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Cass City and Kingston Schools in the top 10 percent of state districts listed in Mackinac Center's latest "report card"

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The Mackinac Center for Public Policy released the results of its 2016 Michigan Public High School Context and Performance (CAP) Report Card last week, giving some area school officials reason to smile.

Among them are Kingston School Supt. Matt Drake, whose district was recognized as having one of three junior-senior high schools that showed the largest improvement in the state from 2012 to 2016.

Among the more than 630 Michigan schools graded in the latest Mackinac City report, Kingston ranked 26th and earned an "A" grade.

Also earning an A grade was Cass City Junior-Senior High School, which ranked 49th overall.

The two schools were ranked first and second among Tuscola County's nine public school districts.

Among other area schools, Owen-Gage received a grade of C and was ranked 381st, while Uby Community Schools received a C and a ranking of 289th and Caro Community Schools was ranked 260th and received a grade of C.

"The moral of the story for the Cass City Schools is, even though we have (an average of 45 percent of kids qualifying for free or reduced meals), these kids are doing well academically," Hartel said. "Our scores are certainly right there."

About half of Cass City Elementary School students qualify for free or reduced meals, and nearly 40 percent of junior-senior high students qualify.

"This shows that Cass City Public Schools is doing well on the assessment in spite of the socioeconomic (numbers)," Hartel said.

Cass City has received A grades since the Mackinac Center started releasing its statewide school report card.

"We're happy with the results. We like the consistency. (But) it's not an end-all," Hartel added. "It's another piece of data...that we can use. It's a piece of a larger puzzle, is the way I look at it."

"I was pretty excited about the results," commented Drake. "I think that is definitely a testament to our teachers and instructional para-pros and administrative staff."

It's also a testament to the district's focus on achieving high academic performance among students who are facing socioeconomic challenges, according to Drake, who said 65 to 72 percent of the district's student body qualifies for free or reduced meals.

"We're beating the odds," he added. "We're working with a student population that, according to the Mackinac Center, shouldn't be performing as well as they are performing."

The Mackinac Center's third-edition report card – a school-level assessment – Please turn to page 8.

Flu starting to rear its ugly head in Michigan

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The flu bug is rearing its ugly head in Michigan, with an increasing number of cases prompting state health officials to issue a reminder to residents to get their annual flu vaccine as soon as possible.

Locally, health officials say few cases are being reported at this point, but they anticipate the numbers to increase based on annual trends.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Thursday reported an increase in influenza activity, prompting officials to up the status of flu activity for Michigan to "regional" as a result of increased activity in the southeast and southwest areas of the state.

The MDHHS State Laboratory has confirmed 94 flu cases statewide, including 65 in the southeast region, 14 in the southwest region, 13 in the central region, and two in the northern region. Of the 94 lab-confirmed cases, 82 are influenza A and the remaining dozen cases are influenza B.

"The flu activity in both Huron and Tuscola counties has been very sporadic. We're seeing very few cases," said Ann Hepfer, health officer for the Huron and Tuscola county health departments.

However, she added, it's early in the flu season, and it's typical for the number of cases to rise in late January into February.

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PASTOR Chris Howard (pictured at right) of the First Baptist Church of Caro was the guest speaker during the 2017 annual Tuscola County Right to Life Memorial Service, held Sunday afternoon on the steps of the county courthouse in Caro. An estimated 60 people attended this year's program, which was followed by a warming fellowship at the nearby Blessing Center.



County struggling with low tax rate

by Mary Drier
Special for the Chronicle

A review of Tuscola County finances shows how a 53-year-old decision is making it difficult for the county to operate efficiently today.

In 1964, county leaders set the county's allocated millage rate, which after the Headlee Rollback is figured in currently totals 3.9141 mills.

That low rate has made it extremely difficult for the county to provide basic mandated services — required by the state - much less provide other services.

"The very low allocated millage rate and limited tax base continues to be problematic to the financial ability of the county to provide even mandated services from the general fund," states a report penned by Tuscola County Controller Mike Hoagland.

"Without the wind-turbine revenue, which we know declines significantly with time, we would rank dead last in the state in general fund property tax received per capita."

The county has only been able to operate at current levels because of voter approval of dedicated millages for certain non-mandated services, Hoagland pointed out.

Taxpayers have approved the following special voted millages: bridges and streets, .4807 of a mill; senior citizens services, .2 of a mill; medical care facility, .25 of a mill; road patrol, .9 of a mill; roads and streets, .9657 of a mill; mosquito abatement, .6316 of a mill; recycling, .15 of a mill; veterans services,

.17 of a mill; Michigan State University Extension services, .1 of a mill.

Yet, taxpayers have rejected requests several times over the years to increase the county's allocated millage.

Tuscola County ranks 77th out of the state's 83 counties in general fund property tax revenue per capita. In comparison, Huron County rank's ninth in the state and Sanilac County, 64th.

Tuscola County's taxable value in 2015 was \$1,765,660,266. The county's allocated millage levy generated general fund property tax revenue of about \$6,910,971. The county's estimated population in 2015 was 53,777, which makes the tax revenue per capita \$129.

Huron County's 2015 allocated millage rate after the Headlee Rollback was figured is 4.3807 mills. The county's 2015 taxable value was \$2,194,991,653 for a gen-

eral fund taxable revenue of about 9,615,600. In 2015, the county had a population of 31,883, which equals a property tax revenue per capita of \$302.

Sanilac County's 2015 allocated millage rate after the Headlee Rollback was 4.0482 mills. The county's 2015 taxable value was \$1,538,732,404 for a general fund taxable value of about \$6,233,145. In 2015, the county had a population of 41,465, which equals a property tax revenue per capita of \$150.

The chart Hoagland provided shows the state average allocated millage rate is 5.1618, and that if Tuscola County had that rate, instead of 3.9141 mills, it would have generated an additional \$2,203,000 in property tax revenue for the general fund — a 30-percent increase.

Hoagland's presentation showed the county's low allocated millage rate set decades ago significantly Please turn to page 5.

State grant to upgrade county park

by Mary Drier
Special for the Chronicle

A state grant will help to pay for improvements to Tuscola County's only county-owned park, and there is a grassroots interest in reviving a one-time popular event at the park — the Muskrat Festival.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) awarded more than \$1.4 million in Recreation Passport Grants to communities for

local park improvements in 36 counties.

Tuscola county received a \$10,700 grant for Vanderbilt County Park and Campground improvements. The money will go towards renovation and improvements such as installation of a potable water line, campfire rings, picnic tables, gravel driveways and access paths to park facilities.

Because the park at 4446 Bath Rd., which is between Quanicasssee and Unionville, doesn't have water or beach access, it has had a rocky history since the late Frank Vanderbilt donated it at the turn of the 19th century. The rustic park has been open, closed, open, closed and opened again over the years in an effort to save money.

Even during the times the park was previously closed, there were still expenses because the lights had to be kept on and it had to be insured, so for the last few years the park has been open, Tuscola County Controller Mike Hoagland said.

The 18-acre park has 24 campsites with electricity along with eight rustic campsites. The facility also features playground and volleyball equipment, picnic areas, grills, rustic restrooms without showers, and a few fire rings.

Although the park doesn't have water access, it is a popular spot for parking for those who want to ice fish on Saginaw Bay.

There is a renewed interest in the park among some area residents. A grassroots group is trying to spark interest in having activities again at the park. In the past the recreational facility has hosted Easter egg hunts as well as the Muskrat Festival complete with young ladies competing for the title of Miss Muskrat.

Cass City's Doris Jones closes the books on 42-year career at library

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

When Doris Jones agreed to work at Rawson Memorial District Library as an assistant to former longtime library Director Barb Hutchinson back in the 1970's, the nation's 38th president — Gerald Ford — was in office following the Watergate scandal and President Richard M. Nixon's impeachment.

Gasoline cost about 55 cents a gallon, inflation was 11.3 percent as a global recession deepened, the average cost of a new car was \$3,750, and the average price of a house hovered around \$10,990.

At the time, "The Exorcist" was playing in movie theatres, and "The Waltons" and "Six Million Dollar Man" were among the entertainment fare on

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DORIS JONES, who recently retired after more than 40 years of service at Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City, displays a stained glass window picture of the library that was presented to her as a gift in honor of her retirement. The piece was created by local artist Mimi Nicol.



UBLY SCHOOL officials recently hosted their second Life Skills Day dedicated to preparing students for skills they will need to be successful in their everyday lives. Students attended sessions on health and wellness, cooking, taxes, budgets/check book balancing, car repair and social media etiquette. Students went out to the bus garage to learn how to change a tire, jump-start a car and check fluid levels. They were also given an informational sheet on the different parts of a car. The district plans to host two more of the classes this school year.



WINNERS OF THE school-level National Geography Bee at Owen-Gage are (from left) Jameson McKnight, third place; Clay Evans, second place; and Madelyn Haldane, first place.

Owen-Gage students National Geography Bee winners

Twenty-six Owen-Gage students in grades 6 through 8 recently participated in the school-level competition of the 29th annual National

Geography Bee, which involves students answering oral questions on geography.

Madelyn Haldane, a seventh grade student, won the school competition. The second-place winner was eighth grade student Clay Evans, and Jameson McKnight, eighth grade, placed third.

As the winner of the first round of competition, Haldane completed an online examination that will enter her into the state level competition. Up to 100 of the top scorers on the online test will then be eligible to compete in their state bee March 31.

The National Geographic Society will provide an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C., for state winners to participate in the national bee championship rounds slated for May 15-17.

The first-place national champion will receive a \$50,000 college scholarship, a lifetime membership in the society, including a subscription to National Geographic magazine, and a trip to the Galápagos Islands, courtesy of Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic.

The national finals will air on television May 19 at 8 p.m. (EST) on the National Geographic Channel and Nat Geo WILD, and later on public television stations. Check local listings for dates and times.

Everyone can test their geography knowledge by downloading the “National Geographic GeoBee Challenge” app, with more than 1,000 questions culled from past competitions, available on the app store for iPhone, iPod touch and iPad; from the Android Market; or for NOOK Color.

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Dental therapist bill worth consideration

Guest editorial
by Michael Van Beek, director of research
Mackinac Center for Public Policy

As the cost of health insurance premiums has risen, employers have found it increasingly difficult to provide employees with full medical benefits. A common way employers lower the cost of employee benefits is by reducing or eliminating dental insurance coverage. This is unfortunate because good oral health is a key component of a person's overall well-being.

It should be no surprise, then, that not enough people in Michigan get the type of dental care they need. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services says that 31 percent of adults in the state did not see a dentist in 2014. The price of dental care is clearly a deterrent, as this figure jumps to 60 percent for adults with a household income of less than \$20,000 and for adults who do not have dental insurance.

From both a public health perspective and a long-term fiscal perspective, it pays to provide more people with access to preventive dental care. But costs are not the only barrier to dental care. Access to dental professionals is inconsistent throughout Michigan.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, there were more than 200 dental shortage areas in Michigan in 2014 and at least one in all but a handful of counties. So, even if someone can afford to pay a dentist, they might not be able to find a convenient one nearby.

Skipping a regular trip to the dentist is like ignoring the check engine light on your dashboard. It might not seem important at the moment, but it can turn into a major problem later. And in the case of dental care, we all pay the costs when preventable issues develop into an emergency.

Considering these challenges, Michigan policymakers should make dental care more affordable and accessible. This is easier said than done though, because legislators' ability to reduce prices are limited and fraught with risks of creating harmful unintended consequences.

But one idea that has a lot of merit is create a new type of provider, called a dental therapist. This concept was legislatively introduced by Sen. Mike Shirkey, R-Clarklake, in Senate Bill 1013.

Currently, there are two types of licensed dental care professionals operating in Michigan: dentists and dental hygienists. A dental therapist would be a mid-level provider, meaning they could provide more care than a dental hygienist but not as much as a dentist. Like current licensed providers, dental therapists would have to graduate from a state-approved, accredited dental program and pass a state exam. They could only work under the supervision of a dentist.

Dozens of developed countries rely on mid-level providers to supply dental care. Australia, England, Canada and the Netherlands use them and New Zealand has depended on them for almost a century. Studies from these countries indicate that dental ther-

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Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

If you can't beat them...



After being friendly competitors for decades, I'm still adjusting to the idea that Cass City Chronicle Editor Tom Montgomery and I are now co-workers. It is odd to see my name and articles I've written in the Chronicle after trying for years to scoop Tom on stories. Although I've privately thought it to myself on and off for years, I've never come out and openly admitted Mr. Montgomery is one heck of a reporter. I started out as a freelance writer, covering nearly all of Tuscola County and a large part of Huron County for the various nine newspapers and two radio stations that published my articles. With that large of an area to cover, there was always something readers needed to know. It wasn't until I was hired as a staff writer for a weekly newspaper that covered mainly the community where it was located that I came to appreciate what Tom did for a living. After years of being a free-range reporter, I chaffed at being confined to only writing about happenings in a couple of communities, especially when there was so much news going on in communities outside of the targeted coverage area.

It wasn't until then I realized what a challenging job Tom has. For several decades, he has found news and features week after week for the handful of communities his paper covers.

After a few years of being restricted to a limited coverage area, I moved on to another paper that had a larger coverage area. I worked hard to try to scoop Tom on stories in his coverage area.

Finally, after years of tailing behind him and occasionally having a story on the same date, I finally downright beat him on covering an important story in the heart of Cass City, only a block from the paper's office. I did a couple of fist pumps in the air and a victory dance around the newsroom, gloating that I had finally got a story ahead of Tom.

My smug feeling of victory didn't last long. Tom was out of commission with pneumonia at the time. That hollow victory gnawed at my soul.

Apparently, the incident left a mental scar. Not long after learning I had fallen short again of a victory over Tom's journalism prowess, I had a dream that included him, and it still kind of haunts me.

In my dream, there was an armed robbery at a Cass City business. Tom and I were hunkered down behind cars, each jockeying for a better position to get photographs of what was happening. While ducking and dodging behind cars, I lost track of where Tom was. I thought that was great because it might be an advantage for me.

That thought didn't last long. While I was distracted, trying to find a good location for a photo, Tom had gone around back of the business. In the dream, he had allowed himself to be taken hostage. As the robbers came out of the store, they used Tom as a hostage/shield, just as he had planned in order to get a better story.

Being the good reporter he is, he turned the camera around to get action shots of himself as a hostage being held at gunpoint in the dream sequence. As that happened, Tom shouted to me, "Let's see you top this one, Drier!"

Letters to the Editor

Village owes DFA and its farmers an apology

To Whom It May Concern,

Since I was elected to the Village Council, I have found many issues that concern me. I would like to share some of them with the citizens of Cass City.


First, I want to discuss the new Dairy Farmers of America (DFA) milk plant. This plant has been the greatest thing that has happened to Cass City since Walbro came here in the early 1950's. If DFA goes ahead with its planned expansion here, it will give Cass City an enormous boost. Before that happens, there are issues concerning DFA that must be dealt with the sooner the better.

During the planning process for this plant, Village Manager Peter Cristiano made several commitments that the village could not meet. One of these promises was the utilization of the Village's waste water treatment plan, which proved impossible without substantial, additional investment. Ultimately, DFA had to spend a substantial amount to build their own waste water treatment plant.

This failed commitment cost the Village over \$700,000.00 for engineering costs which are now being paid back through a bank loan. In addition, there were

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Hmm. Not to be out done, I jumped up and yelled "shoot!" At that point, I woke up. What can I say? Journalists are a competitive bunch - even in our dreams.



Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

January is School Board Recognition Month. It's a time to laud public education and honor those that share a common interest – helping students succeed in school and life.

Helping to achieve those goals at our local schools this past year included then Board of Education members Alice Zaleski – President, Craig Bellew – Vice-President, Dave Osentoski – treasurer, Janie Meeker – Secretary and trustees Stacey Bliss, Dan Manwell and Emily Phillips.

Let's tell them job well done.

Fast approaching is Rawson Memorial Library's popular date-with-a-book month.

Starting on Feb. 2 and continuing through the end of the month, customers of the Cass City library can choose from several books on display for the event to read that are covered in a brown paper wrapper that make their selections a mystery.

Afterward, patrons take a brief survey of what they thought of the book and enter a drawing for a chance to win dinner for two.

Need more information? Call Jesika Ferris-Struve at (989) 872-2856.

Recycling efforts in Tuscola County recently received a huge boosts with the purchase of Riverview Auto and Recycling, a former salvage yard just outside the city of Caro.

The property at 987 Ellington Street has plenty of room to grow and was purchased for \$140,000. The eventual new site for Tuscola County Recycling is a 10-acre property with a 7,000 square foot building.

Two days twice a year, families and friends can enjoy one of Michigan's premiere outdoor activities, Michigan fishing, for FREE!
The 2017 Free Fishing Weekends are scheduled for this winter: February 18 & 19, and this summer: June 10 & 11.

All fishing license fees will be waived for two days. Residents and out-of-state visitors may enjoy fishing on both inland and Great Lakes' waters for all species of fish. All fishing regulations will still apply.

For many, the annual Free Fishing Weekend has become a tradition - a time to get together and have some fishing fun. While some may find time to reflect while fishing, there are no limits to variations on a great theme! Experienced anglers who offer a child or young adult the chance to take their first fishing trip can provide a rewarding experience for all. People who fish tend to understand the natural aquatic network of plants and animals that help to sustain fish as well as the regulations that govern fishing in Michigan.

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Wednesday, January 18

- 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 19

- AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.
- 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 Library, 520 W. Huron Ave., Vassar. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

Saturday, January 21

- 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.

Monday, January 23

- Alcoholics Anonymous, “Monday at a Time,” 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubyl. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.
- AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.
- Cass City School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
- Hills & Dales General Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 11:30 a.m., Gilligans (no meetings July, August, December).
- Tuscola County Right to Life meeting, 6:30-8 p.m., Caro Area District Library, 840 W. Frank St., Caro. For more information, call (989) 872-3259.

Tuesday, January 24

- 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.)
- Community Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.

STANDING COMMUNITY CALENDAR ITEMS

First Sunday:
•Gagetown United Methodist Brunch, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., All you can eat. \$6 donation.

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, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

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

Third Tuesday:
•Living with Parkinson’s Support Group, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Holiday Inn Express, 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 Community Hospital Administration Building/Conference Center, 147 S. First St., Harbor Beach. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121
•Ubyl Lions Club meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Ubyl Thumb Veterans Organization-Hall, 2165 Bingham St., Ubyl 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 Library, 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 Behavioral Health, Bad Axe. For more information, contact Rhonda Quinn at (989) 269-9293.
•Sanilac County Alzheimer’s and Family Caregiver Support Group, Sanilac County Medical Care Facility. Noon to 2 p.m. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

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., Ubyl. 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.

Koylton accident probe continuing

by **Tom Montgomery**
Editor

Tuscola County Sheriff’s deputies are continuing their investigation into a one-vehicle traffic crash Jan. 8 in Koylton Township that left two area residents injured.

Huron deputies arrest driver

by **Tom Montgomery**
Editor

Sheriff’s deputies who responded to a recent one-vehicle traffic crash in Huron County’s Bloomfield Township turned the driver over to the U.S. Border Patrol following their investigation.

Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson said the accident was reported during the early morning hours of Jan. 8 at the intersection of Kinde and Tinsey roads.

The investigation led to a large dairy farm in Huron Township and then back to a residence near the scene of the alleged accident.

“The accident vehicle, a 1997 Ford pickup, was located behind a barn where it appeared it was likely being hidden. Sgt. Hunt then returned back to the farm, where he was able to locate the driver of the accident vehicle,” Hanson said.

“It was learned that he (25-year-old driver) was the sole occupant and was injured in the accident. He stated he was southbound...and fell asleep. He then ran the stop sign at the ‘T’ intersection and impacted with the Kinde Road south ditch,” added the sheriff, who noted alcohol was a factor in the accident.

“The vehicle was then removed and placed behind the barn where it was found. It was also unregistered and uninsured. Sgt. Hunt took the driver

The crash was reported at about 8:50 p.m. on M-46 near Cemetery Road, according to Sheriff Glen Skrent, who said Sgt. Josh Herman responded to the scene.

“The investigation continues, but preliminary reports show the vehicle

had been westbound on M-46 and had just passed another vehicle at a high rate of speed. The driver then lost control and left the roadway, rolling the 2004 Ford Mustang into the ditch,” Skrent reported.

“It is believed one of the persons was ejected from the vehicle. The other occupant was trapped inside the car. MMR ambulance transported both subjects to McLaren Hospital in Lapeer,” noted the sheriff, who identified the occupants only as a 45-year-old Kingston man and a 24-year-old Deford man.

“Deputies are still in the process of determining who was the driver and who was the passenger,” Skrent said.



TUSCOLA COUNTY Sheriff’s deputies are continuing their investigation into a one-vehicle traffic crash in Koylton Township that left two area residents injured. One of the victims was ejected from the vehicle, according to reports, which state deputies were working to determine which occupant was the driver. Names have not been released yet.

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:

*Thomas D. Grosso, 35, Caro, pleaded no contest to malicious destruction of police/fire department property and to two counts of assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer Oct. 5 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case, bond was revoked and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff’s department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Andy Huizar, 43, Vassar, was sentenced to 23 months to five years in prison following his pleas of no contest to two counts of attempted assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder between Jan. 21 and March 20 in Vassar Township.

He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$326.

*Nicholas A. Winn, 36, Marlette, pleaded no contest to two counts of assault with intent to commit sexual penetration Nov. 26, 2015, in Watertown Township.

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

*Miguel E. Romaguera, 32, Millington, was sentenced to 90 days in the county jail (deferred) and 18 months probation following his plea of guilty to delivery/manufacture of four to 45 kilograms of marijuana Dec. 18, 2015, in Arbela Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$858 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

*Joshua D. Muter, 31, Vassar, was sentenced to 60 days in jail and 60 months probation following his plea of no contest to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, May 7 in Denmark Township.

He was also ordered to complete 480 hours of community service and pay costs and fines totaling \$758. Restitution in the case is to be determined.

*Robert A. Miller Jr., 51, Caro, received a one-year delayed sentence following his plea of no contest to a charge of aggravated domestic violence between Sept. 2 and Sept. 25 in Ellington Township.

He was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,008 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

*Jenny M. Heuchert, 36, Millington, pleaded no contest to possession of marijuana, second offense, April 6 in Vassar Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$8,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Joseph A. Parker, 34, Reese, was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$858 plus attorneys fees of \$500 following his plea of no contest to delivery/manufacture of marijuana, second offense, April 6 in Reese.

*Larry L. Giddings, 44, Reese, received a one-year delayed sentence

following his plea of no contest to a charge of domestic violence, third offense, Aug. 28 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (two prior felony convictions).

He was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$858 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

*German Cerda, 35, Mayville, was sentenced to 30 days in jail, with work release, following her pleas of guilty to falsely reporting a felony (unlawfully driving away an automobile) June 15, 2013, in Millington Township, and to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Aug. 25 in Vassar.

The defendant was also placed on 60 months probation and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,684.

*Nickolas D. Morris, 18, Fostoria, was sentenced to 365 days in jail and 60 months probation following his pleas of guilty to three counts of larceny from a motor vehicle between May 22 and Aug. 15 in Millington.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,018 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

*James E. Bearinger, 62, Caro, was sentenced to 270 days in jail and 60 months probation following his pleas of guilty to possession of a firearm by a felon July 26 in Juniata Township and June 13, also in Juniata Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to jail time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$516.

*Bryan D. Wilson, 49, Millington, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, July 7 in Vassar.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff’s department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Thomas L. Cotton, 25, Silverwood, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Sept. 24 in Vassar Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

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

*Shaun C. Parker, 54, Vassar, pleaded no contest to a charge of attempted home invasion, first degree, Aug. 1-2 in Tuscola 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 \$15,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Russell W. Jewell Jr., 56, Vassar, pleaded guilty to charges of delivery/manufacture of marijuana, second offense, and possession of mari-

juana, second offense, July 22 in Tuscola County.

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

*Glenn R. Welch, 38, Clifford, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Oct. 31 in Indianfields Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$8,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff’s department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Barukh Shalev, 37, Los Angeles, pleaded no contest to assault with a dangerous weapon Oct. 6 in Unionville.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$30,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff’s department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Ammar I. Marqus, 39, Center Line, pleaded no contest to charges of interfering with electronic communications and attempted criminal sexual conduct, third degree (involving force or coercion) Aug. 20, 2015, in Fremont Township.

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

*Rory J. Keene, 42, Millington, pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance, second offense, March 14 in Watertown Township.

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

*Tracey Renee-Ullmer Chism, 39, Bridgeport, was sentenced to 90 days in jail (deferred) and 12 months probation following her pleas of guilty to possession of marijuana, second offense, and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, second offense, Aug. 15 in Indianfields Township.


*James E. Putman, 50, Caro, pleaded guilty to delivery/manufacture of cocaine, heroin or another narcotic (less than 50 grams) July 23 in Indianfields Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$8,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Newt J. Delong, 20, Silverwood, pleaded no contest to charges of attempted discharge of a weapon from a motor vehicle, and taking a deer, bear or turkey without a license Jan. 30 in Dayton Township.


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

Reporter’s notebook



Haters gonna hate? Sadly, it seems so...

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



The presidential election created a sizable group of folks whose anger, obsession and intolerance hasn’t ceased to amaze me, maybe because I’ve seen so many friends and acquaintances swallowed up by their obsession with Donald Trump’s victory over Hillary Clinton.

It’s been more than two months since the election, and there’s still no sign the hateful rhetoric is going to subside anytime soon.

I was reminded of that when I recently posted a meme on Facebook that suggested people can disagree – even vehemently – about the presidential candidates, but still get along, engage in meaningful dialogue and extend a little common courtesy to one another, because we’re adults.

A former colleague immediately responded with more attacks against the president-elect. I told him that wasn’t the point of the meme I had posted, and he suggested I was indifferent and that my indifference was, perhaps, far more dangerous than the individual who refuses to speak up against evil.

I suggested that he not confuse my refusal to whine incessantly with indifference.

Anyway, most of the people I’ve talked with agree, at least to some extent, that neither Trump nor Clinton is suited to lead this nation. Some support Trump; others hate him with every fiber of their being. The same goes for Clinton.

I’d like to blame Trump for the mob mentality I’m hearing and seeing these days on the airwaves and social networking websites. After all, who in their right mind could not be offended by many of the foul things that have come out of this man’s mouth?

As I said, I’d like to blame Trump for the outpouring of hateful and intolerant tirades that have become common place in our society, but I find that difficult to do when each of us bears the responsibility for behaving like adults ourselves. And that includes listening to other views without responding with personal attacks.

I find it sadly ironic that some people who are first in line to point out Trump’s divisive, negative and hurtful remarks, are also among the first to turn around and do the exact same thing, except the comments are targeting the president-elect and anyone connected to his fledgling administration. I guess that makes it okay?

If our children learned some horrible lessons from watching the campaign, I wonder if class is still in session at home?

If you disagree with Trump – and I have with many of his choices – you have an absolute right to say so and be heard. But why respond like a five-year-old who isn’t getting his way? At what point are the haters going to figure out that their verbal jabs are doing little more than spreading anger and hate? Wouldn’t it be more constructive to bend the ear of your Congressman (or woman) and let them know you have strong views and are watching closely how they’re representing you in Washington, D.C.?

It might also be worth pointing out to them that this country has safeguards in place to remove a leader who crosses (or has crossed) the line.

In the meantime, I suppose we’ll all be subjected to the folks running around like Chicken Little — telling anyone who will listen that the sky is, indeed, certain to fall any moment. I can’t help but wonder if they’ve forgotten how many monstrous challenges and terrible events this nation has survived over the course of history.

Who knows? Perhaps those individuals can’t help themselves, because they’re resting all of their hopes and dreams and faith on the person sitting in the Oval Office.

If so, I pity them.

Low tax rate impacting county

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impacts the county’s finances, even with the revenue from wind-turbine development.

“We are looking at and discussing options on our finances. Expenses have been out-distancing revenue,” said Tuscola County Commission Chairman Thom Bardwell. “We are very reliant on revenue from wind development, but we know we cannot depend on it. It decreases as the years go by.”

Although there are two new wind farms proposed for the county by two developments, the proposed wind farm in Almer Charter Township and Ellington Township is meeting strong opposition.

“We will be watching what develops (or doesn’t) in Almer and Ellington in the wind projects there,” said Bardwell.

Hoagland’s review of finances included the following list of 10-top taxpayers in the county in 2016: Tuscola - Bay Wind LLC had a taxable value of \$115,923,650, Consumers Energy had \$118,722,722, ITC Transmission had \$55,944,193, DTE had \$36,093,619, Dairy Farmers of America had \$13,645,700, Poet Bio-refining had \$9,083,338, Thumb Electric Cooperative had \$6,145,449, Wal-Mart with \$3,933,750, Russell Family Land Company LLC had \$3,321,195, and Michigan Sugar Company had \$2,420,927.

The report also noted the largest employers in the county. They are Tuscola County government with 378 employees, Caro Regional Center with 360 employees, Wal-Mart with 300 employees, and Caro Community Schools with 264.

Hoagland’s information showed nearly all of the top employers in the county are government entities rather than manufacturing concerns.

The report should have also noted Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City has more employees than Caro Schools. The hospital has more than 300 employees, according to Danielle Blaine, who is the hospital’s marketing and foundation director.

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Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2012)

Greg and Emily Darr of Cass City were married Jan. 12, 1987 in Caro. Ten years ago, they renewed their wedding vows at St. Pancratius Catholic Church, Cass City. They have 3 children, Justin, Erica and Aaron Darr. The couple celebrated with family and friends Jan. 14 at the Brentwood in Caro.

Air Force Airman Jonathan J. White recently graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. White completed an intensive, 8-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Airmen who complete basic training earn 4 credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force. White is the son of Darcy White and Mark White, both of Cass City.

10 YEARS AGO (2007)

As new parents-to-be, Kristy and Brad Speirs were understandably anxious about welcoming their first child. The Cass City area couple’s wait ended Friday, Jan. 5, when Emily Grace Speirs was born at 5:15 p.m. at Covenant Hospital in Saginaw. “She (Emily) was 2 pounds, 13 ounces when we went in, and we came out with a 5 pound, 12 ounce baby,” she said. “She was born at 35 weeks and one day.”

Krista Homakie, of Cass City has been named to the dean’s list at Hope College, Holland, Mich., for the first semester of the 2006-07 school year. She is the daughter of Michelle Homakie of Cass City. To be named to the dean’s list, a student must earn a minimum 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Carson Harris graduated from Northern Michigan University Saturday, Dec. 14. He graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science Degree, majoring in English education and minoring in history education. Present for the graduation in Marquette were grandparents Don and Delores Harris, parents Ken and Ruth Harris and family, Denise Sutherland and Dennis, Marla, Jessica and Emilee Steely.

40 YEARS AGO (1977)

Mr. and Mrs. George Prich, Jr. of Gagetown announce the engagement of their daughter, Linda Susan, to Wayne W. Rueger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rueger of Sebewaing. A May 21 wedding is being planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Delmar J. Miller of Owendale announce the engagement of their daughter, Lynn Deanne, to Joseph Dean Zawilinski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Zawilinski of Cass City. The bride-elect will be a 1977 graduate of Cass City High School. The prospective bridegroom is a 1975 graduate of Cass City High School. A July 16 wedding is being planned.

Mr. and Mrs. James Kelley of Simi Valley, Calif., announce the engagement of their daughter Pamela, to LCPL. James H. Gilliam. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Gilliam of Deford. A July 2 wedding is being planned.

Three area residents were among 507 students named to the dean’s list at Saginaw Valley State College for the fall semester, 1976. They include Kimberly Hartwick and Robert Henessey of Cass City and Julie Dorman of Snover. Students must earn a 3.0 grade point average and carry a full academic credit load to qualify for the list. Also named to the list was Rochelle Billy of Owendale.

An instructor at Cass City Intermediate School for nearly 10 years, Mrs. Sally Goodall has taught over 40 students during the past four years the secrets behind the art form which began in the early 1800’s. She says it began with French settlers in New York State and the Dutch and Germans of Pennsylvania. “It started with the people painting around their house in the winter time to have something to do,” Mrs. Goodall says. “They started painting on wooden doorknobs for instance, just to cheer up their homes.” Country folk painting is an old art that traces its roots to the early settling of America. It’s an art Mrs. Goodall is helping keep alive in the Thumb through a series of classes she teaches at her home just north of Kingston on Rossman Road each week.

50 YEARS AGO (1967)

Two boys have been hired at Lee-Tow to help persons don their skis. Among the many enjoying the facilities at the Kingston area slope Sunday were Lori Hampshire, 7, and Greg Hampshire, 11, children of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hampshire of Cass City.

Two changes in the Cass City business scene were announced this week. Earney Seeley announced that he has purchased the interest of his partner, Bud Peasley, in the ST&H Service Station in Cass City. According to the new owner, there will be no changes in the policies or service at the station. Peasley will continue to work at the station, but will no longer have the responsibilities of management, it was announced.

Mrs. Ella Cumper announced this week that she has sold the back hoe, roofing and septic tank business that was operated by her late husband to John Bresky of 4244 Sherman, Cass City. Details of the transaction were completed Monday. The new owner is well-known in the Cass City area. He has lived in the village for three

years and in the area for 20 years. The Breskys have three children. Before buying the business, Bresky worked in construction.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Root, Jr. of Cass City announce the engagement of their daughter, Shirley Ann, to Robert McIntosh, son of Mr. and Mrs. James McIntosh of Decker. A Feb. 25 wedding is planned.

Miss Janet Faye Krause, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Krause of Snover, and Robert L. Woodward, son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Woodward of Snover, were united in marriage Saturday afternoon, Jan. 7, in the First United Presbyterian Church of Sandusky.

The parents of Miss Linda Ann Freiburger announce her engagement to Ralph H. Edward, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bowron of Bad Axe. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard A. Freiburger of Cass City. Miss Freiburger attends Central Michigan University. Mr. Edwards attended Flint Junior College and is employed at Dow Chemical, Midland. A summer wedding is planned.

Larry R. Hughes, sophomore commerce student, and Gary W. Miller, junior pharmacy student, at Ferns State College at Big Rapids, were two of 837 students honored for academic excellence in the fall quarter. They were named to the dean’s honor list, according to an announcement by school authorities. To earn a listing, the student must maintain at least a B average while carrying a full academic load.

75 YEARS AGO (1942)

Glenna Lee Asher, Cass City junior student at Central Michigan College, Mt. Pleasant, finds herself these days caught in a swirl of activity far beyond the usual run of campus “doings.” For Glenna is a member of the general planning committee for the “J-Hop,” annual social highlight on Central’s campus, set for Friday evening, January 23.

M. B. Auten will be chairman of the reception committee at the President’s Ball in the school auditorium in Cass City on Friday evening, January 30, Willis Campbell is in charge of decorations and A. B. Champion of publicity, and Miss Mary McIntyre is chairman of the music committee. Other members of these committees and other committees are yet to be appointed.

Acting on the recommendation of the board of supervisors that Chairman Barriger appoint five citizens, himself to be included, to serve as additional members of the Tuscola County Defense Council, Mr. Barriger has notified Dr. E. C. Swanson, chairman of the council, of his selection. The five are all supervisors: Howard Slafter, Tuscola; Ernest G. Luder, Aimer; L. C. Draper, Millington; Roy LaFave, Elmwood; William Barriger, Columbia. The council will hold a session Friday night.

100 YEARS AGO (1917)

Mrs. Mary Land and her sister, Mrs. Sarah Woodcock, have purchased the millinery stock from the Clara L. Woolman Estate and are preparing for the spring millinery trade. The store building is undergoing a thorough renovation. It is being painted and papered, the floors are being oiled and the store fixtures revarnished.

From last Thursday morning until Wednesday evening - just a week - farmers in the vicinity of Cass City signed up 1,800 cows to furnish milk for the proposed condensary here “We would easily secure 3,000 cows if we were required to do so,” said a member of the committee in charge of the soliciting, “as not more than 50 percent of the farmers have been interviewed. We found very few objections regarding the condensary among the farmers.”

“It’s the prettiest ice ever harvested,” is the expression used by Jacob Anthes ice contractor, in describing” this winter’s product. The ice is from 12 to 16 inches thick, dear as one ever sees frozen water, and without the usual crust of snow. Mr. Anthes started cutting last Thursday and Tuesday evening had cut and delivered 459 loads secured at the Cass river, west of the railroad bridge. The greatest number of loads hauled in one day was 117 and the average number was 92. Nine teams were used in hauling the average day’s cutting and nine men were busy getting the ice ready for hauling.

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Baker again recognized as a vet friendly school

Baker College has again been recognized by two media organizations for its ongoing dedication to make quality higher education available to U.S. military personnel, veterans and families.

The 2017 recognitions are:

- *Military Friendly Gold Award in the category for private institutions with more than 10,000 students from Victory Media for outstanding programs and positive education outcomes for veterans and their families.
- *Top 20 Best for Vets in the career and technical college category from Military Times in recognition of a commitment to provide educational opportunities to veterans, service members and military families.

“Welcoming, supporting and positively influencing the lives of our nation’s heroes are extremely important to Baker College,” said Airman 1st Class Christy Cooper, Baker College military education officer. “A benefit of these awards is that they draw attention to the continued need to enhance paths for military members to succeed in civilian life.”

Cooper said that in addition to having a veteran point of contact at each Baker College campus, all admissions advisors and financial services team members are trained to help military-connected students with educational benefits and can provide reference and contact information for outside agencies and resources.

Baker College grants academic credits for military training, as recommended by the American Council on Education, and participates in the federal military tuition assistance program. It also supports the presidential executive order for educational institutions serving military-connected students by actively participating in GoArmyEd, a virtual education management tool for students, and the U.S. Air Force Air University Associate-to-Baccalaureate Cooperative.

Baker College has been designated a “Military Friendly School” by Victory Media every year since the list was first published in 2010.

Selection for 2017 was based on data from three sources: federal agencies, veteran students and proprietary Military Friendly surveys from participating colleges. Results included assessment of the school’s student veteran retention, graduation rates, job placement, and loan repayment, persistence and default. Ernst and Young audited the methodology and weightings.

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Military Times has named Baker College “Best for Vets” numerous times. This year, the schools were evaluated for their culture, student support, academic outcomes/quality, academic policies, cost and financial aid. Categories were individually weighted with university culture and student support having the greatest value. Other factors considered included key metrics from several federal agencies.

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Flu starting to rear ugly head

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The good news, according to Hepfer, is the cases being reported in the upper Thumb to-date involve influenza A, the same type of flu targeted by this year’s vaccine. And, she said, there is still time for residents to protect themselves by getting vaccinated.

“Seeing an increase in flu cases in January is not uncommon in Michigan and is a good reminder about the importance of getting vaccinated,” said Dr. Eden Wells, chief medical executive with the MDHHS. “Because it takes about two weeks for the body to build up immunity to the flu virus after getting the flu vaccine, people should not wait to get their flu shot to stay healthy.”

Flu is a contagious respiratory disease caused by influenza viruses that can cause mild to severe illness.

Michigan ranks 42nd in the nation for flu vaccination coverage, and falls below the national average for flu vaccination coverage for every age group.

Multiple flu shot options are available this season, including a high-dose vaccine for adults aged 65 years and older, an egg-free flu vaccine for people with egg allergies, and vaccines that protect against three strains or four strains of the flu. Residents should speak with a healthcare provider about which vaccine is best for them.

National data suggest that the 2016-17 flu vaccine is a good match to the viruses circulating up to this point in the season. Plenty of flu vaccine is still available, and residents are encouraged to get their flu vaccine at provider offices, local health departments, or local pharmacies.

To find a location near you to get a flu vaccine, visit www.vaccinefinder.org.

For more information about the flu season in Michigan, visit www.michigan.gov/flu. For national flu season information, visit www.cdc.gov/flu.


Library to host senior movies

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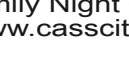



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THE CASS CITY Gavel Club recently elected officers for 2016-17. They include (left to right) Vice President Keith Czekai, Secretary Tom LeValley and President Jim Mastie. Missing from the photo is club Treasurer Virgil Peters.

In Our OPINION...

Dental therapist bill worth consideration

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apists can provide high-quality preventive care. And many U.S. states are following suit: Minnesota, Maine and Vermont license dental therapists and 15 other states are considering legislation similar to Michigan’s Senate Bill 1013.

One final reason Michigan policymakers should consider creating a license for dental therapists: About half of the dentists in this state are set to retire within the next 10 to 15 years. This will only exacerbate the dental shortage problems, and the influx of newly minted dentists is unlikely to replace all those who retire.

But if dentists have the option to supplement their work and expand their client base with dental therapists, these shortages could be dealt with more easily.

From both a public health perspective and a long-term fiscal perspective, it pays to provide more people with access to preventive dental care. Michigan is a large and diverse state geographically, which makes providing necessary dental care a challenge.

Equipping dentists with the option of hiring dental therapists to meet these needs would go a long way to improving oral health in this state.

Cass City, Kingston Schools in latest report

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ment of academic performance based on a four-year average of state standardized test scores — offers a unique view of Michigan’s high schools, according to Ben DeGrow, study co-author and director of education policy at the Mackinac Center.

The study, DeGrow explained, takes into consideration the socioeconomic status of students in each high school when assigning grades, and in doing so, the context and performance report card is able to provide a more comprehensive assessment of schools by evaluating academic performance in the context of the students being served.

“Our goal is to get a better picture of how schools are performing given the challenges their students face, and improve the debate regarding school effectiveness,” DeGrow said. “By grading schools on both performance and student poverty, we are closer to measuring the impact that individual high schools have on student performance.

“The state’s method of only considering student test scores when slating a school for closure puts some schools at unfair risk of being shuttered simply because they serve

higher populations of economically disadvantaged students,” he added.

The context and performance report card includes scores for 639 public high schools in Michigan, including charter schools and cyber schools. Though charter schools account for fewer than 12 percent of the schools in the report, more than a third of the top 20 schools are charters.

In a change from previous versions of the report card, the overall scores were made by averaging a school’s adjusted performance over four years and using a four-year average of the school’s free lunch rate. The result was a “Contest and Performance (CAP) Score” for each of the 639 schools for which data was available.

A CAP Score below 100 indicates that a high school’s average performance was below its predicted level of gain, given the relative level of student poverty, while a CAP Score above 100 indicates a score that exceeded the predicted level of performance.

The letter grades were based on a standard bell curve distribution, with 10 percent of schools receiving A’s, 20 percent receiving B’s, 40 percent receiving C’s, 20 percent receiving D’s and 10 percent receiving F’s.

Finally, a percentile rank was also

calculated for each school, showing what percentage of schools had lower CAP scores than any particular school.

For example, Cass City earned a CAP Score of 107.16 and a percentile rank of 92.49 (representing the percent of schools that had lower CAP scores than to Cass City). The CAP scores and ranks for other area districts included Owen-Gage (score of 98.97 and percentile rank of 40.53), Ubyly (score of 100.45 and a percentile rank of 54.93), and Caro (score of 101.03 and a percentile rank of 59.47).

The report also highlighted schools that made significant gains, and three rural schools showed the largest improvement from 2012 to 2016. In addition to Kingston High School in the Thumb, which earned a CAP Score of 109.99 and a percentile rank of 96.09 (up from 12.91 percent), they are Eau Claire High School in southwest Michigan and Lake Fenton High School in Genesee County.

The report card incorporates scores from both the old Michigan Merit Examination and the new M-STEP tests, and bases poverty rates on the number of students receiving free lunches.

Doris Jones closes the books on library career

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television.

Technology? Well, the pocket calculator was just making it on the scene, as were the first word processors.

At Rawson Memorial Library, meanwhile, the card catalogue still ruled and the typewriter was king, library Director Kate Van Auken says.

“Back then, Doris coordinated children’s programming, answered phones, cataloged all the items in the library collection, and waited on the many patrons she has come to know over these years,” Van Auken added.

Today, Jones has a little more time on her hands following her retirement from the library after 42 years of service.

It should have been no surprise that Jones took Hutchinson up on her offer of a part-time job in 1974, given a life-long love Jones had with reading and the library, starting in her youth during trips to town with her family — during an era when the library was just a single room located behind Coach Light Pharmacy on Main Street.

“I had always used the library from the time I was a small child,” Jones recalled. “Saturdays were the big days to come into town,” she added, noting her mother would pick up groceries, they would stop and see her father, who had his own plumb-

ing business in town for many years — and there would be a trip to the library, where librarian Reva Little was on hand to greet patrons.

“We used the library a lot. Everybody was a reader,” she said. “There’s still a whole bunch of us that still like to hold that book in their hands.”

Years later, Jones continued, “I started taking my kids to the library.”

One day Hutchinson offered a part-time job at the library, which then was housed in a new building but offered limited hours and a limited staff (Jones’ addition doubled the number of employees).

“It was a good gig,” said Jones, who describes herself as being naturally shy but at the same time a people person. “I like to be around people and it was a good place to work.”

Over the years, the library’s hours, programming and staffing have all grown, but the employees have continued to be a close knit group.

“When you work in close proximity with other people, like you do at the library, they become part of your family, and it’s neat to watch the kids you used to wait on, coming in with kids of their own,” Jones said.

Jones’ duties have varied over the years, from taking care of updating the library newsletter subscription list, to working the desk, directing children’s programming, cataloging — first on cards and then later on computer — and helping to organize quilt shows in recent years.

different and more personal picture of her impact on the library’s staff and its patrons.

“When my family moved to Cass City almost 20 years ago, the first place my kids and I walked to was the library. That day, Doris was at the desk and I asked how I could get a library card. Before she gathered the paperwork for me to fill out, she introduced herself and wanted to know who I was and why I had moved here,” Van Auken recalled.

“We had a wonderful chat about so many things that morning, like how old my children were and which home did we buy,” she said. “Doris went out of her way to make me and my kids feel welcome, not only at the library, but welcome to Cass City.

“This is the kind of person she is: friendly, caring and so proud of her community, a community she herself grew up in,” Van Auken added. “Little did I know, a few years later, we would wind up working together.”

Van Auken went on to serve on the Rawson Memorial District Library Board for about 18 months, joining shortly after completion of the community “Fun in the Thumb Playscape” project, which she and veteran Cass City educator Paula LeValley spearheaded.

Then, in 2002, as the library board was searching for a new director following Hutchinson’s announced plans to retire, Hutchinson along with board member the late Bob Hirn asked Van Auken to apply for the job.

Van Auken’s leadership has benefited the library in many ways, from, keeping up on advances in technology to leading the way in expanding programming for patrons of all ages. It’s a success she frequently attributes to her staff, including veterans like Jones.

For her part, Jones will be spending more time with her husband, Gary, and their family, now that she’s retired, but chances are good she’ll also find herself visiting the library now and again.

“I do miss it. I miss the people,” she said.

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CASS CITY'S Shaede Perzanowski faces pressure from Reese defender Ryan Fisher during Greater Thumb West play Friday night.

Kingston girls stay perfect in North Central Thumb League

Winless Carsonville-Port Sanilac was overwhelmed Friday by visiting Kingston during a North Central Thumb League crossover contest.

The game featured two teams headed in different directions. The Lady Cardinals allowed just two first quar-

ter points to build a 13-2 margin after one quarter and then held the Tigers scoreless for the remainder of the half that ended with the defending league champs enjoying a 23-2 spread.

It would be Kingston's offense on display to open the final half. An impressive 18 point showing in the third frame would lead to a 53-14 final score to improve to 5-0 in the NCTL.

Carley Smith had ten points to pace Kingston, while Kaisa Giddings and Jillyan Dinsmore split 18 tallies.

Cass City gals hoop games rescheduled

It will be two weeks since the Cass City Lady Red Hawks' last basketball game when they return to the hardwood court at Unionville-Sebewaing Area High School.

Mother Nature postponed a rough week of competition last week for Coach Aaron Fernald's gals, who were scheduled to host undefeated Greater Thumb East leaders Harbor Beach and Greater Thumb West favorites Reese. The contest with the Pirates has been rescheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 7, while the Lady Rockets' contest is now slated for Tuesday, Feb. 21.

"We were a bit disappointed that we did not get to play last week, but we have spent the extra practice time working on some of our weaknesses. Hopefully we can come out this Thursday with great energy and execute at a high level," said Fernald.

Turnovers costly in Cass City setback

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

Just when you think Cass City has things figured out offensively, Reese comes to town Friday and delivers the Red Hawks a 59-43 Greater Thumb West (GTW) drubbing.

The contest was an early statement game for Coach Tyler Erla's basketball team that entered the GTW battle after recording a season-high 61 points Tuesday during a Greater Thumb Conference crossover win against Harbor Beach.

Junior reserve Joey Krol came off the bench to drill five shots from three point land to lead Cass City over the visiting Pirates, while Logan Schenk was his familiar self, chipping in 17 points in the 61-44 decision.

Although the perimeter game of Krol and the inside presence of Schenk was held in check against the visiting Rockets, it would be turnovers that hurt Cass City's victory bid most. If the Red Hawks hope to rebound this Friday at USA against the GTW overwhelming favorites, taking better care of the ball will be priority one.

Actually, Cass City was able to limit their miscues in the opening quarter against the Rockets and would trail just 12-11 entering the period before the break.

Reese's Kyle Stockmeyer

was on the mark early and three hoops from the junior standout established an early 6-3 cushion for the visitors. Cass City answered behind a pair of field goals by Chase Winter, including a pretty left-handed shot in traffic that evened the score at 9-9.

Reese, however, ratcheted up their defense pressure for the remainder of the night and cruised to the 16-point victory. With constant pressure on the ball, Reese created five turnovers before the break, part of a 17-8 spurt that stretched the Rockets' lead to double figures – 29-19 – after two quarters.

Stockmeyer continued to have his way in the opening half tallying eight of his game-high 16 tallies. Even so, it was the Reese swarming defense that produced the halftime bulge holding their hosts to solo field goals from Krol and Schenk in period two.

Reese added two points to their margin in the third quarter and then exploded for 19 points in the final eight minutes to come out on top. The Red Hawks committed 12 blunders in the closing half, including eight in the final frame.

After a Winter trey sliced the Reese advantage to 40-34, back-to-back steals and full court layups by Jake Galsterer and Stockmeyer restored order for the winners with seven unanswered points that spoiled

any comeback thoughts the hosts were entertaining.

Schenk, who was prevented from catching the ball in the paint by the Reese defenders, was the lone Red Hawk to record double digits and finished with 13 points, while Krol chipped in eight markers that featured a pair of treys.

Reese had a trio of double digit performers. Stockmeyer registered game-scoring honors with 16 points, while Galsterer added 13 points and Ryan Fisher 11.

Owen-Gage boys win, girls lose

Owen-Gage leaped out to a quick 20-8 advantage Friday against host Landmark Academy and was able to make the margin last for the Bulldogs' first league win.

With the 48-38 decision, Owen-Gage improves to 4-2 overall.

Leading 29-21 entering the third quarter, the visitors were able to trade baskets with their hosts to the final whistle. Owen-Gage took a double digit lead – 40-30 – into the final eight minutes, when each school tallied just eight points.

David Binder's double-double led Owen-Gage. The senior playmaker poured in a game-high 22 points and 10 rebounds. Derek Vincent continued his brilliant senior year with 15 points and nine rebounds.

Turning to the Lady Bulldogs, Allyson Witzke's eight points wouldn't be enough to record victory during the double header affair.

Landmark Academy held their guests to just six points at the half, and lead 20-10 after three frames, on their way to a 30-15 triumph.

GTC leaders host home wrestling match tonight

Area wrestling fans can catch the undefeated Greater Thumb Conference Cass City wrestling team in action on their own mats tonight for the last time before this year's GTC League Meet, slated during the first week of February.

The Red Hawks will take a perfect 5-0 league record into their final home double-dual match Wednesday, where the hosts will be heavy favorites to hand visiting Brown City and Memphis lopsided setbacks.

Last week, Coach Don Markel's grapplers kept their GTC mark perfect by defeating Marlette, 56-24, before going on to conquer host Sandusky, 69-12.

Drew Markel, Alex Jeffrey, Hayden Larkin, Darrin Dickson, Wyatt Dickson, Dustin Horne, T. J. Moore and Brad Baker led the winners, each with a pair of victories on the night.

On Saturday, Cass City traveled to Flushing and finished as the runner-up at the 6-school gathering.

"We are currently a little nicked up and battling the flu as a team; so to come away with five wins last week was a good accomplishment. Even though we placed second at the Flushing Tournament there is a lot of room for improvement. We need to get better on our feet and also from the down position," said Markel.

Even so, Cass City was able to finish with a 4-1 record at the team tourney. The Red Hawks collected wins over Pinckney, Laingsburg, Flushing and Bay City John Glenn, while bowing to the champions from St. Louis.

Four wrestlers proved to be unbeatable over the weekend for Cass City as Wyatt Dickson and Tylor Cowdry each went 5-0, Brad Baker went 4-0 and Darren Dickson went 3-0. Moore, Seth Osentoski and Eric Peters all posted 4-1 records for the Red Hawks.

Cass City's dual meet record now stands at 19-4.

Boys' Basketball Standings

Greater Thumb West

	W	L	W	L
Bad Axe	2	0	3	3
USA	1	0	4	1
Cass City	1	1	5	3
Reese	1	1	3	4
Vassar	0	1	2	3
EPBP	0	2	3	4

Greater Thumb East

	W	L	W	L
Marlette	2	0	10	0
Brown City	2	0	4	4
Sandusky	1	1	1	6
Ubley	1	1	3	5
Memphis	0	2	3	5
Harbor Beach	0	2	2	6

NCTL - Stripes

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

NCTL - Stars

	W	L	W	L
Dryden	6	0	8	0
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MHSAA 'Check-in Champ' App offers chances to win scholarships and prizes

The Michigan High School Athletic Association and SuperFanHigh, a leading fan loyalty and engagement company, have launched a mobile app that will allow students, faculty, alumni, community members and all fans to earn prizes and college scholarships by showing support for high school basketball teams.

To participate, fans simply need to download the "Check-in Champ" app for free from the Apple iTunes or Google Play online stores and then check in at high school girls and boys basketball games they are attending this season. SuperFanHigh will track these check-ins and pro-

vide standings of fans who attend the most events statewide beginning Tuesday, Jan. 10. Fans "checking in" accrue points toward prizes including a total of \$5,000 in college scholarships sponsored by MI Student Aid.

"The 'Check-in Champ' contest provides an exciting opportunity for our schools to promote their regular-season girls and boys basketball games," MHSAA Executive Director John E. "Jack" Roberts said. "We're eager to see how this will build more excitement at games, both during the regular season and the MHSAA tournament, and we're

appreciative of MI Student Aid for adding significant incentive for students and their families who support their classmates and communities."

For the remainder of this Michigan high school boys and girls basketball season, fans who attend games will earn points. When registering on the app, fans must select their favorite school. Schools will be divided by Class: A, B, C and D. A \$3,000 scholarship will be awarded to the fan who earns the most points overall across all four classes, and \$500 scholarships will be awarded to fans who earn the most points in each class.

Only student fans will be eligible to use the college scholarships; however, fans who are not students may still compete for the scholarships and designate them for specific students should they win the contest. All fans, including those who are not students, will be able to earn app "badges" as they accrue points, and the top 100 point-getters will receive shirts printed to celebrate their accomplishment in the contest.

"We are excited about partnering with the MHSAA to launch this new app," said Anne Wohlfert, Director of the Student Financial Services Bureau at the Michigan Department

of Treasury. "We are pleased to offer \$5,000 in scholarship dollars to the students who attend the most games. This joint venture aligns with our goals to provide high school students and their families with student financial resources and information."

The app provides other information for students and fans including their selected schools' boys and girls basketball team schedules, MHSAA news and an opportunity to share photos through a 'fan cam.' Participants may accrue bonus points by answering MHSAA basketball trivia questions and promoting their "check-ins" on social media.

SuperFanHigh is a division of its parent company, SuperFanU and provides fan experiences for more than 300 high schools and colleges/universities across the country. The company is leading the market in developing innovative platforms that allow the communication and marketing between students/fans and schools to be more engaging and efficient.

"We know that our partnership with MHSAA will yield lots of excitement this year across the state of Michigan," says Kayla Mount, co-founder and COO of SuperFanU.

The MHSAA is a private, not-for-profit corporation of voluntary membership by more than 1,400 public and private senior high schools and junior high/middle schools which exists to develop common rules for athletic eligibility and competition. No government funds or tax dollars support the MHSAA, which was the first such association nationally to not accept membership dues or tournament entry fees from schools. Member schools which enforce these rules are permitted to participate in MHSAA tournaments, which attract more than 1.4 million spectators each year.

Entries wanted for SPB Excellence Awards

The MHSAA will again recognize the efforts of its members participat-

ing in the School Broadcast Program through the fourth annual

SBP Excellence Awards, which is now accepting applications for content produced during the 2016-17 school year.

SBP schools can submit up to three entries in each of six categories: Best single-camera production; best multicamera production; best use of graphics; best produced local commercials/features; best student play-by-play announcers; and best highlight clip.

The SBP Excellence Awards will be used in selecting the Program of the Year. Other criteria for Program of the Year include quantity and quality of productions and sports covered; best command of graphics software; initiative to cover home and away athletic contests; and initiative/creative in selling local advertising and subscriptions.

Montrose High School has won the Program of the Year award the past three years.

More details about the 2016-17

SBP Excellence Awards, and an online entry form, can be found on the School Broadcast Program page of the MHSAA Website. The deadline for submitting entries is February 15, 2017 at 4 p.m.

In its eighth year, the School Broadcast Program gives members an opportunity to showcase excellence in their schools by creating video programming of athletic and non-athletic events; with students gaining skills in announcing, camera operation, directing/producing and graphics.

The program also gives schools the opportunity to raise money through advertising and viewing subscriptions.

All sporting events – live or delayed – are available on a subscription basis only for their first 72 hours online. They become available for free, on-demand viewing approximately 72 hours following their completion.

CC gymnasts shine

After squaring off against host Vassar early last week, the Cass City gymnastic team traveled to Haslett on Saturday to take part in a 12-school invite. Long-time Red Hawk Coach Kathy Bouverette was excited on her young team's performances at both venues.

Although the Vulcans earned a 119.626 to 113.250 victory in Wednesday's match-up between area foes, several Red Hawks handed in quality showings according to Bouverette.

On the vault, Cass City had Alexis Bates finish third with a score of 8.6, while Alexa Torres and Brittany Swiderski each tallied marks of 8.05 to finish tied for fifth. Megan Graham, with a score of 7.95, finished sixth.

On the balance beam, Bates had a score of 8.0 to pace Cass City. She placed third in the event, while Graham and Torres came in third and fourth, respectively. Graham was given a score of 7.575 for her time on the beam, just edging Torres with a score of 7.55.

On the uneven bars, Bates and Emily Gilliam earned points for Cass City. Bates was the runner-up with a score of 6.875 and Gilliam came in sixth place with a score of 4.775.

Bates would finish second in the All Around after her impressive Floor Exercise routine that earned a mark of 8.425 and second place honors. Olivia Schuette also had a nice showing on her Floor Exercise and placed fourth. Her score was a lofty 7.8.

The All Around champion at the meet was Vassar's Calista Bickel. Her score were 8.925 on the vault, 7.35 on the uneven bars, 8.75 on the balance beam and 8.325 for her Floor Exercise.

HASLETT INVITE

Cass City finished 9th at the Haslett Invitational over the weekend to the delight of Coach Bouverette noting 12 schools including champions Linden/ Fenton/ Lake Fenton attended the affair.

The Red Hawks turned in a team score of 116.250. Individually, Bates placed 13th on the vault with a score of 8.4 and 19th in the All Around

with a score of 31.7755 to highlight the day for Cass City.

Also for Cass City, Torres, Graham and Swiderski all earned scores of 7.9 on the vault. On the beam, Cass City had Bates with a score of 7.70 and Gilliam with a score of 7.4250.

Bates also was tops for Cass City in the Floor Exercise with a score of 8.35, followed closely by Swiderski and her score of 7.8.



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Drew Markel is Schneeberger's choice for their Athlete of the Week award honors.

The first year Cass City Red Hawk grappler continues to shine in his freshman season for the league leaders. In his most recent Greater Thumb Conference action, Markel put together a perfect performance.

The 119-weight class standout posted a pair of victories in a double-dual meet at Sandusky, including a pin over Marlette's Bailey Nobel in 1:13. Markel was one of eight double-winners for Cass City that improved to 5-0 in the GTC.

Drew is the son of Don and Stacey Markel.

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BOYS' BASKETBALL (JV/VARSITY)

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	CC 61, Harbor Beach 44
1/13	Reese 59, CC 43
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	Ubyl
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
1/19	USA
1/24	Brown City
1/26	Vassar
1/31	Bad Axe
2/2	Lakers
2/7	Harbor Beach
2/9	Reese
2/14	Ubyl
2/16	USA
2/21	Reese (Varsity Only @ 7 p.m.)
2/23	Vassar
2/27-3/3	Districts @ Harbor Beach

All games begin at 6 p.m. unless noted

BOWLING

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

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BOYS' BASKETBALL

TUESDAY, JAN. 17

Owen-Gage @ CPS

Kingston @ Genesee

THURSDAY, JAN. 19

Kingston @ Mayville

FRIDAY, JAN. 20

Bad Axe @ Reese

Cass City @ USA

Sandusky @ Harbor Beach

St. Thomas @ Owen-Gage

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GIRLS' BASKETBALL

THURSDAY, JAN. 19

Bad Axe @ Reese

Cass City @ USA

Brown City @ Ubyl

Sandusky @ Harbor Beach

FRIDAY, JAN. 20

Kingston @ Mayville

St. Thomas @ Owen-Gage

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WRESTLING

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
12/7	Millington	6:00 p.m.
12/10	Marlette Team Tourney	8:00 a.m.
12/14	Bad Axe/Ubyl	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 - 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 vendue, 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.

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Dated: December 28, 2016
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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 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 proceed-

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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 COMMENCING 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.

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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 vendue, 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:

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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,

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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.

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Dated: January 4, 2017

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