remember, identity thieves are crafty, and they may attempt to contact people numerous times using various aliases.

Consumers are encouraged to file consumer complaints online with the Michigan Department of Attorney General or call 877-765-8388.

Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

Pitch perfect zone



I'm normally not much of a fan of "chick flicks", but I did like the movie, "A League of Their Own", about the 1940s all-woman ball team.

The movie, starring Tom Hanks, Geena Davis, Rosie O'Donnell and Madonna, is a fictionalized account of the real All-American Girls Professional Baseball League (AAGPBL) in 1943. The movie centered around the era when World War II threatened to shut down Major League Baseball, and the effort to keep the sport alive by creating a professional women's league.

The movie was selected for preservation in the U.S. National Film Registry by the Library of Congress as being culturally and historically significant.

Last summer, my six-year-old friend, Mini Franny, joined an all girls' Little League team. It was her first organized sport.

As I was watching her practice for several weeks and then her games, I recalled scenes from A League of Their Own.

As I watched the little girls struggle to learn the basics of the sport, my favorite line from the movie came to mind. It was when Hanks said there is "no crying in baseball" as one of the players starts to tear up.

Last summer was Franny's first time playing ball, as well as several of her teammates. The patience of the coaches was amazing to watch. Trying to teach a six-year-old how to hit, catch and throw a ball is difficult enough, but multiply that by over two dozen little girls, and it is a Herculean effort.

The players had a hard time batting, catching and throwing more than three feet, and especially paying attention. Often times, the dirt between the bases was played in, and birds and butterflies were watched or chased by those in the outfield.

The coaches tried to teach the little girls the proper batting stance and pitched dozens of balls to them to hit. It was a lot of fun to watch the little girls' faces when they hit or caught the ball.

It was easy to tell the players who had played baseball before. They were confident and some came dressed to play. One girl had pink shorts, pink shoes, pink shirt, a pink batting hat, and even little mini pink batting gloves.

Some of the players were just a little taller than the special short bats used in Little League.

In this league, an adult pitches to the players. You really have to admire a man who can pitch to a seven-inch strike zone.

Finally, after a couple of practices, Franny's first game came. I was excited for her. She did pretty good. She had a couple of hits to get on base and she got to run home. The one main problem was she wanted to keep running. After making it around the bases to home plate, she

kept on running to first and second base before her coach called her back.

Also, when she made it to each base, she hugged the opposing team's player manning that base. While it was a nice gesture — like Tom Hank's no crying rule — I'm pretty sure there isn't any hugging in baseball.

While some parents objected to her hugging her opponent, I thought of it as good sportsmanship, which is a key aspect of the game... and at least there were no tears.

Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

The Tuscola County Sheriff's Department has issued a warning about a fake email that is going around.

"If you receive an email like I did, delete it. Our courts do not work that way," according to Sheriff Glen Skrent. "Don't even click on the link, as it could infect your device."

People are receiving email notices that they have to appear in court for a hearing. The email notice says they are asked to bring documents and witnesses related to the case to their court hearing.

The fake email notice directs the person to click on a link. Don't do it, the entire email is fake.

Over in Sanilac County, the Sheriff's Department has issued a notice about a phone scam.

The department is investigating a phone scam complaint in Custer Township. A resident of that township received a call claiming it was from the FBI and the number that showed up on their caller ID was Sandusky Police Department's non-emergency line.

The suspect attempted to get the complainants to wire them money and told them they had a warrant out for their arrest.

The Sanilac County Sheriff's Department - nor any other law enforcement agency - will not make contact asking for a person to wire money to them in exchange for not arresting on a warrant, explained Sheriff Garry Biniecki.

If you are unsure if the person you are talking to is a real law enforcement official, dial Sanilac Central Dispatch using their non-emergency line of 810-648-2000 option 2, to verify they are who they are reporting to be.

Kitch-iti-kipi - been there?

I first visited this Michigan tourism attraction some 45 years ago my dad. Over the weekend I returned and learned not much has changed — and that's a good thing — at Palms Book State Park, near Manistique.

Kitch-iti-kipi - means Big Spring - and Michigan's largest spring, also once named the "Mirror of Heaven" by the early Indians, can be found in the Upper Peninsula.

The spring is two hundred feet across, 40-foot deep and over 10,000 gallons a minute gush from fissures in the underlying limestone. The flow continues throughout the year at a constant 45 degree Fahrenheit.

By means of a self-operated observation raft visitors are guided to vantage points overlooking fascinating underwater features and fantasies. Ancient tree trunks, lime-encrusted branches and fat trout appear suspended in nothingness as they slip through crystal waters far below. Clouds of sand kept in constant motion by gushing waters create ever-changing shapes and forms, a challenge to the imagination of young and old alike.

The legend of Kitch-iti-kipi is said to be about a young chieftain whose girlfriend got the best of him. He told her he loved her far above the other dark-haired maidens dancing near his birch bark wigwam. Prove it, she insisted. As a test of his devotion, she declared that he must set sail in his canoe on the pool deep in the conifer swamp. He was to catch her from his canoe as she leaped from an overhanging bough. His canoe overturned in the icy waters and he drowned. It turns out that the maiden was back at the village laughing at his foolish quest. According to legend, the Spring was named Kitch-iti-kipi in memory of the young chieftain who went to his death in the icy waters in an attempt to satisfy the vain caprice of his ladylove.

I am not sure about all that, but the monster trout swimming under the raft sure are cool to see.

Orders for the Shabbona Camp Fund sub sale, with proceeds helping to send kids to Bay Shore Camp, are now taking place for sandwich deliveries on Thursday, March 12 and Friday, March 13.

The subs — consisting of ham, salami, bologna, cheese, lettuce, tomatoes and onions - cost just \$5 each and can be ordered by calling Deanna Schaufele at (989) 551-5428 or by texting Loretta Broecker at (989) 553-3719 after 5 p.m.

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

Thursday, March 5

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

Saturday, March 7

•Al-Anon meeting, 11 a.m., Cakima Serenity Home, Mayville. Call 989-912-5478 for more information.
•Suicide Survivor Grief Support Group, 1 p.m., Thumb Area Psychological Services 6627 Rose St., Cass City. For more information Lisa Schoettle, MA LPC NCC at 989-872-1800.

Monday, March 9

•Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubyly. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.
•AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.
•Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.
•VFW monthly meeting, 7:00 p.m., VFW Hall, Cass City.

Tuesday, March 10

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

Tractor accident claims one life

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Huron County Sheriff's Department investigators say an 18-year-old man died after being trapped underneath a tractor along with his grandfather early last week.

Sheriff's Kelly J. Hanson identified the victim as Brandon A. Ricker of Elkton.

Deputies were dispatched to the scene of the accident — a field east of McMillan Road, south of Crown Road in Huron County's Meade Township — at about 1:35 p.m. Monday.

"Sgt. James Hunt was the first to arrive and drove about a third of a mile into the very muddy field to

a ditch where the tractor had rolled down...and was pinning the victim underneath water. He and the complainant, who was a part of the accident, were unable to do anything for the victim because the older Oliver tractor that was pulling a trailer and log splitter was too heavy," Hanson reported.

"While waiting for Kinde area firemen and Central Huron Ambulance personnel to respond, good Samaritans arrived with a loader to get into position to help," Hanson said. "Over time, all were able to get the tractor enough off of the unresponsive victim to get him out."

"What our investigators have determined was a grandfather and

grandson were returning — after cutting wood — on the tractor, traveling along the ditch. While doing so, poor surface conditions caused the tractor to get too close to the ditch and tip over, trapping both," the sheriff said.

"However, the grandfather, Stewart A. Bouverette, age 72 of Fillion, was able to free himself after a few minutes and climb to the top of the ditch and call for help. Unfortunately, though, his 18-year-old grandson...couldn't be helped in time and died."

The victim was pronounced dead at the scene by the Huron County Medical Examiner's Office. An autopsy was expected to be scheduled.

Owen-Gage, Bad Axe enter athletic co-op in football starting this year

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

The Owendale-Gagetown School District had to forfeit some football games last season because there weren't enough players to field a team, but that won't be a problem this season.

Officials in the Owen-Gage and Bad Axe school district have approved a cooperative agreement for a joint football team.

Bad Axe Schools approved the agreement first, with the Owen-Gage Board of Education signing off on the partnership during a regular meeting last week.

A cooperative effort to continue the sport has been considered for some time.

"About two years ago, we started seeing a shift (in) number of more girls than boys. That alerted the board that they may have some tough decisions ahead for some sports programs, especially football. Although overall student numbers have not varied much, the number of girls has increased, leaving fewer boys over the next couple of years," explained Owen-Gage School Supt. Terri Falkenberg. "With that in mind, the board committee gave the athletic director the go-ahead to start looking at viable options so that our boys would be provided the opportunity to play ball."

From there, talks progressed between the two school districts along with their superintendents, athletic directors and coaches.

Aside from numbers, safety was an important factor in the decision to enter the athletic cooperative.

"Our boys have heart. They will

give everything they have, but ultimately, as adults, we have to sometimes make decisions for them. Fielding a team with possibly eight players would leave absolutely no wiggle room and it wouldn't be fair to our players or to the other schools if games had to be canceled due to injury," said Falkenberg.

Last season, the district had to forfeit five games because there were not enough uninjured players to (field) a team.

"When it comes to safety, having freshmen (play) against senior players has been difficult simply due to size. By joining Bad Axe, some students would have the opportunity to play on a junior varsity team first, which would give them the fundamentals and experience they need to later move up," she noted.

The Bad Axe School District seemed to be the best fit for Owen-Gage to go with.

"The coach there is energetic and definitely shows a true desire to form a good rapport with students/players," said Falkenberg. "He is planning to come and meet with our players right away to get them involved and begin that team-building relationship."

Falkenberg said she realizes some people may have an issue with the decision because of school pride.

"Yes, the Bulldogs would take on the Hatchet name and dress in Hatchet colors; but don't be fooled, that Bulldog pride will still shine through," she said, adding it is not unusual for smaller school districts to have difficulty getting enough players to field a team.

"At Owen-Gage, we believe that although each community has a sense of pride and wants to maintain that, in the end, it is really about the kids and making sure they have the opportunities to be a participant if they so choose," she said. "We know going forward that there will be kinks that will need to be ironed out, but we feel that this can be done through good working relationships."

Owen-Gage officials expressed their appreciation for Greg Newland, Mike Bogan, Kal Pokley and the Bad Axe Board for their efforts in making the new athletic cooperative a reality.

According to the preliminary sport calendar, the first game the two districts will play together will be 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28 against Harbor Beach.

In other business last week, the board:

*Named Nathan Gruehn as the Owen-Gage District's nomination for the Friend of Youth honors during the annual Thumb Meet of Champs this spring.

"He coaches cross-country and has volunteered his services with basketball teams. He participates regularly in school events, and many students look to him as a mentor," Falkenberg explained. "We are lucky to have such a passionate, caring individual involved with our district."

*Hired Bonnie Ewald as the administrative assistant. She will be working alongside Mary Ann Minkler until her retirement at the end of June.

*Approved a senior class trip to Gatlinburg, Tenn.

Circuit court proceedings

Several appear on felony charges

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

*Steven N. Milot, 24, Mayville, pleaded no contest to charges of carrying a weapon with unlawful intent, assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony Jan. 5, 2019, in Mayville.

In a separate case, Milot pleaded no contest to larceny in a building and domestic violence Jan. 13 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the cases, bond was continued at a combined \$16,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Gerald A. Peplinski, 59, Vassar, pleaded no contest to operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated — causing incapacitating injury, and operating a motor vehicle with a high BAC (blood alcohol content) June 20 in Tuscola Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$1,500. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Daryl L. Periso, 55, Deford, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle with a high BAC (blood alcohol content), third offense, July 1 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 continued at \$4,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Christopher L. Hall, 29, Vassar, was sentenced to 365 days in the county jail following his conviction on two counts of possession of child sexually abusive material and two counts of using a computer to commit a crime May 15 in Vassar.

He was also placed on probation for 60 months and ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,112.

*Steven T. Reaver, 26, Deford,

received a one-year delayed sentence following his plea of guilty to forgery of license documents or plates Feb. 15 in Wells Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,258.

*Megan J. Lester, 41, Mayville, pleaded guilty to two counts of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor — with an occupant under the age of 16 years, second offense, Dec. 22 in Indianfields Township.

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

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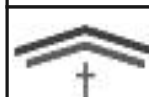
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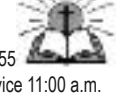
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Reporter's notebook

Old reporters never die.....

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



Old journalists never die, we just get de-pressed. It seems like I just marked 33 years at the Chronicle, and all of a sudden it's 33 1/2 years. Where does the time go? Sometimes it feels like I've been here just a few years; other days it seems like an eternity.

I'm not ready to call it a day in this profession, but I can't help feel a little ancient when I look around at the other men and women who share my passion for journalism. For one thing, many of them are younger than I am.

Okay, most of them are way younger. What really strikes me, however, is how unfamiliar I am with many of the by-lines I see these days on the pages of our competitors. I don't even need one hand to count the reporters who were working in this region when I arrived in the Thumb back in the fall of 1986 and are still around. Mary Drier, a regular contributor to the Chronicle pages these days, is one of them.

Of course, a number of the journalists I've been privileged to compete against, including several former Cass City Chronicle summer news/editorial interns, have moved on to other jobs. Some have embraced other careers, and a few have left the workforce altogether to take care of families.

I can remember listening to former Chronicle Publisher John Haire talk about "the old days" of printing and newspapering on a number of occasions while typing his column on a computer, and I thought, "I can't imagine working through that sort of change. Or looking back on decades of being in this business."

I can imagine it now, especially after telling many 12- and 13-year-old summer interns (well, they looked to be 12 or 13) all about back in the day, when we developed film and printed black and white photos, laid pages out on dummy sheets, etc.

Oh well, so much for reminiscing. I started typing this column with the intention of sharing a little journalistic humor gleaned from GigglePEDIA along with a couple other Internet sites.

Here are a few of the gems I found:

Reporter: To what do you attribute your old age?
Old man: To the fact that I was born in 1890.

Q: How many editors does it take to change a light bulb?
A: Only one, but first he has to rewire the entire building.

A newsboy was standing on the corner with a stack of papers, yelling, "Read all about it; 50 people swindled! Fifty people swindled!"

Curious, a man walked over, bought a paper and checked the front page. Finding nothing, the man said, "There's nothing in here about 50 people being swindled!" The newsboy ignored him and continued on his way, calling out, "Read all about it; 51 people swindled!"

And, finally: An editor, a photographer and a reporter were covering a political convention when they decided to walk along the beach at lunch. They stumbled upon a lamp, rubbed it, and found themselves face-to-face with a genie, who offered to grant each of them a wish.

The photographer went first, asking to spend the rest of his life living in a huge house in St. Thomas with no money worries. His wish was granted.

The reporter asked for a huge yacht on which to spend his retirement, cruising the Mediterranean, with no money worries. His wish was granted as well.

Last, but not least, it was the editor's turn. "And what is your wish?" the genie asked.

"I want them both back after lunch," the editor replied. "The deadline for tomorrow's newspaper is in about 10 hours."

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2015)

Ten members of the Cass City FFA participated in the 87th Michigan FFA State Convention at MSU last week. Seventh grade student Addy Battel and senior Rachel Tanner took the stage at MSU's Wharton Center to accept the charter for the new Cass City Junior High FFA Chapter from FFA Region VI State Vice President Brandon Borke. Cass City High School junior Jesse Nye was named a state Outstanding Junior during the FFA convention. Addy Battel earned fifth place in the state with her speech, "Agriculture's Biggest Untapped Secret". The seventh grade student and daughter of Bob and Sue Battel earned a spot in the competition by first winning district and regional competitions.

A Cass City couple's longtime legacy of helping local students pursue a college education will continue on for many years to come, thanks to their son and his wife. Ken Micklash, executive director of the Tuscola County Community Foundation, announced last week that he had received a \$25,000 gift from Bob and Elaine Zinnecker, former Cass City residents who now reside in Penfield, N.Y., to be placed in a scholarship fund honoring Bob's parents, Wallace and Helen Zinnecker. Micklash said the Wallace Zinnecker Scholarship has been around for many years. He recalled the fund was making a difference in students' lives nearly 30 years ago, back when he served as Cass City High School principal. "It's helped many, many students over the years," he said.

10 YEARS AGO (2010)

Bob Dunn isn't a big talker when it comes to discussing his contributions to the Elmwood Township Gagetown Fire Department, but his dedication to the department, his fellow fire fighters and the community speaks volumes. Dunn has every right to toot his own horn; he recently retired after serving as a fireman for 45 years.

While the Elmwood-Gagetown Fire Department saw one of its most senior members retire in January — Bob Dunn, after 45 years on the job — the Owendale Fire Department marked the new year by welcoming a new fire chief. The Owendale department's 17 members elected Gagetown area native Matt Roemer as the new chief, replacing Alan Kretzschmer, who has filled that role for the past 16 years. Kretzschmer is continuing to serve with the department. Roemer, a 1993 graduate of Owen-Gage High School, has been a volunteer fireman in Owendale for the past 10 years. "I've been assistant chief for 4 years, and over that time I was talking about retiring. For a year now, he made up his mind that he was going to be done when his term was up," Roemer said of his decision to seek the position. "And he's (Kretzschmer) been more than willing — if I need assistance — to be there. "As chief, you have, of course, more responsibility. The phone rings a lot more," Roemer said. "You think more about the choices you make, because it's not just (you) you're responsible for; you're also responsible for the other guys."

Lysa Knight of Cass City was recently named to the dean's list at Alma College, Alma, following the fall 2009 term. To be named to the list, a student must earn a minimum 3.5 grade point average while completing at least 13 credit hours of coursework.

The latest recipients of the "Red Hawk Award of Excellence" are Sage Cuthrell and Lauren Fernald, fourth grade; Emily Peters, fifth grade; and Jacob Kittle, ninth grade.

25 YEARS AGO (1995)

Last week brought good news to patients of Dr. Richard Hall, who formally announced the return of his practice to Cass City. The announcement came last Wednesday at the Family First Community Health Center, 4674 Hill St., where Hall has begun

treating patients following a 6-month absence from the community. The long-time Cass City physician closed his practice last August after 17 1/2 years, citing ever-increasing demands at his office and the hospital.

Charles and Terry Fahrner announce the birth of a son, Andrew Hank, at Saginaw General Hospital, Feb. 24. He weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces, and was 21 inches long. Grandparents are John and Joann Agar of Decker and John and Ellen Fahrner of Owendale.

35 YEARS AGO (1985)

Kareem Khoury handed Janet Marker, Shabbona Road, Deckerville, her \$74 winnings after Marker picked four of the six double digit numbers correctly in last week's Lotto. Marker's four matching digits were 01-04-10-27, birthdates of family members.

Dr. H.T. Donahue was guest of honor at a surprise 80th birthday party Friday at the Charmont. Over 40 guests, hospital employees and spouses, attended the dinner.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert (Marilyn) Green announce the birth of their second child, a daughter, Courtney Ann. She was born Feb. 22 in Hills and Dales General Hospital and weighed eight pounds, seven and one-half ounces and joins a brother, Andrew, 4. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Allison Green of Kingston and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Erickson of Rockford, MI.

Kelley Champagne won the annual spelling bee at the Cass City Intermediate School Wednesday, Feb. 27. Champagne, a sixth grade student, correctly spelled secretaries to defeat Jodi Hillaker, a fifth grade student.

40 YEARS AGO (1980)

Marlene J. Fisher and Gerald R. Langmaid were married Jan. 26 at the First Baptist Church. Pastor Timothy W. Teall performed the ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George S. Fisher Jr. of Cass City. The groom is the son of Marge Langmaid and the late Gerald F. Langmaid. Matron of honor was Dianna Culpepper of Jasper, Ala., sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Noreen Hartwick and Mary Shagena, cousins of the bride, Liz Fisher, sister of the bride, and Karen Perry, friend of the bride, all of Cass City. Best man was Skip Speirs, of Cass City, friend of the groom.

The annual Cub Scout Blue and Gold Banquet was held Monday evening at Campbell Elementary School. The invocation was given by Robert King, followed by a potluck dinner. The following boys received awards: Bob cats — Jeff Bliss, Scott Fader, Alex Swiderski, Daniel Anderson, Bobby Nolan, David Nolan, Harold Hendricks, David Peruski, David House, Paul TerBush and William Profit. Wolf rank — David Burnette, Paul Asher. Tim Albee, Randy Johnson, James Finkbeiner, Harold Hendricks, David Peruski, David House, Michael Scollon, Mark Albee. Bear Rank — Kris Klco, David Burnette, Paul Asher. Webelos activity badges - James McDonald, Michael Hoppe, William Profit, Rusty Schneeberger, Kris Klco. Gold Arrows - Kris Klco, David Burnette, Paul Asher. Silver Arrow Point - Kris Klco. Entertainment was provided by Don Childs and his magic act. The pack presented a certificate of appreciation to him. Re-registration was held for the boys for 1980. All boys who have not registered should contact Cubmaster Carl Palmateer. Cub Scout pins were presented to all the den leaders. Wayne Dillon, Lynn Albee and Barb Hendricks served on the kitchen committee.

Ed Zimba was a Wickes Big Acre Club gold award winner. Scott Hobart won first place in extemporaneous speaking in the FFA regional competition Feb. 21 at Reese. He will now compete during the state FFA convention March 19-21 at Michigan State University against the seven other

regional winners. The state winner competes at the national FFA convention.

50 YEARS AGO (1970)

Wayne Copeland, Cass City, a student at Western Michigan University, is practice teaching at Hackett High School. He is one of 1,284 receiving practical classroom experience. This phase of his education will be concluded in April.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Keith Baudoin, a six-pound, 13-ounce son, Brian Scott, at Edward W. Sparrow Hospital in Lansing, Feb. 28. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Crigger of Clifford and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Nemeth of Cass City are the grandparents.

Pvt. E2 Dennis Merchant son of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Merchant, who has been training in radio operator school at Fort Knox, Ky., since his completion of basic training, has been transferred to Fort Gordon, Ga., for further training in radio teletype school.

Ruth Ann Rayl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rayl of Deford, was crowned Tuscola County Campus Life queen Saturday before a packed house at Vassar High School auditorium. The second annual contest was sponsored by the Youth For Christ and money raised is used by the organization for work with teens. Points were awarded for votes cast for each of the candidates. Each penny purchased one vote. Supporters of Ruth Ann raised \$500 in the month long contest.

75 YEARS AGO (1945)

Miss Alice Madge Dalton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Dalton, of Deford but formerly of Cass City, will be graduated as an army nurse from Grace Hospital in Detroit next Thursday, Mar. 15. While in training, she was the junior representative to the student council and was treasurer of the senior class of nurses. On April 1, Miss Dalton will be sent to Percy Jones hospital at Battle Creek. She will be rated as a Second Lieutenant. Miss Dalton was graduated from the Cass City high school with the class of 1942 as an honor student.

Pvt. Dale Kettlewell telephoned his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Kettlewell, Sunday. He is stationed at Camp Jos. T. Robinson in Arkansas. He has recovered from a foot infection which caused him to be hospitalized for nearly two months. He has been playing much basketball and says he sees Pvt. Newell Hubbard often.

Miss Gertrude Striffler and Mrs. Augustine Coquelle, who have operated the Rendezvous restaurant on West Main street since last October, sold that business place last week to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jaster of Unionville. Mrs. Jaster has been employed in Saginaw restaurants in past years. The new owners started operating the business Wednesday.

100 YEARS AGO (1920)

Cass City has found another healthy youngster in the person of Glenn McClorey, who celebrated his fourth birthday Sunday, Feb. 29, and who at that age tips the scales at 170 lbs. and is five feet, six inches tall. Music and games were enjoyed by 27 guests at his home on his birth anniversary by his mother, Mrs. Dan McClorey. One of Glenn's guests, a cousin Vernon B. McConnell was celebrating his sixth birthday, which also comes on the 29th of February. Although Vernon has had but six birthdays, he had some very exciting experiences. Two years ago last September, he joined the U.S. army. While in the service, he was sent to the British Isles and from there to France. In France Vernon had the pleasure of helping "down" the Huns. After nearly one and one-half years' service, he returned to his home in Novesta. He remained home but a short time, then went to Detroit where he was employed until late last fall, then he again returned to his home where he is now engaged in getting out timber for a barn.

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Hospital adds new wide-angle 3D mammography to arsenal

Officials at Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City say they will soon be offering mammograms using a new 3-D, wide-angle mammography machine.

"Hills and Dales recently purchased a Siemens Revelation Wide-Angle Mammography Unit," Danielle Blaine, the hospital's director of marketing, announced Thursday. "This is the first of its kind in the greater Thumb region. The wide-angle technology offers more — and higher quality — images that provide patients a greater chance for early detection and treatment."

"While most of the seven critical access hospitals in the greater Thumb region offer 3-D mammograms, Hills and Dales has the only machine to offer wide-angle scans," Blaine said.

"With a 50-degree scanning angle, the Siemens Revelation delivers 25 images per scan, versus 15 images on the standard 15-degree angle of other 3-D machines. That's why twice as many cancers are detected with the wide-angle mammography than the narrow-angle 3-D."

"At Hills and Dales, we pride ourselves on having state-of-the-art technology for our staff and our patients," commented Hills and Dales Manager of Radiology Mike Lewiski. "We're excited to be able to offer a more comfortable, more advanced mammogram for our community."

The new machine offers personalized, soft compression that is less uncomfortable and more accurate, according to Lewiski.

"At the same time, it delivers one of the lowest radiation doses of any mammography machine on the market." He noted. "With the wide-angle scan producing 25 images, it can help detect tumors concealed by overlapping tissue, a feature especially important for women with dense breast tissue. With more to look at, radiologists can make a more accurate diagnosis with the wide-angle 3-D."

"We never want to find cancer," Lewiski said, "but if we can help find it sooner, then the sooner we can get patients on the path to treatment and recovery, the bet-

ter."

If an unusual mass is detected during a patient's routine mammogram, the new machine can also be used to perform stereotactic biopsies that help diagnose cancerous cells in the breast tissue. "It will be nice for patients to be able to do this follow-up step

close to home, where they can be near family and friends," Lewiski said.

Patients with a mammogram order from their doctor can begin scheduling their exam with the Hills and Dales Radiology Department later this spring by calling (989) 912-6295.

Officials report another vaping death

Vaping has continued to make the headlines in Michigan in 2020, with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) reporting a fourth death associated with the outbreak of E-cigarette or vaping associated lung injury.

The latest death was reported in late February. MDHHS officials stated the victim was an adult female, but they did not release a name or any other details.

"Although reports of new cases related to this outbreak have decreased in Michigan and across the country, new cases continue to be reported," said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, chief medical executive and chief deputy for health for MDHHS.

"We urge Michigan residents to refrain from vaping until a definite source or sources have been identified. Health care providers should remain vigilant in educating their patients about the potential risks associated with vaping and report any cases to their local health department."

Since August 2019, 73 confirmed and probable vaping-related lung injury cases have been reported in Michigan, including this death. All cases have been reported in Michigan's Lower Peninsula and most of the individuals have been hospitalized for severe respiratory illness. The age range of the cases is 15 to 67.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported that, as of Feb. 4, 2,758 cases have been identified in 50 states, the District of Columbia and two territories. The total includes 64 deaths in 28 states.

The CDC has identified vitamin E acetate as strongly associated with vaping-related lung injury. Vitamin E acetate is used as an additive in THC-containing vaping products.

E-cigarette and/or vaping users should immediately seek medical attention if they develop symptoms such as shortness of breath, chest pain, cough, fever and/or nausea and vomiting.

MDHHS officials remind residents of the following:

*People should not use THC-containing e-cigarette or vaping products, particularly from informal sources such as friends, family, or in-person or online sellers.

*E-cigarette and/or vaping products should never be used by youth, young adults or women who are pregnant.

*Individuals who do not currently use tobacco products should not start using e-cigarette or vaping products.

*Vitamin E acetate should not be added to e-cigarette or vaping products. In addition, people should not add any other substances not intended by the manufacturer to products, including products purchased through retail establishments.

While it appears that vitamin E acetate is associated with many of the lung injury cases, there are many different substances and product sources being investigated, and there may be more than one cause. Therefore, the best way for people to ensure that they are not at risk while the investigation continues is to consider refraining from the use of all e-cigarette and vaping products.

GREENLEAF TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW MEETINGS

Organizational Meeting:

Tuesday, March 3, 2020 ~ 6 p.m.

Valuation appeals will be heard on:

Monday, March 9, 2020 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 10, 2020 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real and personal property for 2019 are as follows:

Class	Ratio	Multiplier
Agriculture	50.85%	0.98328
Commercial	47.62%	1.04998
Industrial	45.80%	1.09170
Residential	48.96%	1.02124
Personal	50.00%	1.00000

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Wednesday, March 11, 2020 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Thursday, March 12, 2020 3 p.m. - 9 p.m.

The purpose of the March Board of Review is to hear taxpayer appeals regarding valuation determinations, personal property, disabled veteran's exemptions, poverty exemptions, property classifications, and uncapping determinations.

The 2020 tentative ratios and multipliers are:

	Ratio	Multiplier
Agricultural	50.48	0.99049
Commercial	40.53	1.23365
Industrial	50.00	1.00000
Residential	50.37	0.99265
Personal	50.00	1.00000

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 David McArthur, Assessor

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Township of Elkland will hold a public hearing on the 5th day of March, 2020 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 Gentner Excavating, LLC for two variances on property identified as tax parcel number 007-003-000-0100-06;

Variance 1: Use of gravel road, Huron Line, in lieu of required paved road per ordinance.

Variance 2: Mining site, 2.5 acres, on 8 acre parcel does not meet ordinance requirement of 20 acre minimum.

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.

Elkland Township
 Gary Jones, Zoning Administrator

MARCH MEETINGS FOR NOVESTA TOWNSHIP

**Budget Hearing
 will be held
 March 2, 2020 at 7 p.m.**

**Organization Meeting for
 Board of Review
 will be held on
 Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 4 p.m.**

BOARD OF REVIEW
 will be held
Wednesday, March 11, 2020
 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Thursday, March 12, 2020
 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Tentative Equalization Factors:

	Multiplier	Ratio
Agricultural	1.0929	45.75
Commercial	1.0520	47.53
Industrial	0.0000	00.00
Residential	1.0484	47.69
Personal	1.0000	50.00

Annual Meeting

will be held
Saturday, March 28, 2020
 at 9 a.m.

All Meetings will be held at the
 Novesta Township Hall
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 Pennie Rienas, Clerk

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Sealed Bids for the construction of the 2020 Street Improvements will be received, by the Village of Cass City, at the municipal building of the Village of Cass City, 6506 Main Street, Cass City, MI 48726 until 11:00 AM local time on Wednesday, March 25, 2020, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. The Project consists of completing local street improvements chip and seal with fog seal.

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News briefs

Logo, grade system on agenda

KINGSTON – The Kingston Board of Education was seeking public input on a pair of issues during special meetings that were scheduled to be held Tuesday (March 3).

District officials had requested public comment from students, staff and the community on final grades and GPA issues, as well as a campaign to select a new school logo/mascot, according to Supt. Matt Drake.

The meetings were to have been held at 6 p.m. (grades) and 7 p.m. (mascot) in the high school cafeteria.

In December 2019, Iowa State University officials contacted Kingston Community Schools, saying Kingston's swirling cardinal logo is too similar to the universities and amounts to copyright infringement. However, the university indicated it's willing to give the area school time to transition to a new logo.

Green supports gun rights bill

LANSING – State Rep. Phil Green (R-Millington) last week voted to support a resolution adopted by the state House to reaffirm the rights of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms in Michigan.

The right to use firearms for self-defense is ensured and protected by the constitutions of the United States and Michigan, and Green said he took an oath as a state representative to defend both constitutions.

"I am proud to stand up in defense of the most critical right we have – the right to keep and bear arms," said Green, who represents citizens in Tuscola and Huron counties. "Every day we hear the disturbing demands from people who think the government should take away the gun rights of honest, law-abiding citizens. We must continue to defend law-abiding gun owners and safeguard the rights of people to protect their families from harm."

Green said he co-sponsored the resolution as a show of support for law-abiding gun owners who carry for self-defense, hunting and competition.

House Resolution 227 states the Michigan Legislature will not pass laws that infringe upon the ability of Michigan residents to own and keep firearms. It also says the Legislature "will ensure legislation in violation of our constitutional right to bear arms will not be imposed upon the citizens of Michigan by either the federal government or itself."

Falling focus of hospital program

CASS CITY – Hills and Dales General Hospital will be hosting a pair of workshops focusing on health concerns related to falling.

A pair of eight-week sessions are scheduled for March 12 through April 30 (Thursdays) from 10 a.m. to noon at the Hills and Dales Regional Educational Center (formerly Baker College campus building on Main Street in Cass City), and from March 10 through April 28 (Tuesdays) at the Hills and Dales Rehab Center, 1186 Cleaver Rd. in Caro.

A Matter of Balance is an award-winning program designed to help people set realistic goals to increase activity, change their environment to reduce fall risk factors, and learn simple exercises to increase strength and balance.

There is a charge to participate, but the fee is refunded to those who attend seven of the eight classes. More information is available by calling (989) 872-2084.

Mowing contractors in demand

CARO — Although everything is covered in snow right now, the Tuscola County Road Commission is making plans for this summer.

The road commission is compiling a list of contractors who are interested in mowing the right-of-way areas along roadsides in townships throughout the county.

Contractors who are interested in doing the mowing can send their contact information to the Tuscola County Road Commission, C/O local road mowing, 1733 S. Mertz Rd., Caro, MI 48723.

The list of contractors will be given to the township supervisors or their representative at the annual meetings at the road commission office May 14 and May 28.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery

Notice of Meetings for ELKLAND TOWNSHIP

The following meetings will take place

Monday, March 9

Budget Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Annual Meeting to follow regular meeting.

at the Elkland Township Fire Hall

6691 Church St., Cass City

Ed LaBelle

Elkland Township Clerk

Village to unveil rental property ordinance

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marter, who recalled a fire at a two-story Pine Street apartment in February 2019 that left 11 people homeless. Three adults and eight children ranging in age from two to 14 had been living in the 1,200- to 1,300-square-foot residence. Investigators said an electrical issue was to blame for the blaze.

"For me, that was the straw that broke the camel's back. We have a responsibility for the well-being and safety for the people who live in the village limits," Delamarter said, adding officials have made a concerted effort to solicit input from landlords.

"We wanted to get them involved and get their input," he said. "The village council appointed a subcommittee (last fall), with representation from local landlords, to come to a reasonable solution for property maintenance and welfare (issues)."

Powell said the first step was to establish the rental registration form and check-off list of inspection areas. After a consensus was reached on these forms, the subcommittee proceeded to draft the proposed ordinance with guidance from the village's attorney.

The committee's work included viewing similar ordinances in other communities. And, Delamarter noted, "Most of the ordinances we looked at are far more restrictive (than ours)."

"We don't want to put some kind of gigantic burden on landlords," Delamarter commented. "But they have to have a working smoke detector and these kinds of things. We're just looking for some common sense (items)."

"The inspection and registration should not create a hardship for landlords," he added. "It includes reasonable expectations for (rental properties) with such requirements as working heat, water, appliances, door locks, smoke detectors, etc."

Under the proposed ordinance, the village would not charge land-

Tax proposals on the ballot

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erate roughly \$63,000 the first year. For the owner of a home with a market value of \$80,000, the tax adds up to about \$60 annually.

*Kingston Township — Voters will be asked to approve a two-mill renewal for road maintenance for the years 2021 through 2024.

If approved, the tax would generate about \$71,900 the first year and cost the owner of an \$80,000 home about \$80 per year.

*Novesta Township — Voters will be asked to approve a two-mill increase for four years for construction, reconstruction, repair and maintenance of roads in the township.

If approved, the millage would generate about \$73,615 the first year and cost the owner of an \$80,000 home about \$80 annually.

Sanilac County

In Sanilac County, residents are being asked to renew a trio of county-wide levies for various services.

Voters will be asked to renew the county's recycling millage to its original rate of .15 of a mill for four years, effective from 2020 to 2023.

The tax costs the owner of a home valued at \$80,000 about \$6 a year and would generate an estimated \$245,072 in the first year. The funding generated by the millage is earmarked for recycling and household hazardous waste collection services only.

In addition, residents are being asked to approve renewal of .2 of a mill for four years, also from 2020 through 2023, to fund Sanilac County public libraries.

The millage translates into an annual tax of \$8 for the owner of an \$80,000 home and generates roughly \$326,762.

Finally, residents are being asked to renew .2 of a mill to fund medical emergency services in the county for four more years, from 2020 through 2023.

The millage covers a wide range of emergency medical services overseen by the Sanilac Medical Control Board.

The tax raises an estimated \$326,762 annually.

lords to register their properties – and registrations are good for three years — but there would be an inspection fee. Powell and Delamarter did not have an estimate of what inspections will cost, but they said the intent is to only cover the cost incurred by contracting with an outside firm to conduct the inspections.

As for penalties, violators face a municipal civil infraction fine of \$100 for the first offense, \$150 for the second offense within 12 months, and \$250 for a third or subsequent violation within 12 months.

An added benefit of requiring landlords to register their properties, Powell said, is that relevant information would be shared with the local fire department, which could prevent risking the lives of fire fighters by sending them into vacant units in an emergency.

The proposed ordinance has the

support of Elkland Township Fire Chief Glenn Guilds.

"I think it's long overdue. I'm glad to see they're doing this," Guilds commented. "It's just a safety (issue)."

Powell said a first formal reading of the new ordinance could take place later this month during the council's March 30 regular meeting, followed by a public hearing and possible adoption during the next regular monthly meeting, April 27. If adopted, the law would go into effect 30 days later. However, Powell and Delamarter noted it will take time to fully implement the new rules.

Residents can view a copy of the proposed ordinance by visiting the village's website at www.casscity.org (look for the "government" tab and then the "ordinances" tab). Copies are also available at the municipal building, which is located at 6506 Main St.

Victim advocates in demand

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steps of making a report, or assist in petitioning for a personal protection order if needed," she said. "We are here to offer confidential support and advocacy. Contact us even if you just have questions or want to talk about your current situation."

An advocate does not make decisions, but rather helps victims sort out what is happening, explains options, and helps with solutions once a victim makes a decision.

Advocates receive 20 hours of special training through the Michigan Sheriffs Association. The training alternates from county to county.

Cook indicated volunteers come to the program with varied backgrounds and experiences.

"We welcome college students. Those students who are on the criminal justice track, or social work," she said. "Volunteers can be senior citizens who want to be active in the community, or people who have gone through a tragedy or crisis of their own and can draw on their experience of what helped them to be a support to others."

Victim advocate programs serve as a liaison between citizens and law enforcement, the judicial system and social services.

"Law enforcement officers are very supportive of our victim services. While on the scene, law enforcement (officers have) to focus on the investigation. An advocate frees them up to do the job they need to focus on," Cook explained. "We come in and help with the victim or family. We are a liaison between them and law enforcement."

Cook has a bachelor's degree in human services and law enforcement. She has served as the Tuscola County Victim Services coordinator since 2014.

More information on the program, including how to apply to serve as a volunteer, is available by calling the Tuscola County Victim Services unit at (989) 673-8161 (ext. 2241).

Troopers arrest man in crime spree

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Lapeer County," the release states.

"Around 5:13 p.m., the suspect crashed the stolen Dodge pickup in the area of Kingston Road near Marlette Road and fled on foot. The suspect then stole a second pickup and again crashed just down the road.

"After this second crash, the suspect entered an occupied residence and demanded...keys but was run off by the occupants and a dog. These homeowners called 911 and followed the suspect east on Marlette Road and updated 911 on the location of the suspect."

It was during that time, troopers reported, that the suspect entered another residence and threatened to kill a female and demanded the keys to her vehicle, but was again chased out of the residence.

"As the suspect was fleeing, he was attempting to stop vehicles in an attempt to carjack them. Troopers arrived in the area and arrested the suspect."

The man was transported to the Tuscola County Jail, where he was lodged and remains behind bars pending arraignment on numerous felony charges, according to troopers.

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

Milligan named NAWG president

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"Dave is the first wheat farmer from Michigan to be elected to this post."

Milligan's farming roots run deep in the Thumb.

He grew up on his family's farm in Cass City and still lives in the area with his wife, Kris, a retired longtime Cass City elementary school teacher. Milligan farms with this son, Mike, who represents the fifth generation of Milligans to continue the family operation. They raise wheat, corn, soybeans and dry edible beans.

A former longtime Elkland Township supervisor, Milligan has also devoted years to working on behalf of his fellow farmers across Michigan and the nation.

In March 2017, the longtime ag leader was elevated from his role as chairman of the NAWG Board representing Michigan growers to the position of NAWG secretary – the first wheat grower from Michigan to be nominated for the job.

At the time, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development director Jamie Clover Adams called Milligan "a genuine leader who not only is approachable, but also has a passion for doing what is right – regardless of the time and energy commitment."

For the past year Milligan has held the title of vice president, serving as the officer liaison to NAWG's Environment and Research Committee, Wheat Breeding Innovation Committee, and Operations and Planning Committee. In addition, he has served on the American Farm Bureau Federation's Wheat Committee.

Closer to home, Milligan has served as chairman of the Michigan Wheat Program since its inception, once served on the Michigan Dry Bean Commission and was chairman of the American Dry Bean Board.

He was part of the charter wheat committee that worked for 10 years to bring the state wheat check-off board into existence. The Michigan Wheat Program was voted in by a slim majority of the state's wheat farmers in the summer of 2011, with the board being named by the governor later that year. Milligan has served as its chairman since that time.

The Michigan Wheat Program, funded by nearly 8,000 farmers who grow wheat in 50 of Michigan's 83 counties, seeks to promote the state's wheat industry by funding and supporting the strategic priorities of wheat farmers by working with input suppliers, seed producers, millers, end users and consumers.

Birthday wish come true

Cass City police grant five-year-old's request for tour

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

Being in law enforcement entails a variety of duties. There is the standard protecting and serving, making arrests, writing tickets and, sometimes, even making a young boy's dream come true.

Cass City Police Chief Craig Haynes and Deputy Chief James Freeman recently fulfilled the latter by giving five-year-old Merek Struve a tour of the police department, municipal building and a police cruiser. The tour turned out to be a highlight of the Cass City youngster's birthday.

Struve's opportunity to do that started when he dropped off some Valentine's cards and treats to the Cass City Police Department

along with a note thanking them for keeping everyone safe, and asking if he could tour the police department sometime.

The local officers were touched by his kind gesture, and a time was set up for the tour.

"We get Cub Scouts from time-to-time who come in for tours, so I can't say he is the youngest one we've had, but he is the first that has come in dressed up in a (officer's) uniform," noted Haynes. "We gave him a tour of the building, showed him some of our equipment and our vehicle with all of its equipment."

At first, Struve was a little shy, but it didn't take him long to embrace his adventure and ask a lot of questions.

"I was surprised at his interest

and intensity, and his questions about our equipment. He knew about a lot of our equipment. He had a set of plastic handcuffs. We showed him a real set which is a lot heavier than his," Haynes said. "He had questions about the gear we have to carry."

The tour included the office area of the municipal building and staff members there.

"Everyone in the building works as a team," the chief noted.

According to Struve's mother, Jesika Struve, who works as assistant director at the Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City, her son has a strong interest in police work.

"Whatever he is interested in, we try to foster it. He wanted police Valentines to give out at preschool and to the police department, so I made him some on the computer," she said, noting he takes his interest in police work seriously.

"He makes us call him Officer Merek. He arrests us and handcuffs us at home," Struve added.

At the end of the tour, Haynes and Freeman put together a gift bag for the youngster that included junior police items, stickers and a coloring book.

"He was with us for about an hour, chatting and asking questions. He had a good time ... and, heck, we did, too," said Haynes. "He was so interested that we enjoyed his visit."

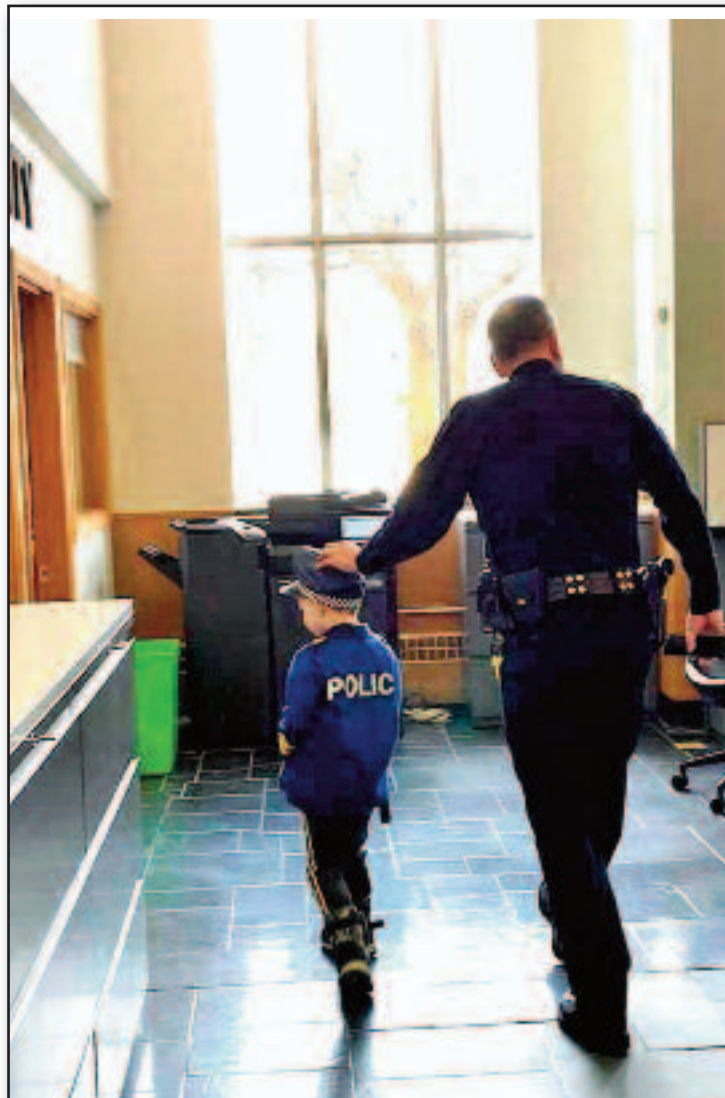
The boy and the officers were not the only ones impressed with the encounter.

"It was awesome for the officers to do that. They did a great job. He loved it," said Jesika Struve. "The best was they gave him a birthday card that all of the officers signed. That is so special to him."

"It was great that the officers in our community reach out like that."

Haynes, whose career with the local department spans more than three decades, heads a staff of four full-time and eight part-time officers in a department that operates 24/7/365. He is an advocate of community policing and community involvement.

He and Jesika Struve agreed they wouldn't be surprised if Merek Struve went on to be a police officer in the community.



STRUVE'S TOUR of the police department on his fifth birthday included meeting the Cass City Village's front office staff at the municipal building. Haynes introduced the youngster to each staff member, noting each of them is part of the village team.



CASS CITY Police Chief Craig Haynes went into detail explaining equipment and procedures because Merek Struve was so interested and wanted to learn all he could about police work in his community. (Photos courtesy of Jesika Struve)



FIVE-YEAR-OLD Merek Struve was recently treated to a tour of the Cass City Police Department on his birthday. Above, Chief Craig Haynes led the tour of his department, equipment and a cruiser used by local officers.



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CASS CITY'S Madison Cumper defends Harbor Beach's Jenna Guza in district play.

Caseville and Owen-Gage battle again on hardwood

In a preview of Monday's girls' basketball Division 4 district action in Owendale, visiting Caseville defeated Owen-Gage 33-29 in the regular season finale for the Bulldogs and Eagles. It was the fourth contest between the rivals this season and each team has won twice.

Both teams scored 10 first quarter points, before Allison Haldane heated up for the Bulldogs and led her team to a 19-12 edge at the break.

Emma Hopkins would answer for the visitors after the break with nine of her game-high 13 points for Caseville, including a 5-of-6 showing at the stripe in the closing minutes.

Haldane was the lone Bulldog to reach double figures with 10 points, while Dana Morrish chipped in nine.

In the boys' game Friday, Owen-Gage fell to 0-16 with a 70-45 defeat.

VASSAR

Owen-Gage scored two points in the first and last quarters Monday and fell to host Vassar, 37-16, in

non-conference play.

Libby Ondrajka topped the Owen-Gage score sheet with four points. While Amber Haldane and Morrish scored three points each.

For Vassar, Jasa Ross and Sarah Colosky each had 10 tallies.

Vassar completed a sweep on the night with a 61-13 victory in the boys' game.

NCTL-STRIPES GIRLS BASKETBALL STANDINGS

Team	NCTL-S	Overall
BC All Saints	9-1	13-7
North Huron	9-1	12-8
Owen-Gage	5-4	7-8
Akron-Fairgrove	3-7	4-16
Caseville	2-7	3-16
CPS	1-9	4-16

NCTL - STRIPES BUYS BASKETBALL STANDINGS

Team	NCTL-S	Ovrrall
BC All Saints	8-2	12-8
North Huron	8-2	8-10
CPS	7-3	7-11
Caseville	5-5	9-7
Akron-Fairgrove	2-8	2-16
Owen-Gage	0-10	0-16

Cass City advances into district semis

by Clarke Haire
 Publisher

March madness is here.

On the opening night of the MHSAA girls basketball post season tournaments, it would be underdog Cass City shocking tourney favorite Harbor Beach with a 46-34 decision to advance into tonight's district semifinal rounds to meet USA, which follows the early semifinal game between Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port and host Bad Axe. The opening tip is slated for 6:00 p.m. and Wednesday's winners will square off Friday for the Division 3 championship in Bad Axe.

Sophomore Abbey Halabis was inserted into the Cass City starting line up Monday and the move paid immediate dividends as she connected on back-to-back baskets to offset a pair of consecutive hoops by Harbor Beach's Leandra Wolschleger in the early going.

The score remained tied at 4-4 until a pair of free throws by Abbey Salcido spotted Cass City to a slim 6-4 edge entering the second quarter.

Early Cass City foul troubles put Harbor Beach into the bonus

with just under 6 minutes remaining until the break and the Pirates used charity tosses by Maya Pfaff to take their first advantage at 8-6.

But the lead was short-lived. Tiara Anthony hit a pair of long jumpers to even the score at 10-10, while treys by Saylor Cuthrell and Morgan Russell put the Red Hawks up 19-15 with just seconds remaining in the half. That was enough time for Harbor Beach to add a basket by Jenna Guza and a free throw by Pfaff to close the gap to 19-18 entering the final half.

Anthony scored on a pair of out of bounds plays midway thru the third quarter, and with 5:51 showing on the clock forced a Harbor beach timeout as they trailed 27-19. But when the teams returned to the floor, Cass City used free throw tosses by Anthony and a 15' jumper by Salcido to stay in control.

Leading 35-25, Cass City outscored Harbor Beach 11-9 to the final whistle to advance.

Anthony tallied 17 points, including a dozen in the final two quarters to lead Cass City, while Cuthrell and Salcido scored 7 point each.

Pfaff paced Harbor Beach with 14 points.

REGULAR SEASON

Cass City gave host Reese all it could handle in the opening two quarters before bowing 48-31 in Greater Thumb West action.

Salcido and Cuthrell combined for 10 first quarter points to give Cass City a 10-9 edge entering the second quarter. Salcido hit a pair of 3-point shots in the opening frame, while Cuthrell added a pair of buckets from the floor.

Cass City would continue to hurt Reese from the perimeter in the quarter before the break and treys by Salcido, Cuthrell and Morgan Russell extended the difference to 21-16 at the break.

Reese upped its defensive pressure in the final half and held their guest to 6 points in the third quarter and 4 points in the fourth quarter to earn the double digit decision.

Salcido and Cuthrell split 22 points to lead Cass City.

GTW GIRLS BASKETBALL

Team	GTW	Overall
Caro	12-0	18-2
Reese	10-2	15-5
Bad Axe	7-5	9-11
Cass City	5-7	8-12
USA	5-7	7-12
EPBP Laker	2-10	2-18
Vassar	1-11	5-15

Kingston and Ubly girls have eyes focused on district crown

The Kingston girls basketball team ended their regular season Friday with an lopsided win over visiting International Academy of Flint (IAF) and now are focused on winning their own Division 4 district championship.

Coach Jay Green's Lady Cardinals defeated IAF 72-10 to finish 19-1 in the regular season while sharing North Central Thumb League - Stripes honors with Deckerville.

"This was our 8th consecutive league title. After losing a ton of experience and scoring from last year, not many people gave this group a chance. We regrouped after the loss to Deckerville and took care of business with some

big road wins at Peck and Genesee," said Green.

A 27-2 run to open the game was a sign of things to follow.

Brooke Mooney led all scorers with 17 points for Kingston, while Payton Kolacz added 14 points, Ella Retan 10, Isabel Hurd 9 and Anna Ahern 7 for Kingston.

Juliana Lulajuraj had 7 for Flint.

7:30 p.m.

The winners meet Friday at 7 p.m. for the district championship. Baring a major upset, look for a terrific match-up between league champs Kingston and Ubly in the finals.

NCTL-STARS GIRLS HOOP STANDINGS

Team	NCTL-S	Overall
Kingston	11-1	19-1
Deckerville	11-1	17-3
Peck	8-4	15-5
Dryden	6-6	12-8
Genesee	4-8	11-9
Mayville	2-10	7-13
Intl Acad Flint	0-12	2-18

DISTRICT

At the Division 4 district in Kingston, tonight's (Wednesday) semifinal matchups include North Huron/Mayville winner vs. Ubly/Akron-Fairgrove winner at 6 p.m., followed by Kingston vs. Owen-Gage/Caseville winner at



TIANA TAGESON

Meet Tiana Tageson, Knights Insurance Athlete of the week.

Tiana is a senior on the Cass City girls basketball team. Although her minutes have been limited during the regular season, Tiana tallied the final basket during Cass City's quarterfinal district win over Harbor Beach to the delight of Red Hawk fans.

She is one of those players who comes to practice every day and makes others better without complaining.

Well liked, hard worker, with a great attitude, says Coach Justin Ketterer.

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Kingston faces big test in final game

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

Just one more. That's how many wins the Kingston boys' basketball team needs for a perfect regular season. However, that one is a big one, as Coach Dave Lester and the Cardinals prepare for Thursday's regular season finale at Carrollton. The Cavaliers are 17-1 on the season. Their only stumble on the campaign came at Hemlock in overtime, against a team they defeated handily in January. Meanwhile, Kingston improved to 19-0 Friday with a 59-41 victory over guest International Academy of Flint (IAF). Kingston controlled the action in the opening half and enjoyed leads of 14-7 and 36-16 at the end of each frame.

Despite the huge deficit, IAF responded with a 15-7 run to start the final 16 minutes, before Kingston pulled away down the stretch.

"We had a good first half, then answered a run by IAF in the 4th quarter. I'm proud of our guys for handling the adversity well. We put them away with a 10-0 run early in the 4th quarter," Lester said.

Evan Neff led Kingston with 26 points and four rebounds. Marco Saenz de Lacuesta added 17 points for the Cardinals.

Javarion Stevenson led IAF with 14 points.

Earlier in the week, Kingston rolled to an easy win against visiting Caseville Tuesday, 72-38.

A 32-2 run to end the opening half removed most doubt from the game's outcome.

"We had a great second quarter.

Nice win tonight for our team and a special night as we honored our seniors," said Lester.

Neff led Kingston with 25 points, while Marco Saenz de Lacuesta added 16 points and Quinn Boucard added 12.

Kaden Geilhart led Caseville with 14 points.

BOX SCORES

Kingston: Neff 7 (3) 3-4 - 26, Wenzlaff (2) - 6, Saenz de Lacuesta 6 (3) 2-2 - 17, Koehler 0-2 - 0, Boucard 2-4, J. Green 1-2 - 4; Totals; 17 (8) 7-10 - 59

IAF: Adigun 2-4, Flowers 7 1-2 - 15, Floyd 0-2 - 0, Kendall 3-6, Stevenson 2 (2) 4-11 - 14, Ross 2-2: Totals: 15 (2) 5-15 - 41

Kingston: Neff 8 (3) - 25, Fetting (1) - 3, Saenz de Lacuesta 8 - 16, Lemke 2 1-2 -5, Koehler 2 0-1 - 4, C. Geister 1-2, Boucard 5 0-1 - 10, J. Green 1-2, Goss 1 (1) - 5: Totals: 28 (5) 1-4 - 72

Caseville: Pattengill 1 (2) - 8, Creguer 2 (1) - 7, Kennedy (3) - 9, B. Miller 0-2 - 0, Geilhart 4 (2) - 14: Totals: 10 (8) 0-2 - 38

NCTL-STARS BOYS BASKETBALL STANDINGS

Team	NCTL-S	Overall
Kingston	12-0	19-0
Dryden	9-3	14-5
Intl Acad Flint	8-3	12-6
Mayville	5-6	9-8
Peck	4-8	10-9
Deckerville	3-9	7-11
Genesee	0-12	4-16



THE CARO co-op swim team members are: (top row, l-r) Michael Booms, Andrew Warren, Captain Colby Sutton, Wylie Garret, Ryan Will, Anthony Dicks, Cameron Kaake (bottom row) Captain Logan Boynton, Kris Nika, Captain Andrew Venema, Wynn Garret, Khuslen Zaya, Landon Strzelewicz and Brice Leveille. Missing from photo are Devin Sanger, Ryan Avery, Coach Nick Bauerschmidt and Dive coach Jacob Daniels.

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Reese earns share of title in splendid style

With a share of the GTW title on the line, Reese came out swinging Friday against visiting Cass City and posted a 73-50 victory.

Three first quarter treys by Isaac Johnson propelled Reese to a 21-9 early advantage. Then during a foul-plagued second quarter, the Rockets made 11 straight free throws to lead 40-22 at the halfway mark.

"Reese jumped on us early and we were never able to recover to get back in the game. I thought we played hard but never could get into any type of flow offensively, said Cass City Coach Aaron Fer-nald.

Cass City was able to trade bas-

kets with the Rockets for much of the second half, but never seriously challenged the outcome.

Thom Rijshouwer scored 9 points, Landon Schenk 8 points, and Collin Wrubel and Sandyn Cuthrell each chipped in 7 points for Cass City.

GTW BOYS BASKETBALL

Team	GTW Overall
USA	11-1 16-2
Reese	11-1 15-5
Cass City	6-6 11-7
Bad Axe	6-6 10-7
EPBP Laker	5-7 9-8
Caro	2-10 5-13
Vassar	1-11 3-15

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BOYS' BASKETBALL (JV/VARSITY)

DATE	OPPONENT
12/13	Ubly 42, CC 39
12/20	EPB 62, CC 52
1/08	CC 53, Marlette 37
1/10	Bad Axe 38, CC 37
1/15	USA 48, CC 32
1/17	CC 63, Vassar 30
1/22	CC 36, Caro 34
1/24	CC 46, S.A.A.S. 34
1/29	CC 53, EPB Lakers 37
1/31	Reese 55, CC 42
2/05	CC 55, Capac 33
2/07	CC 51, Bad Axe 39
2/12	USA 66, CC 40
2/14	CC 58, Vassar 40
2/19	CC 49, Caro 33
2/21	CC 62, Harbor Beach 59
2/28	Reese 73, CC 50
3/05	Nouvel
3/9-13	Districts @ USA.....TBA

All games begin at 6 p.m.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL (JV/VARSITY)

DATE	OPPONENT
12/03	Harbor Beach 43, CC 32
12/06	Nouvel 58, CC 14
12/10	CC 33, Sandusky 30
12/12	Ubly 32, CC 13
12/17	Birch Run 47, CC 32
12/19	CC 34, EPB Lakers 21
12/27	CC 33, Capac 22
1/07	CC 52, Marlette 45
1/09	Bad Axe 36, CC 27
1/14	CC 38, USA 29
1/16	CC 35, Vassar 27
1/21	Caro 48, CC 37
1/24	S.A.A.S. 54, CC 47
1/28	CC 51, EPB Lakers 47
1/30	Reese 63, CC 37
2/06	Bad Axe 46, CC 26
2/11	USA 48, CC 24
2/13	CC 40, Vassar 20
2/18	Caro 45, CC 22
2/25	Reese 48, CC 31
3/2-6	Districts @ Bad Axe.....TBA

All games begin at 6 p.m.

WRESTLING

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
12/11	Lakers	6:00 p.m.
12/14	Birch Run Team Tourney	9:00 a.m.
12/18	Mayville/Marlette	6:00 p.m.
12/21	Ryan Mercer Memorial Tourney	9:00 a.m.
1/04	Ogemaw Hgts. Team Tourney	9:00 a.m.
1/08	Vassar/Ubly	6:00 p.m.
1/11	Flushing Team Tourney	8:00 a.m.
1/15	Caro/Capac	6:00 p.m.
1/18	Mayville Team Tourney	9:00 a.m.
1/22	Bad Axe/Brown City	6:00 a.m.
1/25	Yale Team Tourney	9:00 a.m.
1/29	Sandusky/Memphis	6:00 p.m.
2/01	Clio Team Tourney	9:00 a.m.
2/08	GTC League Meet-Memphis	9:00 a.m.
2/13	Team Districts - Cass City	6:00 p.m.
2/15	Ind. Districts - New Lothrop	9:00 a.m.
2/19	Team Regionals @ TBA	TBA
2/22	Ind. Regionals @ TBA	TBA
2/28-29	Team State Finals @ Kalamazoo	TBA
3/6-7	Ind. State Finals @ Ford Field	TBA

GYMNASTICS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
12/7	Holt Invitational	9:00 a.m.
1/7	Vassar	6:30 p.m.
1/11	Fraser Invitational	9:00 a.m.
1/20	Bounce Meet - Hartland	TBA
1/25	Huron Valley @ Lakeland	8:00 a.m.
2/1	Haslett Invite	10:00 a.m.
2/8	Vassar Invite	10:00 a.m.
2/19	Port Huron	TBA
2/20	Vassar	6:30 p.m.

BOWLING

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
1/7	Harbor Beach	4:00 p.m.
1/9	North Huron @ Bad Axe	4:00 p.m.
1/14	USA	4:00 p.m.
1/16	Caro	4:00 p.m.
1/21	CPS	4:00 p.m.
1/23	Reese	4:00 p.m.
1/28	Brown City	4:00 p.m.
1/30	Bad Axe	4:00 p.m.
2/04	Sandusky	4:00 p.m.
2/06	Boys @ Cass City	TBA
2/08	Singles @ Sandusky	TBA
2/11	Girls @ Capac	TBA
2/15	Team @ Caro	TBA

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Officials: cormorants are wreaking havoc on Great Lakes fish numbers

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

Commercial fisheries aren't the only factor being looked at in the decline of the fish population in the Great Lakes, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).

It's estimated there are about 230,000 double-crested cormorants around the Great Lakes, and each bird eats an estimated 1.3 to 1.6 pounds of fish a day — that equals more than 77 million pounds of fish, a report from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) states.

The birds eat minnows, alewives, shad, round gobies, other prey-fish, and they also devour significant numbers of yellow perch, stocked trout, salmon, walleye, pike and panfish.

Around the Great Lakes, prey-fish populations are already greatly reduced, and in Lake Huron they are reduced by 80 to 90 percent.

"Cormorants are uncontrolled and wreaking havoc on our Great Lakes. Since the zebra mussel invasion, the lakes and the water are cleaner than ever," said Lakon Williams, who manages the Bay Port Fish Company.

"Cormorants are a sight feeder that can see up to 40 feet in the water. With the water being clearer fish have nowhere to hide," he explained. "When going out fishing on Saginaw Bay, it is common to see a black swarm of cormorants gorging themselves. It is a horrific sight to see. These birds need population controls."

Double-crested cormorants are an equal opportunity predator. They eat whatever they can catch in their beaks. Cormorants have been recorded schooling fish up into shallower water and then they take turns diving to feed. They have been noted to dive up to 150 feet and are routinely diving 30 feet or more to feed in the Great Lakes.

DNR research has established a link between cormorants preying on fish populations and their decline in Saginaw Bay, the Great Lakes and the Les Cheneaux perch fishery.

Stocking of trout and salmon is impractical when cormorant numbers at stocking sites become excessive, and this continues to happen throughout lakes Michigan and Huron.

"We desperately need cormorant control again," said Don Kain, who is the lead administrator for the Facebook group "Save Our Fish", which focuses on environmental issues that affect fisheries. "I believe this to be a huge prob-

lem. I don't want all cormorants killed, but we clearly need population control."

The Lake Huron Citizens Fisheries Committee has also been vocal and involved in pushing for cormorant control.

A federal judge temporarily shut down the control program in

Lakes combined and it doesn't come close even if you multiply it by three, four or five times. The cormorant population is at a dangerously high level," Williams said. "I have tried to get as much information out to people as I can. People need to understand the damage that is caused by these



A double-crested cormorant. (Photo courtesy of Deb Severance)

2016, saying Fish and Wildlife had failed to submit an assessment showing depredation remained necessary. When the ruling came down, residents of coastal communities in the Great Lakes expected the federal agency to quickly do some homework, return to court and prove control is still necessary.

So far, that has not happened, although in November the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service completed an Environmental Assessment (EA) evaluating options for issuing individual depredation permits to provide relief for aquaculture facilities experiencing direct economic losses from cormorants across 37 central and eastern states and the District of Columbia.

"Balancing the protection of native wildlife with economic and human health needs is fundamental to effective management practices," said U.S. Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt.

Aside from eating fish in the Great Lakes, cormorants have targeted fisheries throughout the United States, with federal officials estimating cormorants cause more than \$25 million in damage annually within the aquaculture industry.

"When you add up everything that is taking fish out of the Great

creatures."

Because Michigan hosts about 55 percent of the population's cormorants breeding pairs, the state can be considered "ground zero" for the negative effects of cormorants.

"One species of bird is taking 30 times more than our whole state licensed commercial industry," Williams pointed out. "Everyone that cares about our Great Lakes should be coming together to fix this colossal problem."

"We clearly need population control. If you know anything about the Great Lakes fisheries, you would know we have a huge issue with the yellow perch population being at a very low level," Kain said.


"We can't control what Canada is doing with harvesting large amounts of fish. But I give Canada credit — at least they are addressing the cormorant issue and they're setting up a plan to control the cormorant population on their side of the Lake, while we sit on our hand and wade through miles of red tape, and animal rights activists."

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is gathering information to develop rules to expand the management of double-crested cormorants throughout the United States.

Public input is being sought through March 9. Electronic comments can be sent via the website <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments to Docket No. FWS-HQ-MB-2019-0103.

In the meantime, House Bills 4567, 4568, and 4569 passed the house earlier this month, and focus on the proposed banning of perch, walleye, and lake trout fishing for profit and changes to the mesh nets used for catching fish.

Williams is concerned about those bills becoming law because it would shutter the doors of fish companies.



Redhawk Review
by
Taryn Pisarek
Beauty and the best

Some people are naturally gifted athletes. Some are talented musicians. Some are good with numbers and others, with words. Then, there are some people who excel at connecting with others through different forms of art.

If you want a chance to witness a magical connection, I really suggest that you go see the Cass City High School play.

An extremely talented group of young people will be performing "Beauty and the Beast" Thursday and Friday, March 13 and 14, at 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria, under the direction of Mrs. Iwankovitch.

This will be a great chance to see their months of hard work pay off.

Sophie Mazure, playing Belle, describes being in the play as "Stressful at times, but also so much fun. The people around me are so supportive and help me with my songs and lines. My solo is really nerve wracking, but everyone is so nice even when I hit a wrong note."

I think the cast is another great example of what a group should be. It should be a safe space for everyone to showcase their abilities and find a family. There is room for everyone in the play, even behind the scenes.


Mariah Mellendorf, who is part of the stage crew, described her experience, too. "It's fun seeing everything come together, but it's a little hectic because the play is so close," she said.

The play is a wonderful experience for everyone, from the performers to the audience to the stage crew. If you would like to see these gifted students perform, tickets will be available at the doors.

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Obituaries

Donald Dohn

Donald Alan Dohn, 66, of Cass City, died unexpectedly in his home February 20, 2020. He was born August 6, 1953 in Detroit, the youngest of five children born to Ernest and Louise (Trebesch) Dohn.



Don was self-employed and owned and operated Revive Carpet Cleaning since 1987. He also worked part time at Auto Zone in Caro and as a groundskeeper for the Novesta Township Cemetery. Don was the prior caretaker for the Cass City Gun Club for 14 years. He always prided himself in a job well done, no matter what it was. Don enjoyed spending time with friends and family. He was always willing to lend a hand to anyone in need. One of his favorite places to be was at the trap or skeet range with his Browning shotgun.

Don is survived by his brother, James (Paula) Dohn of Gould City; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; infant brother, Richard Dohn; brother, Arnold Dohn; and sister, Ruth Shelton.

Graveside service will be held at a later date in the Spring.

Interment will be in Novesta Township Cemetery.

Military honors under the direction of Cass City VFW Post #3644 and the U.S. Army.

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

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Christina Jo Prochilo

Christina Jo Prochilo, 48, of Cass City, died following a lengthy illness, Monday, February 24, 2020 in Covenant Medical Center Cooper Campus, Saginaw.

She was born July 12, 1971 in Bellflower, CA to Carleton and Deborah (Zook) Thibeault.

Christina attended Palm Springs High School in California. For the last nine years, she has worked as a medical assistant with Recovery Pathways of Essexville. Christina enjoyed wall-eye fishing in the Saginaw Bay with her step-father, Dennis. She was fond of reading, her favorite author being Sandra Brown. Christina was an animal lover; her favorites being owls, turtles, giraffes and her Chihuahua mix, Will. She loved Sunday family dinners, spending time with her grandson, Theo and making memories at Johnson Pumpkin Farm and during Zehnder's Ice Fest.

Christina is survived by her daughter, Chyenne (fiancé, Jack Martin) Novinski of Sebewaing and son, Joseph Thibeault of Vassar; grandson, Theo Martin; her mother, Deborah (Dennis) Rasmussen of Cass City; her father, Carleton (Margo) Thibeault of Palm Springs, CA; sister, Cynthia Lee Teggart of Roseville; step-siblings: Mitchell (Richelle) Rasmussen of Sparta and Brook McKinstry of Hastings; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Floyd and Dorothy Zook; and uncle, Clayton Thibeault.

A funeral service was held Friday, February 28, in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Sam Leppert, Funeral Service Celebrant officiating.

Memorials may be made to Chyenne Novinski for Theo Martin's education fund.

Interment will take place in Elkland Township Cemetery at a later time.

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.

Jacquelyn (Jackie) Seski

Jacquelyn (Jackie) Seski, 90, formerly of Cass City, entered into eternal life on February 21, 2020 at the Pines of Lapeer Assisted Living Facility.

Jacquelyn was born on April 24, 1929 in Lake Orion, to Chester L. and Beatrice Bushman.

Jacquelyn married the "love of her life" Richard Aloysius Seski on August 26, 1974.

Jacquelyn loved her family and spending time with them. She also had a great love for pets. Jacquelyn enjoyed dancing, especially the Fox Trot.

Jacquelyn is survived by her six children Cathleen Jeans, Sharon (Dennis) Sochacki, Sheila (Doug) Przybylo, Daniel (Rita) Joseph Gedert, David (Claudia) Gedert and Suzanne (Mark) Roberts.

Jacquelyn was preceded in death by her husband Richard Aloysius Seski, parents Chester and Beatrice Bushman, brothers Chester (Margaret) Bushman, Martin James (Sheila) Bushman, son-in-law Randy Jeans and granddaughter Kara Irwin.

Cremation has taken place through Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors of Lapeer, Michigan. A celebration of life will take place this Spring.



Esther Marie Walsh

October 12, 1927 - February 23, 2020. Esther was 92 years old.

She was the wife of the late Richard for 68 years. Beloved mother of Pamela Tiano, Richard (Diane), Tom (Eileen), Janet (Dan) Boulter, Anne Margaret (Patric) Wagner and the late Debbie (Fred) Oyer.

Loving grandmother of 15, great-grandmother of 24 and great great-grandmother of two.

She was the last of 14 siblings. Raised by the late Alice and Joseph Fox in Cass City, she up in the Thumb.

There was a Saturday Mass at Our Lady of Loretto Church in Redford.

Final resting place St. Agatha Cemetery Gagetown.

Donations to Alzheimer's Association (alz.org), or Hospice appreciated.

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Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Part of the Southeast quarter of Section 4, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, described as beginning at a point on the South line of Section 4 which is South 89 degrees 14 minutes 00 seconds East, 164.83 feet from the South quarter corner of said Section 4; thence continuing along said South line, South 89 degrees 14 minutes 00 seconds East 91.45 feet; thence along the West right of the way line of Williamsburg Drive (a platted public street), North 204.00 feet; thence along the South line of Lot 53 of Williamsburg Subdivision No. 2, North 89 degrees 14 minutes 00 seconds West 91.45 feet; thence South 204 feet to the South line of Section 4 and the point of beginning.

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

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Sandra Knickerbocker & Bruce Knickerbocker, wife and husband

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Embrace Home Loans, Inc., its successors and assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Embrace Home Loans, Inc.

Date of Mortgage: May 22, 2014

Date of Mortgage Recording: June 13, 2014

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$93,675.13

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 5, Davidson Subdivision, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 10 Tuscola County Records.

Common street address (if any): 833 State Rd, Vassar, MI 48768-9116

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Name of Mortgagor: Ryan Jay Stevens, a single man

Name of Mortgagee: Ivan Kurtenbach Trust
Mortgage Date: November 1, 2018

Mortgage Recording Date: December 18, 2018

Mortgage Recording Information: Liber 01413 Page 107

Amount claimed due on date of this notice: \$140,116.38

Interest Rate on date of this notice: 10% fixed

The property to be sold is located in the Township of Novesta, County of Tuscola, Michigan and is described as:

Part of the NE fractional 1/4 of Section 5, T13N-R11E, Novesta Twp., Tuscola County, Michigan, described as: Beginning distant N 01°14'21" W 266.53 ft along the E section line from the E 1/4 corner of said Section 5 thence S 88°33'59" W 699.0 ft; thence N 01°14'21" W 300.00 ft; thence N 88°33'59" E 699.00 ft to a point in said E section line distant along said section line N 01°14'21" W 1885.00 ft from the SE corner of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of said section; thence S 01°14'21" E 300.00 ft to the place of beginning and containing 4.81 acres. Subject to the use of the E'ly 33 ft for Warner Road, so called. And further subject to any easements, restrictions and/or rights-of-way of record pertaining thereto.

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5, 2008 Amount claimed due on mortgage on the date of notice: \$59,694.08

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in the Township of Almer, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 1: Part of the Northeast quarter of Section 29, Town 13 North, Range 9 East, Almer Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as commencing at the Northeast Corner of said Section 29; thence along the East line of said Section 29, South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, 856.34 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing along said East line of Section 29, South 00 degrees 00 minute 00 seconds West, 263.69 feet; thence North 89 degrees 44 minutes 07 seconds West, 466.69 feet; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, 263.69 feet; thence South 89 degrees 44 minutes 07 seconds East, 466.69 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly Known as: 1905 French Rd., Caro, MI 48723 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3240(16) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention Purchaser: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee for any reason. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest, and the purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: 02/26/2020

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Commissioner leading charge to save old dam in Tuscola County

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

There is a renewed interest in repairing the 114-year-old Caro Dam.

One of the dam's two floodgates failed in April 2014, resulting in lower water levels in the Cass River and in the Caro Lake since then.

Although there have been a variety of suggestions regarding how to fix the dam, all of them came down to money.

Eric Fox has privately owned the dam since about 2003, and he does not have the estimated \$60,000 it would cost to repair the dam.

The reason one of the dam's floodgates broke is because one of the trunnion pins on it rusted through. The remaining floodgate is still functioning, but under pressure from debris that has built up. If the second gate fails, the Cass River could become just a creek.

Because the dam is privately owned, Fox can leave the broken gate, repair the gate with a Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) permit, or remove the dam with a MDEQ permit. The state could also step in, condemn the structure and have it removed.

Without the dam, the level of the Cass River could drop another two feet, which would greatly impact recreational boating and fishing.

Over the last few months, the possibility of having the Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) take over ownership of the dam has been discussed, according to Tuscola County Commission Chairman Thom Bardwell.

“At the last meeting for EDC, the EDC Board moved to purchase the Caro Dam, but the board expressed concern in regards to EDC owning the dam,” Bardwell said, noting there will be more to come on this matter.

For the last few years, Tuscola County Commissioner Kim Vaughan has taken up the cause of trying to find options to get the dam fully functional again.

“I’ve been working hard on trying to get repairs to the dam. I honestly believe putting the water back in the Cass River is a huge plus and benefit to the county as a whole,” said Vaughan. “I’ve reached out to the public about this and had nothing but positive responses.

“So I’m reaching out again, but we have met some local opposition to our project. I’m asking all my followers and all the residents to send support of Caro dam letters.”

Vaughan asks that residents send

letters in support of the project to the EDC at 141 S. Almer St., Caro 48723.

“This would be a huge help. Tell friends, anybody and everybody, to write if you are in support of this project. We need to receive as much support as we can within the next couple of weeks,” he said. “If they remove that dam, the water is completely gone forever.”

The dam was originally built in 1906 to provide water for the Michigan Sugar Company.

It was reconstructed in 1928 as a hydroelectric dam to provide power to Caro, but it had been out of service for several years when Fox bought it.

As part of the Cass River development in 2015, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers stabilized the 163-year-old Frankenmuth Dam via a \$3.5 million project. The work included construction of a rock-ramp structure and stone weirs on top of the dam to form a step-pool 300 feet downstream from the current dam head to allow fish passage upstream to spawn. Fish were then planted in the Frankenmuth area.

If a similar repair could be done to the Caro dam, it would help raise the river's water levels.

People from throughout the Thumb utilize the Cass River and Caro Lake for fishing, kayaking and canoeing. Chippewa Landing, located south of Caro off M-24, has a boat launch that received significant use until the water levels dropped.

The Cass River Greenway committee (CRG), a grassroots group, has been working to clean up the Cass River in an effort to develop the natural resources as an ecotourism attraction. The organiza-

tion is also working to have the waterway designated a National Water Trail.

Over the past dozen years or so, CRG members and volunteers have cleaned up sections of the river each year.

Efforts the last two years have focused on cleaning up sections of the river from Cass City towards Caro.

The clean-ups have resulted in the removal of tons of garbage from of the river, including axles, chairs, sections of old farm equipment and several hundred tires.

Zyrowski: grocery will open

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business, although workers did install a new façade with a new name – Ben’s Fresh Market.

Cass City Village Council Trustee Tom Herron last week acknowledged Zyrowski has been forced to deal with “one issue after another,” but he said Zyrowski told him he expected to get back on track soon.

“He apologized to the town...for all the delays,” Herron said. “He said he had some issues, but they’re getting that taken care of and now things are going to move forward, so it is going to happen.

“He promised me we will have a grocery store.”

“There’s been obvious progress that we’ve noted (at the property),” commented Cass City Village Manager Debbie Powell. “It seems like, recently, we haven’t seen the activity, but I feel positive because there has been that progression.

“I’m still remaining positive because of all the investment,” she added.

Zyrowski, who last year estimated his investment at roughly \$2 million, said Thursday that a lack of heat in recent months has prevented crews from completing work inside the store. A gas line was decommissioned during street work adjacent to the store, he explained, adding it was a matter of waiting for installation of a new gas line from the street to the store, which has been completed.

“We’re moving along now,” said Zyrowski, who said the renovations, along with installation of all new refrigeration units and other equipment, is 90 percent complete. “It’s (store) basically brand new.

“We’ve made some pretty good strides,” he added. “It’s taken a...lot longer than I wanted it to, but I see light at the end of the tunnel.”

Cass City isn’t the only community in the region impacted by the closure of a local grocery store.

The owners of McDonald’s Food and Family recently announced they plan to close their doors after 65 years of business in Huron County. Officials at the grocery, which is located in the Northgate Shopping Center in Bad Axe and employed an estimated 60 people, have been busy liquidating the business’ inventory in recent weeks.

Owner Lowell McDonald has indicated the decision was based on sales versus overhead expenses. He’s also confirmed the store is being sold, but declined to offer any additional details.

In Sanilac County, meanwhile, the owner of Jeff’s Marketplace last week announced he will close his business in Sandusky by early April.

Owner Jeff Durecka, whose family also owns and operates locations in Croswell and Lexington, opened the store in the former Jerry’s Foodland in the Westpark Shopping Center in Sandusky about two years ago.

Erla’s background

Zyrowski, owner of the Ben’s Supercenter stores in Marlette and Brown City, purchased the former Erla’s building in the fall of 2015 and then went to work renovating and upgrading the 20,581-square-foot structure.

Early on, he acknowledged the project was taking longer to complete than expected, but pointed out that was largely due to the age of the building, which was constructed in 1948 and renovated in 1993. Construction crews have since virtually gutted the building’s interior, replacing everything from the floors to the plumbing throughout the structure.

Zyrowski has said his plans for the business include offering a full line of groceries as well as a deli featuring chicken along with other lunch and dinner entrees, a bakery and sitting area to drink coffee, a hardware section and possibly a pharmacy.

Zyrowski has many years of business experience under his belt as owner of Ben’s Supercenter, which is family owned and operated. Founded in 1965, the company currently has three locations; Ben’s Supercenter in Brown City, Ben’s Supercenter in Marlette and Ben’s Contractor Center/Ben’s Great Outdoors, also in Marlette.

Cass City has been without a grocery store since September 2014, when former Erla’s Food Center owner Venu Ganga closed the business after owning and operating the store for about 2 ½ years. Ganga originally purchased the business in February 2011, marking the end of a 57-year business tradition established by the Erla family in town.

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Congrats Boys!

You all played an excellent game against Harbor Beach last week.

Way to go Hawks!

~Marilyn Erla

