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## Cold? Whoooo, me?

**THIS FEMALE Snowy Owl** doesn’t seem to mind the extended frigid, single-digit temperatures Thumb residents have had to endure in the new year so far. Cass City Photographer Cheryl Viney Osentoski captured this picturesque winter image last week on Caseville Road, just outside of Owendale.

## Blowin’ in the wind: turbine tax battle finally headed for court

by Mary Drier  
Special for the Chronicle

An ongoing controversy over the way wind turbines are taxed will finally be heading to court. The issue of changing the taxable

rate of turbines is expected to go to court in March or April after several years of waiting, according to Tuscola County Controller Mike Hoagland. Contention over wind development started in 2011 when the Michigan

Tax Commission (STC) arbitrarily changed the taxing methodology and depreciation related to wind turbines. The change lowered taxable values on turbines and resulted in faster depreciation rates.

The STC refused to answer questions regarding why it made the changes and has refused to review the impact of its actions. Because the change meant millions of dollars in lost revenue, the counties and some townships that were impacted joined together to form the Michigan Renewable Energy Collaborative (MREC). Among the MREC members are the counties of Gratiot, Huron, Mason, Sanilac and Tuscola, as well as a number of townships in those counties.

The collaborative hired attorney Clark Hill to represent them in challenging STC’s decision.

Under the state tax commission’s 2011 ruling, wind turbines went from a 100 percent assessment in the

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## New batch of med students arriving at Hills and Dales

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City is continuing a partnership with a Michigan university that has benefited both over the past few years. Hospital officials say it’s an arrangement that has benefited Hills and Dales by introducing physicians-in-training who help to care for area residents in the community during their internships. The medical students, meanwhile, benefit via exposure to healthcare in a rural setting.

“Hills and Dales is pleased to announce a continued partnership with Central Michigan University’s (CMU) Comprehensive Community Clerkship program, part of the CMU Medical School,” said Danielle Blaine,

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## Sheriff encourages citizens to join the ranks of advocates

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Glen Skrent has been Tuscola County’s new sheriff for just a couple of weeks, but he’s already focusing on programs designed to improve his department’s response to local citizens, especially accident and crime victims and their families.

And he’s asking residents to play an active role in that response.

Skrent last week utilized the sheriff’s department’s Facebook page to ask members of the community to consider volunteering to serve on his victim services unit. He noted the number of people serving on the unit has dropped and more people are needed.

“The unit, which was formed in 1996, is a group of volunteers who make themselves available to help victims of major crimes or other serious life-changing incidents in the first hours after the incident,” Skrent said.

“The three major roles of victim services unit advocates are to provide immediate comfort and to help victims, to make referrals to appropriate agencies and services according to need, and to serve as a go-between for the victims, their families, scene officials, and emergency service providers,” he explained.

“Many volunteers have been victims themselves and understand the need for support through a crisis that can feel overwhelming at times.”

Skrent said victim advocates take turns being available 24 hours a day. “Currently, advocates are signing up for a week at a time, so more volunteers would lighten the load,” he added.

“If the sheriff’s office or other first responders in Tuscola County requests a response to a scene, two advocates are required to respond,” Skrent said. “Types of situations advocates are typically called to include domestic and sexual assaults, homicide, suicide, natural deaths, natural disasters, missing persons, drownings, auto or recreational vehicle accidents, and other catastrophes as needed.

“Advocates make initial contact with victims and families and place a follow-up call, but are not counselors and will not be involved in a long-term relationship.”

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Sheriff Glen Skrent

## Tuscola County RTL set for its annual gathering

The Tuscola County Right to Life affiliate has scheduled its annual Sanctity of Life memorial service to be held next week in Caro.

The event will take place on the front steps of the county courthouse on State Street (M-81) Sunday, Jan. 15, at 3 p.m. The keynote speaker will be Pastor Chris Howard of the First Baptist Church of Caro.

The memorial service will include a short message from Howard, prayer, singing of “God Bless America” and the taking of a group photograph. The event is open to the general public and is one of numerous similar events being held in Michigan and across the country. After the first part of the service, there will be a fellowship gathering indoors at the Blessing Center, 209 N. State St., with hot chocolate and coffee being served.

Nearly 44 years have passed since the landmark Supreme Court rulings in Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton that changed the nation’s response to pregnancy.

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## Community mourns the loss of Dagmar “Walker” Brown, 94, last week

by Mary Drier  
Special for the Chronicle

An iconic Cass City figure has passed away. Dagmar (Martinek) Brown, 94, of Cass City, died suddenly, Tuesday, Jan. 3, at her home.

Brown’s claim to local fame was walking. She walked every day whenever possible. She completed the annual Labor Day Mackinac Bridge Walk and the Tuscola County Human Development’s Walk for Warmth several times.

She was known for a unique walking style, described as having a half-trot/run gate to her stride.

“She was always proud of her service in the Navy as well as the many bridge walks which resulted in meeting many Michigan governors,” said Tuscola County Commissioner Thom Bardwell.

At 94, she completed her 56th Mackinac Bridge walk over the 2016 Labor Day holiday weekend, even though she was legally blind and had to use a walker.

Brown missed the first two bridge walks because she couldn’t find a ride. However, she completed the bridge walk with each governor since the event was founded by Governor G. Mennen “Soapy” Williams in the late 1950s.

Until age started slowing her down, Brown kept track and prided herself on how fast she could walk the five-mile length of the bridge.

“Her walks and waves will be missed, yet we know that she accomplished all she desired, and no doubt more in the hearts of her friends, family and those who knew her and her determination,” Bardwell said of the woman who lived only a few miles from him.

In addition to being an avid walker, Brown was a true patriot.

“I’ve known Dagmar Brown my entire life. She was always a very kind and gracious lady, a hard worker, very independent and a good neighbor. There was no doubt Dagmar was fiercely proud of being a World War II veteran and was a true American patriot – she could get feisty when required,” commented Cass City area resident and outdoors columnist Tom Lounsbury.

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**BROWN IS** pictured above during the 2015 Memorial Day ceremony at Elkland Township Cemetery, where she took part in a wreath-laying presentation along with two other local World War II veterans – Bruce Sherman (left) and Emerson Kennedy.



## Tilt and Hoppe local winners in VFW-sponsored essay contests

Members of VFW Post 3644, Cass City, recently recognized the local winners in a pair of VFW-sponsored essay contests.



ALEXANDRIA Tilt, a Cass City seventh grade student, was recently named a winner in the Patriots Pen essay contest sponsored locally by VFW Post 3644, Cass City. Her essay will now go on to the district level.

“At the beginning of each school year, National VFW Headquarters sponsors scholastic competitions across the country in the form of ‘Patriots Pen’ and ‘Voice of Democracy’,” explained Joe Merchant, District 10 junior vice commander and commander of VFW Post 3644.

The Patriots Pen competition is open to junior high school students in grades six through eight. The theme of this year’s essay was “The America I Believe In”, and the local winner is Alexandria Tilt, a seventh grade student and the daughter of Barbie and John Tilt.

The Voice of Democracy, meanwhile, is a speech presentation competition open to all high schools in grades nine through 12. This year’s theme was “My Responsibility to America”, and the local winner is Shane Hoppe, a Cass City sophomore and the son of Michelle and Jeffrey Hoppe.

“Both these students’ entries were forwarded to our district headquarters for further evaluation and to be considered for possible state-level judging,” Merchant said. “Both students received award certificates and a cash token at the local level.

“Should a (local) student win the National VFW competition, the scholarship award is quite substantial. For example, the winner of Voice of Democracy will receive \$30,000 in scholarship money for further education,” he added.

## Senior movies set Jan. 20 at the library

Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City will be hosting its next monthly Senior Citizen Movies Friday, Jan. 20, at 1:30 p.m.

Films slated to be shown are:  
\*“Soul of the Elephant” – Award-winning filmmakers Dereck and

Beverly Joubert spent two years filming this intimate look at elephants.

The Jouberts start with the remains of two bull elephants and through a series of key flashbacks, look at the lives they would have led, the dra-

mas they may have seen, their great migrations for water with their families, and their encounters with lions and hyenas (60 minutes).

\*“Arabia” – With breathtaking cinematography, go deep into the heart of this exotic land to experience the great mystique of Arabia. You will discover the lost city of Madain Saleh and explore its ancient tombs, travel along the early frankincense trade route, confront a wild desert sandstorm and dive among the coral reefs and ancient shipwrecks of the Red Sea.

This powerful tour de force offers a deeper understanding of a fascinating culture and way of life that has largely remained hidden until now (46 minutes).

Refreshments will be served. This older adult program is offered free of charge.

## RTL ceremony

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Because of those rulings, abortion is legal through all nine months of pregnancy.

“After 44 years, we are still here, still ready to march and defend the lives of babies preparing to be born,” said Right to Life of Michigan President Barbara Listing. “Positive changes are being made in Michigan, the pro-life movement is thriving, but our life-saving work continues because there is a need to value human life.”

According to the Michigan Department of Community Health, a total of 27,151 induced abortions were reported in 2015 throughout Michigan – a decrease from 2014 and a 45-percent drop since 1988, the year when the largest number of induced abortions was reported.

There were 46 babies from Tuscola County who were aborted in 2015.

At one time there were as many as 72 abortion clinics operating in Michigan. Today, there are about 19.

“We celebrate the decrease in abortions performed in Michigan and mourn the lives lost,” Listing said. Abortions represent a void in our communities. This reality leaves many heartbroken. Abortion hurts women, babies and families.

“To think that an abortion only impacts a mother and her child preparing to be born removes the genuine pain family members experience when abortion touches their lives,” she added. “That is why Right to Life of Michigan is made up of local pro-life groups in the cause of protecting life. As communities pulling together, pro-life people join to offer real options to women facing untimely pregnancies.

“I am honored to represent Right to Life of Michigan,” Listing continued. “We are people who acknowledge that human life is precious and irreplaceable. The values we embrace lead us to reject the taking of human life to resolve the challenge of life itself.

“The memorial of Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton give us an opportunity to reflect on the sanctity of human life.”

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In Our  
OPINION...

Clarke Haire  
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Editor

# Shop smart when seeking out a gym

Area residents who included joining a fitness center to jump-start a healthier lifestyle in the new year will want to be careful when they go shopping for a gym.

That’s the message Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette is once again sharing by encouraging residents to shop smart and check out the consumer alert his office has available regarding making educated choices when it comes to fitness center and health club memberships.

In 2016, the Attorney General’s Consumer Protection Division received 84 complaints from Michigan consumers against health clubs and fitness centers. The majority of the complaints involved discrepancies between what consumers say they were told by sales personnel and what the signed contract actually guaranteed.

In particular, consumers reported the written cancellation procedure frequently differed from what they were told by the salesperson. Consumers also complained about high-pressure sales tactics and feeling rushed to sign contracts.

In the consumer alert, “Lose Weight, Not Money”, Schuette advises consumers to follow these guidelines:

*\*Check with your doctor prior to beginning a fitness program.*

*\*Stop by the club during the times you would normally use the facility to determine if it is overcrowded. Examine the facility for cleanliness and the condition of the equipment.*

*\*Carefully consider the cost of the membership and whether you can afford to make the necessary payments. If the services of instructors and/or trainers are provided, inquire about the training qualifications of the staff and whether you will be charged for the service. Do tannings, aerobics, or other classes require additional fees?*

*\*A long-term contract may not be right for you. Ask whether a month-to-month or other short-term contract or trial membership is available. Regardless of the length of your contract, ask if you can pay monthly. If the club closes you may lose less money.*

*\*Make sure you understand the cancellation and refund policies before signing the contract. What happens if your move, are injured, or get a serious illness? Also, what happens if the fitness center goes out of business? A “lifetime” membership is really only good for the lifetime of the business, not your lifetime.*

*\*Read any contract carefully before signing, and after you sign, make sure to keep a copy to ensure you aren’t being asked to pay additional fees not mandatory to keep your contact in good standing.*

It’s also wise to ask friends or relatives for recommendations. Search for reviews online and contact the Consumer Protection Division to find out if complaints have been filed against the health club you are considering. If you are considering a membership at a large franchise, find out whether all of the locations will honor your membership.

For more information, contact the Attorney General’s Consumer Protection Division toll-free by calling 877-765-8388.

Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

Sbohem -- Goodbye in Czechoslovakian



Life has a rhythm... even in journalism. Over the course of more than three decades of being a journalist, there have been certain stories I knew I would write at certain times of the year.

There used to be a little ceramic shop tucked away in Gilford. Each spring students of that ceramic shop would take home top honors at several competitions. I wrote about their accomplishments for many years until the shop closed.

Each summer a man would pay for a tribute to his wife in honor of their anniversary. I have never seen such a devoted couple. I looked forward to his annual visit and proof that love could endure. She passed away, and he did also a few weeks later — I’m sure from a broken heart.

And, each September I looked forward to writing about Dagmar “Walker” Brown of Cass City tackling another Mackinac Bridge walk. At age 94, she completed her 56th Mackinac Bridge walk over the 2016 Labor Day weekend. She missed the first two bridge walks because she couldn’t find a ride up to the bridge.

Brown passed away Jan. 3, and the news of her passing hit me hard.

“She was an icon of the neighborhood - out walking all the time,” said a friend when I told them of her passing.

I cannot say that I knew her well, but I greatly admired her. As long as there wasn’t lightning during a rain storm, she walked at least four miles every day. Her dog, Barney Brown, accompanied her on many of those walks and she would talk to him in Czechoslovakian.

She completed the bridge walk with each Michigan governor since the walk was started by Gov. G. Mennen “Soapy” Williams in the late 1950s. Until age started slowing her down some, Brown kept track and prided herself on how fast she could walk the five-mile trek across the bridge.

Her bridge walks made so many headlines in area papers, Senator Mike Green honored her with a state resolution in 2013. I seriously doubt anyone else has racked up 56 consecutive bridge walks.

Besides her annual Mighty Mac walk and daily constitutional, Brown also participated the Tuscola County Human Development Commission’s annual Walk for Warmth each February. She participated in each walk for warmth since it started. The walk raises funds for those who needed help with utility bills. I wrote about her doing that walk also.

She was an amazing lady.

Several years ago I was in the middle of doing a stress test on a treadmill at a hospital, when Ms. Brown walked in, thinking it was her turn for the test. When I completed my walk on the treadmill, I told the technician he was going to have to turn up the speed on the machine for her. He just lifted a quizzical eyebrow like, “yeah right.”


When I saw the technician again, he said I wasn’t kidding about Ms. Brown’s stamina, and that some high-school athletes would be hard pressed to keep up with her pace. At that time, she had to be in her late 70s.

I wish I could have gotten to know her better and do

an in-depth interview with her, but she never seemed to have the time. Wherever she went, she had this half-walk/half-trot pace that was hard to keep up with until she had to start using a walker.

Like I said, life and journalism have a rhythm. Life’s rhythm eventually ends... so do some articles. But each February and September, I will think of Dagmar “Walker” Brown.

I can’t help but wonder if angels can walk on clouds or if they always have to use their wings. I’m sure Ms. Brown will find a way.



Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Cass City’s Annual Dinner celebration honoring our local 2017 Citizen of the Year and Junior Citizen of the Year winners is slated for Saturday, February 4th, reports Chamber of Commerce administrator Judy Keller.

Keller say tickets for the event are now on sale and can be purchased at the Chamber office located inside the municipal building at the downtown corner of Main and Seeger Streets.

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Anyone interested in attending a Michigan State University basketball game should consider a contest during the Spartan holiday break.

Normally, the first 12 rows at the Breslin Center make up the Izzo section. But during Christmas and New Year’s vacation those seats are up for grabs as MSU students are forced to evacuate their dorm rooms.

Also during the holiday games, the Spartan pep band consists of former band members, many who attended the East Lansing school many moons prior.

The old timers performed flawlessly. Still, I was glad to see the Spartan Dance team and cheerleaders – both dressed in contemporary uniforms - were members from this year’s squads.

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The Human Development Commission is beginning their 27th Annual Walk for Warmth campaign. The event will be held on Saturday, Feb. 18, at the Brentwood, located at 178 Park drive in Caro. Registration is at 9:00 a.m. and you can help by making a donation of gathering pledges. For more information, call Wendy Jacot at (989) 673-4121.

By the way, did you know: the typical Tuscola County resident spends 7 percent of their income on heating fuel in the winter and that Walk for Warmth recipients spend over 30 percent of their budget to heat their homes? Or that more than 62 percent of those who seek HDC help with fuel payments receive no public assistance, and 56 percent are employed or have become recently unemployed? And finally a typical Walk for Life recipient is a two or three person household, 18 percent are disabled, 60 percent have children in the household, and 100 percent live in poverty.

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Secretary of State Ruth Johnson reminds residents that all offices and the Office of the Great Seal will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, Jan. 16.

Still, customers can hop online at ExpressSOS.com, which allows customers to renew their tabs and driver’s licenses, get a duplicate registration, duplicate title, change their address and register to be an organ donor. And with its Print ’N Go feature, customers can renew their driver’s licenses and tabs for their vehicles, motorcycles or boats, print their receipt and drive legally until they get their card or sticker in the mail.

The Secretary of State’s Office mails notices to motorists 45 days before their driver’s license or license plates expire to give them ample time to renew. Licenses and plates that expire on a day when state offices are closed, such as a holiday or weekend, can be renewed the following day without penalty.

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Wednesday, January 11

- Spoonfuls of Plenty Free Community Meal, 4-6 p.m., LeeRoy Clark Building, 435 Green St., Caro. Open to anyone wanting a hot, home-style meal.

Thursday, January 12

- AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.
- Caregiver Connection, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., Country Gardens, Scheurer Hos-pital, 203 N. Caseville Rd., Pigeon. For more information, call Merry at (989) 673-4121.

Monday, January 16

- Alcoholics Anonymous, “Monday at a Time,” 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubly. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.
- AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.

Tuesday, January 17

- Al-anon meeting, 7 p.m., St. Francis Parrish, Pigeon.
- AA Meeting, 7-8 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 4960 N. Argyle Rd. (Meeting will be held in the hall next to the little stone church.)
- Living with Parkinson’s Support Group, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Holiday Inn Ex-press, 55 Rapson Lane West, Bad Axe. For more information, call Merry at (989) 673-4121.
- Family Caregiver Support Group, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Harbor Beach Commu-nity Hospital Administration Building/Conference Center, 147 S. First St., Harbor Beach. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121
- Ubly Lions Club meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Ubly Thumb Veterans Organization-Hall, 2165 Bingham St., Ubly MI 48475. A pot luck is served prior to the meeting. Everyone is welcomed.

STANDING COMMUNITY CALENDAR ITEMS

First Sunday:

- Gagetown United Methodist Brunch, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., All you can eat. \$6 dona-tion.

First Monday:

- Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Second Monday:

- Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.
- VFW monthly meeting, 7:00 p.m., VFW Hall, Cass City.

Second Tuesday:

- Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7 p.m., fire hall in Gagetown.
- Tuscola County Alzheimer’s and Family Caregiver Support Group, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., HDC Intergenerational Building, 430 Montague Ave., Caro.For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.
- Kedron OES #33 of Caro meeting, 7 p.m.
- Huron County Family Caregiver Support Group, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Human Development Commission, 150 Nugent Rd., Bad Axe. For more information, con-tact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

Second Thursday:

- Caregiver Connection, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., Country Gardens, Scheurer Hos-pital, 203 N. Caseville Rd., Pigeon. For more information, call Merry at (989) 673-4121.

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- Family Caregiver Support Group, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Harbor Beach Commu-nity Hospital Administration Building/Conference Center, 147 S. First St., Harbor Beach. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121
- Ubly Lions Club meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Ubly Thumb Veterans Organization-Hall, 2165 Bingham St., Ubly MI 48475. A pot luck is served prior to the meeting. Everyone is welcomed.

Third Thursday:

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

Third Saturday:

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

Fourth Monday:

- Cass City School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
- Hills & Dales General Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 11:30 a.m., Gilligans (no meetings July, August, December).
- Tuscola County Right to Life meeting, 6:30-8 p.m., Caro Area District Library, 840 W. Frank St., Caro. For more information, call (989) 872-3259.

Fourth Wednesday:

- Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
- Huron County Alzheimer’s and Family Caregiver Support Group, Huron Behav-ioral Health, Bad Axe. For more information, contact Rhonda Quinn at (989) 269-9293.
- Sanilac County Alzheimer’s and Family Caregiver Support Group, Sanilac County Medical Care Facility. Noon to 2 p.m. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

Fourth Thursday:

- Community Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.

Last Monday:

- Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.

Every Monday:

- Alcoholics Anonymous, “Monday at a Time,” 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubly. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.
- AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.

Every Tuesday:

- Al-anon meeting, 7 p.m., St. Francis Parrish, Pigeon.
- AA Meeting, 7-8 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 4960 N. Argyle Rd. (Meeting will be held in the hall next to the little stone church.)

Every Wednesday:

- Spoonfuls of Plenty Free Community Meal, 4-6 p.m., LeeRoy Clark Building, 435 Green St., Caro. Open to anyone wanting a hot, home-style meal.

Every Thursday:

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

County eyes Thumb recycling site

by Mary Drier  
Special for the Chronicle

There is a possibility of a recycling program throughout the Thumb if there is a positive environmental report on a 10-acre parcel of property south of Caro.

Tuscola County Commissioners recently authorized county Controller Mike Hoagland to investigate the possible purchase or lease of the former Riverview Auto and Recycling as a site to establish a new recycling facility.

The property at 987 Ellington St. includes a building totaling roughly 7,000-square foot and has operated as a scrap and salvage yard since the early 1980s.

“Because of that, the soil could be contaminated,” said Hoagland. “The commissioners are interested in the site to relocate the county’s recycling center there, but we need to know if the ground is contaminated. An environmental assessment study is being done. It will take some time to complete.”

Recycling in Tuscola County started as a grassroots movement in the 1990s. It has steadily grown to become a county-operated program funded by a millage. In the August 2016 election, voters renewed a special tax of .15 of a mill for eight years to fund recycling. That millage will generate about \$262,000 in the first year.

Currently, the county’s recycling program operates on a one-acre site at 1123 Mertz Rd. (M-24) that it rents from the city of Caro for \$1 a year. The property is the site of a former Department of Natural Resources facility and is landlocked. Upgrades were done to the building there in 2009, and a small addition was completed in 2013.

Recycling Director Mike Miller has told commissioners several times over the last few years that the recycling facility is showing its age and that more room is needed.

In March 2015, county officials began exploring options to expand the recycling center.

Representatives from Huron and Sanilac counties have expressed an

interest in coordinating with Tuscola’s recycling program to provide recycling services in their counties.

“Once we get the environmental report of whether or not there is contamination — and if so the type and extent of contamination — we will have a better understanding if the proposal can move forward,” Hoagland said.

Recycling in the county and the state has potential to expand.

According to an index prepared by the Michigan Recycling Coalition, the state’s overall recycling rate is only about 15 percent, which is lower than every other Great Lakes state and lagging far behind the national average of 34 percent. That means more than \$435 million worth of recyclable metal, glass, paper and plastics goes from households to Michigan landfills each year.

The 2015 Tuscola County Recycling report revealed 635 tons of recyclable materials were collected. The 2016 recycling report is in the process of being compiled.

Circuit court proceedings

Several appear in court on charges last week

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

\*Suzanna L. Bragg, 38, Vassar, pleaded guilty to embezzlement by an employee/agent totaling \$10,000 to \$20,000 between Sept. 15 and Sept. 21, 2015, in Vassar. Court records state the crime took place while Bragg was employed at Beacon and Bridge.

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

\*Paul S. Allison, 57, Farwell, pleaded no contest to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Sept. 29 in Fairgrove Township.

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

\*Brandon P. Hutchinson, 33, Millington, pleaded no contest to a charge of violating the Sex Offenders Registration Act by failing to complying with his reporting duties July 3 in Fairgrove.

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

\*Robert A. Graves, 35, Mayville, pleaded guilty to a charge of manufacture/delivery of marijuana April 18 in Dayton Township.

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

\*Tammy L. Huizar, 48, Vassar, pleaded guilty to charges of illegal use of a financial transaction device, stealing/retaining a financial transaction device without consent of the device-holder, and possession of a financial transaction device belonging to another person with intent to use, deliver or circulate it without consent of the device-holder Dec. 16, 2015, in Vassar Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$3,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*Daryl L. Damm, 26, Caro, pleaded no contest to assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer, and to possession of marijuana Oct. 25 in Indianfields Township.

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

\*Randy A. Hall, 23, Cass City, pleaded no contest to three counts of criminal sexual conduct, third degree, stemming from incidents Aug. 18-19 in Cass City.

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

\*Tommy E. Harper Jr., 34, Caro, pleaded no contest to possession of a controlled substance May 27 in Caro.

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

\*Nathaniel G. Brock, 30, Mayville, pleaded no contest to two counts of assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer Oct. 8 in Dayton Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

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

\*Nathan L. Hansard, 20, Vassar, pleaded no contest to possession of a loaded firearm in a motor vehicle Aug. 12, 2015, in Arbela Township.

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

\*Michael A. Peters, 36, Deford, pleaded no contest to charges of domestic violence, third offense, and attempted interference with electronic communications Oct. 7 in Novesta Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$3,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

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## Turbine tax fight in court

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first year, with a scheduled depreciation to 30 percent value in 15 years when it would level out, to an 80 percent initial assessment, with a depreciation to 30 percent value in six years.

Although the state changed the tax schedule, local assessors and boards of review could still use the old depreciation schedule if they felt it was an accurate cash value of turbines, which they did. That prompted energy companies to challenge the decision to use the original rate rather than the new one.

As the MREC awaits its day in court, member municipalities have escrowed the difference in tax revenues between the STC rate and the Appraisal Economic (AE) rate assessors used.

The first wind farm in Tuscola Count started in 2012, and more wind development is on the horizon as NextEra Energy Resources LLC and Consumers Energy are each in the process of developing wind farms, so the amount of revenue at stake is increasing.

Energy company officials contend the value of a multi-million wind turbine should be 30 percent less than the original cost from the start because of a federal grant that helped pay for it, so their cost is lower.

MREC's position is that the full value of the turbine is taxable no matter how it is funded.

"Both parties will most likely appeal the tax tribunal ruling, and it could take up to two years for the court of appeals to hear the case," Hoagland pointed out, noting the issue could eventually go before the Michigan Supreme Court.

The decision on assessments could have a long-range financial impact because in late 2016, lawmakers approved a rewrite of state energy laws that boosts the renewable source threshold, which means more energy development in the future.

Michigan's previous requirement — that energy providers achieve a retail supply portfolio that includes at least 10 percent renewable energy by 2015 — was met.

One of the last items lawmakers approved in December 2016 was requiring electricity providers to produce 15 percent of their power from wind or other renewable sources by the end of 2021. They also set a non-binding goal of meeting 35 percent of Michigan's power needs by 2025 through a combination of renewable energy and energy conservation.

## News briefs

### Commissioners to discuss land

CARO — Property acquisition is among the agenda items on tap during a Tuscola County Board of Commissioners meeting Thursday.

The board, which will meet at 8 a.m., is slated to go into executive at about 9 a.m. to "discuss a possible land purchase."

### Friends planning improvements

CASS CITY — The goal of the Friends of Cass City Parks is to improve the infrastructure of the village's parks, and the group's goal for this year is to raise money to put in a splash park at the Helen Stevens Memorial Pool.

Last year the Pinney Foundation donated \$8,000 and agreed to donate another \$8,000 this year, according to representatives of the group, which spearheaded installation of a new playground structure in the park in 2016.

### Free fishing weekend scheduled

MICHIGAN — The state's next free winter fishing weekend is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 18 and 19. On those two days, everyone — residents and non-residents alike — can fish without a license, but all other fishing regulations still apply.

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### Speed limits could be increased

MICHIGAN — Speed limits on certain Michigan roadways may increase after studies are conducted to ensure safety under legislation signed by Gov. Rick Snyder.

HBs 4423–4427, sponsored by state Reps. Bradford Jacobsen, Rick Outman, John Kivela and Charles Smiley, respectively, require the Michigan Department of Transportation to allow the speed limit to be raised up to 75 mph on at least 600 miles of freeways and up to 65 mph on at least 900 miles of non-freeway "M" roads.

The increases are allowed only if safety and engineering studies show the 85th percentile of speeds currently driven on those roads allow for it. The bills also raise the maximum speed limit for trucks from 60 to 65 mph and adjusts measures used by insurers to determine eligibility for auto insurance. The measures are now Public Acts 445-449 of 2016.

### Trades licenses now streamlined

Michigan — Skilled trades workers now have a more efficient and streamlined process to apply for and renew their skilled trades license under legislation signed last week by Gov. Rick Snyder.

"Our talented workforce makes Michigan a national leader, and these bills help provide skilled trades workers with a streamlined framework for licensing," Snyder said. "This legislation helps ensure that Michigan will continue to meet the needs of the 21st century workforce and economy."

Senate Bills 963-972, repeal five separate public acts and streamline regulations into the Skilled Trades Regulation Act. The new act will provide uniformity and consistency among application, renewal, and enforcement provisions for all skilled trades licensees. The bills are now Public Acts 407-416 of 2016.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery

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# Obituaries

## Connie Allen

Connie Lea Allen, 67, of Cass City, died peacefully Wednesday, January 4, 2017 in Medilodge of Cass City.

She was born April 16, 1949 in Cass City to Merritt D. and Myrtle V. (Dodge) Allen.

Connie graduated from Cass City High School. She worked for Brentwood Lanes for more than seventeen years as head cook until her retirement. Connie was a great baker and enjoyed making chocolate chip, peanut butter and Christmas cookies. She enjoyed reading Christian books and attending gospel concerts. During her time spent in Medilodge, she brought joy and happiness to many other residents and staff.

Connie is survived by her sister, Sharon Allen of Cass City, many cousins, relatives and friends, including her best friend Ellie Dinsmore.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 10, in Brentwood Lanes, Caro. Memorials may be made to Medilodge of Cass City or the charity of the donor's choice.

Connie's family would like to thank the staff of Medilodge of Cass City for their excellent care. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at [www.kranzfuner-alhome.com](http://www.kranzfuner-alhome.com).

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.

## Dagmar Martinek-Brown

Dagmar Martinek-Brown, 94, of Cass City, passed away suddenly, Tues., Jan. 3, 2017 at her home.

Dagmar was born July 12, 1922 in Cass City, daughter of the late Frank and Emily (Svoboda) Martinek.

She served in the U.S. Navy for 55 years, during WWII and Korean Wars, earning her LPN and retiring as a Dental Technician Chief. She worked for McDonald's in Cass City and Caro for many years and was an life member of Caro VFW Post 4164. She participated in the Walk for Warmth and was also well known for doing the Labor Day Mackinac Bridge Walk for 56 years.

Dagmar is survived by a sister, Martha Parsons of Casa Grandus, AZ and a brother, Charles Martinek of Essexville, nephews, Christopher Martinek of Rockford, Dana Martinek of Sparta, Jeffrey Martinek of Greenville, and Daryl Martinek and niece, Bethany Klunder, both of Howard City, as well as many other nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by 2 brothers, Stanley and George Martinek.

At her request there is no service for Dagmar, but please remember her in your prayers. Also honoring Dagmar's wishes she will be buried at sea, in the Atlantic Ocean off of Norfolk, VA at a later date with a committal service provided by members of the U.S. Navy. Memorials may be made to Caro VFW Post 4164.

Please share condolences at <http://www.thabetfuneralhome.com/>

Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home of Cass City.

## Harriet Hool

Harriet Jane Hool, 80, of Cass City, died following a lengthy illness Thursday, January 5, 2017 with her family at her side in MediLodge Nursing Facility, Cass City.

She was born January 22, 1936 in Cass City, the first of three children born to Curtis Raymond and Dorothy Clark (Tindale) Hunt.

She married John "Jack" Francis Hool June 13, 1958 in Assumption Chapel, Windsor, Ontario. He died November 15, 2013.

Jane lived a charmed childhood, growing up in Cass City, filled with precocious adventures. She graduated from Alma College in 1957 with a degree in Education, followed by a year at the prestigious Katharine Gibbs Secretarial School in New York City. Jane enjoyed going to auctions and having the opportunity to acquire antiques. She was one of the first volunteers at the Thumb Octagon Barn Agricultural Museum. Jane was a member of Our Lady Consolata Parish St. Pancratius Catholic Church. She enjoyed line dancing and clogging. Jane was the best Mom her kids could ask for. She was always supportive and encouraging. All the neighborhood kids knew the Hool house and Jane would be the neighborhood driver to sports and scouting activities. Jane was the strong woman behind the successful man and she was the heart of her family.

Jane is survived by her children: Sara Jane Ebare of Chatham, Ontario, Kimberly (Joseph Goniwiecha) Hool of New Baltimore, John Hunt (Dawn) Hool of Windsor, Ontario; grandsons: Justin (Lee-Ann) and Zach; sister, Sarah 'Sally' (Jerry) Forthun of Waleska, GA; brother, Richard Hunt of Cass City; nieces and nephews: Brian (Erica) Hunt, Cari (Kurt) Russell, Michael (Allison) Forthun, Elizabeth (Matt) Graft.

She was preceded in death by her sister-in-law, Janice Hunt; and son-in-law, Sid Ebare.

A prayer service was held Monday, January 9, in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City with the Rev. Thomas Held of Our Lady Consolata Parish St. Pancratius Catholic Church officiating.

Interment will take place in the spring in Elkland Township Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Thumb Octagon Barn Agricultural Museum.

Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at [www.kranzfuner-alhome.com](http://www.kranzfuner-alhome.com).

An additional prayer service will be held at Families First Funeral Home and Tribute Centre, 3260 Dougall Ave., Windsor, Ontario N9E 1S6 at 3 p.m. Sunday, January 15, 2017 with visitation from 1 p.m. until the time of the service at 3 p.m.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.

## Karen Izydorek

Karen Elizabeth (Powell) Izydorek, 71, of Caro, died Monday, December 26, 2016 in Covenant Medical Center, Saginaw.

She was born November 13, 1945 in Cass City, to Sanford and Rita (King) Powell.

She was married to Paul Izydorek October 17, 1964 through October 1974. He died September 20, 2011.

Her passion for helping others served as the prominent role in her career choices. She worked preferably as a Medical Assistant or of the like. She lived in California (Riverside and Los Angeles) as well as Arizona (Sedona) from 1980 - 2000. She enjoyed many types of music, cooking and was an avid reader of books.

She is survived by her children: Shannon Izydorek of Los Angeles, CA, Randy Izydorek of Caro, MI, Paula Izydorek and her only grandchild Reed of Cleveland, OH; brothers: Roy (Betty) Powell of Cass City, Dennis (Linda) Powell of Cass City, Alan (Cindy) Powell of Pigeon; sister Elaine Powell of Shepherd; many nieces and nephews, close friends and neighbors.

She was preceded in death by her infant son Scott Michael Izydorek, brothers: Wayne and William Powell and her nephew, Todd Eugene Izydorek.

Following her wishes, in lieu of funeral services, her ashes will be spread over the Pacific Ocean and in Sedona - the places she considered to be her favorite and most beautiful.

## Brenda Phillips

Brenda Sue Phillips, 78, of Cass City, died Wednesday, January 4, 2017 in Tuscola County Medical Care Facility, Caro.

She was born October 10, 1938 in Detroit to William Earl and Ruth Lucille (Scott) Griffith.

She married Milton Louis Phillips September 6, 1969 in Novesta Church, Cass City.

Brenda graduated from Harper Woods High School in 1956. She loved cooking for her family and playing Euchre and poker with them on the weekends. The family caretaker, Brenda always made sure that her family was well cared for. She enjoyed deer hunting and was a fan of the Detroit Tigers. Brenda was known as "Aunt Brenda" to many as she followed and supported many Cass City School sports.

Brenda is survived by her husband, Milton; children: Cheryl (Lyndon) Crane of Kingston, Shelly (Kenneth) Meredith of Snover, Susan (Steven) Wynn of Unionville, Elizabeth (Victor Pohlod) Phillips of Cass City, John (Laura Merchant) Phillips of Cass City; grandchildren: Coren Crane, Leah (Jesse) Howard, Emily Crane, Nicole (Ricky) Gonzalez, Anna (Andy) Blackwell, Ian Wynn, Molly Wynn, Haley Wynn, Lucas Swiderski, Lance Swiderski, Kate Pohlod, Brad Pohlod, Abby Sue Phillips, Isabelle Brenda Phillips; four great-grandchildren; sister, Terry (Al) Prosowski of Cass City; and many special nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her son, Milton Dennis Phillips; and brother, Roger Griffith.

A funeral service was held Saturday, January 7, 2017 in Our Lady Consolata Parish St. Pancratius Catholic Church, Cass City with the Rev. Christian Tabares officiating.

Interment will be in Novesta Township Cemetery. Pallbearers for Mrs. Phillips: Al Prosowski, Ian Wynn, Dan Bera, Josh Regnerus, Paul Regnerus, Tim Regnerus, Dennis Regnerus, Jimmy Regnerus.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at [www.kranzfuner-alhome.com](http://www.kranzfuner-alhome.com).

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.

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# Sheriff encourages citizens to join advocates

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In situations involving a death, advocates may accompany deputies to residences, Skrent said. “The officers will make the death notification and leave when deemed appropriate. The advocates will remain with the family and help contact other family members, clergy, neighbors, friends, and may assist in making initial contacts with the funeral home. Advocates usually remain with the family until an adequate support group is in place.”

Background checks are conducted on all victim services unit advocates, and they are provided with training

through the Michigan Sheriff’s Association before they are able to respond.

Skrent noted the program is not funded with taxpayer dollars.

“It is funded partially through grants from Michigan Sheriff’s Association, and volunteers often pay out of pocket for uniforms and travel,” he said. “The program coordinator position is funded entirely by a Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) grant, which is applied for annually.”

Donations for this program are appreciated and essential in order to assist victims in need and for program equipment, according to the sheriff.

In addition to this victim advocate

unit, Tuscola County Victim Services offers support and services to any victim of crime, focusing on domestic violence and sexual assaults, throughout their involvement in the criminal justice system free of charge.

“Other volunteer positions are available for those who may want to help, but are not able to go out on calls,” Skrent said.

Anyone interested in volunteering or learning more is asked to contact program Coordinator Nancy Almberg at Tuscola County Victim Services by (989) 673-8161 (ext. 2241) or via email at tcvs@tuscola-county.org.



DAGMAR “Walker” Brown was a familiar sight walking along side roads in the Cass City area. Even when her eyesight started to fail and she had to use a walker, she continued her walks.



TUSCOLA COUNTY officials recently sworn in by 54th Circuit Judge Amy Grace Gierhart included (front row, from left) county commissioners Kim Vaughan and Matthew Bierlein, Gierhart, county Clerk Jodi Fetting, Commissioner Craig Kirkpatrick, road commissioners Julie Matuszak and Mike Zwerk, (back row, from left) Undersheriff Robert Baxter, Commissioner Thomas Bardwell, Drain Commissioner Robert Mantey, Sheriff Glen Skrent and Commissioner Tom Young.

# Tuscola Co. officials sworn in to office

by Mary Drier  
Special for the Chronicle

The first order of business of the new year in counties is for elected officials to take the oath of office and county boards of commissioners to reorganize.

In Tuscola County, 54th Circuit Judge Amy Grace Gierhart administered the oath of office to new Sheriff Glen Skrent, Undersheriff Robert Baxter, Drain Commissioner Robert Mantey, county Clerk Jodi Fetting, county commissioners Thomas Young, Thomas Bardwell, Kim Vaughan, Craig Kirkpatrick and Matthew Bierlein, and road commissioners Mike Zwerk and Julie Matuszak.

The county board of commissioners will remain largely the same as it was in 2016 with the exception of new Commissioner Kim Vaughan, who is taking his seat at the table for the first time. Vaughan replaced Christine Trisch as District Three commissioner, representing the townships of Dayton, Fremont, Indianfields, Koylton and Wells.

District Two Commissioner

Thomas Bardwell will continue as board chair, and District Five Commissioner Matthew Bierlein will continue to serve as vice chair. Bardwell represents the townships of Almer, Ellington, Kingston and Novesta, and City of Caro. Bierlein represents the townships of Denmark, Juniata, Vassar, and the city of Vassar.

During Huron County’s reorganization of county commissioners, District One Commissioner Sami Khoury of Sebewaing was selected as board chairman. Khoury was elected to a second term in November. Before becoming a county commissioner, Khoury served on the Sebewaing Village Council as a trustee and as president. Commissioner John Nugent was selected as vice chair.

In Tuscola County, county board committee of the whole meetings will continue at 8 a.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of the month, and the full board meetings will be at 8 a.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays. The commissioners meet the Purdy Building at 125 W. Lincoln St., Caro.

Incumbent District One Commissioner Tom Young will continue to represent the townships of Akron, Columbia, Elkland, Elmwood, Fairgrove, Gilford and Wisner; and incumbent Commissioner Craig Kirkpatrick will continue to represent District Five, which covers the townships of Arbelia, Millington, Tuscola and Watertown.

At the Tuscola County Sheriff’s Department, Glen Skrent took over as sheriff from Leland “Lee” Teschendorf, and Robert Baxter has been named the new undersheriff, a job previously held by Skrent.





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## Stunning comeback earns Cass City first GTW win since 2013

by Clarke Haire  
Publisher

A rally for the ages lifted Cass City to their first Greater Thumb West girls' basketball win in four years when the Lady Red Hawks came all the way back from an 18-point half-time deficit to defeat Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Thursday night.

With the shocking 42-38 come-from-behind decision, Coach Aaron Fernald's gals improve to 6-3 overall. Earlier in the week, Cass City whipped Caro 40-20 in non-conference action.

"It was a good week for the girls. We got two good road wins. I was really proud of how the girls competed in the second half (against Lakers) and really happy for them that they were able to pull the win out," said Fernald, adding "Hopefully that will give the girls some confidence moving forward. We have a tough week coming up with Harbor Beach and Reese coming to town, but looking forward to the challenge."

It appeared that Cass City borrowed Western Michigan University's popular mantra – row the boat – to earn their first conference victory since defeating former GTW league member Bay City All Saints on Feb. 7, 2013.

For two quarters against the Lakers, Cass City's victory ship was taking on water.

A 10-0 run for Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port to get things started was halted by a hard driving layup from Cass City guard Rylie Weiler. But the Red Hawks would be held to a Sayge Cuthrell bucket for the remainder of the initial stanza that ended with the hosts enjoying a 12-4 spread.

Abi Schuette paced the Laker attack in the early going with three quick field goals, before handing the scoring chores to Karly Cunningham to close out the half.

After baskets by Cuthrell and

Brianna Mester sliced the Laker advantage to 16-10 with over four minutes remaining on the clock to the intermission, Cunningham caught fire from behind the 3-point arc during a 14-2 spurt to end the half. The Laker sophomore connected on three straight treys just before the break, part of a 15-point performance that had the hosts leading 30-12 entering the final half.

To their credit, Cass City continued

to fight despite facing a nearly insurmountable task. A balanced attack that put four players into the score book helped reduce the Laker lead to 36-23 with eight minutes remaining.

Unlike the opening half when rough play was allowed, the final eight minutes was tightly officiated. Cuthrell and Bouverette were both perfect on four charity tosses in the final minutes, but it was a pair of Please turn to page 10.

## Lady Cards remain unbeaten in NCTL

Like a winding lazy river, the Kingston girls basketball team continues to roll through their North Central Thumb League foes.

Coach Jay Green's Lady Cardinals kept their conference mark unblemished Friday with a 57-17 crossover victory at Peck. The visitors built a 15-6 gap after eight minutes and increased the spread to 29-7 entering

the locker room.

Kingston outscored Peck 28-10 over the final two frames.

"The girls played with great intensity and we got good contributions from everybody," said Green.

Camryn MacGuire and Jillyan Dinsmore split 18 markers to lead Kingston.

## Red Hawk boys romp in GTW cage opener

by Clarke Haire  
Publisher

Cass City put three players in double figures Friday to deliver Elkton-Pigeon Bay Port a 53-29 setback in the Greater Thumb West opener for both schools.

After a poor shooting performance against Bay City All Saints to end play in 2016, the Red Hawks were able to find their shooting touch

against the Lakers to kickoff play in the New Year. An impressive inside/outside attack yielded seven triples for the winners, including three in each of the opening half quarters as the visitors build leads of 15-9 after one frame and 31-12 after two.

Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port actually jumped out to a quick 5-0 edge, only to see Cass City reel off 10 straight Please turn to page 10.



SAYGE CUTHRELL readies for a pass despite the defense of Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port's Kaylee Krohn. Cuthrell and her Cass City teammates rallied late for a GTW win.



TWO MAN JOB. Lakers Nick Siegfried (14) and Brayden Smith screen Cass City's Cole Chippi from the basket during Friday's Greater Thumb West tilt.

### Girls' Basketball Standings

Greater Thumb West			
	W	L	
Reese	2	0	7
Bad Axe	2	0	5
USA	1	1	3
Cass City	1	1	6
EPBP	0	2	4
Vassar	0	2	1

Greater Thumb East			
	W	L	
Harbor Beach	2	0	8
Sandusky	2	0	9
Brown City	1	1	5
Marlette	1	1	4
Ubyly	0	2	2
Memphis	0	2	1

NCTL - Stripes			
	W	L	
North Huron	4	0	5
Peck	1	2	3
Caseville	1	2	3
CPS	0	4	0

NCTL - Stars			
	W	L	
Kingston	4	0	7
Deckerville	3	1	3
Mayville	2	2	3
Dryden	0	3	1

### Bulldogs win in overtime

Four quarters wasn't enough to settle Friday's affair between Owen-Gage and Saginaw Arts & Science Academy.

The back-and-forth contest saw the visiting Bulldogs with a 7-3 cushion after one quarter, only to see the hosts even the score at 18-18 by the break.

Owen-Gage then used a 16-11 scoring advantage to take control in the third quarter, but was outscored in a wild fourth quarter 20-15 to force the extra time.

David Binder had a monster game for Owen-Gage in the 59-56 win. The senior standout tossed in 17 points and dished out six assists, while grabbing 15 rebounds and five steals. Derek Vincent also was impressive in the Bulldog victory and chipped in a double-double with a game-high 19 points, a dozen rebounds and four blocks.

For Saginaw Arts & Science Academy, Adrian Smith netted 18 points.

### Boys' Basketball Standings

Greater Thumb West			
	W	L	
USA	1	0	2
Cass City	1	0	4
Bad Axe	1	0	2
EPBP	0	1	3
Vassar	0	1	2
Reese	0	1	2

Greater Thumb East			
	W	L	
Marlette	1	0	8
Brown City	1	0	3
Sandusky	0	0	0
Memphis	0	0	2
Ubyly	0	1	2
Harbor Beach	0	1	1

NCTL - Stripes			
	W	L	
North Huron	3	1	3
CPS	2	2	3
Peck	2	2	4
Caseville	0	3	1

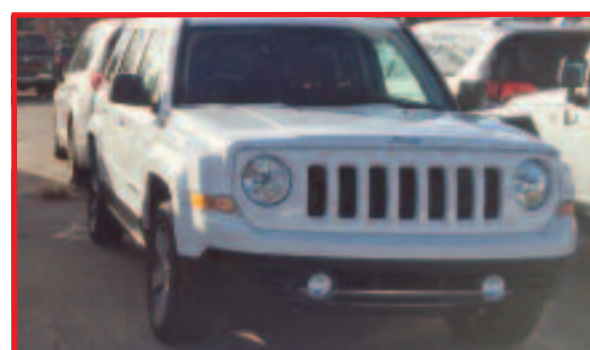
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Dryden	4	0	6
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**LUCKY THUMB** racer Luke Krug (#76), of Kingston, lines up to test his skills at the Decker area track over the weekend.

## Cass City boys pass opening GTW test with flying colors

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points to help establish a six point bulge entering the quarter before the break.

Nick Perry and Logan Schenk got things started for the Red Hawks with hoops in the paint, while treys

### *Lady Hawks post GTW win at Lakers*

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unlikely heroes that vaulted Cass City to victory.

Lauren Dickinson started a 7-0 run for Cass City with a short jumper from the wing, while Lauren Fernald gave Cass City its first lead of the night, 39-38, with 2:10 remaining after getting to the lane and knocking down a midrange jumper.

Laker Coach David Cook called for time out with 54 seconds remaining to set up a game-winning shot. Instead, Cass City's defense proved up to the challenge as a Mester steal and layup would seal the visitors' victory.

Bouverette and Cuthrell finished in double figures for Cass City with 12 and 11 points, respectively. The Red Hawks also had Mester with eight points.

Besides Cunningham, the Lakers had Schuette with eight points. Neither player scored in the closing half.

#### CARO GAME

On Tuesday, Cass City outscored host Caro 23-9 in the final half to win easily.

The Red Hawks only led 17-11 at the halfway mark, but a 14-4 run kicking off the final half was more than the Tigers could overcome.

For Cass City, Cuthrell went for a dozen points and grabbed six rebounds, while Bouverette tallied 11 points and four rebounds, Fernald chipped in seven points and one assist, Kacey Haire added six points and six steals.

Hannah Dennis had five points for Caro.

from Brad Hacker, Perry, and Brady Warford provided Cass City with an advantage they would not surrender on the night.

It was more of the same for Cass City to close out the initial half. Once again Schenk – the Red Hawks leading scorer at 14 points per game – had his way in the paint. A pair of field goals under the basket by the Red Hawk center forced the Laker defense to collapse down low, freeing up the perimeter for good looks.

Joey Krol took advantage of the Lakers sagging defense and was ale to can a pair of 3-point shots during a 9-0 run that had Cass City leading 29-11 with just over three minutes remaining till the intermission.

A solo free throw by Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port's Brennan Wissner halted the Cass City run, but the damage was already done and the Red Hawks would be up double digits at the break.

Despite of pair of treys by Wissner to open the third stanza, the Lakers would trail 36-17 with five minutes remaining in the quarter as Cass City used old fashioned three point plays by Schenk and Perry to squash any comeback hopes the hosts were entertaining.

Leading 41-22, another trey – this one by Schenk – and another old fashion 3-point play – this one by Hacker - had many Laker fans heading for the exit as Coach Tyler Erla emptied his bench with 3:23 showing on the clock/

Schenk lead Cass City with 14 points, while Perry and Hacker tossed in 11 points each. The Red Hawks also had Krol and Joel Collins splitting a dozen markers. Completing the scoring for the guests was Warford and T.J. Moore with three points and two points, respectfully.

For the Lakers, Seth Bowles chipped in eight markers and Wissner had seven points. Also for Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port, Nick Siegfried tallied five points and Travis Deering four points.

Up next for Cass City is Greater Thumb Conference cellar dwellers Harbor Beach and Reese. On Wednesday, the Greater Thumb East Pirates invade Cass City, followed by Friday's return to Greater Thumb West action against the visiting Rockets.

## Grappler Dickson steals spot light at North Branch invite

A trio of Cass City grapplers earned championship honors Saturday at the North Brach Team Tournament, but it would be Red Hawk Wyatt Dickson stealing much of the spotlight.

Alex Jeffrey, Seth Osentoski and T.J. Moore all posted perfect 5-0 records at the weekend affair to help Coach Don Markel's mat men place third in the 12-school team standings.

Jeffrey was best in the 119 weight class, Osentoski topped the 140 weight class and Moore cruised in the 215 weight class to lead Cass City.

The Red Hawks went 3-0 in pool action defeating Alpena 59-18, Brandon 42-36, and Capac 60-24. In the Championship rounds, Cass City lost to Croswell-Lexington 46-30 and then suffered defeat by the tourney champs Chesaning 63-18 to finish 3-2 for the day.

"We wrestled well during pool action but when it came time for the championship rounds versus Cros-Lex and Chesaning we lost focus as a team and wrestled poorly," lamented Markel.

Nonetheless, Junior Dickson achieved a career milestone posting his 100th career victory when he defeated Clay Hendershot of Brandon 3-1.

Additionally, Cass City's Tylor Cowdry and Drew Markel went 4-1 for the day.

Cass City's dual meet record now stands at 13-3 for the year.

## Bates shines for gymnasts in first meet of the season

Several regional qualifying scores highlighted the action for the Cass City gymnastic team Saturday in Fraser.

Coach Kathy Bouverette received five regional marks from her gymnasts, including three by senior standout Alexis Bates. In Cass City's first meet of the season, Bates earned regional marks of 8.775 on the vault, 7.4 on the beam and 7.95 on the floor to pace a young Red Hawk squad.

Other regional qualifying scores – an individual must collect four marks at or above the qualifying standard during the season to advance into the season ending elite meet – for Cass City all came on the vault, where Megan Graham collected a score of 8.075 and Alexa Torres a score of 8.025.

"We have 18 girls out for the team. That's not my biggest team, but its enough for two teams at most schools," Bouverette said. "We have eight or nine freshman and have plenty of room for improvement."



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Schneeberger's choice for their Athlete of the Week award goes to Cass City junior Lauren Fernald.

The two-year varsity veteran hit a career shot Thursday to help hoist Cass City past host Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port during a Greater Thumb West thriller.

In fact, Cass City trailed by 18 points at the half, but came all the way back and took the lead on Fernald's clutch mid-range jumper with only two minutes remaining on the clock. It proved to be the game winning basket.

Fernald's heroics helped the Lady Red Hawks post their first league win in four years. She is the daughter of Aaron and Kate Fernald.

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DATE	OPPONENT
12/7	CC 50, Mayville 26
12/9	CC 37, Sandusky 28
12/14	CC 57, Memphis 48
12/16	Marlette 75, CC 30
12/21	BCAS 56, CC 42
1/6	CC 53, Lakers 29
1/11	Harbor Beach
1/13	Reese
1/20	USA
1/25	Brown City
1/27	Vassar
2/1	Bad Axe
2/3	Lakers
2/8	Capac
2/10	Reese
2/15	Ubly
2/17	USA (Snowcoming)
2/22	Caro
2/24	Vassar
3/2	Bad Axe
3/6-10	Districts @ Lakers

All games begin at 6 p.m.

## GIRLS' BASKETBALL (JV/VARSITY)

DATE	OPPONENT
11/29	CC 53, Mayville 23
12/2	Marlette 43, CC 34
12/6	CC 45, Dryden 17
12/8	Sandusky 58, CC 26
12/13	CC 46, Memphis 24
12/15	Bad Axe 44, CC 33
12/19	CC 36, Capac 28
1/3	CC 40, Caro 20
1/5	CC 42, Lakers 38
1/10	Harbor Beach
1/12	Reese
1/19	USA
1/24	Brown City
1/26	Vassar
1/31	Bad Axe
2/2	Lakers
2/9	Reese
2/14	Ubly
2/16	USA
2/23	Vassar
2/27-3/3	Districts @ Harbor Beach

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## BOWLING

DATE	OPPONENT
1/5	North Huron
1/10	Harbor Beach
1/12	Ubly
1/17	USA
1/19	CPS
1/24	Brown City
1/26	Reese
2/2	Bad Axe
2/7	Sandusky

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WEDNESDAY, JAN. 11

Harbor Beach @ Cass City

Ubly @ USA

THURSDAY, JAN. 12

Kingston @ CPS

FRIDAY, JAN. 13

Bad Axe @ EPBP

Reese @ Cass City

Ubly @ Memphis

Owen-Gage @ Landmark Acad.

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#### GIRLS' BASKETBALL

TUESDAY, JAN. 10

Harbor Beach @ Cass City

Marlette @ EPBP

Ubly @ USA

Sandusky @ Reese

Kingston @ North Huron

THURSDAY, JAN. 12

Bad Axe @ EPBP

Reese @ Cass City

Ubly @ Memphis

FRIDAY, JAN. 13

Kingston @ CPS

Owen-Gage @ Landmark Acad.

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12/10	Marlette Team Tourney	8:00 a.m.
12/14	Bad Axe/Ubly	6:00 p.m.
12/17	Cros-Lex Team Tourney	9:00 a.m.
12/21	EPB Lakers	6:00 p.m.
12/30	Mayville Ind. Tourney	TBD
1/7	N. Branch Team Tourney	9:00 a.m.
1/11	Marlette/Sandusky	6:00 p.m.
1/14	Flushing Team Tourney	8:00 a.m.
1/18	Brown City/ Memphis	6:00 p.m.
1/21	Mayville Team Tourney	9:00 a.m.
1/25	Vassar/Mayville @ Lakers	6:00 p.m.
1/28	Bullock Creek Team Tourney	8:30 a.m.
2/1	League Makeup Date	TBD
2/4	GTC League Meet	TBD
2/8	Team District	TBD
2/11	Individual Districts @ Sandusky	TBD
2/15	Team Regionals @ New Lothrop	TBD
2/18	Individual Regionals @ New Lothrop	TBD
2/24-25	Team State Finals @ Mt. Pleasant	TBD
3/3-5	Individual State Finals @ Auburn Hills	TBD

## GYMNASTICS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
1/7	Fraser Invite	9:00 a.m.
1/10	Vassar	6:30 p.m.
1/18	Adrian	TBA
1/24	Linden/Fenton/Lake Fenton	TBA
1/28	Huron Valley @ Lakeland HS	8:00 a.m.
2/6	Port Huron Unified	6:30 p.m.
2/11	Vassar Invite	10:00 a.m.
2/18	Port Huron Unified/Vassar	9:00 a.m.
2/23	Vassar	6:30 p.m.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Scott Romzek, a married man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lenders successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 30, 2014 and recorded June 5, 2014 in Liber 1308, Page 923, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Wells Fargo Bank, NA, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eleven Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Three and 63/100 Dollars (\$111,423.63), including interest at 4.125% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on JANUARY 19, 2017.

Said premises are located in the Township of Millington, Tuscola County Michigan, and are described as: All of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 33, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan described as: Beginning at a point on the North-South 1/4 line of Section 33 which is South 01 degrees 28 minutes 26 seconds West, 2358.17 feet from the North 1/4 corner of Section; thence North 89 degrees 55 minutes 53 seconds East, 572.93 feet; thence South 13 degrees 51 minutes 08 seconds East, 328.01 feet along the Westerly Right-of-way Line of State Highway M-15; thence South 89 degrees 57 minutes 32 second West, 659.65 feet; thence North 01 degrees 28 minutes 26 seconds East, 318.36 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

Dated: December 21, 2016  
Orlans Associates, P.C.  
Attorneys for Servicer  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007  
File No. 16-015334

12-21-4

FORECLOSURE NOTICE THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR COLLECTING A DEBT. IF THE DEBT WAS DISCHARGED IN A BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDING, THIS NOTICE IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT THAT DEBT.

If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee for any reason. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest, and the purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney. MORTGAGE SALE – Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Glenn M. Gibbons and Vivian A. Gibbons, Husband and Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for

Investaid Corporation its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 16, 2006 and recorded April 3, 2006 in Liber 1076 Page 27 and adjusted by agreement dated September 13, 2007 and recorded June 20, 2008 in Liber 1152 Page 433 Tuscola County Records, Michigan.

Said mortgage was assigned to: Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, by assignment dated September 7, 2007 and recorded September 13, 2007 in Liber 1129, Page 1254, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Six Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Two Dollars and Fifty-One Cents (\$206,552.51) including interest 4.125% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00AM on January 19, 2017 Said premises are situated in Township of Kingston, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: The East 40 acres of the East one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 19, Town 12 North, Range 11 East, except the East 323.0 feet and except the West 77.0 feet of East 400 feet of the North 240.0 feet of the East 40 acres of the East one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 19, Town 12 North, Range 11 East. Commonly known as 5240 Silvernail, Deford MI 48729 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(16) applies.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: 12/21/2016  
Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC,  
Assignee of Mortgagee  
Attorneys: Potestivo &  
Associates, P.C.  
251 Diversion Street  
Rochester, MI 48307  
(248) 853-4400  
Our File No: 16-33852

12-21-4

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. MORTGAGE SALE - A mortgage was granted by Kevin A Hoppe and Christine L Hoppe, Husband and Wife as tenants by entirety, original mortgagor(s), to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Mortgagee, dated October 17, 2011, and recorded on October 25, 2011 in Liber 1233 on Page 27, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Three Thousand Three Hundred Fifteen and 08/100 Dollars (\$73,315.08).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided,

notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on January 19, 2017.

Said premises are situated in Village of Cass City, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 25 of Northwood Village and Estates No. 1, according to the Plat recorded in Liner 4 of Plats, Pages 49-62 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: December 21, 2016  
For more information, please call: FC S (248) 593-1304  
Trott Law, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
31440 Northwestern Hwy Ste. 200  
Farmington Hills, Michigan  
48334-5422  
File #466279F02

12-21-4

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - A mortgage was granted by Arnell Phillips and Agnes Phillips, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for The Huntington National Bank, Mortgagee, dated November 29, 2010, and recorded on December 6, 2010 in Liber 1212 on Page 62, and modified by agreement recorded on October 4, 2011 in Liber 1231 on Page 584, and assigned by said Mortgagee to The Huntington National Bank as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Nine and 48/100 Dollars (\$126,749.48).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on January 26, 2017.

Said premises are situated in Township of Dayton, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot(s) 14, 15 and 16, Shay Lake Subdivision, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 98.

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

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the proper-

ty at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: December 28, 2016  
For more information, please call: FC H (248) 593-1300  
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Attorneys For Servicer  
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48334-5422  
File #467891F01

12-28-4

IF YOU ARE NOW ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY OR HAVE BEEN IN THE PRIOR ONE YEAR, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT 586-777-0770 NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE MORTGAGE SALE-Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made by PAUL J. HATCH, SR., 6543 BRAY ROAD, VASSAR, MI 48768, Mortgagor(s) to FRANKENMUTH CREDIT UNION, 580 NORTH MAIN STREET, FRANKENMUTH, MI 48734, Mortgagee dated APRIL 9, 2013, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Tuscola County, and State of Michigan on APRIL 26, 2013, in LIBER 1278 on PAGE 397 of Tuscola County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of TWENTY SEVEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED TEN AND 34/100THS (\$27,310.34) DOLLARS at 3.625% percent per annum and attorney fees as provided for in said Mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on FEBRUARY 2, 2017, AT 10:00 A.M. local time, said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder in the main lobby of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, aforesaid, on said mortgage with interest thereon and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows:

VILLAGE OF TUSCOLA, COUNTY OF TUSCOLA AND STATE OF MICHIGAN, to wit: SECTION 28, TOWN 11 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST, LOTS 6 THROUGH 15 OF BLOCK 1, OF THE PLAT OF THE VILLAGE OF TUSCOLA SOUTH SIDE OF RIVER, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF OF SAID VILLAGE AND ALSO A PACAREL DESCRIBED AS COMMECNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF FRACTIONAL LOT 11, IN SAID BLOCK 1, RUNNING THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE WEST MARGIN OF BRIDGE STREET TO THE NORTH BANK OF CASS RIVER, THENCE WESTERLY ALONG THE NORTH MARGIN OF CASS RIVER TO FOURTH STREET, THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE EAST MARGIN OF FOURTH STREET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 10, OF SAID BLOCK 1, THENCE EASTERLY ON THE SOUTH LINE OF LOT 10 AND 11 IN SAID BLOCK 1, TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT OF THE VILLAGE OF TUSCOLA SOUTH SIDE OF RIVER, TOWNSHIP OF TUSCOLA, COUNTY OF TUSCOLA, MICHIGAN MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 6543 BRAY ROAD, VASSAR, MI 48768 During the SIX (6)

MONTHS immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241 a, the property may be redeemed during the thirty (30) days immediately following the sale.

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foregoing Mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

KENNETH C. BUTLER II (P 28477)  
ATTORNEY FOR MORTGAGEE  
24525 Harper Avenue  
St. Clair Shores, MI 48080  
(586) 777-0770  
Dated: 12-28-16

12-28-5

SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248)539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE – Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by RANDALL HASCALL and CANDY HASCALL, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to CSMC, INC. D/B/A CENTRAL STATES MORTGAGE, Mortgagee, dated February 29, 2008, and recorded on March 10, 2008, in Liber 1143, on Page 394, and modified on January 8, 2015, recorded February 10, 2015, in Liber 1323, on Page 1026, and assigned by said mortgagee to NATIONWIDE ADVANTAGE MORTGAE COMPANY, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Three Dollars and Twenty-Five Cents (\$56,943.25).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on January 26, 2017 Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as:

LAND COMMENCING 8 RODS WEST OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTH-WEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 2, TOWN 12 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST, RUNNING THENCE WEST 100 FEET, THENCE NORTH 200 FEET; THENCE EAST 100 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 200 FEET TO THE BEGINNING. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241, in which case the redemption period shall be 1 month, or under MCL 600.3241a 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later, or extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

NATIONWIDE ADVANTAGE MORTGAGE COMPANY  
Mortgagee/Assignee  
Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.  
23938 Research Drive, Suite 300  
Farmington Hills, MI 48335  
S20140825023820 FHA

12-28-4



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MORTGAGE SALE – Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by JASON GOSLIN, A SINGLE MAN, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 8, 2013, and recorded on February 11, 2013, in Liber 1271, on Page 971, and assigned by said mortgagee to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Three Dollars and One Cents (\$69,843.01).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on February 2, 2017 Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as: Commencing 71 1/2 rods West and 13 rods South of the Northeast corner of Section 1, Town 14 North, Range 8 East, thence West 6 rods 10 feet; thence South 5 rods; thence East 6 rods 10 feet; thence North 5 rods to the point of beginning. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241, in which case the redemption period shall be 1 month, or under MCL 600.3241a 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later, or extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238.

If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association  
Mortgagee/Assignee  
Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.  
23938 Research Drive, Suite 300  
Farmington Hills, MI 48335  
S2016121514455 USDA

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Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. MORTGAGE SALE - A mortgage was granted by Kevin W. Blackmer and Kimberly M. Trato-Blackmer, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated May 23, 2005, and recorded on September 14, 2005 in Liber 1054 on Page 132, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as Indenture Trustee for GMACM Home Equity Notes 2004 Variable Funding Trust as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola county

records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-One Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Six and 76/100 Dollars (\$31,466.76).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on February 2, 2017.

Said premises are situated in Village of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Section 16, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, commencing on North and South quarter line 9.51 and 1/3 rods North of Southwest corner of Northeast quarter thence East 32 rods thence North 7.82 Rods thence West 32 rods to North and South quarter line thence South 7.82 rods to point of beginning, as recorded in Tuscola County Records.

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

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: January 4, 2017  
For more information, please call:  
FC H (248) 593-1300  
Trott Law, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
31440 Northwestern Hwy Ste. 200  
Farmington Hills, Michigan  
48334-5422  
File #468710F01

1-4-4

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - A mortgage was granted by Tracy J. Smith and Larry Smith, wife and husband, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated November 18, 2003, and recorded on January 16, 2004 in Liber 974 on Page 411, and assigned by said Mortgagee to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Credit Suisse First Boston Mortgage Securities Corp., CSFB Mortgage-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-AR2 as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Seven and 75/100 Dollars (\$149,557.75).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on February 2, 2017.

Said premises are situated in Township of Dayton, Tuscola

County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 33, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, Dayton Township, Tuscola County Michigan, described as: Beginning South 427.61 feet along the West Section line from the Northwest corner of said Section 33; thence from said place of beginning, East 290.00 feet, thence South 180.00 feet; thence South 84 degrees 05 minutes 38 seconds West 291.55 feet to the said West section line, thence North 210.00 feet along said section line to the place of beginning

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

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: January 4, 2017  
For more information, please call:  
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Attorneys For Servicer  
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Farmington Hills, Michigan  
48334-5422  
File #465531F01

1-4-4

MORTGAGE SALE  
THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Wayne Anderson and Anne C.E. Anderson, husband and wife, mortgagors, to Independent Mortgage Co. East MI, which became Independent Mortgage Co., a dissolved Michigan corporation, and successor-by-merger to Independent Mortgage Co. East MI, as assigned to Independent Bank, a Michigan banking corporation, mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated September 9, 2005, and was recorded on September 20, 2005, in Liber 1054, on page 909 of the Tuscola County records, and subject to an Assignment of Mortgage recorded at Liber 1325, Page 638. The balance owing on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is \$72,881.35, including interest at 4.375% per year variable. The Mortgage contains a power of sale clause and no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owing.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on February 9, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the Tuscola County Court Facility, 440 N. State Street,

Caro, Michigan, that being the place of holding Circuit Court for Tuscola County, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

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

Commencing at a point which is 8 rods E of the S 1/4 corner of Section 2, T14N, R11E, Elkland Twp., Tuscola Co., Michigan, and running thence N 330.00 ft; thence E 132.00 ft; thence S 330.00 ft; thence W 132.00 ft to the point of beginning.

commonly known as 7261 Bay City Forestville Rd., Cass City, MI 48726  
tax i.d. 79-007-002-000-1650-00

If the property described in this notice is sold at a foreclosure sale, then under MCL 600.3278, the Mortgagor(s) will be held responsible to the buyer of the property at the foreclosure sale, or to the Mortgage holder, for damage done to the property during the redemption period.

The redemption period will expire six (6) months after the date of the foreclosure sale, unless the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will expire 30 days after the date of the foreclosure sale, or when the time to provide notice under MCL 600.3241a(c) expires, whichever is later.

SMITH, MARTIN, POWERS & KNIER, P.C.  
Dated: January 4, 2017  
By: Henry L. Knier, Jr. (P46393)  
Attorney for Independent Bank, Mortgagee  
900 Washington Ave., P.O. Box 219  
Bay City, MI 48707 -  
(989) 892-4574

1-11-4

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE MORTGAGE SALE-Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made by GENE WILSON, a single man, 6166 W. GILFORD ROAD, FAIRGROVE, MI 48733, Mortgagor (s) to FRANKENMUTH CREDIT UNION, 580 NORTH MAIN STREET, FRANKENMUTH, MI 48734, Mortgagee dated JUNE 19, 2014, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Tuscola County, and State of Michigan on JUNE 25, 2014, in LIBER 1309 on PAGE 1476 of Tuscola County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and inter-

est, the sum of FORTY FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE AND 87/100THS (\$44,325.87) DOLLARS at 5% percent per annum and attorney fees as provided for in said Mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof; NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on FEBRUARY 9, 2017, AT 10:00 A.M. local time, said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder in the main lobby of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, aforesaid, on said mortgage with interest thereon and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Which said premises are described as follows TOWNSHIP OF GILFORD, COUNTY OF TUSCOLA AND STATE OF MICHIGAN, to wit: A parcel of land in the Southeast 1 / 4 of Section 25, Town 13 North, Range 7 East, described as follows: Commencing at the South 1 / 4 corner of said Section 25, thence Easterly, 796.25 feet along the South section line to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence Easterly, 233 feet along the South section line; thence Northerly, at right angles to the South section line, 210 feet; thence Westerly, parallel with the South section line, 233 feet; thence Southerly, 210 feet, at right angles to the South section line to the POINT OF BEGINNING. MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 6166 W. GILFORD ROAD, FAIRGROVE, MI 48733 During the SIX (6) MONTHS immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241 a, the property may be redeemed during the thirty (30) days immediately following the sale.

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foregoing Mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

KENNETH C. BUTLER II (P 28477)  
ATTORNEY FOR MORTGAGEE  
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Dated: 1-11-17

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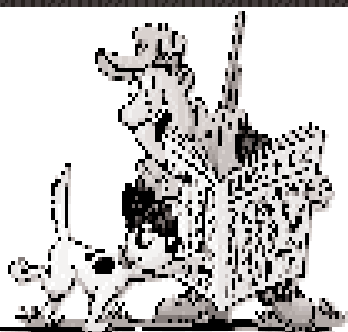
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## New batch of med students arriving soon

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Hills and Dales community relations director.

“CMU College of Medicine has a strong emphasis on rural and medically underserved regions,” she noted, adding that in a few weeks, the hospital will welcome two more medical students, marking the fourth group of students to participate in the program.

“This clerkship allows the students to gain essential experience in a rural setting,” Blaine explained. “Beginning Jan. 16, two CMU Medical Students will partner with Dr. Surendra Raythatha at Cass City Family Practice. He will serve as their primary mentor. Additionally, the students will rotate through other clinics — pediatrics, orthopedics, and general surgery — as well as spend time in the emergency department, operating room, and inpatient unit.”

The students include Katherine Copely of Kalamazoo, who earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in psychology at the University of Michigan. Her interests include figure skating, crocheting, dancing, yoga and fitness.

The other student is Gabrielle Barringer of North Muskegon, who earned her bachelor’s degree at Michigan State University, majoring in Microbiology with a minor in nutritional services. She enjoys watching movies, reading, going for walks, and spending time with family and friends.

Both Copely and Barringer are third year medical students at Central Michigan University’s College of

Medicine. They will be working at Hills and Dales through July.

“Working with CMU’s students has been very rewarding for us. It’s exciting to see the students learn and grow, as well as to see our physicians mentoring them,” Hills and Dales General Hospital President and CEO Jean Anthony said. “We hope this experience gives the students an understanding of the importance of rural healthcare.”



Gabrielle Barringer



Katherine Copely

# Obituaries

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### Marlene Parrish

Marlene Parrish, 70, of New Tazewell, Tennessee, formerly of Caro, passed away Thursday, December 29, 2016 at her daughter’s home in Decker, following a lingering illness.

Marlene was born September 11, 1946 in Bay City, the daughter of the late Sidney and Bernadean (Fox) Tobias.

She was a 1964 graduate of Caro High School, and on June 12, 1965, she was united in marriage with Ronald Parrish at the Caro United Methodist Church. Marlene was employed at the Caro Regional Center until her retirement. She was a member of the Caro Women of the Moose, and enjoyed traveling to Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

Marlene is survived by her loving husband of fifty-one years, Ronald Parrish; her children, Michelle & Alan Rutkoski of Decker and Richard Parrish, of Caro; six grandchildren, Brandon Orchard, Bryant & Kayla Orchard, Brandi Orchard, Brady Orchard, Brent Orchard and Jeremiah Rutkoski; four great-grandchildren, Salara, Dylan, Hailey and Serenity Orchard; two siblings, Ronald & P.J. Tobias of Houghton Lake, Pam & Mark Fritz of Caro; one aunt, Ethel Cramer of Lake Whales, Florida; one uncle, Kenneth Tobias of Saginaw; mother-in-law, Freida Parrish of Cass City; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Cheryl & Mike Mattlin of Caro; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her father-in-law, Dale Parrish; and brother-in-law, Russell Parrish.

In keeping with Marlene’s wishes, cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 14, at the Mizpah Missionary Church, 4631 Van Dyke Road, Cass City.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorial contributions to the Mizpah Missionary Church, 4631 VanDyke Road, Cass City, MI 48726.

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](http://www.RansfordCollon.com).



## Thumb Insurance Agency

### Would like to congratulate our 2016 Bike Winners!

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**NOAH, age: 8**

**KIRSTEN, age: 7**

**BRENDEN, age: 9-1/2**

**SKYLAR, age: 10**

Thanks to all who participated. Have a Safe and Happy New Year!

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## Gifts await first 2017 newborn

The arrival of 2017 will have special meaning to couples that are also expecting their own little arrivals, but just when the first baby of the new year will be born is anyone’s guess.

Will the first birth take place just minutes or hours after the bells start ringing after midnight, Jan. 1, or will several days or even weeks pass before the blessed event?

Regardless, the first baby of the new year born and reported to the Chronicle by a Cass City area family will be showered with gifts and well wishes from local merchants, a tradition that has continued for many years in the community.

The only question mark each year is timing. In 2012 the first baby arrived Jan. 1, when Irwin and Susan Bricker of Cass City welcomed their daughter, Maria I. Bricker, at home on Leslie Rd.

In 2014 Josh and Adrienne Klein welcomed their first born Lennox Rose Klein on Jan. 2.

Last year Clinton and Taryn Ellis of Cass City welcomed their newborn daughter, Cambrey Jane Ellis, Monday, Jan. 6.

As was true last year, the coming year’s proud parents will receive a \$20 floral bouquet from Special Scents Floral Shoppe, Gilligan’s and Coachlight will have a gift certificate waiting.

In addition, 2 area banks will offer their best wishes. Chemical Bank and Thumb National Bank each have a \$10 savings account for the new arrival.

But that’s not all; Curtis Chrysler and Cass City Oil & Gas have both chipped in a free oil change.

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## NOVESTA TOWNSHIP MEETING NOTICE

As per Resolution adopted on December 5, 2016, the 2017 year meeting schedule of the **Novesta Township Board** will be as follows:

January 9, 2017

February 6, 2017

March 6, 2017

April 3, 2017

May 1, 2017

June 5, 2017

July 3, 2017

August 7, 2017

September 11, 2017

October 2, 2017

November 6, 2017

December 4, 2017

## NOVESTA TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

for **Planning Commission** will be as follows:

February 7, 2017

April 4, 2017

June 6, 2017

August 8, 2017

October 3, 2017

December 5, 2017

All meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. and are held at the **Cass City Gun Club, located at 2676 N. Englehart Road, Cass City, Michigan 48726.**

For any additional information, contact the Clerk at 989-671-7625.