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**ANN CRAIG, a veteran staffer at Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City, is being remembered by her co-workers following her unexpected death Oct. 17. Craig, whose jobs included organizing and keeping track of photos taken during various library events, is pictured above (third from left) with Ty Perry, Assistant Library Director Jesika Struve and former library Director Kate VanAuken.**

## Library staff mourning loss

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

The staff at Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City said goodbye this week to a long-time co-worker whose tenure spanned more than four decades.

Ann Craig, who handled a variety of duties at the local library over the years, died unexpectedly at her home Oct. 17 – after 42 years and one day on the job. Funeral services for the life-long Cass City resident, who was 74, were scheduled for Tuesday.

Craig, who enjoyed researching her family's

history and genealogy, was known for her knowledge and love of books, reading everything from classic literature to contemporary horror novels. She loved her pet cats and had a sweet tooth for cookies and candy.

She was also active as a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Cass City and of the local chapter of the American Association of University Women (AAUW).

But her co-workers say she will be remembered for much more.

"I had the pleasure of working with Ann for 18 years. She was a gentle, kind soul. She

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## Sanilac reports an outbreak at county medical care facility

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Officials with the Sanilac County Health Department and Sanilac Medical Care Facility (SMCF) announced Sunday night that they are investigating a COVID-19 outbreak at the county's medical care facility.

"Currently, the facility is reporting multiple positives (Covid tests) as of late Sunday. Residents and staff are tested frequently, so that the facility can monitor and control the spread of the virus," Bryant Wilke, Sanilac County health officer, stated in a news release. "Patients are also placed into isolation areas for their protection, and the facility continues to monitor everyone for signs and symptoms."

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## Village officials approve ORV use in community

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

The Cass City Village Council Monday continued to make progress on plans to replace aging water and sewer lines in the community.

The village has been working with Townley Engineering on upgrades to the infrastructure system on Seeger Street.

"We have been busy working with our consultants in preparation for the loan closing on our Seeger Street project before the end of the year," village Manager Debbie Powell explained during the regular monthly meeting. "The USDA informed the village if we close on the loan before Dec. 31, we would be eligible to reduce our interest rate for the project from 1.85 to a 1.75 interest rate for the 40-year term of the payoff."

"I'm happy to report we are on schedule for that projected timeline." The council took initial action on the project in August with a notice stating it intended to sell bonds to finance the project, but there was a 45-day referendum period when that decision could have been chal-

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## Auditors give district finances a thumbs up

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

The accounting firm that conducted the Cass City Public Schools' annual audit gave the district a clean bill of financial health Monday night. Meeting in regular session, the board of education received the 2020 audit report virtually — via Zoom — from Angela M. Burnette of Anderson, Tuckey, Bernhardt and Doran, P.C.

In spite of the turmoil resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic during the final quarter of this year's fiscal year for schools, which ended June 30, Burnette reported Cass City officials' projections for the year's revenues and expenditures were on the mark relatively.

Revenues totaled \$10,509,655, with expenditures coming in at \$9,910,564, leaving a surplus of nearly \$600,000, boosting Cass City's general fund balance to more than \$2.5 million — an amount equal to roughly 25.5 percent of the district's budget.

The recommended percent of fund balance is about 15 percent for schools, according to Burnette, who noted the average among Michigan

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## Election 2020

### Local races set in Cass City, Kingston, Novesta Township

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

There are few local races on tap during the Tuesday, Nov. 3, general election. The exceptions include a heated battle for the office of treasurer in Novesta Township, and a four-way race for three trustee seats on the Cass City Village Council.

In addition, there is a three-way race for two available four-year terms on the Kingston Village Council.

In Novesta Township, disagreements over the treasurer's duties paved the way for Tuesday's race, with Deidra A. Zdrojewski challenging incumbent Treasurer Valerie Peters for a four-year term. Running unopposed in the town-

ship for four-year terms are Supervisor Chad D. Daniels, Clerk Penne L. Rienas and trustees Russel F. Rienas and Jesse Robinson.

#### Cass City Village

In the village of Cass City, meanwhile, Cass City Public Schools teacher William C. Hartzell has tossed his hat into the ring for one of three available four-year trustee terms. Also running are all three incumbents — Tom Herron, Mick F. Kirn and Jenny Zawilinski.

Running unopposed for a 2-year term is incumbent village President Dan D. Delamarter.

#### Kingston Village

Three candidates are seeking a pair of terms on the Kingston Village Council. They are Scott Fetting, Jennifer Krug and Robert Phagan.

Village President Cory J. Skinner is running unopposed. As of press time, there were no candidates for a partial trustee term ending Nov. 19, 2022.

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## Deliver absentee voter ballots to local drop boxes

With the Tuesday, Nov. 3, general election just days away, officials are reminding residents still planning to vote by absentee voter (AV) ballot to deliver their ballots directly to a ballot drop box to ensure their vote is counted.

A three-judge panel on the state Court of Appeals ruled earlier this month that Michigan absentee ballots must arrive at clerks' offices by Nov. 3 to be counted in the general election.

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**ELECTION officials are reminding residents still planning to vote by absentee voter (AV) ballot to deliver their ballots directly to a ballot drop box.**

## Test results wrong; facility Covid-free

It turns out that reported positive tests for COVID-19 involving five staff members at the Tuscola County Medical Care Community (TCMCC) in Caro were false positives.

That's according to medical care community Director Brenda Kretzschmer, who shared the good news in a Facebook post last week.

"The samples that resulted in a report of five positive staff Covid-19 cases...were run again by the original lab and were found to be 'false-positives,'" Kretzschmer said. "Additionally, the employees identified were tested a second and third time with a different lab to confirm that they are, in fact, negative."

"TCMCC remains free from Covid-19."



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# O-G officials name students of month

The focus for Owen-Gage's students of the month for October is being a "Productive Citizen". A student who is a productive citizen is actively involved in school and community organizations, conducts self appropriately in and out of class, and displays open-mindedness when confronted with diversities. They also have an awareness of local and global issues and concerns.

The following students have been chosen: Margot Loney, Kdg. (elementary level), daughter of



Margot Loney

DuWayne and Karmen Loney; Jayce Hill, eighth grade (junior high level), son of Amanda Wilding; Karsyn Gruehn, ninth grade (high school level), daughter of Nathan and Kamryn Gruehn; and Clay Evans, twelfth grade (senior student), son of Maurice and Tanya Evans.

Special recognition goes to the "Senior Student of the Month", Clay Evans. Evans has been very active in sports at Owen-Gage. He has participated in basketball, golf and baseball all four years. He played three years of football, ran three years of cross-country, and participated in track his freshman year.

Evans has been a member of the band each year, in which he plays the clarinet. He has participated in Solo/Ensemble and the Tri-County Honors Band each year. Last year he was chosen to play in the Michigan Lions' Band and perform in Singapore, but because of Covid-19, that was canceled. This year, he will play in the Michigan Lions' Band and travel to Montreal. Evans has also been a member of the Vex Robotics team and the Innovative Vehicle

Design team.

Evans has been a member of the National Honor Society since his sophomore year and currently serves as the chapter's president. He has been on the honor roll and a member of the 3.0 Honors Club each year. He served as his class president each year and therefore was a member of the Student Council. Evans was a class representative two years for snowball and has been nominated as a candidate for 2020 homecoming king. He has been a member of the yearbook staff for two years. The past two years he has been dual-enrolled through Mid-Michigan Community College.

Evans was a member of the Boy Scouts of America. He became an Eagle Scout during his freshman year of high school. Evans has volunteered and has spent hours of community service through the school and local towns. In his spare time, he enjoys reading, fishing and spending time with friends and family.

Evans plans to attend Michigan Technological University next fall to pursue a career as a mechanical engineer.



Jayce Hill



Karsyn Gruehn



Clay Evans

# Sanilac reports outbreak at medical care

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Wilke said Monday that Sanilac County has experienced a significant increase in confirmed cases — 18 in all — compared to the previous week, "and we have an outbreak — cluster — at the Sanilac Medical Care Facility. The current number at the care facility is 13 positives total to-date, with 90 additional pending test results."

Wilke noted medical care officials are "working very diligently, tracking the cases and mobilizing resources" to care for residents and prevent further spread.

"Overall, SMCF has managed the virus very well, with no positive cases from the beginning of the pandemic until recently," Wilke added. "This is a good reminder to everyone that this virus is highly transmissible and can easily affect everyone, including your family and co-workers."

"The facility's medical team is

working with the health department staff to manage the cases and provide all necessary support in an effort to provide the highest degree of protection to this highly vulnerable population."

Sanilac County Health Department Medical Director Mustafa M. Hamed is reminding residents that mitigation and prevention measures are the only tools available at this time to slow the spread of the virus.

"We have to do this as individuals and as a community. It is up to each of us to protect each other by social distancing, wearing a mask and washing our hands frequently. We will just prolong this pandemic if we do not act responsibly," he said.

"There is no known cure or vaccine for Covid yet. Our best tools against Covid (are) going to be prevention of transmission, using the measures that we know have proven to work. We cannot let

'Covid fatigue' set in."

## Covid cases still rising

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) officials continue to express concern over the rise in COVID-19 cases in Michigan as winter approaches.

The state announced 3,338 new confirmed cases Saturday — more than double Friday's number and significantly higher than the state's previous daily case record set a week earlier. The average increase in cases on Sunday and Monday was 1,940 per day.

Monday's total confirmed cases reached 161,907 statewide, with a total of 7,211 deaths, compared to 147,806 cases and 7,031 deaths a week earlier. Health officials are reporting that an estimated 114,939 Covid patients have recovered statewide.

In the Thumb, between Monday, Oct. 19, and Monday, Oct. 26, the number of combined confirmed cases in Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties increased by 89 — from 891 to 980 — with the three counties' combined death toll increasing by one to 46 fatalities.

According to the latest data (Monday afternoon), Tuscola County has recorded 566 confirmed cases, an increase of 52 cases compared to a week before, and 35 deaths (an increase of one).

In Huron County, meanwhile, there are 227 confirmed cases (an increase of 12 from a week earlier), with five deaths (no change), and Sanilac County has a total of 187 confirmed cases, up from 162 cases a week earlier, and six deaths (no change).

The latest statistics in the Chronicle's coverage area revealed 67 confirmed cases, 55 recoveries and 10 deaths to-date among residents living in the Cass City zip code, which ranks fourth in the county behind Caro (142 cases, 107 recoveries and 18 deaths), Vassar (104 cases, 85 recoveries and three deaths) and Millington (80 cases, 59 recoveries and one death).

The numbers in other area communities are: Unionville (18 cases, 14 recoveries and no deaths), Deford (12 cases, 11 recoveries and no deaths), Gagetown (three cases, three recoveries and no deaths), Kingston (nine cases, nine recoveries and no deaths), Ubyly (13 cases, 12 recoveries and one death), and Owendale (one case, one recovery and no deaths).

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## Thank you!

The family of Sherryl Seeley would like to thank the community of Cass City for all the prayers, words of comfort, hymns, visits, meals and flowers during Sherryl's time with Hospice.

Thank you to each and every one who sent a birthday card for Sherryl's birthday in September. Sherryl read every card and was touched by all the thoughtfulness and compassion. Each card boosted her spirits, touched her heart and many gave her a chuckle. The sheer volume of cards (over 200) was a true testament to the community of Cass City and why she loved her small town.

To know Sherryl was to know a memory that involved her genuine laugh, or her willingness to help anybody.

Please join us November 21st to share those memories.

-November 21 at 11:00 a.m. graveside service at Elkland Township Cemetery with Rev. Bob Demyanovich officiating.

-November 21 luncheon immediately following graveside service at Cass City United Methodist Church, Cass City.

Arrangements by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

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# In Our OPINION...

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## Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

Old dogs teach new tricks



## School buses, deer and tractors, oh my!

Halloween is just three days away, but motorists already know Thumb roadways can be scary enough this time of year.

Start with the likelihood of crossing paths with a deer in the fall, which is their mating season and hunting season. Insurance claims for expensive repairs after car-deer crashes rise dramatically in the last quarter of the year.

In 2019, Michigan recorded 55,531 car-deer crashes. In the Thumb, Sanilac County was among the top 10 counties with the highest number of such accidents (1,226). Huron County reported a total of 1,085 car-deer accidents last year, while Tuscola County had 1,066.

Statewide, 1,429 people were injured and a dozen people were killed in car-deer collisions last year.

Aside from deer, drivers routinely encounter farm equipment – combines or tractors pulling implements, for example — on area roadways as farmers wrap up their fall harvest.

This equipment must operate on highways to get from farm to field or field to field. Farm equipment may be wider than one lane, or in some cases wider than the road, and they travel at slow speeds, requiring motorists to slow down and remain alert.

Perhaps the biggest safety risks in the fall, however, involve drivers getting used to sharing roadways with school buses again.

Experts at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration say school buses are the safest mode of transportation for getting children back and forth to school, compared to walking, riding a bicycle, or being driven to school in private vehicles.

But every year, bus drivers report numerous violations among drivers who fail to stop as students board and exit buses.

The majority of bus-related deaths and injuries involve pedestrians — mostly children — who are struck by a bus or injured when they are exiting the bus to cross traffic. Those who pass stopped school buses can be charged with civil infractions carrying a fine between \$100 and \$500.

So, what can you do to protect students?

Law enforcement officials encourage motorists to:

\*Prepare to stop when a slowing bus has its overhead yellow lights flashing.

\*Stop at least 20 feet away from buses when red lights are flashing, unless driving in the opposite direction on a divided highway.

\*Slow down in or near school and residential areas.

\*Look for clues-such as safety patrols, crossing guards, bicycles and playgrounds-that indicate children might be in the area, and watch for children between parked cars and other objects.

School buses are like traffic signals – when overhead lights are flashing yellow, prepare to stop, and when the overhead lights are flashing red, stop. When hazard warning lights are flashing, proceed with caution.

Bottom line? When you're behind the wheel, put that cell phone down and stay alert and sober.

Don't become another statistic.

With everything that computers can do and all of the different programs that are available, it is difficult to tell if a photograph or a video is real or if it has been "doctored" these days.

There was a video that got my attention. It broke my heart watching it and it renewed my faith in my fellow man.

The video showed a little squirrel following around a man who was carrying a water bottle. Several times the squirrel stood on its hind legs, held its front paws together in almost a praying/begging motion while waving them around to get the man's attention.

Several times the man turned away from the squirrel. Each time he did, the squirrel moved to be in front of him making the same motions of praying.

It took a while for the man to figure out what the little guy was begging for. He finally realized it wanted water.

The man uncapped the water bottle and held it so the squirrel could drink. And, drink it did. While some of the water spilled out on the pavement, the squirrel drank most of the bottle.

The posting didn't say where the incident happened, but it must have been in a state that was experiencing a drought.

A few years back, there was a long span where it didn't rain in the Thumb. Although my grass was totally dead, the weeds did great. The weeds were about two feet high when I broke out the lawnmower. There was no grass to mow — just weeds.

Anyway, that summer was so hot that I bought my black lab, Sergeant, his own little kiddie pool to cool off in. Whenever he went out to go to the bathroom, which was more than usual that summer, he would splash around in the pool for a while before coming in the house.

One really hot day, Sergeant just laid in the pool with his chin on the edge. While he was cooling off in the water, several birds flew by on and off, waiting for him to leave so they could have a turn in the water.

When the birds decided the dog wasn't leaving anytime soon, they cautiously zoomed in for a quick drink.

When they didn't get a reaction from him, a couple of birds decided to risk playing in the water at the far end of the pool.

That got my dog's attention. Seeing how his breed are bird dogs, I thought surely he would chase them away like he normally did.

He just looked over his shoulder at them and sighed, as if to say, "I understand, and you can have a pass this time."

The dog stayed on his side of the pool while the birds took turns playing and splashing on the other side.

It was amazing to watch the two different species understand each other's needs and manage to co-exist in peace during that stressful time.

After witnessing something like that, they are not "dumb animals" after all. Old dogs can teach humans new tricks about compassion.

## Letters to the Editor

### Time to again support local vets with millage

Editor,

As a lifelong resident of Cass City and a Vietnam veteran, I pen this letter to advocate voter support for the millage renewal request appearing on the ballot in the upcoming general election, Nov. 3.

Before the passage of the original millage request back in 2015, the Tuscola County Veterans Affairs Office in Caro was operating on a part-time schedule and was greatly understaffed. Many area veterans and their issues were falling through the cracks of the system in place then. There simply was no funding available at the time for better veterans services.

Since 2015, hundreds of county veterans have been afforded the opportunity to speak with the director or one of his staff members in regards to setting up VA

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## Observations in Novesta

Dear Novesta Township residents,

The November 2020 election is nearly here. I am writing about the Novesta Township Board's past four years of doing the people's business.

I've spoken in articles in the past, but never concerning this current group.

We had an election four years ago, which I actually ran as a candidate for the clerk's position because I had noticed over the years the poor performance of Clerk Joanne Peters, in my opinion. Joanne won the 2016 clerk position.

In 2016 we had a switch to a new township supervisor to Chad Daniels and also had a switch to two new trustee positions to Russ Rienas and Jess Robinson.


There was no challenge to the treasurer, Val Peters. The Township was poised to move forward for four more years.

Number one on the agenda – a new township hall. If you remember, the old Novesta Township Hall was sold during the Dale Churchill administration. The township rented the Cass City Gun Club to have meetings for many years. We were always at the gun club's mercy when we had to hold special meetings, and we had no office space.

In the meantime, the township cemetery appeared to only have a few sites left, according to the clerk's records (new sites have since been identified). So, it became a prime objective to buy some more land to develop a cemetery for future use. A piece of land on Cemetery Road was up for tax forfeiture, and the township bought the land for back taxes.

One problem – the property was low and wet. There was a house on the property and the township board back then spent a lot of time and money exploring the possibility of turning that house into a hall. It was not feasible. We held onto that property until 2016.

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### Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Bats do some pretty amazing things for Michigan, and there's no better time to spotlight them than during Bat Week (Oct. 24-31), an annual international celebration. It's a good opportunity to learn about these important species and consider the benefits of bats.

Michigan is home to nine different bat species – including the handsome red bat – all of which are insectivores. During the evening hours, these flying mammals consume many insects including mosquitoes, beetles, moths and flies.

But the bat benefits don't stop there. Other species in different parts of the country provide much-needed crop pollination and seed dispersal, helping agriculture and the local environment.

Bats are important members of Michigan's ecosystems, but, unfortunately, many species are in decline. White-nose syndrome is a deadly disease that affects North American bats primarily during their winter hibernation. Infected bats wake up early from hibernation, rapidly deplete their fat reserves and are unable to survive the winter. Bats with this disease often exhibit unusual behavior, like flying during daylight hours or gathering outside of caves in cold weather.

There are plenty of ways to support Michigan's bats. You can:

- \* Maintain bat habitat.
- \* Plant a bat-friendly garden and minimize the use of insecticides.
- \* Remove invasive species.
- \* Put up a bat house in a location not frequented by people.
- \* Follow mine closure rules and decontamination guidelines to help reduce the spread of White-nose syndrome.
- \* Talk to others about the benefits of bats!

Visit [BatWeek.org](http://BatWeek.org) to learn more about these awesome animals and ways you can take action during Bat Week and all year long.

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U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, recently announced \$1,992,250 million to support Michigan specialty crop growers who produce fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, nursery plants, and flowers. These funds come from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Specialty Crop Block Grant Program and will support 20 projects throughout the state.

"Michigan-grown fruits and vegetables are not only a source of great pride – they are also critical to our state's economy" said Senator Stabenow. "This new support will help Michigan farmers get their products off the farm and onto our plates during these difficult times."

Each of the 20 projects are targeted to help specialty crop growers sell more products locally and globally, protect crops from pests and diseases, and market products to be competitive.

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# Huron Co. man faces felony charges in fire

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

A Huron County man is behind bars after allegedly setting fire to the home he shared with his girlfriend in Meade Township last week.

The suspect's girlfriend suffered burns to her hands, according to Huron County Sheriff's Kelly J. Hanson, who reported deputies apprehended him in some woods not far from the scene of the fire.

The incident unfolded shortly after 9:30 a.m. Tuesday when a 29-year-old female, who resides at 106 W. Filion Rd., called Huron Central Dispatch and reported her boyfriend was suicidal and attempting to set the house where they lived on fire.

"She was also injured with burns to her hands and leg," Hanson noted, adding she was treated at the scene and initially refused further treatment, saying she might go to a hospital by private vehicle.

"With deputies fortunately within 10 miles of the scene and quick to respond, they arrived to find fire coming from the house and that the 35-year-old boyfriend had fled the scene on foot," Hanson said. "More personnel from our office, including the undersheriff and myself, as well as a conservation officer, Kinde Fire, Bad Axe Fire and Huron Central Ambulance, responded.

"A ground search was orchestrated and put into motion while firemen fought the fire," the sheriff reported. "Shortly after 11:30, the suspect was found wet and way underdressed for the weather about a half-mile north and a half mile west of Filion near a woods. He was taken into custody without further incident and then taken to McLaren Thumb to be medically cleared. From there he was lodged in our jail on felony arson charges."

Bond in the case was set at \$100,000 cash pending the suspect's formal arraignment in Huron County District Court.

"Fire fighters began clearing the scene after noon. The rental home that the two had moved into not long ago is heavily damaged — likely a total loss," Hanson said. "This investigation will continue."

Agencies assisting deputies at the scene included the Oliver Township Fire Department, Huron County Road Commission and the St. Clair County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit.



**A HURON County man is behind bars after allegedly setting fire to the home he shared with his girlfriend in Meade Township last week. The suspect's girlfriend suffered burns to her hands. (Photos courtesy of Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson)**

**AT RIGHT, conservation officer Kyle Bucholtz (from left), Huron County Sheriff's Deputy Jake Dhyse, Deputy Steve Bismack (behind the door), Sgt. Jim Hunt and Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson (not pictured) place the suspect into a patrol vehicle last week.**



## Village treasurer makes changes

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

The newly-appointed Owendale Village treasurer is making changes. During this month's village council meeting, Treasurer Lori Limberger informed the council that the property tax software used by the village is no longer supported by the software maker. She recommended purchasing a BS&A Tax System. That software program is approved by the Tuscola County Treasurer because it is compatible with the county's system.

The cost is \$1,895 plus an annual update of the program, which comes with a price tag of \$380 annually.

She also reported the village's computer lacks adequate memory to run the new software program, so the purchase of a new computer will be necessary as well.

Limberger said Thumb Office Supply has a computer that will meet village needs at a cost of \$575. And, she indicated the existing Excel and Word programs the village has should be able to be transferred to the new computer. If that's not possible, there would be an additional expense of \$150.

The council approved all of her requests.

Turning to the department of public works (DPW), the council approved DPW Supt. Steven Sweatland's request to spend \$7,600 on the community's sewer lift station, which is in need of maintenance and repairs to the pumps. Kerr Pump, Oak Park, will be doing the work.

According to Sweatland's report to the council, an inspection of the sewer lagoons by EGLE (the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy) revealed several issues that must be addressed. "The village has to hire an engineer to review the issues and determine what must be done to remedy the issues," he said.

Sweatland also recommended chip sealing to repair several cracks in the village streets, and the council approved spending up to \$3,000 to do the necessary work, which will be completed by the Huron County Road Commission.

In addition, Sweatland provided an update to the council on the governor's order prohibiting water shut-offs due to delinquent payment, saying the order is no longer in effect.

After a discussion, the council moved to resume the village's procedure for handling water shut-offs.

In other business, Clerk Randy Howard reported the annual audit is progressing, and that he is exploring the process to increase the property tax rate and to provide funding for the police department with a possible tax assessment.

Police Chief Anthony Wood reported he handled six complaints last month, and that traffic control orders will be completed to authorize the installation of about 12 new stop signs at busier, or limited-sight intersections.

## Ubly Schools offers to sponsor upgrades

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

Some improvements to Ubly's Veterans Park were pitched at a recent village council meeting along with a wage request for the Ubly Police Department.

Ubly Village President Jason Nicol informed the council that Ubly Community School officials have expressed an interest in tackling upgrades to the softball field at Veterans Park. The proposal includes a clause guaranteeing the school use of the field, he said.

Under the school's proposal, the improvements would include tiling the field and installing a new scoreboard and possibly a portable fence.

The council is considering the offer but did not make a decision, opting instead to table action until its next meeting, Thursday, Nov. 5, starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Bingham/Village Government Center, 2241 Pierce St.

Turning to wages, Ubly Police Chief Dave Rothe asked the council to consider raising the part-time police pay from \$17.50 to \$19 or \$19.50 an hour, and to consider increasing the crossing guard pay from \$10.50 to \$11.

The council took Rothe's suggestions under advisement.

In other business, the council approved hiring Theresa Murdock as water billing administrator.

The council also formed an ad

hoc committee consisting of Nicol, Trustees Steve Irvine and Brandon Zdrojewski, and DPW Supervisor Dave Franzel to review resumes for a department of public works (DPW) laborer position. The committee will narrow the field of candidates and present a recommendation during the November meeting.

In addition, the council heard

from resident Bev Czewski, who expressed concern about a large tree that is causing problems in her yard. She noted the tree is located in a right-of-way and she would like the village to remove it.

Council members indicated they will inspect the tree and discuss a solution next month.



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## Reporter's notebook

### Ann Craig left an impression

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor



If you never ran into Ann Craig, you missed out in this life.

Until the COVID-19 pandemic turned our lives upside down, Rawson Memorial District Library patrons could just about always run across Ann after stepping through the doors at the Cass City library, where she devoted more than four decades of her life to preserving the past, answering questions and assisting area residents of all ages.

She was part of a veteran staff that prides itself on the sort of small-town friendliness — mixed with an extensive knowledge of who, what, where and when — that makes patrons remember them.

Ann passed away unexpectedly at her home Oct. 17. She was 74 and had just marked her 42nd year on the job at Rawson Memorial.

I encountered Ann at the library countless times during my tenure at the Chronicle, although I can't say I knew her well.

However, I can tell you this: in a society where the loudest voices seem to be attached to people with the biggest mouths and the least common sense and compassion, Ann was living proof that simply sharing a smile and a warm greeting will never go out of style when it comes to making your day just a little bit better.

I'm not sure if her formal training had anything to do with her familiar, subdued "library voice", but Ann left a lasting impression among faithful patrons as well as first-time visitors to the library, where she was in charge of the care of the magazine and newspaper collections.

She also maintained the memorial records, sending letters to families and donors, according to library Director Ruth Steele, who noted another of Ann's jobs was to train new employees on shelving. She was also a regular behind the circulation desk, assisting patrons and taking care of borrowed items coming in and going out.

Ann was also the go-to person when it came to organizing and storing historical items and photos, including those taken during various library events over the years. But her friends and co-workers will tell you she preferred to keep her distance when she saw a camera pointed in her direction.

For those not familiar with Ann, she graduated from Cass City High School in 1964. She then enrolled at Central Michigan University and studied history, earning her Bachelor of Arts Degree. Years later, she went on to earn a master's degree in library science from Wayne State University.

She enjoyed researching her family history and genealogy and, of course, she devoted a lifetime to sharing her knowledge and love of books with the community during her years at Rawson Memorial District Library.

Looking back, I'll remember Ann as one of those people in life that never disappoints when you run into them in town or on the job, always sharing a warm greeting and a smile. I feel a little guilty for having taken that for granted, especially as I look around and observe how sadly lacking we are in that department these days.

Judging by the social media comments I read after Ann's obituary was posted online, I'm not alone.

There was no lack of fond adjectives as area residents reacted to the news of her death and remembered her life.

"Truly the most kind person I ever met," one area resident commented.

Folks measure success in a variety of ways, but I can't imagine a more lasting or meaningful legacy than the one Ann leaves behind for all of us to remember and, if we're wise, emulate.

## Letters to the Editor

### Support local vet millage

Continued from page 3.

appointments, transportation, filing proper paperwork, and receiving justly deserved benefits, to name a few.

Over the past couple years alone, the veterans affairs office has implemented the placing of small flag holders and flags at the gravesites of veterans throughout the county.

In August 2018, Mark Zmierski and his staff were instrumental in the placing of a 50th anniversary, commemorative Vietnam War memorial in front of the current VFW hall in Cass City, with 58 vets being pinned at a ceremony.

All these aforementioned services could not have been made possible without you — the voters of Tuscola County.

And now, with the ongoing aging of our veteran population, I feel it is imperative to maintain a high level of these services.

Therefore, I urge you to vote "yes" on Nov. 3 for the veterans services millage renewal. Those who have served and protected your freedoms need your support once again.

Thank you,  
Joe Merchant, commander  
VFW Post 3644, Cass City

## Observations in Novesta

Continued from page 3.

When the new administration took over (the current administration), one of the first things done was to sell that property. The township then bought another property on the corner of Cemetery and Delong roads.

The board created a committee to study the feasibility of building a new hall. It was determined we had great need for a hall. It was also determined it could be built without raising taxes on the landowners. The process continued. We had an open public meeting with many attending and lending many good ideas.

In the end, because the hall is a public building, we were forced to work through an architect, which was quite costly. It also meant we were limited to the amount of volunteerism we had hoped could be utilized, but had to forego, when it actually came to building the hall. Bids were taken and came in at \$500,000 to a little under \$300,000. We accepted the lowest bid, which I have heard some of you complain about. I don't blame you, but I do believe they did their best.

In the meantime, the communication between the clerk, Joanne Peters, and the rest of the board was deteriorating. Eventually she resigned and the township appointed Penny Rienas as her replacement. Penny has taken the reins and has made her best effort. She has made great effort to treat the township clerk position very seriously, the way it should be.

Anyway, we now have a new township hall, built well with a fireproof room for our records.

I would also like to say the costs of drainage, because of the White Creek project — the cost of brine for the roads — the cost of gravel and especially the cost of repaving our roads, has gone up astronomically in the past four years. These costs are going to play a huge part in the upcoming four years. We are also going to need more cemetery room soon, so that will be costly.

One last thing — there is a challenger for the treasurer's position this year; Val Peters, the incumbent, is being challenged by Deidra Zdrojewski.

Bob Dickson  
Novesta Township

# Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



## 5 YEARS AGO (2015)

With more than 400 votes on Facebook, the winners of the 2015 Cass City Pinktober Window Decorating Contest was Farm Bureau-Ignash Agency, represented above by employees Tanya Kulinski, Kaylene Stine and Jessica Dressler with their Dr. Seuss themed décor. This year's month-long Pinktober celebration, promoting awareness of breast cancer, raised \$6,600 for the Love for Lexi Pay It Forward Foundation, which helps local families battling cancer, and another \$3,000 for the American Cancer Society.

## 10 YEARS AGO (2010)

Mitchel LaPratt has been named Owendale-Gagetown School's "Senior Student of the Month" for October. LaPratt has been very active in school activities during high school. He participated in basketball his freshman year. He was a band member his freshman and sophomore years. During high school, LaPratt has served as class treasurer his freshman year, class secretary his sophomore year, and has been his class president the past 2 years. LaPratt is the son of Scott and Tena LaPratt of Cass City. He plans to attend Delta College, then transfer to Ferris State University and eventually to Wayne State University. He hopes to become a funeral director.

Air Force Airman Andrea Farr recently graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. The airman completed an intensive, 8-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness and basic warfare principles and skills. Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force. Farr is the daughter of Laura Farr of Deford, and a 2009 graduate of Cass City High School.

A small army of volunteers, including area residents Lance Gohsman, Tommy Fulcher, Sonya Regnerus, Christina Kabadik and Nikki Ash, helped to make the Cass City Chamber of Commerce's haunted house a success over the weekend. The event was set up in the upper floor of the VIP Salon building. Chamber officials said the haunted house, as well as a costume party hosted at Mulligan's Irish Links Saturday night, raised a few hundred dollars that will be used to help fund Cass City's Christmas in the Village and Summer Mania events.

## 25 YEARS AGO (1995)

Nineteen family members were present at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord LaPeer Sunday for the birthdays of Debbie Timmons and other family members. It was also a going away dinner for Manly Fay and daughter, Ann, who are going on a safari to Africa. Patti Timmons was home for the weekend from U of M. Guests came from Owendale, Waterford, Clarkston, Detroit, Lapeer and Cass City.

Cass City's Chris Revis was one of 3 runners from the Thumb to earn medals in the state cross country competition Saturday in Lowell. Revis finished eleventh while posting the best time of his career, 16:47.

Born to B.J. Haire and husband Roger Salo, a baby girl, Grace Elizabeth, Nov. 1, at St. Joseph Hospital in Ypsilanti. It is the second child for the couple, who live in Plymouth. B.J. is the sister of Clarke Haire and the daughter of John Haire of Cass City.

## 35 YEARS AGO (1985)

While area residents are celebrating a Thanksgiving Day feast with their family, Cass City's most renowned son, astronaut Brewster Shaw, Jr., will be in the second day of a seven-day space mission. Shaw, now Air Force Lt. Col. Brewster Shaw, will be the com-

mander of the Atlantis, NASA's newest space shuttle. This will be Shaw's second Thanksgiving Day space flight. He first orbited the earth in 1983 on a 10-day flight that ended Dec. 8. Like Shaw, this will be the second flight of the space shuttle Atlantis, "so it will still smell new," Shaw said. During the flight, the seven crew members will conduct experiments on building construction techniques, pharmaceutical development in a weightless environment, and launch three communications satellites. Two space walks are also scheduled. One of the satellites will be launched for the Mexican government, one for the Australian government and the third for RCA Corp. "It will be a real busy mission, and we will earn some money for NASA because we have three paying satellites on board," Shaw said.

Mr. and Mrs. Alden Asher announce the birth of a granddaughter Oct. 30 at San Bernardino, Calif. Diane and Jim Bernboom of Wrightwood, Calif., are the parents of Nicole Marie. She weighed seven pounds and 12 ounces.

Tom and Kathy Dorland are the parents of a baby girl, Krystee Renae, born Oct. 27 in Hills and Dales General Hospital. She weighed seven pounds and eight ounces and joined brothers, Adam and Aaron, at home.

The Cass City IGA Foodliner and Super Food Services sponsored a sale sweepstakes contest. Among the 15 winners out of 115 IGA stores in the contest, were Barbara A. Creason and Alvina Wilson, both of Cass City. They each won a Banquet microwave.

## 40 YEARS AGO (1980)

Sharon Ross has graduated from Ferris State College with a B.S. degree in marketing and retailing. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Ross and a 1976 graduate of Cass City High School. Miss Ross is now employed as assistant manager at the Just Pants store in the Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi. She is residing in Novi.

Born Nov. 4 to Mr. and Mrs. Brad Wright of Bay City, an eight-pound, three-ounce son, Matthew Louis. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wright went to Bay City Saturday to see their new grandson when mother and baby returned home from the hospital.

Relatives celebrated the first birthday of Emily Hopper of Caro, at a dinner Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Theron Hopper and daughter Kerri in Deford. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Kim Hopper and Emily of Caro, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hopper and Mrs. Eva Bair of Cass City and Shannon Sapient.

Army Pvt. E-2 Shelly Lee Hammond has arrived in Germany, where she has been assigned as an administrative specialist with the 32nd Signal Battalion in Frankfurt. She is the daughter of Brenda Sue Phillips of Kelly Road, Cass City, and Robert Lee Hammond of Richmond and a 1979 graduate of Cass City High School. She entered the Army in March of this year and was stationed at Fort Gordon, Ga., before being assigned to Germany.

## 50 YEARS AGO (1970)

The Sherlock "Joe" Fredericks have turned \$2.75 into a new roof for the family home on Church Street and when it's all done should have money left. It's not that the family has found the world's best deal on roofs, but rather that they're using part of 416 pounds (around \$1,000) he won for having a preliminary winner in the Irish Sweepstakes. "I haven't got the money yet," only this notification that I won, Frederick explained as he whipped out the telegram with the happy news.

Aleen Ziehm was crowned 1970 homecoming queen at half time of the OwenGage football game with Sebewaing Friday. She was crowned by co-captains of the team, Marv Barnes and Dale Karr.

A family dinner was held to celebrate B. J. Haire's 16th birthday at the John Haire home Sunday.

Guests included Mrs. Lewis Fenton and two daughters of Free-land, Miss Madeline Miller of Saginaw, Mrs. Roy Miller of Pinconning and Mrs. Margaret Haire and Mrs. Sadie Rolison.

Spec. 4 Ronald B. Cybulski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Cybulski, who is serving in Korea for the past year, has been promoted to sergeant. He has also been awarded the good conduct medal.

Sherlock "Joe" Frederick is a \$1,000 winner in the Irish Sweepstakes. He's been buying tickets regularly through a friend in Canada, one every 3 months for a year and a half.

Miss Ruby Ann Burk of Decker was honored with a kitchen and pantry bridal shower Sunday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Lawrence Romain of rural Caro. Hostesses were aunts of the groom-elect, Mrs. Clare Carpenter of Cass City and Mrs. Romain.

## 75 YEARS AGO (1945)

The following Cass City young men left U. S. Army Recruiting Station at Saginaw this week for examination and enlistment in the U. S. Army: William J. Robinson, Guy E. Whittaker and James R. Bemis. Examination will be at Michigan Recruiting Station in Detroit.

Mrs. Jane Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Putnam, Caro, and Captain William Spencer, USAAF, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Sharrard, of Cass City, were married in a double ring ceremony Friday in the manse of the First Presbyterian church in Bad Axe by Rev. Manson H. Lowe, pastor. The bride wore an aqua wool street-length dress. Her jewelry was a string of pearls and her corsage was of pink roses, Mrs. Gerald Walsh of Bad Axe, the bride's attendant, wore a covert suit and a corsage of roses. Mr. Walsh was best man.

A visit to Paris, France, is the subject of letters written recently by Pfc. Erwin H. Whittaker to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Whittaker. Pfc. Whittaker is stationed in Vodnany, Czechoslovakia. The first letter printed below is dated Oct. 7 and was written from Paris. "I have been traveling again, all of a sudden and to my surprise. My sergeant asked me if I wanted to go to Paris on a three-day pass, and I said yes. He said, 'Get ready. You're leaving in 45 minutes.' The pass gives me three days in Paris and doesn't include traveling time. "I left Vodnany and went to Munich, Germany, by truck. I stayed there all night and left in the morning by plane for Paris. The trip to Paris was made in two hours and 45 minutes. I'm staying here in a hotel operated by the American Red Cross. "The second day here I went on a sight-seeing tour. I visited the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Napoleon's tomb, Notre Dame cathedral, a church that was started in the year of 1166 and took 100 years to build. Another old building I saw was over 2,000 years old. I also visited the Eiffel tower and many other sights of interest. In the morning I will fly back to Czechoslovakia.

## 100 YEARS AGO (1920)

Miss Anna Striffler entertained five little girls at her home Monday afternoon in honor of Marion Reagh who is soon to move to Alpena. The affair was a combined Halloween and farewell party. Halloween games were played after which dainty refreshments were served by the hostess. The guests were Catherine and Lucile Bailey, Florence Schenck, Iva Bartley and Marjorie Graham.

J.A. Sandham, the slowest auto driver in town, had an accident with his Ford sedan Sunday. One of his children was performing some stunts on the folding seat when the seat collapsed and squeezed the youngster. John reached over to extricate the child and in doing so turned the car towards the ditch. In bringing it back towards the center of the highway, the car struck a culvert rail smashing one wheel and damaging the fender.



# Local, state proposals on Nov. 3 ballot

Tuscola County voters are being asked to again renew a special millage that funds services for veterans.

The proposal, which will be on the Tuesday, Nov. 3, general election ballot, requests renewal of .17 of a mill for six years, from 2021 through 2026.

The tax generates roughly \$316,375 a year and goes to providing dedicated services to veterans of the U.S. military and their qualified dependents within Tuscola County.

For the owner of a home with a market value of \$80,000, the millage costs less than \$7 a year.

## Koylton Township

Also during the general election, residents in Koylton Township are being asked to renew two mills for two years to fund improvement and maintenance of township roads.

The tax generates about \$67,000 a year and costs the owner of an \$80,000 home \$80 annually.

## State proposals

All Michigan voters will decide a pair of statewide ballot issues:

Proposal 20-1 is a proposed constitutional amendment to allow money from oil and gas mining on state-owned lands to continue to be collected by the state and used for land protection and creation and maintenance of parks, nature areas, and public recreational facilities, and to describe how those state funds can be spent.

If approved, the amendment would:

- \*Allow the State Parks Endowment Fund to continue receiving money from sales of oil and gas from state-owned lands to improve, maintain and purchase land for state parks, and for fund administration, until its balance reaches \$800 million.

- \*Require subsequent oil and gas revenue from state-owned lands to go into the Natural Resources Trust Fund.

- \*Require at least 20 percent of

endowment fund annual spending to go towards state park improvements.

- \*Require at least 25 percent of trust fund spending to go towards parks and public recreation areas, and at least 25 percent toward land conservation efforts.

Proposal 20-2 is a proposed constitutional amendment that would require a search warrant in order to access a person's electronic data or electronic communications.

If approved, the amendment would:

- \*Prohibit unreasonable searches or seizures of a person's electronic data and electronic communications.

- \*Require a search warrant to access a person's electronic data or electronic communications, under the same conditions currently required for the government to obtain a search warrant to search a person's house or seize a person's things.



Supporting food pantries...

KNIGHTS OF Columbus Council 8892 recently presented a donation of \$962.75 to the Revive Ministries Food Pantry in Cass City. Accepting the donation on behalf of Revive was Gail Tuckey (above). The funds were raised during the K of C 5K walk/run held last August in Cass City.

# Local races few and far between Nov. 3

Continued from page one.

## Tuscola County

It will be a quiet election on the county level.

Seeking reelection unopposed for their respected offices are Prosecutor Mark E. Reene, Sheriff Glen G. Skrent, Clerk Jodi Fetting, Treasurer Ashley Bennett and Register of Deeds John Bishop.

John Laurie, meanwhile, is seeking reelection to a six-year term as a county road commissioner, while David L. Kennard is seeking a partial term (ending Dec. 31, 2022) as a road commissioner. Robert Montey is running unopposed for a four-year term as drain commissioner.

Likewise, all candidates for the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners are running unopposed. They are Tom Young, District One; Thom C. Bardwell, District Two; Kim Vaughan, District Three; Douglas DuRussel, District Four; and Dan Grimshaw, District Five.

Also running unopposed, for a six-year term, is Tuscola County District Court Judge Jason E. Bitzer.

A former Cass City attorney and partner/litigator with Biddinger, Bitzer and Estelle, PLLC, Cass City, Bitzer accepted an appointment to the bench from Gov. Gretchen Whitmer in July 2019.

Bitzer filled a vacancy left by the early retirement of another Cass City resident, Judge Kim D. Glaspie, who earned the distinction of being Tuscola County's longest-serving district court judge. He stepped down in the spring of 2019 after serving nearly 30 years on the bench.

## Elkland Township

All officials in Elkland Township are running unopposed for four-year terms. They are Supervisor Terry L. Muntz, Clerk Heather Severance, Treasurer Cindy J. Kruse, and trustees Tavis B. Osenoski and Steve Wright.

## Ellington Township

The same is true in Ellington Township, where the candidates are Russell Speirs, supervisor; Suzy Rockwell, clerk; Carmell K. Pattullo, treasurer; and Laura M. Boyle-Hawes and Gregg S. Campbell, trustees. All of the terms are for four years.

## Elmwood Township

Elmwood Township officials are also all running unopposed for four-year terms. They are: Supervisor Christopher Graff, Clerk Pam Brinkman, Treasurer Cheryl L. Kilbourn, and trustees Nicholas Bliss and Joan A. Sattelberg.

## Kingston Township

Kingston Township officials running unopposed for four-year terms are Supervisor Wm. Jesse Zimba, Clerk Carrie Gilley, Treasurer Mary Lou Wolak, and trustees Gary S. King and Timothy Ruggles.

## Koylton Township

Koylton Township officials run-

ning unopposed for four-year terms are Supervisor Doug R. Kramer, Clerk Rex W. Vroman, Treasurer Linda K. Jobson and trustees Justin Boyl and Lawrence E. Sabin.

## Wells Township

Only the incumbents are seeking seats in Wells Township. They are Supervisor Karen Varney, Clerk Carmen Stevens, Treasurer Stefanie Bruce and trustees Albert W. Pearsall III and James Hergenreder. All of the terms are for four years.

## Gagetown

In the village of Gagetown, trustee Edward Rievert is running unopposed for a four-year term, while Todd McKnight is running unopposed for a partial term ending Nov. 19, 2022.

## Cass City Schools

There is no race for trustee seats on the Cass City Board of Education, but there will be a new face on the board in January.

Seeking the four available four-year terms are incumbents George E. Batty, Emily S. Lasceski and Janie Meeker, along with newcomer Scott Richards, whose wife, Janet Richards, opted not to seek another term on the local school board.

## Kingston Schools

In the Kingston Community Schools, a trio of candidates are seeking an equal number of six-

year terms. They are Jeffrey Long, Daniel Rayl and Bill Skinner.

In addition, Todd M. Roberson has declared himself the lone write-in candidate for a partial trustee term ending Dec. 31, 2024.

## Owen-Gage Schools

There are no races in the Owendale-Gagetown Schools, where three candidates are seeking three available four-year terms – Julie K. Good, Todd McKnight and Kathleen Wood.

## State representative

In the 84th District, comprised of Tuscola and Huron counties, first-term state Rep. Phil Green (R-Millington) faces a challenge from Democratic Patrick J. Wood of Otisville, who defeated Douglas P. Marker, Bay Port, in the August primary election.

## Rep in Congress

In the 5th Congressional District, Republican newcomer Tim Kelly of Saginaw, who defeated fellow Republican Earl Lackie, Hale, in the primary, is challenging incumbent Dan Kildee (D-Flint).

In the 10th District, the candidates are Lisa McClain, Clinton Township, who emerged the winner among a trio of Republicans in the primary, and Kimberly Bizon, Lexington, who defeated fellow Democrat Kelly L. Noland in the primary. McClain and Bizon are battling for a seat being vacated by two-term incumbent Paul Mitchell (R-Dryden Township), who opted not to seek a third term.

Voters will decide a hotly contested race for the Sanilac County 24th Judicial Circuit judgeship

during the Tuesday, Nov. 3, general election.

The candidates are Mark Davidson, a retired FBI special agent and attorney from Applegate, and Tim Wrathell, an attorney who also practices in Applegate.

The November winner will replace Sanilac County Circuit Judge Donald Teeple on the bench. Teeple opted not to seek reelection.

The candidates for a number of key positions in Sanilac County will not face challenges in the general election after emerging winners in the primary vote last August.

They include county Republican Treasurer Trudy Bowers, and Doug Sweet, Republican, who is the county's drain maintenance supervisor. He will fill a vacancy left by Greg Alexander, who is not seeking reelection.

In addition, Republican John Milletics faces no opposition to keep his job as the county surveyor, and incumbent Republican District Five Commissioner Joel Wyatt will move on to a second term. District Five is comprised of Brown City and the townships of Fremont, Maple Valley, Speaker and Worth.



Mark Davidson



Tim Wrathell

# Daley: disappointed with veto of election integrity legislation

Senator Kevin Daley (R-Lum) says he's disappointed with Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's decision to veto his legislation that was designed to protect the integrity of Michigan elections in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I was very surprised to see the governor veto legislation that would have given Michiganders confidence in the security of their votes as we approach this unusual election," said Daley, whose 31st District includes Tuscola County.

"Earlier this year, Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson announced she would be mailing absentee ballot applications to each of the state's registered voters. Many have voiced their concern about the increased likelihood of fraud in the upcoming election," he said.

"My bill would have made it a felony to knowingly submit another person's name or personal identity information on a ballot application or attempt to obtain multiple ballots. This would have hindered criminal activity by making people think twice about trying to cheat the system.

"Voting is the foundation of our system of government and people need to have confidence in the results," Daley added. "Election security is not a partisan issue. This is something we should have been able to work together and agree on.

"This bill passed both the House and Senate with overwhelming bipartisan support. Whether you're a Republican or a Democrat, protecting election security should be a no-brainer. It's very disappointing that even when it comes to discouraging fraud, playing politics has to come first."

Whitmer, in a veto letter issued to lawmakers, argued Michigan laws already spell out violations of election law, including impersonating another person, attempting to vote under another person's name or voting more than once – all felonies. She also suggested that the legislation's language about submitting multiple absent voter applications with the intent to obtain multiple ballots could confuse people who sent in more than one application by mistake.

"These bills... would muddy the waters, and would likely confuse voters about what conduct is actually criminal," Whitmer wrote. "Because these bills would create confusion on the eve of an election, I am vetoing them."



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## Cass City cross country teams advance to regional competition

by Clarke Haire  
 Publisher

At the first ever pre-regional cross country race Saturday, Cass City senior Nick McArdle was crowned the individual men's winner, while Caro captured team honors on their home course.

"Due to the Covid situation, the MHSAA added a pre-regional in which the top 4 teams and the first 7 individuals, not on a qualifying team, will now compete this Saturday at White Pine Middle School in Saginaw. This race was a first for our sport. It was limited to 70 entries," explained Cass City coach Jon Zdrojewski.

The final team standings over the weekend had Caro with a winning score of 23, followed by Reese with a score of 56, Cass City with a score of 71 and Bad Axe, 80.

Individually, McArdle posted a winning time of 16:34 – he was the only runner to break the 17-minute mark – and will enter this week's Division 3 Regional in Saginaw as the individual favorite.

Also for Cass City, Brandon Witherspoon was the 13th finisher on the day with a time of 19:16, Gabe Schwendinger finished 22nd with a time of 20:01, Vaughn Severance was the 26th runner to cross the finish line with a time of 20:23 and Hugh Walker, with a time of 21:09, completed the list of scorers for Cass City, finishing in the 29th spot.

"No one for Cass City set a new personal best time, as the course was wet and ran slow," Zdrojewski said.

For champ Caro, Matthew Patullo (17:14) led the way with a runner-up individual finish, while teammate Connor Stefanovsky (17:36) was third to the tape. In a

balanced attack, Caro also had Kevin Wilson (17:57) finish 5th, Cole Moen (18:02) finish 6th and Tristan Lovett (18:07) finish 7th.

Turning to the women's race, Reese took team honors with a score of 29, while Caro, Sandusky and Cass City rounded out the top 4 team slots with tallies of 48, 50 and 105, respectively.

"The ladies will join the men's team at Saturday's regional. Both teams will compete for the chance to run at the State Finals on Nov. 7," said Zdrojewski.

Senior Riley Copeland led the Cass City women's team as usual, but was followed closely by freshman Diana Cortes in a surprising showing, as she finished only 2 spots behind. Copeland finished 14th with a time of 22:08 and Cortes finished 16th with a time of 22:20. Rounding out the scorers for Cass City were Madison Ware, Paula Learman and Amelia Weiler. Ware was timed in 24:05, Learman in 24:34 and Weiler in 25:28. The trio were the 26th, 27th and 31st runners to the end line.

Reese freshman Jenna Sweeney topped the field of 45 with a winning time of 20 minutes flat.

### GTW LEAGUE MEET

Earlier in the week, Greater Thumb West all-conference honors were earned Tuesday at Reese.

In the men's race, Caro grabbed the conference team title with a score of 27. USA was second with a score of 57, Reese third with a score of 74 and Cass City, with a score of 89, was fourth.

"Our boys took 4th behind state champion favorites Caro for D3 and USA for D4," said Zdrojewski of the highly competitive field.

McArdle was the GTW individual champion, taking first as ex-

pected. He completed the 5,000 meter run in 16:08, while Witherspoon finished in 13th place with a time of 18:46.

"Nick earned first team all-conference honors and Brandon landed on the all-conference second team," said Zdrojewski, adding, "Alex Hopper was 6th for the team setting a new personal best time of 21:54."

In the women's field, Reese held

off Caro, 20-39, for top billing, while Cass City came in third with a team score of 85 and Bad Axe was fourth with a score of 99.

"The Cass City ladies finished in third behind Reese and Caro, 2 very strong teams and the favorites to win the regional," Zdrojewski said.

Copeland recorded a Top 10 finish to pace the Lady Red Hawks. She placed 9th with a time of

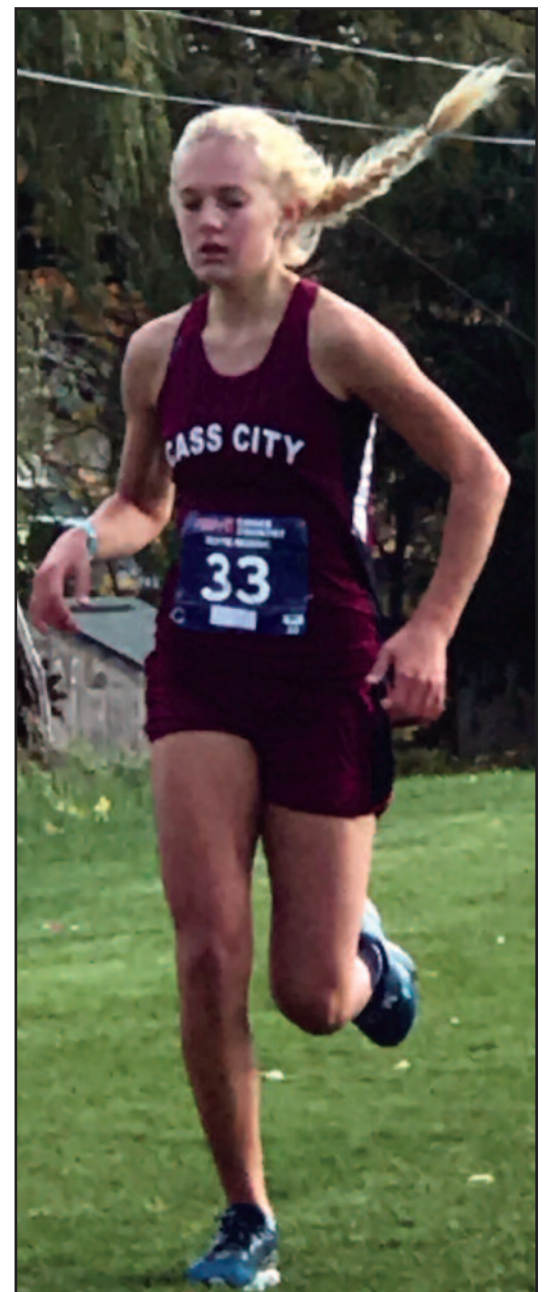
21:20, earning second team all-conference honors along the way. Cortes, with a new personal best time, was 16th and Ware was 20th with times of 22:16 and 22:55. Both gals earned all-conference honorable mention honors for their efforts.

Reese had the top 4 women finishers on the day, led by medalist Sweeney in 19:49.

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Vaughn Severance



Amelia Weiler

## Cass City Red Hawk Athlete of the Week

Knights Insurance Agency names senior Sierra Spry as their Cass City Red Hawk Athlete of the Week.

Sierra played an important role in the Lady Red Hawk volleyball team's win over visiting Caro last week, helping the hosts reclaim the M-81 Clash trophy with 12 kills in the straight sets victory.

Sierra's efforts resulted in the senior class' first victory in the annual match-up between M-81 neighbors. Moving ahead, if Cass City hopes to claim district honors in 2020, Sierra will need to play at a high level, according to Coach Amy Cuthrell.

Sierra is the daughter of Jeff and Joan Spry.



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## Hawks reclaim M-81 Clash hardware

After winning the annual M-81 Clash contest last Tuesday against visiting Caro, the Cass City volleyball team stumbled to host Reese two days later, splitting Greater Thumb West contests for the week.

Against the Tigers, Cass City had little trouble and posted one-sided wins of 25-16, 25-10 and 25-15.

"It was nice to see the M-81 sign find its way home. We need to

come out a little more aggressive. It took us a bit, but we were able to click. Happy for our seniors as this is their first M-81 Clash win," said Cass City Coach Amy Cuthrell.

Individual leaders on the night for Cass City were Kalee Gray and Sierra Spry, who split 24 kills, while Abby Phillips chipped in 20 assists.

On Thursday, however, it was a different story for the Red Hawks as they bowed 25-20, 25-20, 25-28 and 25-18 to the host Rockets.

For Cass City, Gray and Spry recorded 21 and 15 kills, respectively, while Phillips had 26 assists and Saylor Cuthrell had 24 assists. Defensively, Macey White and Madison Cumper each came up with 18 digs in vain.

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# Gottschalk runs wild in Cass City victory

Cass City wrapped up a perfect, albeit shortened, regular season Friday with a 50-0 victory over host Marlette in Greater Thumb Conference crossover action. The Red Hawks improved to 6-0 during the Covid-19 campaign with the lopsided decision and will now entertain Reese this Fri-

day in a Division 7 first round match-up. During the regular season Cass City defeated Reese 42-3. Sophomore Cameron Gottschalk enjoyed a career outing in Cass City's regular season finale, rushing for 120 yards on 9 carries. Gottschalk – the team's speedster

– scored 4 touchdowns and added a pair of 2-point conversions. Gottschalk's first marker came at the 8:28 mark of the opening quarter on a 22 yard jaunt. His second touchdown, a 21 yard run, would give the visitors a 12-0 cushion entering the second quarter, where Gottschalk added a pair of scores to help give Cass City a 36-0 lead at the halfway point. Gottschalk tallied touchdowns

from 29 and 12 yards out to stretch the Cass City margin to 28-0, before Alex Perry added the final points of the half on a 35 yard run, followed by his 2-point conversion run. Cass City scored solo touchdowns in the third and fourth quarters to complete the thumping. Quarterback Bryce Fernald found pay dirt from the 7-yard line in the third quarter and Tyler

Cumper scored the team's final points with a 17 yard interception in the closing minutes. Cass City ran for 349 yards on the night, including 82 yards from Perry and 57 from Dustin Naegele. Defensively, Jeremy Velasquez had 5 tackles to lead Cass City, while Perry had 4 tackles for losses. #####

## Division 7 Playoffs

DISTRICT 1ST RD	DISTRICT SEMIS
1 Charlevoix	
8 Roscommon	
4 Mancelona	
5 Manistique	
2 TC St Francis	
7 L'Anse	
3 Harbor Springs	
6 Lake City	
1 McBain	
8 Farwell	
4 Evart	
5 Houghton Lake	
2 Beaverton	
7 Pine River	
3 Oscoda	
6 St Louis	
1 Ithaca	
8 Lakeview	
4 Ravenna	
5 Morley Stanwd	
2 Pewamo-Westph	
7 Hesperia	
3 North Muskegon	
6 NorthPointe Chr	
1 Hemlock	
8 Vassar	
4 Bad Axe	
5 EPBP Laker	
2 Cass City	
7 Reese	
3 Sandusky	
6 St Charles	

## Kingston spikers suffer rare NCTL Stars defeat

Host Peck handed Kingston a rare loss in North Central Thumb League Stars volleyball action Thursday. The two teams traded decisions on the night before the Pirates prevailed with a 15-12 margin in the final set. "The Pirates got off to a good start and (we) couldn't get in a good rhythm initially," said Kingston coach Beth Hunter. "They stole momentum back in the second and fourth sets and (Kingston) just couldn't string together a long run in the final set. Peck made big plays down the stretch to come away with the win." Peck took the initial set 25-23, only to see Kingston even the match with a 25-13 victory next. Peck would come out on top the third set, 25-22, before the visitors sent the match to an exciting rubber set with an easy 25-7 win in

set four. Individually, Kingston had Hannah James with 31 assists, 14 service points, 8 kills, 8 digs, 2 blocks and one ace; Ella Retan added 20 service points, 14 kills, 8 digs, 3 assists and 3 blocks; Isabel Hurd 13 kills, 7 digs, 5 service points, 2 assists and 2 aces; Delaney St. George 12 digs, 7 service points, 4 kills and one ace; Olivia Ulewicz 7 service points, 4 assists, 4 digs, 3 kills and 2 aces; Brooklyn Walker 8 digs, 4 service points and 2 kills; and Kali Norris 4 digs and 3 kills. Also last week, on Tuesday, Kingston defeated visiting Deckerville in straight sets. Scores on the evening were 25-10, 25-18 and 25-20. "Kingston got out to an early lead in the first set and set the tone for a win on Senior Night," according to Hunter. "The second

set was a back and forth battle with Kingston pulling away late. The Eagles controlled most of the third set before a late run by the Cardinals sealed the match." Retan with 16 service points, 4 kills, 2 aces, 2 digs, one block and one assist paced the winners. She received plenty of help from Hurd with 14 kills, 5 service points, 2 digs, 2 assists and one block, while James added 20 assists, 3 digs, 2 service points, one kill and one block, Ulewicz 9 service points, 3 kills, 3 digs, 2 aces and one assist, St. George 4 digs, 4 service points and 3 kills and Walker 7 service points and 4 digs. The Cardinals (9-2 Overall, 6-2 NCTL Stars) were scheduled to face division-leading Dryden on Tuesday, as they begin the last week of the regular season. #####



THE Valley Enterprise team finished third in the Caro Moose Lodge co-ed league regular season. They also were the 2020 playoffs runners-up. Team members included: (back row, l-r) Grant Champagne, Eric Krug, Brandon Pattullo, Jeremy Kubacki, Steve Gobie, Theresa Mazure, Brad Haag (front row, l-r) Amber Hennessey, Courtney Siewert, Nikki Haag and Hunter Champagne.

## Cardinals bow in OT

Kingston battled visiting Whittemore-Prescott to the bitter end Friday in non-conference action before falling 28-22 in overtime. The hosts led 8-6 after one quarter, but trailed 14-8 after two. Kingston scored the game's only third quarter points to even the score entering the final period. There, both teams scored 8 points to force overtime, where Whittemore-Prescott prevailed. The loss ends a disappointing regular season for Kingston, who finished with a 1-5 mark. However, due to the Covid-19 outbreak, Coach Brandon Jones' Cardinals will make a trip to the 8-player Division 1 playoffs to take on host Morrice. The 2 teams met during the regular season and the undefeated Orioles posted an easy 57-0 triumph. Junior Jacob Rayl rushed for 195 yards and added a 25-yard reception to pace the Kingston offense. He scored all 3 Cardinal touchdowns, while senior Luke Fetting paced the defense with 8 stops.

## 8-Player Division 1 Playoffs

REGIONAL FIRST ROUND	REGIONAL SEMIFINAL
Morrice	
33.600	
Kingston	
14.167	
Merrill	
30.333	
Deckerville	
26.167	
Adrian Lenawee Christian	
32.700	
International Academy of Flint	
18.500	
Mayville	
32.000	
Genesee	
23.167	

## Fabulous Four's Fearless Forecast

2020 Football Season Pre Districts



Pre Districts	Clarke Haire	Ray Maurer	Geoff Morgan	Doug Hyatt
<b>Oct. 30 Weekend</b> (11-player games)				
Cass City -vs- Reese	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City
EPBP -vs- Bad Axe	EPBP	EPBP	Bad Axe	Bad Axe
Ubyl -vs- Brown City	Ubyl	Ubyl	Ubyl	Ubyl
Sandusky -vs- St. Charles	Sandusky	Sandusky	Sandusky	Sandusky
USA -vs- Marlette	USA	USA	USA	USA
(8-man games)				
Deckerville -vs- Merrill	Deckerville	Merrill	Deckerville	Deckerville
Kingston -vs- Morrice	Morrice	Morrice	Morrice	Morrice
(College games)				
MSU @ UofM	UofM	UofM	UofM	UofM
(Pro game)				
Colts @ Lions	Colts	Lions	Colts	Lions
LAST WEEK	7-3	8-2	5-5	5-5
SEASON RESULTS	(39-14) 74 %	(46-7) 87%	(36-17) 68%	(37-16) 68%



# FALL 2020 | Cass City Jr./Sr. High School Sports Schedule

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## Football Season Back On

### Varsity Football

Date	Opponent
9/18	CC 56; Vassar 0
9/25	CC 42, Reese 3
10/2	CC 38, HB 0
10/9	CC 28, USA 24
10/16	CC 54, Caro 0
10/23	CC 50, Marlette 0

All games begin at 7 p.m.



### JV

### Football

Date	Opponent
9/21	Vassar
9/28	Reese
10/5	Harbor Beach
10/12	USA
10/19	Caro
10/23	Beaverton @ 4 p.m.

All games begin at 6:30 p.m. unless noted

## Volleyball (FRESHMAN, JV & VARSITY)

Date	Opponent	Time
9/12	Yale (JV)	8:30 a.m.
9/15	Vassar (F, JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
9/17	USA (F, JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
9/19	Brown City Quad (V)	8:30 a.m.
9/19	Cass City Quad (JV)	8:30 a.m.
9/24	Caro (F, JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
9/26	Cros-Lex Quad (F)	8:30 a.m.
9/29	Reese (F, JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
10/1	EPB Lakers (F, JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
10/3	Cass City Quad (JV & V)	8:30 a.m.
10/6	Bad Axe (F, JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
10/8	Vassar (F, JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
10/10	Yale Quad (F)	8:30 a.m.
10/13	USA (F, JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
10/15	Harbor Beach (F, JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
10/17	Yale Quad (V)	8:30 a.m.
10/17	Marlette Quad (JV)	8:30 a.m.
10/20	Caro (F, JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
10/22	Reese (F, JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
10/24	Cass City Quad (F)	8:30 a.m.
10/27	EPBP Lakers (F, JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
10/29	Bad Axe (F, JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
10/31	Armada Quad (V)	8:30 a.m.
10/31	BC Central Quad (V)	10:00 a.m.
11/2-7	Districts (V)	TBA

## Varsity Girls Swim co-op @ Caro

Date	Location	Time
9/12	Ogemaw Inv.	9:00 a.m.
9/22	Gaylord	6:00 p.m.
9/29	Ogemaw	6:00 p.m.
10/6	John Glenn	6:00 p.m.
10/13	Oscoda	6:00 p.m.
10/20	Standish/Sterling	6:00 p.m.
10/27	Garber	6:00 p.m.
11/6	ISC Prelims	TBA
11/7	ISC Prelims	TBA
11/12	Dive Regionals	TBA

~ Home meets are located in Caro ~

## Cross Country

Date	Location	Time
9/12	Bad Axe	9:00 a.m.
9/22	Cass City Quad	4:00 p.m.
9/26	Lakers	9:00 a.m.
10/1	Kingston	4:30 p.m.
10/10	Cass City	9:00 a.m.
10/20	GTC League @ Reese	4:00 p.m.
10/24	Thumb Meet @ Caro	10:00 a.m.
10/31	Regionals @ Delta	TBA
11/7	State Finals @ Brooklyn	TBA

## Varsity Boys Soccer co-op @ USA

Date	Opponent	Time
9/7	Caro	5:30 p.m.
9/9	EPB Lakers	5:30 p.m.
9/12	Clare Quad	TBA
9/14	Capac	5:30 p.m.
9/16	Memphis	5:30 p.m.
9/21	Marlette	5:30 p.m.
9/23	Bad Axe	5:30 p.m.
9/28	Harbor Beach	5:30 p.m.
9/30	Caro	5:30 p.m.
10/5	EPB Lakers	5:00 p.m.
10/7	Capac	5:00 p.m.
10/14-16	Districts	TBA
10/19-24	Districts	TBA

~ Home games are located at USA ~

Home games in bold.  
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# Sound issues result in questions following commissioners meet

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

Although Tuscola County's first "hybrid meeting" basically went off without a hitch, there were some communication issues resulting in more questions than answers.

The meeting was considered a "hybrid" because three of the commissioners — Kim Vaughan, Dan Grimshaw and board Chairman Thom Bardwell — met in the boardroom in the Purdy Building, while Commissioners Tom Young and Mark Jensen participated remotely.

Although the audio of those who attended virtually had good quality sound, that wasn't always the case for those in the boardroom.

There were times the audio faded out and was inaudible. Several times Ean Lee, who is the county's IT director, had to remind commissioners to speak directly into their microphones.

The problem surfaced at an inopportune time when Vaughan was talking about an issue a resident ran into with building codes and brought to his attention.

Vaughan presented a letter to the other commissioners, describing the issue. Although only a few of Vaughan's words could be picked up here and there during his explanation of the matter, what he had to say raised concerns for another commissioner.

"That is illegal. It's bribery! It should be turned over to the sheriff to investigate," Grimshaw

clearly stated several times in reaction to Vaughan's presentation.

Requests were made for a copy of Vaughan's letter that was provided to fellow commissioners, but officials agreed that the county's legal counsel needs to approve its release before commissioners publicly addressed it.

"I am waiting for the guidance from the attorney," county Clerk Jodi Fetting said of the requests for copies of the letter.

When concerns were expressed by representatives of the media regarding the on-and-off quality of the audio, Lee said he would be looking into getting lapel mics for the commissioners in an effort to correct that issue.

There will be another hybrid county meeting Thursday at 8 a.m.

That meeting will also include three commissioners attending in person in the committee room, and others using the Google Meet app to remotely access the session in accordance with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) emergency orders restricting in-person gatherings.

Residents can also access the meeting visiting the county's website at [tuscolacounty.org](http://tuscolacounty.org) and clicking on join.

In other county matters, a walk-through of the Purdy Building determined that only minor changes will be necessary to accommodate a new Tuscola County commissioner at the first of the year.

Plans were underway before the

results of the August election to complete Americans with Disability Act (ADA) upgrades to the doors at the Purdy Building and the prosecutor's office.

District Four Commissioner-elect Doug DuRussel, who will replace Mark Jensen on the board, is a paraplegic and uses a mobility device to get around.

There were concerns that extensive renovations would have to be done to the building to accommodate the new board member. The slightly elevated platform area where the commissioners sit has a ramp on one side to access it, and a steep step on the other side.

According to Mike Miller, the county's building and grounds director, the ramp area can be used as is, but there is an issue with the desks where commissioners sit.

"The desk for him will have to be raised about three inches. The desks are all connected," Miller explained, noting it will be a challenge to make that change. "We'll figure out a way to do it."

Besides making the access door to the building handicap accessible, which was previously approved, some of the handles on the doors inside the building will have to be changed from knobs.

"That is about all that has to be done," Miller said. "The cost will be minimal."

The county bought the Purdy building in 2010. It was renovated to house the treasurer, register of deeds, drain office, equalization and controller offices.

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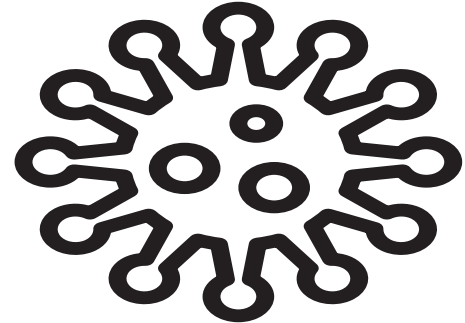
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# Obituaries

## Vonda Kolb

Vonda Ruth Kolb, 93, of Cass City, died following lengthy illnesses Tuesday, October 20, 2020, in her home.

She was born September 13, 1927 at home in Evergreen Township to William and Charity (Barrett) Brown. She married Carl Robert Kolb October 18, 1947 in Novesta Church of Christ, Cass City. He died August 23, 1995.



In her younger days, she enjoyed snow skiing and bowling. Vonda worked as a sales clerk at Kritzman's for twenty-seven years and later, briefly, at Coachlight Pharmacy. She was a member of the Farm Bureau Extension Club and its Ladies Group. Vonda traveled to every state except Hawaii. She was skilled in sewing, crocheting, knitting and quilting.

Vonda is survived by children: Larry Kolb of Cass City, Thomas (Jamie) Kolb of Kimmell, IN and Lou Ann Kolb of Cass City; son-in-law: Steve Eyer of Cass City; 10 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; brother: Wallace (Clair) Brown of Cass City; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband; daughter, Sally Eyer and six siblings.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Novesta Church of Christ, Cass City with Brad Speirs officiating.

Interment will be in Elkland Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Novesta Church of Christ. Friends may share memories, prayers and photos with the family at [www.kranzfuneralhome.com](http://www.kranzfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.

## Daniel Toner

Daniel James Toner, 82, of Cass City, died Wednesday, October 21, 2020 in the comfort of his home.

He was born March 29, 1938 in Redford Township to William and Gwendoline (McCleary) Toner.

He married Ellen Fay Gurdon May 14, 1960. She died August 24, 2006. He later married Kathy Ann Rosenberger December 23, 2013 in Mizpah Missionary Church, Cass City.

Straight out of high school, Dan enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served aboard the USS Wisconsin (BB-64), an Iowa-class battleship. He was honorably discharged in 1959, achieving the rank of Petty Officer Third Class. Dan was hired at the Pontiac Motor Division in 1963 and retired thirty years later. Following his retirement, he mowed lawns, performed handy-man work by repairing riding lawn mowers and helped out at Merchant Farms. He loved telling jokes and will be remembered for his great sense of humor. Dan enjoyed traveling. His favorite destinations included the Grand Canyon and Las Vegas, as well as, Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

Dan is survived by his wife, Kathy; his daughter, Danielle (Larry) Smith of Lapeer; granddaughter, Bianca Smith of Lapeer; great-grandson, Brantley James Smith; step-son, Paul Middaugh of Cass City; sisters: Willa Vargas of Bellevue, NE and Ivernia Schwartz of Gagetown; brother, Dean Toner of Cass City; many nieces and nephews; special friends: Richard and Gayl Patera, Keith and Jane Mitchell, Richard and Pat Greenwood, Dustin and Rainy Wood, Blaine and Shelley DeBeaubien, Randy and Sandy Kelley and Michelle Richmond; many other good friends, neighbors and his favorite cat, Miss Kitty.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Todd Toner; siblings: Anna Barnard, Gwen Bell, Norman Toner, William Toner, Jr., George Toner and Gladys Toner.

Honoring Dan's wish, no services are planned at this time.

Memorials may be made to Thumb Octagon Barn. Friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at [www.kranzfuneralhome.com](http://www.kranzfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.

# Thank you

The family of Daniel Toner would like to express our deepest thanks to all the friends and family who sent thoughts and prayers of support and to all those who visited Dan during his illness.

We would like to extend our deepest thanks to United Hospice and thanks and gratitude to our Angels on Earth, Gayl Patera, Jane Mitchell and Michelle Richmond, whose calm presence, love, care and tireless work made it possible to take care of Dan in his own home as he wished.

The family of Daniel Toner



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Pastor: Phil Burkett • [www.casscitymc.org](http://www.casscitymc.org)

Associate Pastor: Joel Schwendinger



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872-3422 - 5100 Cemetery Rd., Cass City, MI 48726

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Worship: 11:00 a.m. (Summer 9:30 a.m.)

Sunday School - Sept.-May 9:30 a.m.

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• Afternoon Service 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday - Pray/Bible Study & Youth Group 6:00 p.m.

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1392 N. Kingston Rd. • 872-4055

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Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.

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## News briefs

### Ubyly schools approves repairs

UBLYLY — The Ubyly Board of Education recently approved building repairs and hired new staff members.

The board approved a bid of \$46,997 from Beyer Roofing to tackle some details on a new roof.

“The Beyer Roofing bid amount is for gutters, downspouts and ice-breakers over doors. The entire roofing system was replaced last summer,” explained school Supt. Joe Candela. “This total cost will be coming out of bond monies.”

In May 2018, voters approved an \$8.7-million bond to fund a number of capital improvement projects, including adding elementary classrooms, renovations, a media center and computer labs, upgrades to the gym, and security measures.

Turning to staffing, the board learned that Athletic Director Brandon Deacons resigned after only one month on the job.

“Mr. Deacons took a position at Northwood University to help in coaching JV girls basketball,” Candela noted.

The board hired Branden Sorenson as the new athletic director and transportation director. Also hired were Matt Maikrzek, to serve as assistant junior high school football coach, and Katie Warner as a paraprofessional.

### Lead hazard funding awarded

LANSING — The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has awarded more than \$7 million in grants to expand residential lead hazard control services to eligible households with a Medicaid-enrolled resident.

Among the grantees were the Human Development Commissions (HDC) in Huron, Tuscola, Sanilac, Lapeer and Bay counties, which received a combined \$1,274,300.

“These funds are helping communities be proactive in making sure lead hazards are removed from homes,” said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, MDHHS chief medical executive and chief deputy director for health. “The program’s purpose is to prevent further lead exposure for our children who are at highest risk.”

Funding for the project was provided through Michigan’s Children’s Health Insurance Program. Grants of up to \$1.5 million were available for qualifying cities, counties or consortiums to provide lead hazard control services.

Services available for funding under this initiative include, but are not limited to:

\*Lead inspection, risk assessment and/or elevated blood lead investigation activities to determine the presence of lead hazards.

\*Permanent removal, enclosure or encapsulation of lead-based paint and lead dust hazards for eligible residences.

\*Removal or covering of soil lead hazards up to eligible residence property lines.

\*Minimal rehabilitation to help sustain the lead abatement work.

\*Removal of pre-2014 faucets and fixtures used for human consumption, plumbing and/or service lines deemed to be a lead hazard.

\*Temporary relocation of residents during lead abatement activities.

### Huron MSU Extension moves

BAD AXE — The Huron County MSU Extension office has moved due to the expansion of the Veterans Administration Clinic in Bad Axe.

The temporary office is currently located directly behind the Huron County Health Department on the east side in a mobile office trailer. Signs are in place directing residents to the office.

The MSU Extension office is now open to the public. Because the office is not Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant, residents with disabilities are encouraged to contact the MSU Extension office at (989) 269-9949 before they visit.

Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The address will remain the same, so correspondence will continue to be sent to MSU Extension-Huron County, 1142 S. Van Dyke, Suite 200, Bad Axe, MI 48413.

The MSU Extension office will continue to provide uninterrupted on-line educational programming to Huron County residents during this time of transition and in-person education in the future.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery

### Too late to mail in AV ballots

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The decision reversed a lower court ruling that would have allowed an additional two weeks for ballots postmarked by Nov. 2 to be counted in the 2020 election, given the extraordinary circumstances of the coronavirus pandemic and slowed mail delivery times.

As of Oct. 19, Tuscola County Clerk Jodi Fetting reported, more than 11,350 AV ballots had been requested, and 6,813 had been returned (just shy of 60 percent). Compare those numbers to the November 2016 election, which saw 3,940 AV ballots requested and 3,750 returned (about 95 percent). Two years ago, residents requested 4,143 AV ballots and returned 3,811 of them (92 percent).

Fetting said area voters can drop off their AV ballots at the following locations:

\*Elkland Township, 6691 Church St., Cass City.

\*Ellington Township, 2753 E. Caro Rd., Caro.

\*Elmwood Township, 6437 Lincoln St., Gagetown.

\*Koylton Township, 3655 Ross St., Kingston.

\*Novesta Township, 3016 N. Cemetery Rd., Cass City.

Not all townships have drop boxes. However, residents can still head to their local clerk’s office and vote absentee in person.

And, of course, voting in person from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day remains an option for all eligible voters, who are asked to be patient this year due to precautions that are being taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19, including frequent sanitizing of surfaces inside polling locations and measures designed to maintain social distancing.

## Council approves ORV use in the village

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The council approved awarding the bid for the Seeger Street Water System improvement project to Nichol and Sons, Inc. of Cass City in the amount of \$1,145,338, contingent upon available financing.

The cost of the project is estimated at \$2.2 million, and selling \$1,237,000 in bonds will help cover that cost.

“There is a difference between the amounts. The council decided to pay the difference during the two-year construction period. The bids came in higher than what the engineering estimates were,” noted Powell. “After looking at the numbers and the budget, the council decided that they didn’t want to finance more. Also, that we could financially accommodate that additional cost through the budget.”

“What was approved was just the underground work — the water lines and sewer connections as phase one. Next, phase two will be the above-ground rehab work from tearing up the street, (and) the reconstruction of the street after all of the work is done.”

The council also approved installing a generator for water well house number three. The staff rec-

ommend accepting a bid Kincaid Electric totaling \$34,995.

However, the installation will not be done right away. There is a six-to eight-week lead time on standby generators due to the COVID-19 pandemic and numerous hurricanes.

While waiting for the generator, the plan is to have the contractor pour a pad to have it ready for when the generator arrives this winter.

The standby generator will run on LP gas. The original plan was to have it run on natural gas, but it was determined that installing a natural gas link would be cost prohibitive.

#### In other business

In other business Monday, the council approved a proposed off-road vehicle (ORV) ordinance following a public hearing.

The ordinance carries some restrictions, including a requirement that any person operating an ORV must have a driver’s license, drive on the far right of the maintained part of a roadway, and operate only between sunrise and sunset. While ORVs will now be allowed on local and major streets in the village, they are still prohibited on

state highways (M-81).

“We had some seniors who asked for those ordinances, and there were several others also. And, there are people who are using those vehicles in town, and we didn’t have an ordinance to address that,” said village President Dan Delamarter. “It came down to being one of those things to have an ordinance to control and govern that.”

“There is a lot of support for allowing that.”

Delamarter pointed out the hospital has a four-wheel vehicle they use to go back and forth around the hospital, and the village has one that is used for certain work.

“So, we decided we wanted to address that as well,” he said. “There are some people who think we are going to have issues. The ordinance was developed with the help of the police department. We used some examples of the other villages around us.”

“The police wanted to have an ordinance that could be enforced. We have a very restrictive ordinance. It is more so than some of the others around us.”

In September, the council approved allowing golf carts to operate on village streets with certain restrictions.

## Auditor: school finances in good shape

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schools is 14.82 percent. “So, you’re doing very well,” she said.

“We still will probably dabble (dip into) that fund balance this year,” commented district Chief Financial Officer Allison Zimba. “(But it’s) very good news.”

Schools Supt. Jeff Hartel agreed. He and Zimba both noted the significant surplus was largely due to federal funding flowing in to meet expenses related to the Covid pandemic. Those are funds covering costs that otherwise probably would have resulted in little, if any, increase to the fund balance this year.

Turning to other matters during the monthly meeting, the board approved a monthly reconfirmation of Cass City’s state-mandated Extended Continuity of Learning Plan, a written document outlining specific educational programs and protocols, goals, delivery meth-

ods, equitable access and other issues impacting this school year while complying with restrictions and rules stemming from the pandemic.

As part of that plan, the board last month approved Hartel’s recommendation to make all Fridays half-days for students for the remainder of the semester in order to give teachers more time to keep up with requirements such as mandated personal contacts with virtual students and documenting those contacts, as well as providing adequate support for students.

“Currently, staff has to plan for in-person instruction as well as instruction via Cass City Virtual Academy (CCVA — the name given to the district’s online learning program). A great deal of additional time is being spent providing curriculum and instruction to CCVA students, recording all two-way communications for attendance purposes, answering

homework questions and overall assisting families in a variety of ways,” he explained.

Hartel reported Monday that attendance among virtual students, which make up about 19 percent of Cass City’s enrollment currently, is easily exceeding the minimum requirement of 75 percent in order to remain eligible for state funding. Attendance of virtual students, based on completion of two direct contacts between teachers and their students each week, is running in the 90-percentile range.

Also Monday, the board approved a routine resolution to participate in Michigan’s Schools of Choice program by opening up enrollment to any students in neighboring districts, in grades K through 10. Prospective applications from juniors and seniors are considered on a case-by-case basis.

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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): Dale R. Hughey and Ardith L. Hughey, husband and wife  
 Original Mortgagee: Citicorp Trust Bank, FSB  
 Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Towd Point Mortgage Trust 2019-3, U.S. Bank National Association, as Indenture Trustee  
 Date of Mortgage: August 14, 2003  
 Date of Mortgage Recording: August 19, 2003  
 Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$35,607.58  
 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 5, Block 5 of Montague and Wilmot's Addition to the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 17, now Page 18A, Tuscola County Records.  
 Common street address (if any): 909 Monroe St, Caro, MI 48723-1762  
 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).  
 If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.  
 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 been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.  
 Date of notice: October 21, 2020  
 Trott Law, P.C.  
 31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145  
 Farmington Hills, MI 48334  
 (248) 642-2515  
 1423097 10-21-4

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, for Manufactured Housing Contract Senior/Subordinate Pass-Through Certificate Trust 1998-3 Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Sixty-Six Thousand Fifty-Three and 52/100 Dollars (\$66,053.52) Mortgaged premises:  
 Situated in Tuscola County, and described as: That part of the Southwest quarter of section 5, Township 11 North, Range 11 East, Township of Koylton, County of Tuscola, Michigan described as: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said section 5; thence North 88 degrees 05 minutes 17 seconds East along the South line of said section, 1328.78 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 01 degrees 51 minutes 49 seconds West, 1321.76 feet to the South 1/8 line of said section; Thence North 88 degrees 06 minutes 53 seconds East along said South 1/8 line 330.00 feet; thence South 01 degrees 51 minutes 49 seconds East, 1321.61 feet to said South Section Line; thence south 88 degrees 05 minutes 17 seconds west, along said south section line 330.00 feet to the point beginning. Commonly known as 5655 Denhoff, Kingston, MI 48741 The redemption period will be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. 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 been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, for Manufactured Housing Contract Senior/Subordinate Pass-Through Certificate Trust 1998-3 Mortgage/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400  
 1423874 10-28-4

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 been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Tuscola County, starting promptly at 10:00 a.m. on December 3, 2020. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

921, Page 223-236 of Tuscola County records, as amended by the following: Loan Modification Agreement by Alan K. Colosky and Jennifer Colosky, then husband and wife, dated February 29, 2008, recorded on April 15, 2008 as Instrument No. 200800907030 at Liber 1146, Page 1290 of Tuscola County records;

Loan Modification Agreement by Alan K. Colosky and Jennifer Colosky, then husband and wife, dated February 28, 2013, recorded on March 11, 2013 as Instrument No. 2013963954 in Liber 1274, Page 48 of Tuscola County records; and, Loan Modification Agreement by Alan Colosky, then an unmarried man, dated January 25, 2018, recorded on January 29, 2018 in Liber 1390, Page 549 of Tuscola County records (collectively, the "Mortgage"). The amount claimed to be due and owing on the Mortgage is Fifty Thousand Fifty and 71/100 Dollars (\$50,050.71) on the date of this Notice. The Mortgage contains a power of sale and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity has been instituted to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage, or any part of the Mortgage.

Under the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, take notice that on December 3, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., local time, or any adjourned date thereafter, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the place of holding the Circuit Court within Tuscola County, Michigan. The Mortgage will apply the sale proceeds to the debt secured by the Mortgage as stated above, plus interest accruing on the amount due at a rate of 6.40% per annum, costs and expenses of the Mortgagee as provided for in the Mortgage, and any amounts subsequently paid by the Mortgagee to protect its interest in the property. The property to be sold at foreclosure is all the real estate and improvements located in the City of Vassar, County of Tuscola, and State of Michigan, more particularly described as follows:

All that part of Lots 15 and 16, Block 22 of the PLAT OF THE VILLAGE (NOW CITY) OF VASSAR, NOW BEING T. NORTH'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF VASSAR, described as commencing at the Northwest corner of Lot 16; thence Southerly along East Street, 8 rods; thence West along the line of Lot 15, 8 rods; thence North parallel with East Street, 8 rods; thence East to the point of beginning, except the East 8 rods of the South 1/2 of Lot 15, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 21A of Tuscola County records. Tax Parcel No.: 051-500-122-1600-00 Commonly known as: 122 S. East Street, Vassar, Michigan 48768 The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale, unless determined to be abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the Mortgagors will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention Purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee for any reason. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest, and the purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorneys.

Dated: October 19, 2020 STAN-CATO TRAGGE WELLS, PLLC Frankenmuth Credit Union, Mortgage Attorneys for Mortgagee By: John P. Trage 2 Towne Square, Suite 825 Southfield, Michigan 48076 (248) 731-4500 10-28-4

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 MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Marianne L. Lampela and Michael A. Lampela, Husband and Wife  
 Original Mortgagee: Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation  
 Date of mortgage: February 21, 1998 Recorded on March 12, 1998, Liber 732, on Page 400, 10-7-4

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement  
 Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act





FALL HAS brought cooler temperatures to Michigan, but there are plenty of opportunities to enjoy wildlife watching in the Thumb. Examples include these photos of a short-eared owl and groundhog, both taken by Cass City photographer Paul Bessler, and a photo of a squirrel enjoying a snack of freshly harvested corn, taken by Chronicle Editor Tom Montgomery.



## Rawson Library staff mourns loss

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worked faithfully in many and quiet ways," commented Rawson Memorial District Library Director Ruth Steele.

"She diligently saved items of historical value— both of the library and Cass City. She loved looking back at high school yearbooks. And she had spent a lot of time the last few years going through the materials she'd collected and getting everything organized and stored in archival boxes.

"She was excellent at organizing and labeling items so that we could easily find information that a patron might need," Steele added.

"Ann took care of our magazine and newspaper collection. She also maintained the memorial records, sending letters to families and donors. Another job Ann did was to train new employees on shelving. As you can well imagine this is a critical part of working in a library and she did this with patience and thoroughness so that the employee would feel confident and the items can be found when needed."

"I loved working with her. We shared the same office space," said Doris Jones, who also spent more than 40 years working as an assistant at the library.

"She was easy to get along with — and very private, but she was such a good listener."

Kate VanAuken, a former long-time Rawson Memorial Library director who now serves as director of the White Pine Library Co-

operative, agreed.

"She (was) an invaluable asset to the Rawson Library — such a loss, as she was a huge Cass City historian right behind Jack Esau," VanAuken said. "She always ran under the radar and didn't want to be in the spotlight."

"I knew her my entire life, and it's difficult to imagine Rawson without her," commented Ty Perry, a Cass City native and 2010 graduate of Cass City High School who now resides with his wife and daughter in Las Vegas, Nev., where he serves as a Bible teacher, writer and speaker with the Friends of Israel Gospel Ministry.

"I don't remember ever formally meeting Ann Craig. She was a fixture at the library when I was a little boy, and just seemed to be an inextricable part of the fabric of Rawson and the Cass City community for my entire life," Perry recalled.

"I got to know Ann much better by working alongside her at the library from 2009 to 2014, when I worked first as a library page, then as a catalog librarian," he said. "She was a quiet, retiring person who was content to be in the background, but who contributed a great deal to the goings on at the library. I always enjoyed talking with her about books, antiques and local history. She taught me a great deal about how to properly care for old documents and photographs, and we shared an appreciation for all things vintage.

"There are certain people who touch your life in a special way, and Ann certainly was such a per-

son in my life. She was a lovely lady, and I'll miss seeing her," Perry said.

"Ann has been such a faithful, kind, dedicated librarian, and she will be missed so much," Steele added. "She loved the Library, the patrons and Cass City."



CRAIG IS pictured above (right) in this 2008 photo with Ruth Steele, who today serves as director of Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City.

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