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Local woman dies in freak accident in church parking lot

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Troopers from the Michigan State Police (MSP) post in Caro are continuing their investigation into the accidental death of an 80-year-old Cass City woman in the parking lot of the Our Lady Consolata Parish (St. Agatha) Church in Gagetown last week.

Emergency crews were called to the scene – near the intersection of Fourth and South streets — Tuesday at about 9:50 p.m., according to Specialist Lt. Kim Vetter of the MSP Third District Headquarters.

“Preliminary investigation indicates that an 82-year-old male of Cass City was leaving a parking space in a 2021 Ford Explorer when he struck and killed his 80-year-old wife,” Vetter reported. “Witnesses stated she was carrying a bag of trash to a receptacle in the church parking lot. The couple had been volunteering at a food drive at the church prior to the accident.”

The Elmwood Township-Gagetown Fire Department and MMR Ambulance were immediately dispatched, with firemen arriving at the scene about three minutes later, according to Fire Chief Trace Lopez.

“After assessing the scene and making sure it was secure, fire fighters started to perform life-saving measures (and) called for a medical helicopter and ACW-Unionville Fire Department for assistance,” Lopez said. “Once MMR arrived on scene and assessed the patient, it was determined that the patient was beyond all help and life-saving measures were discontinued.”

“ACW-Unionville Fire Department was canceled from responding to the scene, but remained on standby for our coverage area at their station for the duration of the (accident response).”

Lopez lauded the on-scene responses of multiple agencies, including the MSP, ACW-Unionville Fire Department, LifeNet medical helicopter, MMR Ambulance, the Cass City Police Department and Tuscola County 911 Central Dispatch.



MEMBERS OF the Friends of MSU Extension and 4-H Committee in Tuscola County are back, promoting an upcoming millage renewal request while participating in various festivals and parades across the county. Voters will be asked to support the tax during the Tuesday, Aug. 2, primary election. For the owner of a home with a market value of \$100,000, the one-tenth of a mill levy translates into about \$5 a year while generating about \$203,500 annually to pay for local MSU Extension staffing and programs.

4-H forever

Voters asked to renew MSU Extension millage

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Tuscola County MSU Extension services, including a 4-H program serving hundreds of youngsters, were in danger of being shut down in 2016.

At the time, county commissioners had decided to stop funding the non-mandated services due to

financial concerns that included uncertain wind farm tax revenues, a flat tax base across the county, and a shrinking population.

That’s when a group of residents involved in 4-H, the county fair and various MSU Extension services rolled up their sleeves, formed the Friends of MSU Extension and 4-H Committee and went to work promoting a modest

millage to maintain the local office and its programs. The work paid off, with voters overwhelmingly supporting a special millage of one-tenth of mill.

Now, six years later, the committee is back, promoting renewal of the same millage for another six years. Voters will be asked to support the tax during the Tuesday,

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Huron crashes claim 2

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Hoyt was the sole occupant of a 2006 Ford Escape that attempted Please turn to page 6.

A Snover woman has succumbed to injuries she suffered in a two-vehicle traffic crash last month in Huron County’s Colfax Township, Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson reported Friday.

Hanson said the victim, identified as Janet K. Hoyt, 62, Snover, died during surgery related to her injuries.

Dispute over wind taxation partly settled

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

Now that litigation over the taxation on wind farms has been settled in some counties, Tuscola County officials are hoping the agreement will positively impact their legal battle with other energy companies over the same issues.

The recent agreement on taxation of wind turbines was reached with DTE Energy, which will have an impact on Huron and Sanilac counties along with some other Michigan counties, but not Tuscola County.

The agreement produced a new tax table on turbine depreciation, which is different than the energy company had sought for years.

The new tax table sets the pre-

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ROTARY CLUB of Cass City members are planning to incorporate a “sensory garden” inside Rotary Park (pictured above), with efforts to secure grant funding and donations already underway. A sensory garden allows children with autism or sensory integration disorders to benefit from a play area by stimulating – but not overstimulating — their senses.

Rotary club sets sights on “sensory garden” project

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Rotary Park in Cass City has proven to be an ideal location for summer evening concerts, holiday celebrations and simply a place for residents to spend some quiet time alone, with friends or with their children.

Now, Rotary Club of Cass City members are planning to add another dimension to the small park that will appeal to youngsters — including those on the autism disorder spectrum — who are challenged with overstimulation of their senses.

“There are a lot of kids, but adults as well, that don’t do well in overstimulation areas,” said Rotary Club member Amy Peters, referring to standard playground areas, pools and other typical park facilities.

So, Rotary members have been working on a plan to create a “sensory garden” inside Rotary Park.

A sensory garden allows children with autism or sensory integration disorders to benefit from a play area by stimulating their senses, allowing them to interact on a deeper, more meaningful level than they would on a regular playground.

These unique play areas typically contain playground elements that stimulate one of the seven senses — touch, movement, smell, taste, sight, hearing and balance.

At Rotary Park, Peters said, the plan is to remove the existing landscaping and replace it with a garden specially designed for kids, with non-toxic plants and educational labels identifying the plants and encouraging visitors to explore by looking, examining, smelling, etc.

“There will be all different types of plants the kids can see and (experience using) different senses,” Peters said, adding makeshift musical instruments in the shape of natural elements — mush-

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Cass City manager takes village request right to commissioners

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

Cass City Village Manager Debbie Powell wanted to make sure Tuscola County Commissioners understood the village's request for some financial help with a costly infrastructure project the village is preparing to tackle, so she went right to the source.

Powell attended a recent county board meeting to explain the village's request for \$250,000 from the county that would be used towards the projected \$15.5 million price tag for the village's renovation of the community's 40-year-old wastewater treatment plant (WWTP).

The county is receiving about \$10.1 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, and Cass City is requesting a share.

The guidelines for the county receiving ARPA funds include spending some of the money to help municipalities pay for their infrastructure projects.

"The WWTP is situated on 13 acres of Cass River shoreline, and most of the equipment and controls are original to the 1980 plant," Powell said. "While the WWTP functions well, it has become difficult to maintain and expensive to repair. Increased risk of equipment failure causes concerns for meeting permit regulations and avoiding possible sanitary discharges.

"Equipment upgrades are needed to maintain treatment reliability with a high consequence of failure for the major treatment processes," she added.

Cass City is working with Fishbeck and Townley Engineering on the project, which will include extended aeration, aerobic digestion, extended final clarifier wells, and has a septic disposal availability, Powell told the board.

"Updates to the system are necessary because the current wastewater treatment system is 40 years old — the normal life expectancy of a system is about 30 years," she explained.

She also noted the village is working to secure grants and loans to help offset the project cost.

Commissioners took Powell's request under advisement along with all of the requests for assistance submitted by municipalities in the county — requests that total well over \$10 million.

In other matters, commissioners took action to acquire some additional office space.

After a year of wrangling over various space options, commissioners officially inked a 20-year lease with Ransford-Wasik LLC for the former Peoples State Bank building at 171 N. State St. in downtown Caro.

The lease calls for the county to pay Ransford-Wasik \$3,300 a month, and there is a clause for

the lease rate to be adjusted every five years based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

The lease cost works out to be \$5 per square foot. The former bank has 6,500 square feet of usable office space.

The county's chief information officer, Eean Lee, and county Emergency Services Director Deputy Steve Anderson are among the key department heads who need more space.

Both Lee and Anderson, along with building and grounds Director Mike Miller, concurred leasing the bank building is the best solution over several options that had been proposed.

Over the last few years, commissioners have lamented the lack of space for operations, but accomplished little to solve the problem.

However, Caro businessmen Mark Ransford and Damon Wasik bought the former bank and took it upon themselves to do the legwork to offer the county a solution to meet its space needs for several departments as well as an area for training and storage.

It was the Ransford-Wasik plan the county used to draft a request for proposal (RFP) in an effort to give other parties an opportunity to submit a proposal. Numerous suggestions were submitted. Most didn't meet the RFP requirements, but commissioners still studied, inspected, and discussed at length time and time again.

Committee promoting "yes" vote on millage

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Aug. 2, primary election.

As tax requests go, the MSU Extension levy is modest — for the owner of a home with a market value of \$100,000, one-tenth of a mill translates into about \$5 a year while generating about \$203,500 annually to pay for local MSU Extension staffing and programming.

But supporters say the return on that investment is invaluable, starting with 4-H youth development. 4-H is the largest youth development organization in Michigan, with more than 200,000 young people, ages 5-19, exploring program areas ranging from science and technology to clothing and textiles. Roughly 465 of those young people participate in Tuscola County.

The county's MSU Extension office also provides support in the areas of community agriculture, gardening, health and nutrition, and agriculture and agribusiness.

For Mike Joslyn, a Friends of MSU Extension and 4-H Committee member, former Caro Community Schools superintendent and father of three kids who have participated in 4-H — raising pigs to show and sell during the annual county fair — the upcoming millage vote is about how 4-H programs help to shape the

character of future generations.

4-H teaches children the value of a strong work ethic and responsibility, he said, with the county's 4-H clubs provide youngsters with hands-on lessons and the opportunity to development strong relationships throughout the year.

"That's the reason I got involved in this — it's for all the kids that participate," he added, noting the millage also provides the dollars needed to staff the county MSU Extension office, which provides a myriad of services to residents, including health and nutrition support.

"(This millage) is so very important to the agricultural community we live," said Jackie Garner, another member of the Friends of MSU Extension and 4-H Committee in addition to serving on the county fair board and as treasurer of the Tuscola County 4-H Council.

"MSUE has a value that many don't realize, and I encourage everyone to educate themselves on the impact that their programming, administered through that office, has. They may not see it in their everyday lives, but it is there in the background," added Garner.

"As a 4-H leader and fair board member, I think the public needs to understand that even though the Tuscola County Fair and the 4-H program are two very sepa-

rate entities, one would not succeed without the other," Garner said. "The general public that goes to enjoy the carnival and the grandstand shows and the vendors, like Gibby's Fries, probably don't realize that our 4-H families are our strongest volunteer base.

"I just can't imagine living in Tuscola County without the 4-H program, and not sure I would want to. The...4-H kids who use the Tuscola County Fair to showcase their prize steer or baked apple pie or Thanksgiving turkey are depending on us to vote 'yes'."

During a discussion on the value of MSU Extension programs with county commissioners back in 2016, Garner told the board that its investment in 4-H adds up to about 33 cents per 4-Her when taking into account the investment involved and the estimated 8,500 volunteer hours provided to the kids involved the program.

"It costs 33 cents a child to keep kids on the straight and narrow. It's a pretty good deal," she said.

And it's a good investment, according to Garner, who pointed out local 4-H programs create and nurture leadership, self-confidence and community involvement among youth, helps to keep them busy with positive activities, and encourages them to give back locally.

Wind taxation dispute settled for some counties

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ciation decrease at five percent per year for the next 15 years or until the decommissioning of a turbine.

The agreement also affects new wind turbine development as well, and stipulations that no additional legal action can be taken regarding the issue for the next 15 years.

Overall, it is estimated the new tax table will save Huron County and other taxing entities in the county roughly \$6 million in taxes.

The taxation issue has been tied up in court for some time.

"The agreement with DTE doesn't impact us as we do not have any wind farms that were developed by DTE," said Tuscola County Controller Clayette Zechmeister, noting the county is hopeful the tax agreement reached with DTE will be a catalyst as the county continues to try to resolve an ongoing lawsuit with Consumers Energy and NextEra.

"Although Tuscola has 293 wind turbines, none were built by DTE. They were built by either NextEra or Consumers Energy," she

pointed out.

Back when wind company officials started talking about wind development in the Thumb, the pitch promised the development would result in a financial windfall generated from the taxes levied on them.

However, the promise of riches turned into hot air in 2011 when the State Tax Commission abruptly changed, without any explanation, the way wind turbines are depreciated and taxed.

And, the energy companies backed the decision that would save them millions of dollars.

The Tax Commission's determination meant the loss of millions of dollars in tax revenue for multiple municipalities.

As a result, officials from counties with wind energy developments protested the change, saying it was implemented in an over-night fashion with no input from local municipalities.

That change greatly reduced the taxable revenue municipalities received, Zechmeister said.

A number of municipalities joined together to form the Michigan Renewable Energy Collaborative (MREC) and filed lawsuits

in an effort to overturn the state's new method of taxing wind turbines.

MREC developed an intergovernmental agreement with Tuscola, Sanilac, Huron, Gratiot, Mason and other counties, as well as some townships and intermediate school districts, to share legal expenses stemming from litigation to appeal the State Tax Commission decision.

Under the original depreciation schedule, turbines were taxed at 100 percent of their value the first year of operation. Then the taxable value depreciated by five percent each year over a 15-year period, and then taxed at 30 percent thereafter.

However, the Michigan Tax Commission arbitrarily created a new depreciation schedule in which wind turbines were 80 percent of their value the first year of operation, but then would go to a 30-percent tax levy in five years.

That decision translated into a 30-percent reduction in revenue to municipalities with wind farms development — money crucial to county, school and township operation to help offset revenue losses.

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In Our OPINION...

Clarke Haire
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Editor

Prevent foodborne illness this summer

Michigan residents are enjoying a warm summer, but the weather can also present some health risks during the picnic and barbecue season.

Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) officials are reminding consumers to take precautions when preparing, holding and serving foods in warmer weather to prevent foodborne illness.

“Food which hasn’t been cooked or stored properly can cause mild foodborne illness, but it can also lead to serious illness or even death,” said Tim Slawinski, MDARD Food and Dairy Division director.

“Whether you’re packing a picnic for a sporting event or outdoor recreation, or planning a backyard barbecue, it’s crucial to follow simple food safety tips to protect your family and friends from foodborne illness.”

Simple steps such as frequent hand washing, doing as much of the food preparation at home as possible, packing coolers with plenty of ice and in a way that prevents cross-contamination from raw foods to cooked or ready-to-eat foods, and keeping hot foods hot and cold foods cold can go a long way toward preventing foodborne illness.

Food safety is a team effort, from the farm to your plate, and sometimes, despite best intentions, people can get sick. When this happens, it is important to report suspected foodborne illness to your local health department.

“The increasingly globalized and complex nature of our food supply requires us and our food safety partners to work more closely than ever to rapidly detect, investigate, and control food contamination incidents,” said Slawinski.

“MDARD and Michigan’s 45 local health departments provide the front-line investigators for foodborne illness investigations. Staff often coordinates activities with local, state and federal government and the private sector.”

Reporting an illness starts an investigative process at the local health department level to identify the source of illness.

Local health departments are required to report suspected foodborne illnesses and outbreaks to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and MDARD. Local health departments work with people who have become ill and MDHHS to collect information and test samples to identify the cause of illness.

“Food sanitarians from Michigan’s 45 local health departments work closely with restaurants, cafeterias, food vendors at fairs and festivals, and other food service businesses, to ensure food safety,” said Norm Hess, executive director, Michigan Association for Local Public Health.

“Consumers also play an important role in keeping their food safe from the store or restaurant to the plate, and in reporting any suspected foodborne illness to their local health department. We don’t want any summer events to be ruined by foodborne illness.”

Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

A rose or a weed by another name



It was while watching my son mow the lawn that I realized dandelions are a flower that keeps on giving and are a lot like life in a way.

In the spring, dandelions are the first food source available to birds, bees and other of Mother Nature’s creatures.

The lonely dandelion is edible, making it a food source for humans as well. Its leaves can be used in salads, and the buds can be battered, fried and eaten. They can be used to make jelly and jam, tea and, of course, wine.

They also pop up their yellow heads just in time to be bouquets on Mother’s Day.

As I watched my son mow some newly-sprouted dandelions and mature white fluffy ones, I realized dandelions also represent life’s cycle.

We, like the dandelion, start out young and tender, and then mature to be strong, but then we start to age.

The dandelion’s bright yellow flower turns white and fragile before drying up and blowing away. Just like our hair turns gray and we become frail as we age.

I know that sounds overly dramatic and poetic, but I was raised a farm girl. As such, I pay attention to Mother Nature’s display around me.

Also, it was my dad’s life mission — tramping up and down ditch banks to annihilate certain weeds that were the bane of his existence.

Dad tolerated dandelions, I think, because mom cooked them up with bacon grease as a warm salad. She battered and fried the yellow flower buds as well to eat. As for my father, he viewed them as an opportunity to make wine.

That was the only weed that I never saw him try to kill off. My dad would put on his special outdoor, weed hunting hat, don a pair of knee-high black boots and use his trusty shovel to spend hours hunting down wild mustard and wild carrots. He called them devil weeds because they kept coming back, choked out crops, and are prolific.

I was never sure which one he hated the most — wild mustard or wild carrot. Either way, he hunted them with a vengeance.

I was surprised later on to learn one weed was considered a thing of beauty.

Because mom always grew a large flower garden, the first time I stepped foot in a

flower shop was when I was getting married to pick out how I wanted my bouquet to be designed for my wedding.

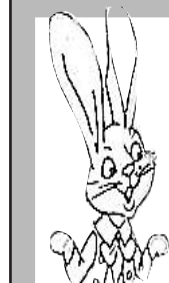
It was a difficult decision, but I finally settled on a bouquet of yellow roses mixed in with what the florist called “Baby’s Breath.” To me, Baby’s Breath looked suspiciously like a wild carrot.

Either way, I thought the Queen Ann’s Lace flower was a nice delicate touch with the roses. After placing that order, I didn’t give my bouquet another thought until the big day.

My father didn’t see the bouquet until he walked me down the aisle.

I’m sure, as we walked down the church, that I could feel dad eyeing my bouquet with disdain.

I guess it comes down to the fact that one man’s flower is another man’s weed.



Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

The Cass City Chamber of Commerce’s recent golf cart raffle was a huge success, reports Kayla Klco, administrator of the non-profit, civic minded group.

“Total tickets sold was 517 and we made \$10,340,” Klco said.

The lucky winner – Bill Young of Lansing - was drawn Friday night during the Music in the Park series in the Rotary Park.

I’ve seen it long enough, a change is needed. Every year, nearly every week – no matter the weather conditions - Cass Theatre owner Dick Hendrick changes the marquee at his downtown movie house.

He shouldn’t be, in my opinion. To do so, Mr. Hendrick climbs an ordinary ladder and replaces each letter by hand to show the current attraction. I’m not sure how high the theatre’s marquee stands above the sidewalk – 12’ maybe – but I’m positive landing on cement from any height in a free fall is bad news.

So, what can we do?

Perhaps, getting some sort of extension pole system that features replacing the letters from the ground level (I’ve seen gas stations using a pole system). Or, maybe we could rent a “cherry picker” for his needs. Or, maybe some type of scaffolding will work? Maybe, a boy scout project is at hand? Maybe, get the Pinney Foundation or Tuscola County Community Foundation involved? I am just spit balling here and welcome any feedback on the situation.

I am pretty sensitive of the subject of falling. My dad passed after hitting his head while on a walk. He was 87 years old, just a few years older than Mr. Hendrick. It’s a job that I wouldn’t feel safe doing at age 62.

Email your suggestions to me at: clarke@ccchronicle.net.

Tonight’s ‘supermoon’ is said to be the closest full moon to Earth in 2022, according to Maggie Mancini, Philly Voice Staf, who writes:

On Wednesday, July 13 beginning at around 9 p.m., look up at the sky and see the biggest and brightest full moon of the year.

Though the full moon reaches its peak at just 2:38 p.m. on Wednesday, it will still appear bright and full as the sun sets on Wednesday night. It will reach 98% fullness on Tuesday night, and will still appear mostly full and bright on Thursday night, too, in case stargazers want to get out on a different night to check it out.

The term “supermoon” is up for some debate among experts. It was first defined by astrologer Richard Nolle in 1979 as a full moon that occurs with the moon at its closest points to Earth in a given year. Depending on the average distance, some experts believe there are a larger or smaller amount of supermoons in a given year.

“Supermoons only happen three to four times a year and always happen consecutively,” according to NASA. Though the difference between a regular full moon and a supermoon may be difficult to discern with the naked eye, it does have an impact on Earth, as the full moon is known to impact coastal tides.

After Wednesday’s full moon, Saturn will appear next to the moon — in its waning gibbous phase — on Friday night into Saturday morning. Just after 10:30 p.m. on Friday, Saturn will be just six degrees above the moon, according to NASA.

Though it will still be visible in the early hours of Saturday morning, it will be easiest to see on Friday night. June’s full “strawberry moon” was also a supermoon, and August’s “sturgeon moon” will also be a supermoon, coinciding with a Perseid meteor shower between Aug. 11-12.

The Perseids will be active beginning on July 14 through Aug. 24, though they will be most easily visible during their peak viewing times, according to NASA.

After this summer, a supermoon will not rise again until Sept. 18, 2024, according to Accuweather.

Letters to the Editor

The sound of a Huey brought relief to vets

Dear editor,

I enjoyed reading the article about bringing the Huey to Cass City. Kudos to all who made it happen.

For me, the sound of a Huey coming in is the most beautiful sound in the world. After being in the jungles of Vietnam for days, and with so many wounded marines – including myself – the sound of a Huey coming in told me everything is going to be alright.

Stan Beach
Seminole, Fla.

Editor’s note: U.S. Navy Chaplain Captain Stanley J. Beach (retired) is a Gagetown native and 1953 Cass City High School graduate who retired with the rank of captain after more than 35 years in the military. His assignments included Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard units at sea, ashore and overseas, including combat action with the Third Marine Division in Vietnam, where he suffered life-

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AFTER A 40-year career serving the sugar industry, Michigan Sugar Company President and CEO Mark Flegenheimer has announced his plans to retire.

Michigan Sugar chief Flegenheimer closes the books on his career

After a 40-year career serving the sugar industry, Michigan Sugar Company President and CEO Mark Flegenheimer has announced his plans to retire.

Flegenheimer began his career with Michigan Sugar in 1994, working as vice president of administration. He was named president and CEO in 1998, following in the footsteps of his father, Ernest Flegenheimer, who served as Michigan Sugar Company president and CEO from 1963 to 1993, and his grandfather, Albert Flegenheimer, who served as chairman of the board from 1963 to 1970.

"Mark's upcoming retirement will bring an end to an incredible chapter in our company's history," said Michigan Sugar Company Chairman James Roggenbuck, who farms in Huron County.

"Under Mark's leadership, Michigan Sugar Company became a grower-owned cooperative in 2002, and two years later merged with Monitor Sugar Company to form the company that exists today," Roggenbuck noted. "Over the past two and a half decades, Mark has been a leading voice and advocate for Michigan Sugar Company and the entire sugar industry in Washington, D.C., helping to shape numerous Farm Bills, trade agreements, and regulatory matters.

"His family's legacy is stamped on this company, and we are grateful for his many years of service."

Since the formation of the co-op and under Flegenheimer's leadership, annual sugar production has doubled, from roughly 630 million pounds to 1.2 billion pounds, while the amount of fuel used in the factories has been reduced by more than 40 percent.

Flegenheimer has recently overseen a major upgrade to Michigan Sugar's Croswell factory, and last year he led efforts to secure a \$75-plus million investment to build a molasses desugarization facility at the company's Bay City factory. That facility is scheduled to come online in fall 2023.

Company officials say Flegenheimer has been a champion of helping build Michigan Sugar Company's culture, centered on its mission of "creating growth and opportunity; its purpose of "making life sweeter"; its "EPIC-plus values: excellence, pride, integrity, compassion and trust"; and its commitment to sustainability.

"His understanding of the company's history, combined with his vision for its future has created a solid path for Michigan Sugar's next generations of grower-owners and employees," Roggenbuck said.

Flegenheimer earned his bachelor's degree in psychology in 1983 from DePauw University in Greencastle, Ind., and worked for 11 years as a sugar commodities trader in New York City before joining Michigan Sugar Company.

"It has been an honor and privilege to work in this industry and for Michigan Sugar Company," said Flegenheimer. "I was fortunate to grow up in this business and to follow in the footsteps of two industry giants – my grandfather and my father. I also have been fortunate to have worked alongside so many world-class grower-owners and employees whose dedication and passion for the sugarbeet industry is second to none."

Flegenheimer said he has always felt a strong connection to the communities that Michigan Sugar Company touches.

"In many cases, these are small towns where our company is a major driver of the economy and the residents either work for us, have a family member who works for us, or know someone who works for us. I am grateful that Michigan Sugar Company has been part of the fabric of these communities for more than 115 years and I trust these places will continue to thrive because of our cooperative," he added.

"As Michigan Sugar Company enters a new chapter in its history, I am proud of the company that we have built together and wish great success for all those involved in its future."

The Michigan Sugar Company Board of Directors has hired the national search firm Kincannon and Reed to conduct a search for a new president and CEO. That process is expected to take six to nine months.

Flegenheimer will remain in his position until his replacement is on board, but over the next two months, he will transition to focusing primarily on national trade and marketing issues and working with Michigan Sugar's partners at the U.S. Beet Sugar Association, The Sugar Association, and Midwest Agri-Commodities.

As part of the transition, Jim Ruhlman has been named chief operating officer and will oversee the day-to-day operations of the company, reporting to the board of directors. Ruhlman has constructed and successfully led several key departments during his 39-year career with Michigan Sugar Company.

Michigan Sugar Company was founded in 1906 when six smaller sugar companies merged their operations. In 2002, the business became a grower-owned cooperative and, in 2004, it merged with Monitor Sugar Company.

Michigan Sugar is headquartered in Bay City and has sugarbeet processing facilities in Bay City, Caro, Croswell and Sebewaing.

The company's nearly 900 grower-owners plant and harvest about 150,000 acres of sugarbeets each year in 20 Michigan counties, as well as Ontario, Canada. Those beets are sliced at the factories and turned into about 1.2 billion pounds of sugar annually. The sugar is sold to industrial, commercial, and retail customers under the Pioneer brand.

Michigan Sugar Company has 980 year-round employees and an additional 1,100 seasonal workers. Its annual payroll is more than \$65 million and its annual local economic impact is about \$600 million.

The cooperative is the third largest of nine sugarbeet processing companies in the United States.

2 survive cycle collision with deer

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Sanilac County Sheriff's Department investigators say two people riding a motorcycle survived a collision with a deer early last week in Sanilac County's Lamotte Township, but both suffered injuries in the accident.

Lt. Nathan Smith reported Sanilac County Central Dispatch received a call at about 1:45 p.m. The caller stated a motorcycle had struck a deer on Van Dyke Road near Adams Road.

"Deputies along with Marlette EMS, Sanilac EMS and the Lamotte Township Fire Department were dispatched to the scene," Smith said.

"Deputies arrived on scene and determined that a 2017 Harley Davidson motorcycle had been traveling north on Van Dyke Rd. when a deer jumped into the roadway, striking the motorcycle," he reported. "After the initial collision, the motorcycle was laid down and slid several feet with its driver, a 50-year-old male, and his 51-year-old female passenger, both from New Jersey.

"Both the driver and passenger sustained injuries in the accident. The driver was transported to Marlette Regional Hospital by Marlette EMS and was later taken by LifeNet (medical helicopter) to Flint Hurley for treatment of injuries. The passenger was taken to Lapeer Hospital by Sanilac EMS for treatment of her injuries.

"Initial investigation showed that there did not appear to be any additional contributing factors in the crash, and both the driver and passenger were wearing helmets at the time of the crash," Smith said.

Deputies arrest home invasion suspect

Troopers from the Michigan State Police (MSP) post in Caro say a Bay City man was taken into custody and additional arrests are expected in connection with a home invasion last week in Tuscola County's Juniata Township.

Post Commander First Lt. Brian McComb reported the incident took place Tuesday. Troopers were dispatched to a residence along Sanilac Road at about 5:40

p.m. to investigate a home invasion complaint.

According to reports, the homeowners arrived at their residence to discover someone had broken into and ransacked the house. Several items were missing.

"Several hours later, a suspicious person was (reported). This person was approximately two miles from where the home invasion occurred," McComb stated in a news

release. "Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies arrived and made contact with this person."

Deputies detained the 35-year-old male and turned him over to troopers for questioning.

"The (suspect) was lodged at the Tuscola County Jail on home invasion charges," McComb stated. "This is an ongoing investigation and other arrests are expected."

Ellington board eyes hall improvements

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

The Ellington Township Board continues to review options for using federal dollars it has received to offset the impact of COVID-19.

Treasurer Carmell Pattullo reported during the board's June monthly meeting that she has not received an updated report on allowable uses for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding, which the federal government approved to assist municipalities during the pandemic.

While talking about the use of ARPA funds, board members discussed the possibility of spending some of the money on a flushable toilet.

That suggestion was expanded in June, with board members talking about building an addition with a standard handicap restroom, running water, septic, storage space and a generator.

Trustee Gregg Campbell suggested forming a committee to further explore the idea. The board took the recommendation under advisement.

Ellington Township officials use a former one-room country school at 2791 East Caro Rd. (M-81) that was built in 1901 as the township hall. The building does not have running water and uses an incendiary toilet.

In other business, Tuscola County Chief Assistant Prosecutor Eric Wanink addressed red flag requests that could indicate an individual or individuals are looking to violate laws governing growing marijuana.

Wanink explained that most households use between a 220- to 250-amp electric service. However, a number of townships have reported receiving requests for 400-amp service from an electric provider, which generally is a red flag that the owner or renter of the property might be planning to op-

erate an illegal marijuana grow operation.

The rural Thumb region has been plagued with such operations, which require a substantial amount of electricity.

Townships that have an ordinance governing electrical power beyond the standard 220 to 250 amp is a first step in the effort to address illegal grow facilities.

Also during the regular meeting, the board approved placing seven parcels of property owned by Paramount Enterprises Land LLC in the PA-116 program for 90 years.

PA-116 is part of the Michigan Farmland and Open Space Preservation Act, which was created in an effort to preserve farmland. PA-116 law was established in 1974 as a way to allow a farmer to enter property into an agreement with the state that ensures the land remains in agricultural use for a minimum of 10 years and up to 90 years.

Note to self

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Reporter's notebook

Let's be frank;
too many for me

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



Of all the things that have disappeared from Cass City's landscape over the years, I'd put Erla's hot dogs in my own personal top five things I miss the most.

Back in the day, I can remember stuffing myself with three or four Erla's hot dogs in one sitting, because the Cass City family's dogs were simply that good.

It was worth feeling too full, even a little uncomfortable.

But I was never tempted to eat dozens of them – or anything else for that matter – at one time. Not like defending world competitive eating champion Joey Chestnut, who earlier this month devoured 63 hotdogs and buns in 10 minutes on his way to a 15th win at the Nathan's Famous International Hot Dog Eating Contest.

This was no record.

Last year, the 38-year-old Westfield, Ind., man topped his own record by powering down 76 franks – that was his 14th title in 15 years of competing.

The 2022 competition, held on July 4, marked a return to the traditional location outside Nathan's flagship shop in Brooklyn, N.Y.'s Coney Island neighborhood. The COVID-19 pandemic prompted organizers to relocate the contest in both 2020 and 2021.

In this year's women's competition, record-holder Miki Sudo consumed 40 hot dogs and buns to win the women's title. Sudo, 36, of Tampa, Fla., skipped last year's competition because she was pregnant. In 2020, she set the women's record at 48.5 wieners and buns.

Although the contest has only been recorded since 1972, legend has it that Nathan's first contest was held on July 4, 1916, as four immigrants competed to show how patriotic they were by eating hot dogs at Nathan's stand in Coney Island.

But competitive eating reportedly goes farther back than that.

According to various historical accounts, the first recorded pie eating contest took place in Toronto in 1878 and was won by Albert Piddington, although it isn't known how many pies were consumed.

Among the notable examples of early eating contestants, Joe McCarthy reportedly consumed 31 pies in a competition held at Charles Tanby's Saloon in 1897. Frank Dotzler is also noteworthy after consuming "275 oysters, 8 1/8th pounds of steak, 12 rolls, and three large pies, all washed down with 11 cups of coffee" at an event organized by the Manhattan Fat Men's Club in 1909.

While it might appear today's contestants are regular joes, competitive eaters are athletes, according to the Men's Journal, which noted they even have their own professional league — Major League Eating — and despite taking in thousands of calories during competition, many of them are in incredible shape.

As I understand it, the pros also undergo rigorous training in order to increase their stomach capacity and eating speed with various foods. Stomach elasticity is usually considered the key to eating success, and competitors commonly train by drinking large amounts of water over a short time to stretch out the stomach.

But this is also a risky business.

According to TIME, competitive eating can (and often does) cause irreparable damage. In some cases, the stomach will stretch so intensely that it can't return back to its normal size. This usually triggers uncontrollable nausea and vomiting, which can persist until a gastrectomy (stomach surgery) is able to restore the participant's ability to eat normally.

Other risks include choking, food poisoning, intoxication, water poisoning (yes, it's a thing), a torn esophagus, burst blood vessels, the irritation of idle food allergies, diarrhea and death.

Victims of the sport(?) have included a 44-year-old California resident who reportedly choked to death during a taco eating contest, a 42-year-old who also choked to death – after trying to eat a doughnut weighing half a pound in 80 seconds or less in Denver, Colo. – and a 20-year-old who died after taking part in a charity pancake eating contest at Sacred Heart University in Connecticut.

Wow.

Personally, I've never been into sports, and I have no problem telling you I'll pass on this sort of competition.

Besides, these days, I don't even enjoy feeling as stuffed as I know I'll inevitably be after walking away from the table on Thanksgiving Day.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2017)

Air Force Tech Sgt. Joshua M. Rumptz recently retired from the U.S. Air Force after serving honorably for 20 years. Rumptz last served with the 375th Communications Squadron, Scott Air Force Base, Ill. He is the son of Michael J. and Linda M. Rumptz of Ubly. The retiree is a 1997 graduate of Ubly High School, Ubly. He earned an associate degree in 2012 from the Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

Tuscola County Undersheriff Robert Baxter accepted a \$4,000 check from the Janks Fund on behalf of the sheriff's office for the purchase of ice rescue suits. In all, Tuscola County Community Foundation Executive Director Ken Micklash presented roughly \$105,000 in grants during the organization's fall distribution program Thursday at the Tuscola Technology Center in Caro.

10 YEARS AGO (2012)

Revive Ministries volunteers Melanie Collins, Brenda McArthur, Rachel Collins, Jesse Tuckey, Tony McArthur and Joel Collins pack boxes for one of the outreach ministries' monthly food distributions to families in need in the Cass City area.

Area residents are invited to enjoy a summer carnival organized to generate some cash for the family of a local boy who is battling cancer. Proceeds from the "Carnival for a Cause" will go to help out David and Vanessa Sutton, whose son, Wyatt, 5, was recently diagnosed with lymphoma. Wyatt, a first grade Cass City student, is currently undergoing treatments at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor. The Suttons have 2 other children, Colby, 10, and Autumn 7.

Ethan and Caitlyn Healy of Cass City are ready for the fair with their sheep. For the past several years, the 2 have worked hard at raising their animals, in hopes of getting a good price at the Tuscola County Fair 4-H auction. They are the children of Cathy and Jeff Healy.

25 YEARS AGO (1997)

Lauren Peplinski, 4, and Nicole Block, 7, both of Ubly, enjoy a group hug with a passing clown during the Ubly Homecoming's Grand Parade Sunday afternoon. Stifling heat and humidity didn't deter crowds from participating in this year's celebration, which began Thursday.

The Novesta Church of Christ Bible Bowl team was ranked in the top 24 out of 250 teams recently when it competed in a national tournament in Kansas City, Mo. Team members are Amy Venema, Laura O'Dell, Marcia Klause, Kristy Hicks, Adina Speirs, Erin Venema, R.J. Klaus, Lance Anderson, Craig Emmert, Brad Speirs and Randy Diebel. Aliceson L. Rohinson, daughter of Lee and Betty Robinson of Brooklyn, Mich., and granddaughter of Thomas and Marion Kolar of Cass City, has been named to the dean's list at the University of Notre Dame for outstanding scholarship during the spring semester. The dean's list is comprised of a select group of students who have succeeded in maintaining a scholastic average of 3.4 and above during the past semester. Robinson, a 1996 graduate of Homer Community Schools, will be a sophomore at the university.

35 YEARS AGO (1987)

Two area residents were among 43 Michigan students outside the immediate Bloomfield Hills area to graduate from Cranbrook Kingswood School last month. Jean Weaver, 17, daughter of

Mike and Toby Weaver of Cass City, won the girl's basketball and softball most valuable player awards during her senior year. Dawn Donahue, 18, Unionville, also graduated from Cranbrook. She is the daughter of Richard and Margo Donahue, Unionville.

One of the new attractions in the Fourth of July parade was a 1969 yellow checkered taxicab. It had been rusting for 8 years by a chicken coop at Marion McClorey's home, Kelly Rd., when the Elkton Chamber of Commerce bought it for \$100. McClorey's son, Fred, now deceased, bought it new as one of 700 passenger cars built. The Elkton Chamber of Commerce restored the car and it is now a promotional focus for the town.

40 YEARS AGO (1982)

Two area residents were at the meeting last Thursday of the Michigan Association of Future Farmers of America and the Michigan Association of Farmer Cooperatives. They were FFA Region 3 Vice-president Ann Osen-toski of Ubly and MAFC council member Jack Laurie of Cass City, representing Farmers Petroleum Coop. The meeting was in Lansing, with the purpose of familiarizing young farmers with the purpose and philosophy of cooperatives.

Ten children participated in Hill-billy Day at the arts and crafts building Friday. Participants were divided into two families, the Hatfields and McCoys. Ed Parks got some unwanted help from Ben Lah in the apple bobbing contest. The Hatfields won the best two of three in the tug-of-war competition. Children also took part in a sack race and a doughnut eating contest.

Lynn Johnston has been promoted to the position of broadcast media buying supervisor by a Los Angeles advertising firm. Foote, Cone & Belding-Honig promoted Miss Johnston from the position of director of broadcast. Miss Johnston, a 1970 graduate of Cass City High School, is the daughter of Bill and Shirley Johnston, both of Cass City.

50 YEARS AGO (1972)

Becker's Zoo will soon open. Already on the farm are several peacocks, deer, a pair of chimpanzees, several monkeys, a pair of coyotes, a King vulture, numerous varieties of fowl, a pair of trye squirrels from South America and a coatimundi, a South American relative of the raccoon, named Snoopy. The zoo is located at the Charles Becker farm, 11 1/2 miles east of Cass City.

Ten boys and 2 girls took a 900-mile canoe trip July 10-15 in Canada as a reward for active participation in the local chapter of the Future Farmers of America. Mr. and Mrs. Ross Beach accompanied the group of Dennis Kessler, Dana Truemmer, Gordon Wills, Mike Nichol, Donna De-Long, Diane Lockwood, Duane Lockwood, Jim Dorland, Dan Cooper, Mike Stine, Jim Daley and Ken Hall.

The Artrain arrived Tuesday morning and Mrs. Holly Althaver, community coordinator, received a call from Washington, D.C., Tuesday requesting information about the train. Ellen Plummer, editor of a magazine called "Topic", indicated an interest in writing a story for the African edition of the magazine, to show how arts in America are shared with rural inhabitants. She will send a photographer to take pictures of the activities on the train and the surrounding area.

75 YEARS AGO (1947)

Jeannette Bond Shadko of J. L. Hudson's, Detroit, a former resident here, spent several days last week in St. Louis, Missouri. She attended the national convention

of Home Economists in Business and of the American Home Economics Association. In addition to the convention meetings the women visited some of St. Louis' interesting spots. At the beautiful Shaw Botanical Gardens, plants from all over the world are grown either outdoors or in greenhouses. The St. Louis Zoo is one of the most photographed zoos in the world because their animals are trained to do many cute tricks.

The senior class, Palmer School of Chiropractic, Davenport, Iowa, announces the graduation from that institution June 27, of Bernard A. O'Dell with the degree of Doctor of Chiropractic. Mr. O'Dell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren O'Dell, Cass City, who served two and one half years with the Army Air Forces as radio instructor, is a graduate of the Cass City High School and of the Business Institute of Detroit. He plans to enroll for post graduate work at the Logan Chiropractic College, St. Louis, in the near future. Mrs. Warren O'Dell, Mr. and Mrs. Carlon O'Dell and Mr. and Mrs. Dane Guisbert attended the graduation exercises and returned home from Davenport on Monday. Bernard O'Dell is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren O'Dell to graduate from the school at Davenport.

Ten Girl Scouts have taken advantage of the privilege to attend a Girl Scout camp and enough money was earned by the girls during the past year to pay camp expenses for one week. Annette Pinney and Mona Lee Howell will leave June 25 to spend two weeks at Camp Maqua on Loon Lake near Hale. On June 23, Mary Wood, Bonnie Jean Benkelman, Mary McClorey, Jeanette Parker, Damon Keppen, Jane Hunt, Anne Marie Lorentzen and Margaret Darling will leave to spend two weeks at camp Tyronne, near Fenton. All outdoor sports are featured at the camps and a choice of such interesting subjects as dramatics, handicrafts, etc. At Camp Maqua the girls are housed in tents and at Camp Tyronne the quarters are log cabins.

100 YEARS AGO (1922)

E.W. Jones, for fourteen years known as "The Grocer", has extended his business further by adding to his stock of groceries, crockery and notions, a complete line of dry goods. The new stock has already been shipped and will be on the shelves for inspection in a week or ten days. Mr. Jones has had experience in the dry goods lines before his coming to Cass City and so he is not entering the business as a novice but as one who knows the dry goods trade and the peoples needs.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dunham and baby of Royal Oak came Saturday to visit at the home of Mrs. Dunham's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Schwaderer. Mr. Dunham returned to his home Monday but Mrs. Dunham and baby are going to visit in this town for two weeks.

An unusually large percentage of the stockholders of the Cass City Cooperative Mercantile company attended the annual meeting which was held on Thursday, July 27, in the opera house. The meeting was also characterized by a general feeling of satisfaction and unanimity on the part of all present. Hugh Cooper was elected president of the company for the coming year with H. L. Hunt as secretary and Bert Knight as treasurer. Charles Bond and James Maharg were elected to serve on the board of directors. Emmet Philips was elected to succeed himself as manager for a term of one year. In all elections there was a general unanimity of opinion. Mr. Twing of the Bad Axe Farm Bureau was present at this meeting and gave a splendid address to the stockholders on the value and position of co-operative enterprises such as they had organized. His talk was listened to with considerable interest.

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Brookfield Township officials say plans for new hall alive and well

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

Although it was recently reported the Brookfield Township Board is looking to build a hall the township can call its own, the board has actually been planning the project for a while.

In March 2021, the township purchased property at 3630 Owendale Rd. during the Huron County tax foreclosure property sale. The township paid \$2,261 for the property, located between Harman Road and Montague Road, east of Fifth Street.

Currently, the township, village and fire department all share the Owendale Community Building, which was built in 1974.

The two government entities have a good working relationship, but over the years more records have been required to be stored, and fire equipment has become

larger and more of it necessary to fight fires.

The land purchased by the township is a prime location as the property has access to water, sewer, electric and natural gas.

According to township Clerk Mike Lorencz, design and engineering work will be forthcoming, and the plan is to have a functional and durable facility which would be adequate now and into the future.

Board members have started studying and planning a new fire station and township offices with a storage facility.

“Our present building is not ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant due to some areas not being accessible,” Lorencz noted. “We have limited storage areas and they are overflowing.”

As a result, some board members have to store township records in their homes.

And, the fire station is woefully overcrowded.

Township officials are searching for grants and loans to help fund the proposed construction.

If the project moves forward, the tentative plan is for the township to secure a quit-claim deed of their interest in the Owendale Community Building, but it is not possible for the government to give property away.

The two municipalities are discussing an exchange of value regarding the township’s share of the property in a quid pro quo agreement. The proposal is for the village to provide snow removal, lawn mowing, and to cover the cost of water until the value of the services equals the value of the township’s share of the community building.

It is estimated the township’s share of the building is approximately \$75,000.

News briefs

Music on tap at the “round barn”

GAGETOWN – The Thumb Octagon barn and Agricultural Museum near Gagetown will come alive with music this weekend.

Special events are planned for Sunday, July 17, including a performance by the Sheldon Family from 1 to 3 p.m. Then, from 7 to 9 p.m., there will be a country barn dance.

The barn is located at 6948 Richie Rd., Gagetown.

Senior workshops slated this week

THUMB — Senior Care of Michigan will be hosting a series of free, educational workshops focused on seniors.

Among the workshops are two set for today (Wednesday) – the first at 10 a.m. at Demotts Westpark Inn in Sandusky, and another starting at 2:30 p.m. at the Marlette District Library in Marlette.

Call (877) 326-6722 to register.

The workshops will address issues such as protecting one’s assets from nursing home expenses; the difference between Medicare and Medicaid; and new tax rules on IRAs, 401Ks, 403b, and other retirement accounts.

In addition, the series will address how to avoid probate and how to reduce or eliminate taxes on Social Security income.

Honors on tap during Huron Fair

BAD AXE — There will be a special recognition of two people during the 154th Huron County Fair that will run from July 31 to Aug. 6.

The Huron Community Fair board will be honoring Dee Esch, and Ralph Iden as the “Friends of the Fair” this year. They will be recognized during the junior livestock sale set for Aug. 5.

Esch and Identikits have both worked for the fair for several years, putting in countless hours helping to prepare for and working during the fair.

Vehicle show Aug. 7 in Watrousville

WATROUSVILLE — The United Methodist Church in Watrousville will host a car, truck and tractor show Sunday, Aug. 7, from 12:30 to 5 p.m. There will also be a craft and vendor show as well as lots of food offerings.

The cost to participate is \$10.

The owners of the first 60 vehicles will receive dash plaques, and awards will be presented in various categories, including best of show.

Open house on tap for new fire hall

EVERGREEN TOWNSHIP – Officials in Sanilac County’s Evergreen Township are planning to host an open house at their new fire hall, located at the corner of Shabbona and Decker roads.

The event is set for Saturday, July 30, starting at 3 p.m. There will be fire hall tours and free concessions along with a scheduled fly-in by a LifeNet Helicopter, Jaws of Life demonstration, interactive children’s activities and equipment tours.

The location of the new structure – which is expected to improve fire department response times throughout the township — is the result of an expanded partnership involving Evergreen and Argyle townships, with Evergreen providing a building and the Argyle Township Fire Department providing the equipment and manpower to operate it.

Hunter safety class set in Huron Co.

BAD AXE — A hunter safety class will be offered at the Uibly Fox Hunters Club, 2351 Uibly Rd., Bad Axe, next month.

Classes are slated for 9:30 a.m. Aug. 15, Aug. 16, Aug. 17, and at 5:30 p.m. on Aug. 21.

This program is for those who need to take the required hunter safety course in order to get a hunting license and to participate in some activities. This is a hands-on course, not an online course, which organizers feel is important.

The classes have 50 openings, but they will go fast. To sign up, go to the website <https://michigan.storefront.kalkomey.com/em/programs/1>.

Safe Sitter training on tap in village

CASS CITY – Hills and Dales Healthcare will be offering a Safe Sitter class Tuesday, July 26, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Hills and Dales Regional Education Center, 6667 Main St., Cass City.

The class fee is \$20, and students are asked to bring a sack lunch. Registration can be completed by contacting Becky at (989) 912-6365 or via email at rstein@hdghmi.org.

The Safe Sitter course is designed to prepare students in grades six through eight to be safe when they’re home alone, watching younger siblings or babysitting.

The instructor-led class is filled with fun games and role-playing exercises. Students also receive hands-on rescue skills training utilizing manikins.

911 camp, ‘night out’ slated Aug. 4

CARO – The Tuscola County Camp 911 is set for Thursday, Aug. 4, and area kids are invited to join in on the fun.

The annual day-long event will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Highland Pines School, 1381 Cleaver Rd., Caro.

The free safety camp for kids ages 10 to 15 is sponsored by Mobile Medical Response (MMR). MMR EMTs and paramedics serve as camp counselors to guide the campers through a variety of interactive experiences, including exploring ambulances, learning CPR, water safety and more.

Registration forms and additional information are available by contacting Brian Mattheis, 1162 W. Caro Rd., Caro, MI 48723, by calling (989) 399-3662 or (989) 233-6710.

A second free event – Tuscola County Night Out – is annually held in conjunction with the 911 camp and is scheduled for the same day and location from 4 to 7 p.m.

Tuscola County Night Out is an opportunity for area residents to check out fire trucks and police cars, fire department demonstrations and law enforcement equipment displays.

Updates on the planned activities will be posted on the Tuscola County Sheriff’s Department’s Facebook page.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery

Rotary planning to create sensory garden

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rooms, flowers, etc. – will also be incorporated into the design.

“Our intention is not to create another park; it’s just going to have some elements in there that the kids can enjoy,” she noted. “Some kids just get overstimulated with too much activity. (This) will be a more calming place for them to go.”

Fellow Rotary Club member Carolyn Sorenson, who organizes the annual Music in the Park summer concert series, agreed.

“It’ll be a great change to the park and asset even for our Friday

evening concerts and for the children attending — a great change and addition to our downtown,” Sorenson said.

Peters explained the sensory garden will be installed in an L-shape, with much of it installed along the north side of the existing park.

Club members estimate the sensory garden will cost somewhere in the neighborhood of \$13,000, and work on the project won’t begin before next spring.

“It’s in the planning stages, but it will definitely be a reality,” said Peters, who pointed out the club has applied for a Rotary grant and

will be seeking out other grant opportunities through the Tuscola County Community Foundation and Pinney Foundation, as well as asking community members to chip in what they can.

Editor’s note: Residents interested in making a donation are encouraged to contact any Cass City Rotary Club member, or mail a check earmarked for the project to: Rotary Club of Cass City, 6468 Main St., Suite Two, Cass City, MI 48726. Donations can also be dropped off at Knights Insurance, Thumb Bank and Trust, or Anderson, Tuckey Bernhardt and Doran, P.C.

Traffic crashes claim lives in Huron Co.

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to turn into a private driveway on M-53 (South Van Dyke Road), near Thomas Road, at about 6:50 a.m. June 27. “When she did so, she turned into the path of a 2020 Kenworth truck pulling a trailer, being driven by the sole occupant, 44-year-old Chad B. Gilbert of Filion, who unable to avoid impact,” Hanson reported.

“Ms. Hoyt was originally taken to McLaren Thumb Hospital by Central Huron Ambulance. Then (she) was transferred to an out-of-county hospital by helicopter with serious injuries.”

The truck driver reported he wasn’t injured.

Hanson said early morning bright sunlight may have been a factor in the crash.

Second fatal

Hanson also reported that a second motorist was killed in a collision Friday at about 6:15 p.m. on M-25 (Lakeshore Road), south of Atwater Road, in Sherman Township.

“Our accident investigators are still piecing it together, but a northbound 2012 Buick Enclave, occupied (by) a driver only, im-

packed with the side of a ’99 Saturn, occupied by a driver and passenger,” he said. “This crash resulted in the driver being fatally injured and the passenger being seriously injured. The Enclave driver complained of minor injuries.

“The Saturn passenger was taken to the Harbor Beach Hospital by Eastern Huron Ambulance Service and then flown out to an out-of-county hospital for specialized treatment.”

Hanson identified the victim as

Vincent J. Bechard, 67, of Marlette, and his passenger as Peter W. Kreiner, 62, also of Marlette. The driver of the Enclave was identified as Benjamin R. Gusa, 30, of Harbor Beach.

“This incident took place on a curved roadway and it is unclear at this point whether the Saturn had just pulled onto the roadway or was attempting to make a U-turn,” the sheriff said. “There were also witnesses to parts of the incident, but not all of it.”

The accident remains under investigation.

Daley fuel bill passes Senate

The Michigan Senate recently voted to approve Senator Kevin Daley’s legislation aimed at growing alternative fuel production in Michigan and providing cleaner, more affordable options for Michigan drivers.

“We’re seeing a major push to transition away from traditional fuels to electricity, but we just aren’t there yet,” said Daley (R-Lum), whose 31st District includes Tuscola County. “In the meantime, folks are being priced

out of driving as costs and reliance on foreign energy increases. This bill would bring Michigan to the forefront of domestic energy production using clean biofuels produced with renewable energy from Michigan farms.

“This is a benefit to Michigan drivers, Michigan farmers and Michigan processors,” the Thumb lawmaker added. “It’s a win-win-win for Michiganers.”

Senate Bill 814 would create a tax credit for retailers who choose to sell alternative fuels. The bill would create a five-cents-per-gallon tax credit for the sale of E-15 fuel and an 8.5-cents-per-gallon tax credit for the sale of E-85 fuel.

Both of the credits would expire after five years unless renewed by the Legislature.

Supporters note that the legislation is designed to help ensure stable, growing markets for Michigan farmers, who supply the corn for the state’s five ethanol plants.

“The return on investment is clear,” Daley said. “If signed into law, this would provide additional, more affordable options for Michigan drivers, ultimately saving families money at the pump.”

“If passed, this legislation will grow Michigan’s biofuel industry and keep production local, while also creating long-term, sustainable jobs, and ultimately providing cleaner and cheaper options that can fuel our economy and our cars for decades to come.”

SB 814 is now before the House of Representatives for consideration.

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My Corner

When America got it right...

by Ty Perry

It is an ironic thing: the same armchair activists and corporate giants that spent the month of June tripping over themselves in their efforts to demonstrate their rainbow-covered inclusivity and tolerance, are now viciously denouncing the reversal of Roe v. Wade.

But alas, consistency has never been a hallmark of the human race. Still, I marvel at the hypocrisy of those allegedly concerned with human rights. How exposing kindergarteners to sexual deviancy is acceptable, but fighting for the right to life of those same children — when they were in utero — would be an affront to human rights is beyond me.

The founders made it clear that they believed human rights were inherent and God-given. In Lloyd Schinnerer's eighth grade history class, we were required to memorize the opening lines of the U.S. Declaration of Independence, words Americans would do well to consider today...

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed..."

Unfortunately, throughout American history, there have been grievous times when, far from securing these rights, our government has denied them from a segment of society. The notable examples of slavery and discrimination against Japanese and black Americans come to mind.

But, thankfully, Americans have proven, at least at times, to be a repentant bunch, eager to recognize their national sins and to make strides toward reconciliation.

It seems to me that the reversal of Roe v. Wade, like that of Dred Scott v. Sandford and Plessy v. Ferguson, far from being an affront to American ideals and human rights, is a partial rectification of a past wrong.

Why, then, do so many voices decry this victory for human rights? Ultimately, it is because they demand absolute autonomy, no restraints. They, with Henley, wish to believe, "I am the master of my fate: I am the captain of my soul." Or, to put it in the modern vernacular, "My body, my choice."

Of course, a nation that will not be restrained by truth and divine authority will have a hard time finding justification for its rights.

If the basis of our rights is anything other than that they were given by God, then they cannot be unalienable. Thus, Roe v. Wade, a decision made in the wake of a national rejection of its Judeo-Christian foundation, was a fabrication of rights, not a recognition of those inherent to every person.

This is the problem the pro-abortion crowd faces today. For nearly 50 years, they looked to the Supreme Court as their law-giver and to Roe v. Wade as their oracle from on high. But rights granted by man can be rescinded just as easily. This they learned when, on June 24, 2022, the Supreme Court said what it should have said five decades ago — namely, that the Constitution nowhere guarantees, or even speaks of, a right to an abortion.

As for me, I wish this reversal reflected a change of the American heart toward righteousness. But I do not believe any such change has taken place. Rather, the reversal of Roe v. Wade is the result of a court that rightly seeks to interpret the Constitution as written; but not because of a nation bent on doing right.

Indeed, the question of whether unborn children can be murdered in their mother's wombs is still being entertained, albeit at the state level. Many states will undoubtedly enact radical laws that endanger the lives of unborn children and their families, and as long as the current administration is in power in Lansing, Michigan may be among them.

Still, my family and I join millions of Americans in enjoying this one, sweet moment. This moment that ensures, at least in some parts of the Union, that many children will be spared the tragic fate that 63 million others were not.

This moment when America got it right.

O-G officials approve new budget

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

The Owendale-Gagetown Board of Education recently approved the district's 2022-23 budget.

And, in spite of increased expenses, school officials expect to be able to have nearly \$200,000 more in revenue than in expenses for the coming year.

"The board built the new budget with the assumption of having a few less students, an increase in state aid per pupil, a continued increase in fuel costs, travel expenses, heating costs," explained Owen-Gage Schools Supt. Terri Falkenberg, noting additional increases are expected in curriculum and expected increases in wages.

Despite those anticipated increases, the district anticipates revenues will exceed spending by \$194,000.

In addition, as the financial books for the 2021-22 school year were closed out to start the next fiscal year July 1, the district ended the year with \$88,000 more in revenue than expenses.

Careful management as well as additional per-pupil funding from the state, and recovery funding from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic helped to bolster finances, according to Falkenberg.

In other business during the regular monthly meeting, the board accepted resignations from two employees.

Zach Osborn, who was the K-12 band and music teacher, and Bridgett Dahlke, a K-12 paraprofessional, are leaving Owen-Gage.

"Zach was with the district for two years. He received an opportunity closer to home," said Falkenberg. "Bridgett was only with the district for a year. She came out of the health field and excelled at the job. She is back in health currently, but I fully expect we may see her in the education field again someday."

The board also set the start of the 2022-23 school year. Teachers will return on Aug. 23 for professional development, while students return for the first day of classes Aug. 30.

Wind turbine trucks will impact area traffic

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

Continued wind farm development in Huron County will have an impact on some communities in Tuscola County as truck traffic involving transportation of wide loads increases over the next several days.

Wind turbine parts are arriving by ship in Bay City, and they are being offloaded onto semi-truck trailers and transported through Reese, Caro and Cass City enroute to their final destination in Huron County's Verona Township.

The Caro City Police Department

issued a notice that while the turbines are being transported, there will be traffic disruptions for about two weeks in the downtown area, with about 10 wide-load trucks traveling through the city per day.

Caro officials tried to have the truck caravans use alternate roadways, instead of going through the heart of Caro, but those efforts didn't work out.

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) determined M-81 is the only choice because M-46 is under construction and bridges on M-25 cannot handle the weight.

The first wide-load semi was expected to roll through Caro early Tuesday morning. Additional trucks are expected over a 17-day period.

As a result, Caro police are requesting that no one park on M-81 (State Street) during that time, as the rigs coming through are 15-foot wide, which will take up two lanes of traffic through the downtown. The police will be rerouting traffic.

Traveling through the village of Cass City will not be a problem because the community has the widest Main Street in the county, with four lanes of traffic.

Rental ordinance hearing on tap in village

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

The Cass City Village Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing Wednesday (today) starting at 7 p.m. at the municipal building.

The hearing will focus on a proposed ordinance regarding rental property and a rental inspection program.

A copy of the ordinance can be found on the village's website at www.casscity.org.

If approved, the new rules would require owners of rental property to register them and to have them inspected every three years.

If, during an inspection, violations of the ordinance are found, the rental property owner would have 15 days to address the problem(s). If the problem is not fixed during that time, the village could revoke the owner's certificate of compliance.

Under the proposed ordinance, if a renter files a complaint and no violation is found, the landlord would not be charged for the inspection. In addition, if a renter files a complaint and no violation is found, the renter could be charged the inspection fee.

Property owners will be able to appeal any finding of a violation to the village council, and the council's personnel and public safety committee would conduct a

hearing. The committee would then have 15 days to return a decision.

When a rental property changes

hands, the new owner will have 60 days to register the property with the village and set up an inspection.

Public Meeting Notice

Village of Cass City Committee of the Whole

To discuss proposed Rental Inspection Program and Ordinance for the Village of Cass City

at the Municipal Building
6506 Main Street, Cass City
Wednesday, July 13, 2022, at 7 PM

The proposed ordinance is available on the Village Website at www.casscity.org
(Tab to Government, Ordinances)
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Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

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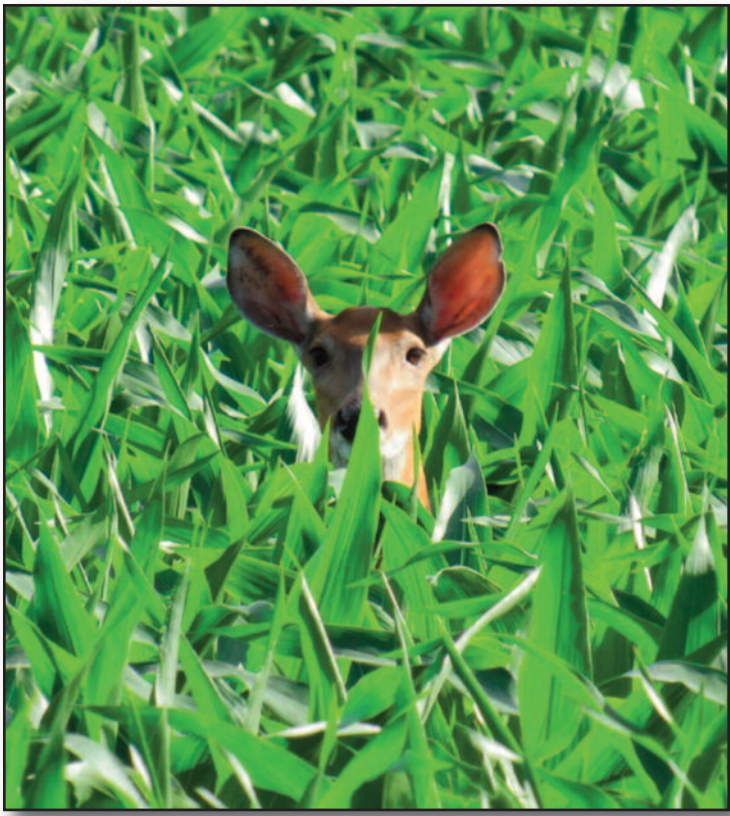
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Letters to the Editor

Continued from page three.

threatening wounds.

During Beach’s combat tour in Vietnam, he was assigned to the Third Battalion, Fourth Marines. On Sept. 28, 1966, he was critically wounded during Operation Prairie when the Third Battalion was engaged in pushing back the NVA’s 324th Division on Mutter’s Ridge.

While continually traversing the battlefield, ministering to the wounded marines and carrying them to the rear for medical treatment, Beach suffered severe leg and stomach injuries from mortar fire which ultimately led to the loss of his leg.

During his seven months in the combat zone, Beach distinguished himself as a “Chaplain of Marines”, earning him the Bronze Star for Valor, the Navy Commendation Medal for Valor, and the Purple Heart.

Today, the Navy Chaplain School’s Chaplain Stanley J. Beach Student Leadership Award is presented by the commanding officer of the Navy Chaplain School to the graduate who most exhibits “exceptional potential for leadership in ministry to the sea services.” In June 2012, the facility housing the U.S. Naval Chaplaincy School and Center in Fort Jackson, S.C., was named Stanley J. Beach Hall in honor of the former director of what was then called the Naval Chaplains School.

Vote “yes” on Extension millage

Editor,

Agriculture has been and is still a vital part of Tuscola County. Many businesses and store owners have told me that agriculture is the backbone for us to keep our doors open.

When I came to Tuscola County nearly 50 years ago, the corn yields per acre were only the state average of all the counties in Michigan. Therefore, the MSU Extension Service initiated research and demonstration variety plots in Tuscola County. As a result of these research efforts and variety trials, Tuscola County’s corn yields per acre have risen to one of the top yielding counties in Michigan.

The Saginaw Valley, with Tuscola County in the center, has been noted as the third richest valley in the world. We have some of the best soil to produce the agricultural crops of corn, sugar beets, dry beans, soybeans, forages and specialty crops.

A very important vote will be confronting you on Aug. 2. Let’s keep agriculture at the forefront by keeping the MSU Extension office open.

Thank you,

William (Bill) Bortel

Editor’s note: Bill Bortel is a Caro area resident and former longtime Tuscola County MSU Extension director.

Circuit court proceedings

Defendants appear for pleas and sentencing

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

*Gilbert H. Freeman, 55, Caro, was sentenced to 15 to 40 years in prison following his pleas of no contest to two counts of criminal sexual conduct, first degree, involving personal injury to the victim Dec. 3, 2019, in Indianfields Township.

Freeman was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to prison time, he was ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$326.

*Matthew C. Huston, 33, Caro, was sentenced to 90 days in jail following his plea of no contest to a charge of aggravated assault Aug. 2 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

In addition to jail time, he was placed on probation for 12 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$685.

*David L. Withers, 58, Vassar, was placed on probation for 36 months following his pleas of no contest to delivery/manufacture of methamphetamine, subsequent offense; delivery/manufacture of marijuana or a synthetic equivalent, subsequent offense; possession of a firearm by a felon; and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony.

He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (two prior felony convictions).

In addition to probation, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$3,462 plus restitution of \$692.73.

*Shawn M. Miners, 31, Mayville, received a one-year delayed sentence following his pleas of no contest to charges of unlawful imprisonment and domestic violence Oct. 18 in Mayville.

He was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,208.

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2022-23 officials registration underway with new benefits to help grow ranks

by Geoff Kimmerly
 media@mhsaa.com

The Michigan High School Athletic Association is accepting registrations online or by mail for game officials for the 2022-23 school year, and is providing a pair of significant new benefits intended to attract new officials and bolster the number of current officials who work multiple sports.

The MHSAA annually receives registration by more than 9,000 officials, but dipped below 8,000 for 2020-21 as school sports navigated the COVID-19 pandemic. The 2021-22 school year saw a slight bounce back to 8,128 officials registered – an increase of two percent compared to the previous year – and officials who register for the upcoming school year will receive additional perks that will further boost the already high level of support provided to those serving MHSAA member schools. Beginning this summer, all offi-

cialists who register may sign up for up to two sports as part of that registration. Officials previously registered separately for each sport they wished to work, providing 13,896 sport registrations total in 2021-22 – or with every registered official signing up for approximately 1.7 sports on average.

Officials also will receive membership in the National Association of Sports Officials (NASO), which comes with a variety of educational and training resources including a subscription to an MHSAA-branded “Referee” digital magazine, and the NASO’s Shield liability insurance that will provide \$6 million in coverage for officials while they are working both MHSAA and non-MHSAA events. The previous MHSAA-provided liability coverage, while still substantial, covered those officials only during MHSAA events.

“We are excited about the potential of these new benefits to not only attract new officials, but

drive growth of our officiating pool from within,” said MHSAA assistant director Brent Rice, who supervises the officials program. “We hope our current single-sport officials will take advantage of this opportunity and help us bolster our numbers in other sports. Add in the resources and insurance from NASO – the largest officials advocate in the world – and we hope this package attracts officials to join us and stay with us at a time when we are facing our greatest need for these indispensable contributors to school sports.”

For all new and returning officials, a \$70 fee covers registration for up to two sports. Officials may register for additional sports at \$16 per sport.

To avoid a \$30 late fee, all fall sport registration applications must be received by Aug. 16, 2022. Winter sports registrations must be received by Nov. 11 to avoid the late fee, and spring sports registrations must be received by March 17, 2023.

Online registration can be accessed by clicking “Officials” on the home page of the MHSAA Website at <https://www.mhsaa.com>. More information about officials registration may be obtained by contacting the MHSAA by phone at (517) 332-5046 or by e-mail at register@mhsaa.com.

There is an officials’ registration test for first-time officials and officials who were not registered during the past school year, derived from the MHSAA Officials Guidebook. New officials and those who didn’t officiate during 2021-22 also must complete the online MHSAA Principles of Officiating course. Additional exams must be taken by those registering for football or basketball for the first time or those who were not registered for those sports during the previous school year. Links to the Officials Guidebook, Principles of Officiating presentation and the football and basketball mechanics manuals can be found by following the “New Officials” link on the Officials page of the MHSAA Website.

There also are opportunities to officiate for students at least 14 years old and in grades 9-12 through the MHSAA Legacy Program. Juniors and seniors may officiate subvarsity contests, while freshmen and sophomores may officiate contests at the middle school/junior high levels. Mentor officials will work events with Legacy participants to provide guidance and support. Find information on the Legacy Program by clicking “REGISTER NOW” on the Officials page of the MHSAA Website and following the “Legacy Official Information” link.

The MHSAA is a private, not-for-profit corporation of voluntary

membership by more than 1,400 public and private senior high schools and junior high/middle schools which exists to develop common rules for athletic eligibility and competition. No government funds or tax dollars support the MHSAA, which was the first such association nationally to not

accept membership dues or tournament entry fees from schools. Member schools which enforce these rules are permitted to participate in MHSAA tournaments, which attract more than 1.4 million spectators each year.

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North Central Thumb League - Stripes 2022 All-League Softball Selections

CPS, Caseville, Owen-Gage, and Peck

First Team All-League

- Annaka NZ – BCAS – Sophomore
- Iris Costilla – BCAS – Senior
- Aubrey Hopkins – Caseville – Sophomore
- Emma Hopkins – Caseville – Senior
- Ryleigh Smith – CPS – Senior
- Shelby Bowers – Owengage – Sophomore
- Sydney Parker – Peck – Freshman
- Ryleigh Ureel – Peck – Freshman
- Reiss Lonnberg – Peck – Junior
- Alina Heiden – Peck – Senior

Second Team All-League

- Aubrey Hellebuyek – Owen-Gage – Eighth
- McKenzie Simmons – Caseville – Sophomore
- Kaitlynn Purcell – Caseville – Sophomore
- Chloe DeLong – CPS – Junior
- Shaylynn Thursion – Owen-Gage – Freshman
- Erin Morrish – Owen-Gage – Junior
- Madison Taylor – Peck – Freshman
- Ava Collins – Peck – Freshman
- Hannan Fretenborough – Peck – Senior

North Central Thumb League - Stripes 2022 All-League Baseball Selections

BCAS, CPS, Caseville, and Peck

First Team All-League

- Steven Lukins – BCAS – Junior
- Zack Konies – BCAS – Senior
- Eli Wall – BCAS – Sophomore
- Devin Schular – BCAS – Sophomore
- Trenton Mitchell – CPS – Senior
- Nik Lewis – CPS – Junior
- Easton Caldwell – CPS – Senior
- Caleb Lentner – Peck – Junior
- Brady Babcock – Peck – Junior
- Gabe Gerber – Peck – Junior

Second Team All-League

- Brendan VanSumerin – BCAS – Junior
- Logan Cudejko – BCAS – Junior
- Jordan Ambrosiak – BCAS – Senior
- Nathan Feltner – Caseville –
- Mason Cregeur – Caseville –
- Casey Baker – Caseville –
- Alex Durban – Caseville –
- Mason Gorman – CPS – Senior
- Dalton Sempff – Peck – Sophomore

Cass City Red Hawk

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK


Katelyn Rockwell is Knights Insurance Agency’s selection for this week’s Red Hawk Athlete of the Week honors.

Katelyn helped the Cass City junior varsity softball team to an unbelievable 29-1-1 record during her freshman campaign with solid play in the outfield and big numbers in the batter’s box.

For the season, Katelyn held a .398 average that included seven doubles and three triples. She knocked in 16 runs and scored 47 times.



“Katelyn was the lead-off hitter in the lineup nearly every game this season and did a great job. Hard to believe, but the freshman outfielder also happens to be the only girl currently in the entire program who bats from the left side of the plate. She has that competitive spirit you want your players to have,” says Cass City JV coach Nathan Fritz.

Katelyn is the daughter of Mark and Stephanie Rockwell.



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Giorgio from Italy, 16 yrs.

Loves to play baseball and spend time with his dogs. Giorgio also plays the guitar, and his dream is to join a drama club at his American high school.



Obituaries

William J. Ehrlich, Sr.

William J. Ehrlich, Sr., 73, of Gagetown, died Wednesday, July 6, 2022 in Covenant Cooper Hospital, Saginaw.

William was born September 17, 1948 in Caro, to Christian and Lucille (Weiler) Ehrlich.

He married Carol Ann Seeley on July 6, 1968 in St. Agatha Catholic Church, Gagetown.

Bill graduated from Owendale-Gagetown High School in 1966.

He began working in the office for GTE before joining the U.S. Navy and served during Vietnam as a corpsman. Following his military service, Bill returned to work at GTE, now Verizon, for almost forty years.

He was a lifelong member of St. Agatha Catholic Church.

Bill was a member of the village council in Gagetown and the Cass City Gagetown Knights of Columbus Council #8892. He was also an active Elmwood Township firefighter for many years.

Bill enjoyed golfing at Sherwood on the Hill and collecting golf memorabilia. He maintained a large collection of vintage motorcycles that he enjoyed riding and tinkering with.

William is survived by his wife, Carol; son, William John (Camille) Ehrlich, Jr. of Cass City; grandson, Austin Coryell; sister, Mary Lou Thick of Gagetown; brother, Richard (Jeannine) Ehrlich of Caseville; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Earnest and Clara Seeley; and brother-in-law, Dennis Thick.

Memorial mass will be held Tuesday, July 12, in Our Lady Consolata Parish, Gagetown with Rev. T.J. Fleming officiating.

Interment will be in St. Agatha Cemetery. Military honors conducted under direction of the Cass City V.F.W. Post #3644 and the U.S. Navy Honor Guard.

Memorials may be made to Cass City V.F.W. Post #3466, Elmwood Township Fire Department, or Our Lady Consolata Parish (for the St. Agatha Cemetery Fund) with check made out to Our Lady Consolata Parish.

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

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.



Aaron J. Hewitt

Aaron J. Hewitt, 46, of Charlotte, NC, died unexpectedly while walking the Camino de Santiago, a pilgrimage across northern Spain on June 11, 2022.

Aaron was born in Cass City, Michigan, on December 18, 1975.

He graduated from Central Michigan University in 1998 with a degree in Athletic Training, where he parlayed a summer internship into a full-time position as an athletic trainer with the Minnesota Vikings. Aaron returned to Central Michigan to receive his master's degree in Physician Assistant studies in 2002.

Shortly after, he made the big move to Charlotte, NC, to begin his orthopedic career with OrthoCarolina. It was here he met the love of his life, Amanda, who he married on May 16, 2014.

After 15 years at OrthoCarolina, Aaron accepted a job offer to join Arthrex in their Medical Education department, and in 2018, he and Amanda relocated to Naples, Florida. In addition to working at Arthrex, Aaron most recently earned his MBA, graduating in 2021. Charlotte has always been home, and he and Amanda were set to return to begin a new role as Director of Medical Education at Peerless Surgical.

Aaron was a friend to all and easy to love, famous for his megawatt smile and making friends instantly. He was an avid Cross Fitter, creating lifelong friendships at Ultimate CrossFit and North Naples CrossFit. Aaron also completed four marathons, multiple half marathons, and loved participating in the Cooper River Bridge Run with a big group of friends every year.

Aaron loved snowboarding, hiking, and was always the resident travel planner and social director for his friends. Friends and family were incredibly important to Aaron, especially his wife of 8 years, Amanda. Aaron and Amanda were frequent travelers, having travelled to over 15 countries in their time together.

A spiritual pursuit and his love for travel took him to Spain to complete a decade-long dream of hiking the Camino de Santiago. It will come as no surprise that he quickly befriended fellow pilgrims who considered themselves "familia." Aaron had a contagious zest for life and a passion for making the world a better place, which everyone will agree he accomplished.

No words are adequate to describe what he meant to so many. He has touched countless lives, and will be deeply missed by his family, friends and all who knew him.

Aaron is survived by his wife, Amanda; his mother, Amor West; stepmother, Freda Hewitt (Dave) Dalton; Amanda's parents, Dave and Joan Lombardo; sisters: Carol Hewitt, Teresa (Dwight) Gascho and Anne (Ryan) Keller; brothers, Ed (Jayne) Hewitt and Alfred (Elaina) Hewitt; many nieces and nephews; and his faithful, furry companion of 16 years, Greta.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ervie Hewitt; and sister, Kathy Pudelko.

Visitation will be held from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. and a celebration of Life service will take place at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, July 17, in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City followed by a gathering for family and friends in Beagio's Pizza and Restaurant of Kingston.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.



Edna Kujawski

Edna Mae Kujawski, 80, of Cass City, passed away unexpectedly Tuesday, July 5, 2022 in Gagetown.

Edna was born May 1, 1942 to the late Steve and Kathryn (Lutomski) Karpovich.

On May 9, 1987 Edna married Gordon Kujawski at St. Priscilla Catholic Church in Livonia.

From a young age, Edna had a heart to help others.

She earned a degree in education from Madonna College and went on to receive a Master's Degree from Eastern Michigan University honing her teaching skills to teach in various middle schools in Michigan. Edna's greatest teaching experience was in Ghana, Africa, where not only did she impact the lives of students there, but her life was also forever impacted by those she taught.

Baking wedding cakes was a love she had that included baking her own wedding cake, and she even held a grooms cake in her lap as she flew to Arizona for her stepson's wedding.

Family, faith and friends were all important to Edna. She was very active in her church, running the Food Pantry at St. Agatha Church and helping wherever she saw a need, which contributed to being the 2012 recipient of the Bishop Murphy Award from the Diocese of Saginaw.

As an avid gardener, retiring at fifty-five gave her the opportunity to spend more time with her flowers and appreciating her Polish - Ukrainian heritage. After being away from home for many years, Edna returned to her hometown of Cass City with Gordy twenty years ago to enjoy living in the country.

Left to cherish Edna's memory is her loving husband of thirty-seven years, Gordon; four step-sons, Kevin of Livonia, Greg and his wife Justine, Matthew and David Kujawski, all of Arizona; seven grandchildren; and nephew, David Karpovich and his wife Holly of Cass City.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Stephen Karpovich.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:30 a.m.

on Thursday, July 14,

at Our Lady Consolata Parish Gagetown

with Fr. Christian

Tabares officiating.

Burial will follow

the service at the

church cemetery.

The family will be

present to receive

friends at the Ransford

Collon Funeral Home in

Caro on Wednesday from

4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., where

a rosary will be prayed at 7:00 p.m. There will be an additional viewing at the church on Thursday from 10:30 a.m. until the time of the service at 11:30 a.m.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorials to the Emmaus House of Saginaw, 733 S. 14th Street, Saginaw, Michigan 48601 or the St. Agatha Cemetery Fund (Our Lady Consolata Parish) in memory of Edna.

The family was assisted with these arrangements by the Ransford Collon Funeral Home of Caro.

Friends may share memories, thoughts, and prayers online at www.RansfordCollon.com.



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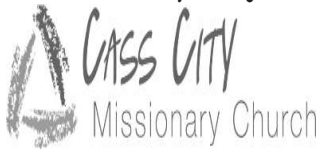
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Wednesday Activities: 6:30 p.m.

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Sunday Morning Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.

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Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems



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Behavioral Health Systems

Michigan's public mental health system has a long history of serving those in need. Through contracts with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), Community Mental Health Service Programs (CMHSPs) are the local community providers and/or managers of services and supports for individuals with severe and persistent mental illness, intellectual/developmental disabilities, serious emotional disturbance and co-occurring disorders. CMHSP providers are accountable to citizens through County Boards of Commissioners, which appoints a twelve person CMH board. The TBHS Board of Directors meet the 4th Thursday of the month.

Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems (TBHS) is an organization that manages the behavioral health services and supports for Tuscola County residents who meet requirements for eligibility. TBHS manages allocated state and county resources to ensure quality behavioral health care. We rely on our partnership with the community for input and direction, and value open communication with all of our stakeholders. Our staff include clinical and administrative professionals dedicated to helping improve the behavioral health status of our community.

Who is Eligible for Services with TBHS?

In general, we provide services for Medicaid recipients and uninsured individuals with:

- Severe and Persistent Mental Illness (Adults)
- Serious Emotional Disturbance (Children)
- Intellectual/Developmental Disability
- Co-Occurring Disorder

As outlined in Michigan's Mental Health Code, Public Act 258 of 1974, Michigan's public mental health system serves as a local public safety net for the state's most vulnerable citizens, regardless of ability to pay. Individuals who receive services live, work and play in our community. They have hopes, dreams, desires and expectations - along with the added challenge of a mental health issue or intellectual/developmental disability. Services are confidential.

Emergency Services for Mental Health Crisis Situations are available 24 hours a day/7 days a week by calling 1.800.462.6814.

Mobile Crisis Services for Youths provides immediate intervention to assist individuals (from birth-21 years of age) experiencing emotional symptoms and/or dynamics impacting their functioning ability. Available Monday-Friday, 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm by calling 1.800.462.6814 for individuals with Medicaid, MIChild and Healthy MI Plan.

Tuscola Behavioral Health System's Mission Statement: Our mission is to empower individuals and families on their journey toward wellness and recovery by providing access to comprehensive behavioral health care services in our community.

What is Mental Health? The term mental health is defined in different ways. Some definitions emphasize positive psychological well-being, whereas others see it as the absence of mental health problems. For example, the World Health Organization has defined mental health as "a state of well-being in which the individual realizes their own abilities, can cope with normal stresses of life, can work productively and fruitfully, and is able to make a contribution to his or her community."

Mental health is seen as a continuum ranging from having good mental health to experiencing mental health challenges. A person will vary along this continuum at different points in his/her life. A person with good mental health will feel in control of their emotions, will have good cognitive functioning, and will have positive interactions with people. This allows a person to perform well at work, in their studies and in family and other social relationships. Source: Mental Health First Aid

Mental health issues can occur in men, women and children of any age and in all races and ethnic groups. They can be the result of family history, genetics or other biological, environmental, social or behavioral factors that occur alone or in combination.

What are Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDDs)?

Intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDDs) are disorders that are usually present at birth and that uniquely affect the trajectory of the individual's physical, intellectual, and/or emotional development. Many of these conditions affect multiple body parts or systems. Intellectual disability starts before a child turns 18 and is characterized by differences with both intellectual functioning or intelligence, which include the ability to learn, reason, problem solve and other skills and adaptive behavior, which includes everyday social and life skills. Source: National Institutes of Health (NIH)

What can you do to counter the stigma of mental health and disabilities?

Learn and share the facts about mental health and intellectual/developmental disabilities, especially if you hear or read something that isn't true. Treat people with respect and dignity, as you would anybody, avoid labeling individuals, support people, understand that mental illnesses are like any other treatable health condition, emphasize abilities, not limitations, provide opportunities for participation and inclusion for everyone.

At TBHS, all staff are responsible for treating every person, without exception, with respect and compassion. We see it everyday - those triumphant moments when someone takes a step toward independence. Perhaps the step is small, perhaps it is larger. But it is always magnificent and every single time, the benefit achieved by the individual is also of benefit to the community as a whole. That's what we do at TBHS. We CULTIVATE HOPE. The HOPE that someone has when taking their first small step toward recovery. We nurture dreams. The dream of much larger steps, such as, becoming gainfully employed and living independently. Simply put, what Community Mental Health does is grow human potential.

Free Opportunity for community members:

As part of TBHS' commitment to offer residents of Tuscola County innovative ways to promote mental health, personal health and wellness, particularly during increasing levels of stress and anxiety,



TBHS is offering residents the digital mental health platform, myStrength. Residents can download the app in the Apple store, through the Google play store or by visiting mystrength.com.

How to register: Click on sign up and enter access code **TUSCOLA** if living in Tuscola County or enter access code **TUSCOLA OUTREACH** if living outside of Tuscola County. By registering, individuals will be supporting and enhancing their mental health and wellness 24/7 using their smartphone, computer, or tablet at no cost and in the privacy of their own home. myStrength is a confidential digital behavioral health solution of evidenced-based activities to manage stress and bolster mental health and wellness. myStrength is designed to help people improve well-being and enhance sleep, mood, depression, anxiety and more. Within the app, residents can personalize their experience and learn how to cultivate mindfulness and resilience and strengthen skills to improve emotional health.



Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems

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Clinical Programs Located at:

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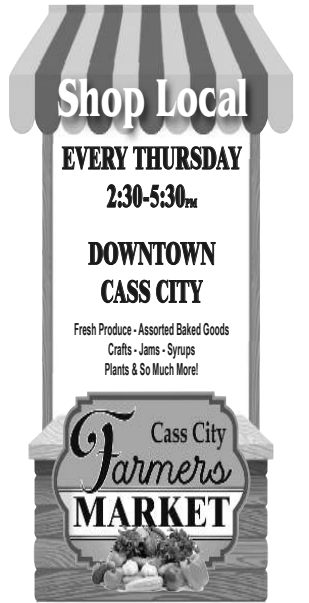
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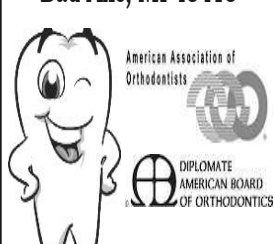
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Committee of the Whole

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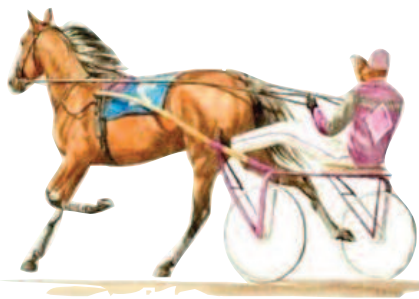
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Thurs., July 28

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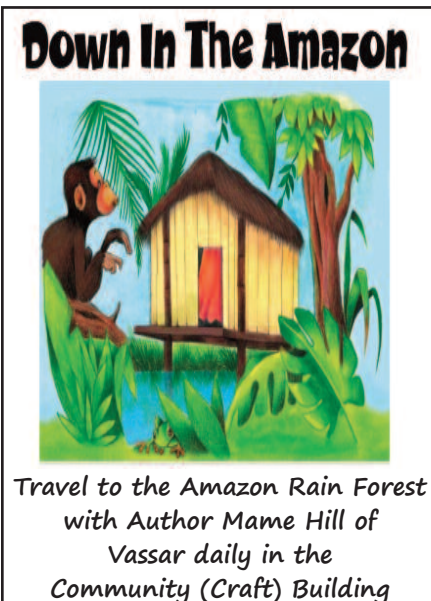
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