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Council names police chief interim manager

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

As expected, a capacity crowd that spilled over into the entryway of the municipal building board room Monday was on hand for the regular meeting of the Cass City Village Council.

Unexpected, however, was the approval of a transition agreement with Village Manager Peter Cristiano, who submitted his wishes

to retire during the more than two-hour gathering.

Cristiano, who did not attend Monday night's monthly meeting and was replaced at the board table by Village Attorney Jason Bitzer, addressed the council in a letter, saying "It is with sadness that I give notice to retire as village manger of Cass City. I have enjoyed every moment in this great community. It has been wonderful working with everyone. All of the employees and

the village council have been exceptional people. My retirement will begin on Monday, Jan. 30, 2017, at 4:30 p.m. God bless all of you, and may Cass City have a great future."

Newly-elected council Trustee Tom

Herron, who spearheaded an effort for Cristiano's removal from office and scolded several of his fellow trustees in the media during the process, addressed the packed house next.

"I know I am not too popular around this table right now," he said, adding, "I liked Pete as a person but didn't care for him as village manger. I am asking the council to

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Surprise!

Cass City Chamber names Seeley 2017 top citizen before banquet, festivities slated Saturday night

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The Cass City community will honor one of its own this weekend during the village's annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner, slated for Saturday, Feb. 4, at the Cass City VFW Hall.

Doors will open at 5:15 p.m., followed by a social hour and silent auction at 5:30 p.m., and dinner at 6 p.m.

Chamber officials are parting with the tradition of keeping the award recipient name's a secret this year, instead opting to announce the winner so that more friends, family members and past business associates can make arrangements to attend the dinner.

The 2017 Citizen of the Year Award will be presented to Sherryl Seeley. A committee composed of the past five years' winners – Jim and Judy Brown, Please turn to page 4.

Hills and Dales named state's first Level IV Trauma Center

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City has added "designated trauma center" to its list of health-care certifications.

According to Danielle Blaine, the hospital's public relations director, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has designated Hills and Dales as the state's first Level IV Trauma Facility.

Trauma is the leading cause of death in people ages one to 44 in the nation and it accounts for 47 percent of all deaths in this age group. In Michigan, traffic crash related deaths alone cost \$1.04 billion annually, according to MDHHS officials, who say the overall goal of the state's trauma system is to reduce the incidence and severity of injury as well as to improve health outcomes for those who are injured.

Michigan has been engaged in formal trauma system development since 2000. The vision for Michigan is a regionalized, coordinated and accountable system of emergency care that is designed to ensure the right patient gets to the right place at the right time.

"As a Level IV Trauma Facility, Hills and Dales becomes a designated part of the statewide trauma system; endeavoring to help improve the care and outcomes provided to all trauma patients," Blaine said. "Hills and Dales provides evaluation, stabilization, and diagnostic capabilities for injured patients."

Among the key components of the designation, Blaine added, are:

- *Having basic emergency department facilities to implement ATLS (advanced trauma life support) protocols with 24-hour laboratory and radiology coverage.

- *Ensuring the nursing staff and physicians have initial and ongoing training in trauma care.

- *Having developed transfer agreements for patients requiring more comprehensive care at a Level I, II or III Trauma Center.

- *Incorporating a comprehensive quality assessment program.

- *Being involved with prevention efforts and having an active outreach program for referring communities.

"Hills and Dales began the application process for a Level IV Trauma Facility in 2016," Blaine noted.

"Once the application was submitted, (the hospital) began preparing for a site visit from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, which occurred in November of 2016. Hills and Dales ER physicians along with staff members received many hours of additional training in trauma care."

What does Level IV Trauma facility mean for patients?

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A 22-YEAR-OLD Sebewaing man lost his life when the pickup truck he was driving left Bay City-Forestville Road and struck a tree early last week in Tuscola County's Columbia Township.

Investigation continues into fatal crash

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies are continuing their investigation into a one-vehicle traffic crash in Columbia Township that claimed the life of a 22-year-old Thumb resident early last week.

The victim was identified as Zachary Frank Nitz of Sebewaing.

Deputies were dispatched to the scene Monday shortly after 11 p.m.,

according to Tuscola County Undersheriff Robert E. Baxter, who reported the accident involved a 2011 Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck.

"The vehicle was traveling east on Bay City Forestville Road near Ashmore Road when the vehicle ran off the roadway and struck a large tree," Baxter reported. "The driver was ejected from the vehicle. Fog, wet road surface, speed and alcohol were all contributing factors to the

accident."

Deputies were assisted at the scene by troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro, the Unionville Fire Department and ACW Ambulance.

According to information from his obituary, Nitz was born in Bay City, attended New Salem Lutheran School and graduated from USA High School in 2012. He later graduated from Baker College and worked as a diesel mechanic at Countryside.

Snover man charged in assault, chase

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A Snover man has been arraigned on multiple felony charges stemming

after allegedly threatening his roommate with a knife, assaulting deputies with his vehicle and then leading officers on multiple pursuits covering at least four townships Jan. 21.

Brian Franzel, 48, was formally charged in Sanilac County District Court last week on charges that include assault by strangulation. He also faces two counts of fleeing and eluding a police officer and four counts of assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault).

Franzel remains lodged in the Sanilac County Jail on a \$50,000 bond. His preliminary examination was scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 7.

The six-hour incident unfolded at about 9:35 a.m. when deputies were dispatched to a residence in the 2500 block of West Sanilac Road in Moore Township after 20-year-old Snover resident reported that he had gotten into an argument with Franzel and, at one point during the argument, Franzel allegedly pulled a

knife on him.

"Deputies arrived on scene and attempted to speak to the suspect. However, the suspect refused to comply with verbal commands to exit his vehicle," Lt. Charlene Washkevich of the Sanilac County Sheriff's Department reported. "The suspect then reversed his vehicle, directing it towards one of the deputies, (who) was able to safely retreat behind cover."

Franzel then fled the scene with deputies close behind, but the pursuit was called off after a distance of roughly 10 miles due to poor weather conditions.

"Deputies began to canvass the area and, at approximately 2:55 p.m., they located the suspect still traveling in his vehicle near Mills and Banner Roads in Wheatland Township," Washkevich said.

Deputies again attempted to initiate a traffic stop, but Franzel refused to yield and continued to lead officers

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Kingston mourns the loss of Harrington's Red Zone

by Mary Drier
Special for the Chronicle

When a business in the village of Kingston closed its doors this week, the community didn't just lose a business.

Residents lost a solid supporter of the town and the opportunity to visit with the owner, who many call friend in this close-knit community, when the Red Zone, 3498 River St., closed.

William "Bill" Harrington has owned the business for almost six years, and during that time he developed close friendships with many of his customers and business associates.

"It's sad to see it close. I went to school with Bill and graduated from Kingston," said Don Gerds of Caro. The Red Zone was a customer of Gerds, who is a salesman at Bosco Food Services.

Too much competition is the reason behind the store closing.

"The population base here is too small to support three stores," said Harrington.

Besides the Red Zone, there is another convenience store as well as a national-chain store that opened last summer in the community of about 400 residents.

Before opening the Red Zone, Harrington was a district manager for Speedway. "I started this (the Red Zone) so I could have more family time

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Happy birthday, baby!

ASHLEY AND Joshua Windsor of Cass City are the proud parents of the first baby born in 2017 and reported to the Chronicle by an area couple. The Windsors welcomed their first child, Parker Lynn Windsor, Friday, Jan. 20, at 1:10 p.m. at Huron Medical Center in Bad Axe. She weighed six pounds and seven ounces and measured 19 ½ inches in length. Parker's grandparents are Jeff and Shelly Windsor of Deford, Ernie and Christi Garcia of Bay Port, and Lynn Tesnow of White Lake.

Cass City Elementary announces honor roll

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In Our OPINION...

Clarke Haire
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Tom Montgomery
Editor

Cut Zika virus risk on winter vacations

For many Michigan residents, the winter months often include travel to warmer climates. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is urging travelers to protect themselves from Zika virus while traveling to places with active Zika transmission.

Zika virus is spread to people primarily through the bite of infected *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus* mosquitoes, which have not been found in Michigan, but are common in tropical areas and some parts of the United States.

This year, the CDC is making it possible for you to get travel updates about the Zika virus on the go. By texting PLAN to 855-255-5606, you'll receive helpful tips on how to pack and plan for your trip, stay protected while traveling, and stay healthy when you return home.

"Before you travel, find out if Zika virus is a risk at your planned destination," said Dr. Eden Wells, chief medical executive with the MDHHS. "Pregnant women and couples who are planning to conceive in the near future should avoid non-essential travel to areas with active Zika virus transmission because infection during pregnancy is linked to serious birth defects and miscarriage."

Travelers can prevent Zika virus infection by taking precautions to avoid mosquito bites, including wearing long-sleeved shirts and long pants, staying and sleeping in places with air conditioning or that use window and door screens, and using EPA-registered insect repellents with one of the following active ingredients: DEET, picaridin, IR3535, oil of lemon eucalyptus or paramenthane-diol, or 2-undecanone.

To-date, Michigan has confirmed 69 cases of Zika virus disease in travelers, including three pregnant women.

In the United States, more than 1,200 pregnant women have been identified with possible Zika infection, resulting in 41 Zika-affected infants to-date. MDHHS is participating in the U.S. Zika Pregnancy Registry, in an effort to learn more about the effects of Zika virus infection during pregnancy.

All of the Zika cases in Michigan are travel-related. While the virus is primarily transmitted through the bite of an infected mosquito, it's important that residents of reproductive age are aware of the risks associated with sexual transmission of Zika virus. Zika can be spread through sex without a condom. Most cases of sexual transmission have involved people who had symptoms of Zika virus infection. However, recent evidence suggests that asymptomatic males may be capable of transmitting Zika virus to their sex partners.

There is currently no vaccine or treatment for Zika. Zika virus illness is typically mild. The most common symptoms are fever, rash, joint pain, and conjunctivitis (red eyes) lasting for several days to a week after being bitten by an infected mosquito. Zika has also been linked to Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS), an uncommon condition of the nervous system following infections.

MDHHS is working closely with the CDC to find additional Zika cases in returning travelers or their partners, and is coordinating with local health departments to enhance mosquito surveillance programs. Additionally, the MDHHS laboratory has added capacity to test for Zika infection to help improve public health response time. For the most current information about Zika, visit www.cdc.gov/zika.

Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

The rules of laundry etiquette



In working with the Cass City Chronicle, I finally have an opportunity to use one of several associate degrees I earned when I was attending colleges, trying to decide what I wanted to be when I grew up.

One of the degrees I earned was in marketing. I pitched a few marketing ideas for some advertising that are being considered at the Chronicle. I'm excited about that.

Besides being a news junkie, I also notice advertisements, and I recently realized a time honored truth when it comes right down to it: "It's all in the marketing!"

I've written several articles about wind and solar development as energy sources. With the push for alternative energy and to go green, I wasn't surprised when I saw an advertisement heralding the advantages of solar clotheslines.

For the non-baby boomers who read my column, a solar clothesline is the natural way to dry clothes that was developed many, many decades ago. Instead of putting clothes in the dryer, washed clothes were hung outside on a piece of rope between two poles with the clothes held in place by pinchers called clothespins. The "energy" of wind and sun is what dried the clothes.

In bygone days before clothes dryers, women hung clothes outside year-round. In the winter, clothes were freeze-dried on the line. The damp clothes would literally be frozen stiff. I remember my mom having cracked and bleeding hands from hanging wash outside in subzero temperatures. And, a neighbor would sheepishly hang her laundry in her basement to dry during bad weather.

When I saw the advertisement for solar clothes dryers, it brought those memories and memories of my mom's discussions of laundry etiquette. In thinking back about the pearls of wisdom she shared with me, I realized clotheslines were the social networking system of the time that said a lot about the household from the laundry on the line.

The appearance of diapers on the line announced the birth of a child and/or grandchild to the family that lived in that home. And, the change in the size of clothing hung from season to season showed how much each child had grown.

When extra sheets and nightclothes were hung, it meant someone in the house was sick. The hanging of the good sheets, a fancy tablecloth and extra towels announced company had come to visit.

My mother solemnly intoned the rule that wash was done on Mondays unless the weather was bad and it had to be done later; and that absolutely no matter how bad the weather, wash was never ever done on a Sunday.

Nowadays, the birth of a child, having friends over, and an illness are posted on social sites like Facebook.

And, while "I'm airing dirty laundry," my mother also taught me the "101 Clotheslines" rules.


According to the hard and fast clothesline rules of the time, laundry was to be hung up when the sun came up and taken down before the sun went down. And, leaving clothespins attached to the line after taking the laundry down was lazy and only done by slackers.

Some of the other rules included: before the wash could be hung, the clotheslines had to be wiped down, socks were to be hung in pairs by the toes not the tops, pants hung by the cuffs not the waistbands, and towels and sheets were always hung on the outside so unmentionables in the laundry couldn't be seen.

Plus, an efficient housekeeper followed the rule that each piece of clothing shared one clothespin with the laundry item next to it. A laundry item never hung by itself with two clothespins. "It was tacky to waste two clothespins on one piece of clothing," according to mom.

When clothes were taken down, they were folded and put in a basket. Within a day or two at the most, the rule was to slightly wet them down with a sprinkler top mounted on a glass pop bottle, and iron them. Yes, clothes were ironed.

I'm not getting into the 101 rules of ironing. That would be a whole other column, but I'll bet this information raised respect for the person who invented the clothes dryer.



Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

These tickets you'll need to buy in advance, reports area sportsman Ken Martin.

The Thumb electrician is referring to the Ducks Unlimited 3rd annual "Gun Bash" in Cass City scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 18th, at the VFW Hall.

Tickets are \$100 each and include your one-in-10 chance of winning a gun along with a meal and your choice of beverages, draft beer, coffee, soda and DU Membership. Dinner only spouse tickets are \$50.

Martin elaborated this is a "Drawn Down" type of event. The first person drawn wins the first gun and every 10th person after that wins a gun as well. Some of the guns include a Henry Golden Boy, Glock 9mm and Sig Sauer P320 pistol.

There's plenty more planned for the evening. Call Martin at (989)670-1115 for more information or to purchase tickets.

Red Hawk booster Kate Fernald is looking for donations for the upcoming silent auction and bake sale fundraisers, planned in conjunction with the Cass City Snowcoming festivities on tap for Friday, Feb. 17, when the Unionville-Sebewaing Area Patriots pay a visit to the Pit.

According to Fernald, donated items can be dropped off at the Harris and Company office located at 6815 Cass City Rd, in Cass City. Kate asks interested Cass City fans to call her at (989) 872-2780 with any questions, or to volunteer at the Cass City sports teams moneymaker.

Congratulations to the 2017 Michigan Apple Recipe Contest winners! The competition was held on Jan. 25 at Zehnder's Snowfest in Frankenmuth, Mich.

First, second and third place winners were awarded in each category, which included desserts, pastas and sandwiches. Pam Hornbacher-Retzler of Caro, Mich. won the Grand Prize, a trip to Orange Beach, Ala. and entry in the World Food Championships, with her dessert, 'Apple Peach Blueberry Crisp'.

Hornbacher-Retzler also took home first place in the dessert category.

This year, first place winners received \$100, a Kitchen Aid mixer, 40 pounds of Pioneer Sugar, 30 pounds of Nightingale Pastry Flour, two tickets to a Zehnder's dinner show of their choice and a Michigan Apple gift basket.

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Wednesday, February 1
•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, February 2
•AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.

Sunday, February 5
•Gagetown United Methodist Brunch, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., All you can eat. \$6 donation.

Monday, February 6
•Alcoholics Anonymous, “Monday at a Time,” 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubly. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.
•AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.
•Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.
•Shabbona Outreach Baby Pantry, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Shabbona Outreach 5448 Shabbona Rd. Decker, MI. Gently used clothing and equipment, diapers, bottles, toys, formula, baby food. For more information contact Judy Doerr (989) 658-8625.

Tuesday, February 7
•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.)

STANDING COMMUNITY CALENDAR ITEMS

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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 Monday:
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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
•Ubly Lions Club meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Ubly Thumb Veterans Organization-Hall, 2165 Bingham St., Ubly MI 48475. A pot luck is served prior to the meeting. Everyone is welcomed.
Third Thursday:
•Sanilac County Alzheimer’s and Family Caregiver Support Group, 3 p.m., HDC Adult Day Services Building, 227 N. Elk St., Sandusky. For more information, contact Kim at (989) 673-4121 or Amanda at (810) 648-4497.
•Grief Support meetings, “Healing Together.” Heritage Hill, 1430 Cleaver Rd., Caro, 7- 8:30 p.m. For questions or to register to attend please call the office at (989) 872-5852 or toll free (877) 872-5852. These sessions are open to anyone dealing with a grief or loss. Sponsored by Hospice Advantage, Cass City.
•Caregiver Support Group, 11:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Bullard-Sanford Memorial 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.
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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:

*James W. Bonam, 21, Brighton, pleaded no contest to a charge of larceny of property valued at \$1,000 to \$20,000 Sept. 6, 2014, in Arbela Township.

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

*Cassandra L. Salvador, 23, Sebewaing, pleaded guilty to charges of delivery/manufacture of a controlled substance and attempted possession of a controlled substance April 4 in Unionville.

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

*Karen E. Easterly, 59, Fairgrove, pleaded no contest to two counts of attempted writing a no-account check between Nov. 2, 2015, and Jan. 8, 2016, in Caro.

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

*Shantell D. Griffin, 40, Saginaw, pleaded no contest to possession or sale of a stolen or counterfeit certificate of insurance, and operating a motor vehicle without insurance April 22 in Reese.

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

*Mickey D. Thompson, 35, Caro, was sentenced to 180 days in the county jail, with work release, following his pleas of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, and fleeing a police officer Aug. 17 in Caro.

He was also placed on 60 months probation and ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,426.

Cass City Chamber to honor Sherryl Seeley

Continued from page one.

Connie Iwankovitsch, Pat Curtis, Dr. Surendra Raythatha and Dave Milligan, along with chamber representative Bert Althaver – selected Seeley for the honor from a field of about 10 candidates.

Althaver announced that local resident Joey Kreeger will also be honored with a community service award this year for her volunteer work in organizing activities in conjunction with the Pinktober: A Community with a Cause observation in Cass City each fall.

The chamber dinner won’t be without a surprise, however, as the committee in charge of selecting the recipient of the community’s Junior Citizen of the Year Award won’t be announcing this year’s winner until Saturday night.

According to Althaver, Seeley’s selection for Cass City’s top honor was based on her longstanding service to the community in a variety of venues.

She is a charter member of the Cass City Women’s Club (formerly the Cass City Business and Professional Women’s Club) that was founded in the early 1960s. She has served in the roles of president, vice president, treasurer and secretary. Seeley also served as district secretary for the Michigan Federation of Business and Professional Women’s Clubs.

Her resume also includes being a local representative of the Salvation Army for many years.

Her church family has also been an important part of her life. Seeley spent her earlier years in various positions with the Salem EUB Church and has been a long-time member of the Cass City United Methodist Church, contributing as a member of several committees and as a member of the United Methodist Women.

Seeley retired in 2007 from a banking career that spanned 48 years.

She began her career with the former Cass City State Bank in January 1959, posting savings and checking account transactions, later becoming a teller. She was then promoted to assistant cashier. In 1989, she was promoted to branch manager of the Cass City branch when Chemical Bank Bay Area purchased the Cass City State Bank. In 2000, Chemical Bank Thumb Area (now Chemical Bank) promoted Seeley to assistant vice president and branch manager.

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Reporter’s notebook



Age of gullibility muddying waters

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



“We’re living in an age of dark days and doom,” a Facebook acquaintance stated in a recent post, expressing her angst regarding this nation’s new president.

I can’t blame her. I mean, even after sifting out a number of the phony news sources she evidently relies on to back up many of her claims, there are plenty of legitimate reports out there that have a sizeable chunk of Americans scratching their heads when it comes to daily reports regarding Donald Trump’s first days in office.

A couple of thoughts here: I really wish the big guy would lighten up on his Twitter time, and he would do well to get over his obsession with issues that are, in fact, really non-issues in comparison to the job he has in front of him and has promised to tackle on behalf of “the people”.

One more thing, Mr. President, reporters worth their salt are going to do their jobs in the coming days, months and years, regardless of any perceived control you believe you can have over the Fourth Estate. Better figure it out. But I digress.

I try not to pick too much when someone cites sources that clearly are questionable, but which most certainly support their political views, in part because it’s so blasted difficult to separate accurate news accounts from the sea of crap floating out there in cyberspace these days.

And let’s face it; we’re all tempted to share news tidbits that reflect our views, regardless of the source.

Which is why I’m spending a fair amount of time on sites such as FactCheck.org, a project of the Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania. The organization describes itself as a nonpartisan, nonprofit “consumer advocate” for voters that aims to reduce the level of deception and confusion in U.S. politics.

There are other, similar sites, including PolitiFact.com and Snopes.com, which has been writing about viral claims and online rumors since the mid-1990s and maintains a list of known fake news websites. These sites aren’t always the last word, of course, but they do offer some solid tips when it comes to spotting false reports.

Start by considering the source. For example, would you trust a story posted by abcnews.com.co? Look again; that’s not the actual URL for ABC News.

It’s also advisable to read beyond the headline before passing along that latest juicy report you come across. Even in legitimate news stories, the headline doesn’t tell the whole story.

Do a little research – Google the author’s name and look up sources cited in suspect news accounts. Chances are good you’re going to be in for some surprises when you uncover the truth behind sources that don’t back up claims.

Keep in mind that a number of sites out there are intentionally satirical – The Onion comes to mind — for entertainment purposes. Again, take a close look before running with a headline.

So, are we really living in an age of dark days and doom? Maybe, but I’m not ready to buy into that assessment just yet, at least not while I’m convinced that we’re also living in an age of incomparable gullibility.

Passing on gossip and half-truths is lot like whining; neither takes much intelligence or effort.

Hopefully, more folks will strive to be a part of the solution here and not the problem by checking their facts before passing them on as, well, as facts.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2012)

Erika Mroz has been named Owendale-Gagetown School’s “Senior Student of the Month” for January. Mroz has been very active in sports throughout her high school years. She has been a member of the volleyball, basketball and softball teams each year. She served as a captain of the volleyball squad this year. Mroz participated in track during her freshman year. She has also been a member of the high school band/marching band each year. Academically, Mroz has been on the honor roll and a member of the 3.0 Honors Club throughout her high school career. She served as her class president during her freshman and sophomore years. She was inducted into the Owen-Gage chapter of the National Honor Society as a sophomore, served as the chapter’s treasurer in her junior year, and currently is president of the local chapter. Mroz was chosen as the student council’s vice president last year and currently serves as president. Mroz was a class representative on the homecoming court as a freshman and was nominated as a homecoming candidate this year. She was also recently selected as a snowball queen candidate. She was a member of E.P.I.C.S. as a sophomore, represents Owen-Gage on the Youth Advisory Committee of Huron County, and has been active in the “Cardboard City” event for the homeless. She is also a member of the school’s yearbook staff. Mroz, the daughter of Rick and Kathy Mroz of Sebewaing, is an active member of St. Agatha Catholic Church in Gagetown. Her future plans include attending the University of Michigan or the University of Illinois to pursue a career in medicine.

Students Devon Kluger, Chandler Cryderman and Sally Groombridge recently participated in the Knights of Columbus Area 6 Spelling Bee held in Imlay City. They represented Cass City Middle School, competing against each other along with 6 other spellers. Kluger finished fifth overall, while Groombridge placed sixth and Cryderman, fourth.

graduated from Western Michigan University and is teaching special education in St. Joseph County. Paul is studying German and International Business at Eastern Michigan University. Wedding plans are indefinite.

A 100-year-old house at the corner of Cemetery Road and Deckerville Road, 6 miles south of Cass City, has been demolished because it was too big and too old to sell. I tried to sell the house for 2 years, without success, said owner Frank Newsome. The trouble was that it was just too big for a family and not worth moving. It has 11 rooms with 3 baths and a walk-in shower. The home was built by Curtis (first name unavailable) and over the years 3 additions were added at various times.

35 YEARS AGO (1982)

Sharon A. Ross and Daniel Delamarter were married Jan. 2 at St. Pancratius Catholic Church, Cass City. Deacon Lambert Kuhr performed the double-ring ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Ross of Cass City. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Delamarter of Spring Arbor.

Mrs. Lena Patch was surprised Saturday evening when some of her family came to celebrate her birthday. She also received phone calls from Witchita, Texas, Toledo, Ohio, Bippus, Ind., and Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Patrick Murphy has been named student of the week for the week of Jan. 25 at Cass City Intermediate School because of his extracurricular activities. A fifth grader, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Murphy of Cass City.

Three Cass City students have been named to the dean’s list for the fall term at Northwood Institute in Midland. They are Michael P. Vatter, Christine M. Buehrly and Scott M. Murphy. To be named to the list requires a minimum 3.0 (B) grade point average.

Deanna L. Sawdon of Deford has been named to the chancellor’s list for the fall term at Northwood Institute in Midland. To achieve such recognition, a student must earn all A’s.

Trophy winners in the Mid-Thumb Family Bowling Tournament at the Charmont were (adult, then child), Beverly Louks and Ed Cox, first, age 15-18; Patricia and Robert Johnston, first, age 12-14; Owen and Ryan Pierce, third, age 7-11; Albina and Mark Gracey, second, 7-11; Marie Spencer and Virginia Mills, second, 12-14, and Gary and Troy Diebel, first, age 7-11.

40 YEARS AGO (1977)

James Bauer Hills and Dales General Hospital Board President, honors Mrs. Margaret Beckett and Preston Karr, following their retirements last week. Mrs. Beckett was a 16-year veteran, while Karr retired after 12 years at the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Drew Guernsey announce the birth of a son, Ian Robert, born Friday, Jan. 28, at Hills and Dales General Hospital. The baby weighed seven pounds, four ounces. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Willard L. Dodson and paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor M. Guernsey, all of Cass City. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. WE. Walpole of Cass City, Mrs. Jeff Dodson of Winfield, Ala., and Mrs. Margaret Franks of Southgate. The baby is the first grandchild of the Guernseys.

Mrs. Lucille Ostrander of Cass City and Harvey Ostrander of Caro announce the engagement of their daughter, Charlene Louise, to David Newkirk, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Newkirk of Brown City. The bride-elect is a 1973 graduate of Eisenhower High School in Washington, Mich., and is employed at Marlette Community Hospital. The prospective bridegroom is a 1970 graduate of Brown City High School and is employed by the Soil Conservation Service in Standish. A May wedding is being planned.

Miss Diane Teichman raised \$1,235 during a recent Rock-A-Thon in conjunction with Campus Life’s Sweetheart contest. She is representing Cass City at the pageant slated this Saturday in Vassar. The Rock-A-Thon was held at Trinity United Methodist church.

Pamela Kay Stickle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stickle of Cass City will be initiated by Alpha Phi Fraternity for women at ceremonies scheduled April 17 at Western Michigan University. Miss Stickle is a freshman.

50 YEARS AGO (1967)

Dianne M. Lubaczewski, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lubaczewski of Gagetown and a senior at Owen-Gage High School, has been selected

as the DAR good citizen for the school. She and her mother were guests at an award dinner in Bay City Jan. 16. Selected by her classmates and faculty members for citizenship, service, leadership and patriotism, she is a member of many school organizations. Included are Future homemakers of America and the Pep Club. She is a member of St. Agatha Church in Gagetown. After graduation she plans a stenographic career.

Mrs. Barbara L. Stickle of Cass City is one of 450 persons receiving degrees and certificates at commencement exercises that were scheduled Saturday at Central Michigan University. Mrs. Stickle received an elementary certificate. She teaches fourth grade at Willis Campbell Elementary School.

Marine private Thomas P. Flannery, son of Mrs. Mark Flannery of Decker, was graduated from eight weeks of recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot. San Diego, Calif. He will now undergo about three weeks of individual combat training and then, after leave at home, will report to his first Marine Corps assignment.

Miss Dorothy Puskas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Puskas of Cass City, has been selected queen of her class at Cedar Lake Academy near St. Louis, Mich. She is a senior at the school and is also vice-president of her class. A program for the queen will be held Feb. 12. Miss Puskas attended Cass City High School through the ninth grade before transferring to the St. Louis school.

Robert P. Graham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Graham of rural Cass City, was one of 275 students to receive degrees at State College of Iowa at Cedar Falls last week. Graham received a BA degree in special elementary education. Graham’s wife, Dianne, also received a degree from the college. His wife’s degree is in secondary education. Graham is now teaching special education at Salt Lake City, Utah. He is a graduate of East Detroit High School, class of 1961. His parents moved to the Cass City area that year.

75 YEARS AGO (1942)

Miss Julia Bolla, daughter of Mrs. Sophia Bolla, of Cass City and Mr. Gleason Rohlf, son of Mrs. Arthur Rohlf and the late Arthur Rohlf, of Akron were united in marriage in the Temple of Light parsonage of the Edison Street Presbyterian Church, Detroit, by the Rev. O. James Crews, Thursday evening, January 29, at 6:30 o’clock. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bolla, brother and sister-in-law, of the bride.

Danny Patuna, who left Cass City three years ago after conducting the Danny Inn restaurant here for a year or more, has returned to town to engage in the same business. The store building until recently occupied by the Economy Food Market has been decorated and made ready for Mr. Patuna, who has installed fixtures, many of them new, and opens for business this week-end.

It would not be amiss to say that Howard Loomis had the surprise of his life Friday evening when 50 relatives and friends carrying baskets filled with good things to eat gathered at his home to help Howard celebrate his birthday. The evening was spent in playing various games and visiting and the group presented the honored guest with a gold watch chain and a purse of money. All enjoyed a good time.

100 YEARS AGO (1917)

The new telephone directories of the Cass City Telephone Co. are now ready for distribution and patrons of the system may secure one by calling at the telephone office. A new code for party rings has been devised in which 24 letters of the alphabet are substituted for the “long and short calls.” This code is printed on the last page of the book for the convenience of those on a party line who wish to ring another patron on the same line without calling central.

In celebration of the birthday of her niece, Miss Esther Cridland, Mrs. Alex Henry entertained fourteen young ladies at her home Monday evening. The evening was spent in playing games and refreshments were served.

Married January 30 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. James A. McQueen Wesley Hirsch of Decker and Mrs. Mary Travis of Shabbona. Rev. W. L. Card, pastor of the Argyle M. E. church, officiated.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hays were pleasantly surprised on Wednesday night of last week when their neighbors with well filled baskets came to spend the evening with them. A pot luck supper was served and every one reports a most enjoyable time.

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Tuscola County Community Foundation gearing up for spring grand distribution

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Area organizations interested in applying for funding through the Tuscola County Community Foundation have just a few weeks to submit their requests for grants slated to be distributed in conjunction with the foundation's spring grants distribution.

"The Tuscola County Community

Foundation is offering grants to fund projects within Tuscola County. Approximately \$110,000 will be available to apply for during this upcoming spring grant cycle for eligible Tuscola County organizations," said foundation Executive Director Ken Micklash.

He noted applications are available at www.tuscolaccf.org under the grant application drop-down section of the website. Prospective grant

recipients are asked to review the foundation's funding guidelines. Applications must be postmarked by Wednesday, March 1.

Grants will be awarded from the following funds:

- *Janks Fund — \$50,000 (unrestricted use).
- *Andrews Fund — \$15,000 (for projects involving children's activities).
- *Future Youth Involvement (FYI) Fund — \$30,000 (for youth programs/projects).
- *Homelessness Fund — \$1,900 (to address homelessness in Tuscola County).
- *Healthy Youth/Healthy Seniors Fund — \$4,000 (for tobacco cessation programs).
- *Founders Fund — \$2,800 (unrestricted use).
- *Greater Millington Area Fund — \$5,000 (for the betterment of the Millington community).
- *Anne S. Laethem Fund — \$500 (for the preservation of historic buildings in Tuscola County).
- *Don List Fund for Special Needs Children — \$800 (to provide for special needs children).

"To-date over \$4 million in grants and scholarships has been awarded from the...funds maintained by the foundation since its beginning," Micklash said.

The Tuscola County Community Foundation was founded in 1998 with three funds. Today, foundation officials oversee more than 90 funds — roughly half of them scholarships. The foundation boasts assets of more than \$11 million, with combined annual distributions of about \$450,000 via spring and fall grant cycles.

The foundation's combined assets include more than \$900,000 in funds established by Cass City area residents and organizations.

More information about the grant guidelines and application process is available by contacting Micklash via email at tccef534@century.net or by calling (989) 673-8223.



THE CASS CITY Lions Club recently voted in its first member of 2017 – Rick Andrich, pictured above (left) with club member Kelly Smith. Andrich is the new Cass City branch manager of Chemical Bank. The local Lions Club is part of an international service organization that conducts various fundraisers and social events throughout the year and donates the proceeds back to the community via programs such as providing free eye glasses and exams, and awarding college scholarships.

News briefs

County hires truancy officers

OWENDALE — All public schools districts in Huron County, including the Owen-Gage Schools — have partnered with the Huron County Circuit Court Family Division to hire two attendance/truancy officers in an effort to improve school attendance.

Improved attendance is vital for academic performance and ultimately college and career success.

Huron County obtained a state grant and local schools provided matching funds to support the part-time positions. The attendance/truancy officers are Gary Polega, a former Huron County Sheriff's Department deputy, and Sid Schock, former Harbor Beach police chief.

Physician earns recertification

CASS CITY — Hills and Dales General Hospital Physician Dr. John Bitner has been recertified as a medical review officer.

A medical review officer is a physician who is responsible for reviewing laboratory results generated by an employer's drug testing program. The certification qualifies Bitner to review results of federally mandated drug tests, such as those required by federal transportation agencies.

Tuscola dispatcher promoted

CARO — Tuscola County Emergency Services Dispatcher Carrie Taber was recently promoted to a supervisory position. She has been with Tuscola County Central Dispatch for 17 years.

Canfield: pay rates now online

MICHIGAN — State Rep. Edward J. Canfield (R-Sebewaing) last week announced the Michigan House is making salaries of representatives and their staff members public and easily accessible online.

The House website also provides links to information about health insurance and other benefits for House employees.

Canfield said the move makes state government more transparent and accountable.

"We're listening to taxpayers, and they want to know how state government spends their money," Canfield said. "This website is designed to do just that by making House salary information easy to find."

The website including links to salary and benefits information for House employees is available at <http://house.mi.gov/FinancialsEmployee.asp>.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery

Council names chief manager

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look at themselves and ask if they are qualified for the challenge ahead – if not please step aside."

Among those tests facing the council is finding a replacement for Cristiano. Herron feels that Lou LaPonsie, a former longtime Cass City village manager, is the right man for the job.

"I talked to Lou and he's willing to start tomorrow. He'll come back for \$1 more than (police Chief) Craig Haynes — no benefits, no vacation time and no sick time," Herron said, noting Laponsie has corrected financial problems during stints as a manager for the cities of Sandusky and Marlette, where he built fund balances of \$7 million and \$2 million, respectfully.

Although most of the assembly agreed with Herron's recommendation to take over the leadership of the village, not everyone sided with his tactics.

"Mr. Herron has literally tried and condemned to death the future of Cass City's business environment. It was irresponsible, in my opinion, for him to have presented arguments and accusations against the village without getting the other side of the story — especially before he crucified the village in the newspaper," said Nancy Barrios, former Cass City Village Council trustee.

Barrios said she believes blackmail, bullying and dirt-digging efforts targeting Peter Cristiano by Herron and Lambert Althauer were ultimately designed to usher Steve Erickson into the manager's job.

"Mafia tactics are apparently alive and well in Cass City," she added.

A parade of concerned citizens made their way to the podium next to air their sentiments regarding the next village manager.

Senior citizen Al Wright told the group that Laponsie is too old for the job.

"Lou Laponsie is my age and is too old for the job. We need young, vibrant people who can push us in the right direction," he said.

Gary Jones agreed with Wright that, down the road, a younger village manager could serve Cass City's needs better, but said in the interim Laponsie is the logical choice.

"We need someone tomorrow. I don't think it (Laponsie's appointment) is forever — six months I hear."

Don Ball, meanwhile, believes the council can run the village's affairs until a new manager is hired, contrasting the view of others, including Clarence "Bud" Schneeberger, who commented LaPonsie should be the man to get until he can train someone younger with a business background.

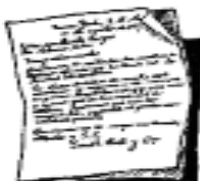
In the end, the council named Haynes as Cass City's interim village manager. The decision came on a rare, 5-2 split vote, with Herron and Erickson casting the dissenting votes. The decision was also met with vocal objections from the audience.

Among the comments shouted from the group charged the council with not hearing the people. Ben Varney echoed those concerns when he took the microphone and commented, "I am very surprised the council didn't listen to the people and voted against Laponsie."

Others in attendance indicated Haynes has enough responsibilities already and wondered if Haynes has the business training to lead village government.

Trustee Marilyn Biefer, who made the motion to appoint Haynes as interim village manager, told the crowd that Haynes' new responsibilities will include acting as lead manager to continue day-to-day operations, and facilitate communication between staff and council while acting as the point of contract between village department heads and local residents and businesses.

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Village of Cass City, Michigan

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2016

In 1996, Congress amended the Safe Drinking Water Act. This legislation added a provision requiring all community water systems deliver to their customers a brief Annual Water Quality Report.

The Village of Cass City is pleased to provide you with this year's Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. We want to keep you informed about the water quality and services we have delivered to you over the past year. Our goal is, and always has been, to provide a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. The Village of Cass City obtains its water from three different municipal wells. All three wells are located in the Village Park, at the east end of town. Wells No. 1 and No. 2, located just east of the tennis courts, were installed in 1946. They are 290 feet and 240 feet deep respectively. Well No. 3 is located on the west side of the volleyball courts. Well No. 3 was installed in 1998 and extends to a depth of 311 feet. All three municipal wells are drilled into the bedrock of the Michigan Formation. The Village now has the capacity to pump 1,656,000 gallons of water per day.

On January 23, 2006 the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) lowered the MCL(Maximum Contaminant Level) for arsenic from 50 ppb to 10ppb. The Village of Cass City did not meet the new Arsenic standard. An arsenic removal plant was constructed by the village to meet the new standard. On April 18, 2007 the Village started supplying water that exceeds the new standard of 10ppb. The arsenic was reduced from a high of 29ppb to less than 5ppb.

The State of Michigan has produced a Source Water Assessment for each of the Village's wells. This Assessment reports the susceptibility of our water supply sources to contamination. The susceptibility score is broken down into 7 categories. Very Low, Low, Moderately Low, Moderate, Moderately High, High, or Very High. The score, given by the State, for all three of the Village wells, is **Moderately High**. The susceptibility rating is based primarily on geologic sensitivity, water chemistry and contaminant sources. The complete Source Water Assessment is available by contacting the Village office.

This report shows our water quality and what it means to you, our customers. Copies of the report are not mailed directly to each individual customer. Customers may request a paper copy from the village office at 6506 Main Street, Cass City, MI., 48726 or by calling (989) 872-2911.

If you have any questions concerning this report, or about your water, or your water utility please contact Gary Barnes, Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. thru 3:30 p.m., 989-872-2911. The Village also has regularly scheduled Village Council Meetings the last Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall, 6506 Main Street, Cass City Michigan. The public is welcome at all meetings of the Village Council.

All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate the water poses a health risk. As water travels over the land or underground, it can pick up substances or contaminants such as microbes, inorganic and organic chemicals, and radioactive substances. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) "Safe Drinking Water Hotline: at 1-800-426-4791

The Village of Cass City routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The Village has conducted tests for over 150 different contaminants, on each municipal well and throughout the system. The following table shows the results of the most recent monitoring for 2016.

VILLAGE OF CASS CITY MICHIGAN DRINKING WATER TEST ANALYSIS

TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS USED IN TABLE BELOW

Non-Detects - (ND) - laboratory analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present.
Parts Per Million - (ppm) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.
Parts Per Billion - (ppb) - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.
Maximum Contaminant Level - (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
Maximum Contaminant Level Goal - (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
Maximum Residual disinfectant Level - (MRDL) is the highest level of free chlorine allowed in the distribution system.
Action Level - (AL) is the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
Picocuries per liter - (pCi/l) picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

The State of Michigan allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. All of the data is representative of our water quality, but some are more than one year old. The tables below represent the most current testing information available.

CHLORINE RESIDUALS From the Distribution System in 2016					
Contaminant	Date of Most Recent Testing	Highest Level Detected in our Water in 2016	Lowest Level Detected in our Water	Highest running Annual average for 2016	Likely Source of Contamination
Free Chlorine Residuals	2 samples taken each month throughout the system in 2016	.71 ppm	.05ppm	.35	Water additive used to control microbes

BYPRODUCTS FROM CHLORINE DISINFECTANTS Detected in the Distribution System in 2016							
Contaminant	Date of Most Recent Testing	Level Detected in our Water	Range detected in our water Only one sample taken there is no range of samples.	Violation Yes/No	MCL	MCLG	Likely Source of Contamination
Total Trihalomethanes	7-20-2015	6.0ppb	6.0 ppb	No	50 ppb	No MCLG	By-product of drinking water chlorination
	8-29-2016	8.5ppb	6.4ppb	Not taken in July as required			
Total Haloacetic Acids	7-20-2015	ND	ND	No	60 ppb	No MCLG	By-product of drinking water chlorination
	8-29-2016	ND	ND	Not taken in July as required			

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER
Monitoring Requirements Not Met for the Village of Cass City
We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During 2016 we did not monitor for disinfection byproducts and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time. However, this violation does not pose a threat to your supply's water.

What should I do? There is nothing you need to do at this time. This is not an emergency. You do not need to boil water or use an alternative source of water at this time. Even though this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct the situation.

The table below lists the contaminant we did not properly test for, how often we are supposed to sample for this contaminant, how many samples we are supposed to take, how many samples we took, when samples should have been taken, and the date we collected follow-up samples.

Contaminant	Required sampling frequency	Number of samples taken	When all samples should have been taken	Date additional samples will be taken or was taken
Disinfection Byproducts	1 @ 12 months	0	07/01/2016 to 07/31/2016	07/01/2017 to 07/31/2017

What happened? What is being done? We inadvertently missed taking a sample during the required time period. We did take a disinfection byproduct sample in August but it did not count as a compliance sample. The results in August were much lower than the maximum contaminant limit. We can only take those samples during the required month of July every year. We are making every effort to assure this does not happen again.
For more information, please contact Mr. Gary Barnes, PO Box 123, Cass City, Michigan, 48726 at 989-872-4584.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail. This notice is being sent to you by the Village of Cass City.

LEAD AND COPPER Detected in the Distribution System						
Contaminant	Date of Most Recent Testing	Number of sites Tested	90th Percentile	Number of sites over Action Level	Violation Yes/No	MCL
Lead	8-19-2014 and 8-20-2014	11	1 ppb	0	No	15 ppb
Copper	8-19-2014 and 8-20-2014	11	267 ppb	0	No	1300 ppb

RADIOLOGICAL CONTAMINANTS Samples taken from all 3 Village Wells						
Contaminant	Date of Most Recent Testing	Level detected in our water	Violation Yes/No	MCL	MCLG	Likely Source of Contamination
Gross Alpha	4-2-2015	<0.28 ± 1.12 pCi/L	No	15 pCi/L	0	Erosion of natural deposits
Radium 226	4-2-2015	.90 ± 0.35 pCi/L	No	5 pCi/L	0	Erosion of natural deposits

INORGANIC CONTAMINANTS Samples were taken from water treatment plant tap							
Contaminant	Date of Most Recent Testing	Highest Level Detected in our Water	Range detected in our water	Violation Yes/No	MCL	MCLG	Likely Source of Contamination
Barium	4-16-12	.14 ppm	Only 1 sample taken. There is no range of detection	No	2 ppm	2 ppm	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride	2-18-2016	.70 ppm	Only 1 sample taken. There is no range of detection	No	4 ppm	4 ppm	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories

ARSENIC Samples taken Monthly from arsenic treatment plant tap in 2016						
Contaminant	Highest Level Detected in our Water	Range detected in our water	Violation Yes/No	MCL	MCLG	Likely Source of Contamination
Arsenic	4 ppb	3 ppb To 4 ppb	No There was no sample in March	10 ppb	0	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes

POTENTIAL HEALTH CONCERNS FOR CONTAMINANTS LISTED IN TABLES ABOVE
Arsenic - Some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer. Some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL, over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.
Barium - Some people who drink water containing barium in excess of the MCL, over many years could experience an increase in their blood pressure.
Chlorine - Some people who use water containing chlorine well in excess of the MRDL could experience irritating effects to their eyes and nose. Some people who drink water containing chlorine well in excess of the MRDL could experience stomach discomfort.
Copper - Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over many years could suffer liver or kidney damage. People with Wilson's Disease should consult their personal doctor.
Fluoride - Some people who drink water containing fluoride in excess of the MCL over many years could get bone disease, including pain and tenderness of the bones. Fluoride in drinking water at half the MCL or more may cause mottling of children's teeth, usually in children less than nine years old. Mottling, also known as dental fluorosis, may include brown staining and/or pitting of the teeth, and occurs only in developing teeth before they erupt from the gums.
Lead – If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Village of Cass City is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.
Total Trihalomethanes - Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.
POTENTIAL HEALTH CONCERNS FOR RADIOLOGICAL CONTAMINANTS LISTED IN TABLE ABOVE
Gross Alpha - Certain minerals are radioactive and may emit a form of radiation known as alpha radiation. Some people who drink water containing alpha emitters in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.
Radium 226/228 - Some people who drink water containing radium 226 or 228 in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

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Contaminant	Required sampling frequency	Number of samples taken	When all samples should have been taken	Date additional samples were taken
Arsenic	1 @ 1 months	0	03/01/2016 to 03/30/2016	04/13/2016

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Contaminants Not Regulated by The State of Michigan
Unregulated Contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. Monitoring helps EPA to determine where these contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants. Potential health concerns are not listed for these contaminants.

Contaminant	Date of Most Recent Testing	Level Detected in Distribution System	MCL	Likely Source of Contaminant
Sodium	2-18-2016	24 ppm	No MCL	Erosion of natural deposits
Sulfate	2-18-2016	58 ppm	No MCL	Erosion of natural deposits

All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by substances that are naturally occurring or man-made.
These substances can be:

Microbial Contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
Pesticides and herbicides, may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture and residential uses.
Radioactive contaminants, are naturally occurring, or can be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public systems. The FDA regulates contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

MCL's (Maximum Contaminant Levels) are set at very stringent standards. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated contaminants, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime, to have a "one-in-a-million chance" of experiencing the described health effect.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at: (1-800-426-4791).

Please call the Village Office if you have any questions or would like to see the reports for all of the tests the Village has conducted. The contact person for this information is Gary Barnes, telephone: (989) 872-2911.

Entrepreneur chooses Sebewaing as home to distillery

by Mary Drier
Special for the Chronicle

Several months into their search for a suitable location, Thumb Rum and Brew Company officials have selected the village of Sebewaing for development of their micro-distillery after a plan to develop the business in downtown Caro fell through.

“I’ve committed to Sebewaing to put my business there,” said entrepreneur Scott Romain, who attended a recent council meeting with his father, David.

Although Romain was approached by several area communities — including Cass City — trying to woo him to establish his business in their towns, he selected Sebewaing because of the village officials’ unique and personal approach.

“They came to me about their community, kind of like a headhunter’s approach after my plan for Caro fell apart,” said Romain. “They are willing to work with me and sincere in their intent to help.”

Sebewaing leaders hosted a community open house late last year to showcase the various 11 vacant businesses available for sale or rent. Romain, his father, and Brewmaster Andrew Glasgow attended the event.

While a community for the micro-distillery has been determined, the exact location has not.

“I’m leaving it up to the (village) council where it will be. They are the ones who make the laws and control the zoning, so we are working together on this. I want their input,” Romain said. “I’m doing the opposite of the way I tried to do it in Caro.”

In preparation for his \$1.2 million micro-distillery and restaurant business venture, Romain bought lots at 119, 120 and 121 N. State St. in Caro, and is now looking to rent them because, at the time, some members of the Caro City Council didn’t support the business location for an operation involving alcohol production. They also expressed other concerns.

Romain has revised his business

plan, with a focus now on establishing Thumb Rum and Brew only in Sebewaing at this time. The restaurant aspect might come later. Changing to just a brewing venture cut the cost of his project from \$1.2 million to about \$600,000 and lowered the number of employees to about 10, down from an estimated 30.

Michigan ranks fifth in microbreweries and micro-distilleries.

“It is still very early in the process. There are a lot of things that have to be done first before the business can start,” noted Romain, who said he is looking at utilizing sugar from Michigan Sugar Company – located about five blocks away from the downtown Sebewaing area — instead of the traditional molasses. “I’m working with a chemist on that recipe,” he added.

According to Romain and Carl Osentoski, director of both the Huron County Economic Development Corporation and the Sanilac County Economic Development Corporation, Sebewaing’s community open house to show off several businesses at one time was a good approach.

“Their open house was well organized and showed what the community had to offer using a side-by-side comparison approach,” said Osentoski, who plans to keep Sebewaing’s efforts in mind when helping other communities with economic development ventures.

Romain and his father looked at multiple locations in Sebewaing during the open house, and the community’s self-marketing approach also helped to curb a lot of speculation and rumors, according to Osentoski. When someone asks to look at a business or piece of property, speculation about development starts, but often doesn’t develop, he continued.

The fermentation process for rum takes about seven to 14 days, and four to 12 hours to distill it. After that, rum can be consumed or stored in barrels to age. Also, the equipment used to brew and distill rum can be used to make beer as well.



FOLLOWING A TOUR in November focused on available properties in the village of Sebewaing, Thumb Rum and Brew Company officials selected the community to serve as the home of its new micro-distillery. During the community open house, several locations were showcased. (Mary Drier photo)

Town mourns loss of business

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and be closer to home,” he said.

The store officially closed today (Wednesday).

“I don’t have a buyer for the business. I’m just closing it,” said Harrington. “I will take some time off and figure out what I’ll do from here.”

The Red Zone would have been in business six years in April.

“I’m going to miss my customers and employees for sure. There were a lot of regular customers who stopped in every day,” he said. “Some are like family. I really want to thank the community for their support.”

Harrington supported the community as well.

The Red Zone faithfully donated items to the school for fundraisers. He would give free ice cream to students who earned an “A” on their report card, and tokens for a free ice cream or Slurpee were given when a reading assignment was completed.

The Red Zone was more than just a store; it will be an intricate part of childhood memories for hundreds of children who went there for an ice cream treat after practice or after a game to celebrate a win or to take the sting out of a loss.

The community will miss Harrington, too. When the news of the business closing was posted on the social media network Facebook, there was an outpouring of support for the business owner and his store.

One customer wrote that Harrington’s “smile, charm and personality will be missed,” and that he will always have a place in the heart of those in the community. Some said they had tears in their eyes as they read the sad news.



MSU sophomore from Deford to receive \$500 co-op scholarship

NorthStar Cooperative Inc. officials recently announced that Libby Venema of Deford is among three winners of \$500 scholarships that will be applied to the recipients’ education expenses as they pursue careers in the field of agriculture.

Venema, a sophomore at Michigan State University, is majoring in animal science. She was active in a number of groups as a student at Cass City High School, including marching band and 4-H. Venema was also a member of the National Honor Society and student council, serving as treasurer.

At MSU, Venema is an active member of the MSU Block and Bridle, the MSU Dairy Club and the MSU Collegiate Farm Bureau, serving on the public relations committee.

She is the daughter of Martin and Lisa Venema of White Creek Dairy Inc.

The NorthStar Cooperative Scholarship program was established in 2005 to encourage post-high school study in the field of agriculture for stockowners and their children.

Based in Lansing, NorthStar Cooperative Inc. is a stock-based cooperative owned by dairy and beef producers in Michigan, Indiana and Wisconsin.

Hills and Dales first Level IV Trauma Center

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In a nutshell, a Level IV Trauma Center has demonstrated an ability to provide advanced trauma life support (ATLS) prior to transfer of patients to a higher level trauma center. It provides evaluation, stabilization, and diagnostic capabilities for injured patients.

“The designation means that critical patients may come to Hills and Dales, be stabilized, and transferred to a Level I, II, or III facility as needed,” Blaine explained. “Both Covenant and St. Mary’s in Saginaw

are Level II trauma facilities.

“You may wonder how this is different from what Hills and Dales currently does,” she said. “The main difference is in the extensive training the staff went through to earn this designation. The criteria a hospital must meet in order to become a Level IV trauma facility makes them better equipped to receive critical patients.

“As the first hospital in the state to earn this designation, we could not be more proud of the team and the hard work that went into this process,” commented Dawn

Rudgers, RN, Hills and Dales General Hospital Trauma Program manager.

“The criteria and application were very difficult and time consuming,” Rudgers said. “Many staff members went above and beyond to help Hills and Dales earn this designation.

“We are very excited to continue providing the best care in our emergency department,” she added. “Our patients have always been the top priority and this designation is another step in ensuring they get the care they need quickly.”

Snover suspect charged in assault, pursuits

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on multiple roads in Marion and Delaware townships.

“At one point the suspect ran one of the deputies and their patrol unit off

of the road in an attempt to further evade arrest,” Washkevich noted.

Franzel later called Sanilac County Central Dispatch and asked to speak to a deputy. He also told dispatchers that he was on Patz Road near

Goetze Road and had stopped to speak to a bystander who was walking their dog.

Multiple deputies arrived on scene shortly after and took Franzel into custody without further incident.

Obituaries

Wanda Lee Parrott

Wanda Lee Parrott, 76, of Cass City, died following a long illness, Wednesday, January 25, 2017 in her home with her family by her side.

She was born October 14, 1940 in Pleasant Home Hospital in Cass City the 6th of seven children born to Lloyd and Irene (McNaughton) Bader.

She married Ronald Sherwood Parrott June 1, 1963 in Cass City.

Wanda graduated from Cass City High School. She worked at Old Wood Drug store after graduation. Wanda later worked for the Royal Oak School District at Mary Lyons, Churchill and Kimball schools, retiring in 2000 as food service manager after more than 20 years of service. During her work she completed many classes in food service course study. Wanda enjoyed ceramics, bowling and roller skating. She enjoyed spending time at their recreational home in Mio, where they lived for the last eight years. Wanda spent a great deal of time riding snowmobiles and motorcycles in an effort to spend time with her family doing what they loved. She enjoyed talking on the phone and cleaning her home to immaculate perfection. Wanda had a knack for entertaining, and all were always welcome. Cooking and baking delicious food, decorating and serving family and friends brought her great joy. She had an unwavering faith in God. She was forever the encourager and willingly shared her great sense of humor. With a true servant’s heart, Wanda faithfully cared for family and friends.

Wanda is survived by her husband, Ronald Parrott; children: Tamara Sonnenberg of Caro, Ronald (Mindy) Parrott, Jr. of Grand Blanc; grandchildren: Jeremy Sonnenberg, Micaela Sonnenberg, Raelyn Sonnenberg, Briana Parrott, Bradyn Parrott; sisters: Marjorie Caister of Cass City, Helen Hubbard of Kingston, Donna (Gerald) Auten of Cass City, Audrey Halas of Royal Oak; sister-in-law, Sandra Bader of Cass City; many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her son-in-law, John Sonnenberg; brothers: Robert (Shirley) Bader, Dale Bader; brothers-in-law: Gene Chapin, Newell Hubbard and Arthur Caister.

A funeral service was held Saturday, January 28 in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Brad Speirs of Novesta Church of Christ officiating. Interment will take place in Novesta Township Cemetery at a later date.

Memorials may be made to Revive Ministries or Compassus Hospice.

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

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.

Carol Ann Wildman

Carol Ann Wildman, 75, of Cass City, died following a brief illness Saturday, January 28, 2017 in Huron County Medical Care Facility, Bad Axe.

She was born January 14, 1942 in Caro, the third of five children born to Arthur Blenford and Lajaunta “Sally” (Braman) Campbell.

She married Donald Roy Wildman February 18, 1967 in Fairgrove Presbyterian Church. The family was about to surprise Carol with a 50th wedding anniversary party.

Carol graduated from Fairgrove High School in 1959. In 1963 she graduated from Eastern Michigan University with a degree in Elementary Education. Carol began her teaching career in Bay City, but soon moved to Owendale-Gagetown Area Schools, where she taught first grade for 38 years. Since her retirement in 2002, Carol worked part time as a substitute teacher in Cass City Public Schools and Highland Pines School. Carol was a member of the Michigan Education Association, a life member of the Tuscola County Fair and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. She was a 4-H leader and volunteer for the Tuscola County Fair for many years. Through 4-H Carol taught arts and crafts, including knitting, crocheting, macramé and many other crafts. She showed horses and many other animals, and she volunteered as a judge for 4-H for many years. Her favorite hobby was photography. She was the family member who chronicled all the family events, making calendars for each family member with all the family photos. Carol was a devoted grandmother to her three grandchildren. She was especially active with her grandson, Jon and his activities in Special Olympics. Carol’s lifelong work and volunteer hours working with children were what brought the greatest joy and love in her life.

Carol is survived by her husband, Donald; daughters: Kimberly Wildman of Clare, Katherine Ha of Portage; grandchildren: Jonathon Wildman, Caitlynn Ha, Kelsee Ha; brothers: Melvin “Dean” (Susan) Campbell of Vassar, Arthur (Kathy) Campbell of Churchville, NY; sister, Judy (Jim) Campbell of Fairgrove; brother-in-law, Leo (Molly) Wildman of Gagetown; sister-in-law, Donna Fritz of Elkton; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and her baby sister, Mary.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, February 2, 2017 in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City with the Rev. Steve Bagnall of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church officiating.

Memorials may be made to Highland Pines School. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com.

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SENIOR T.J. MOORE, left, joined a group of fabled Cass City High School wrestlers Saturday at the Midland Bullock Creek Team Tournament. In addition to going 5-0 at the weekend invite, Moore's career numbers now stand among the school's all-time best.

Vincent nets game winner

Owen-Gage improved to 4-1 in the Inner State League standing Friday with a one-sided 61-24 victory over visiting New Life Christian Academy.

The Bulldogs led 11-9 entering the second quarter, but closed the half on a 21-4 run to lead 32-13 at the intermission.

Owen-Gage never took their foot off the gas pedal in the closing half and a hustling defense held the Academy to only eleven points, including four in the third quarter that ended with the Bulldogs in command at 50-

17.

David Binder struck for 27 points and added 11 rebounds to lead the winners. Owen-Gage also had Derek Vincent with nine points and eleven rebounds, while Matt Fritz chipped in eight points.

Matthew Alcorn had eight points for the Academy. "This puts Owen-Gage in a three-way tie at the top of the Inner State League and an overall record of 7-2," said Owen-Gage Coach Brian Wright.

On Tuesday, Owen-Gage was able to squeak by hosts Burton Faith High School as Vincent's buzzer beater layup lifted the Bulldogs to a thrilling 47-45 win.

Despite early foul trouble for Binder – the Bulldogs' leading scorer – Owen-Gage was able to secure a 27-14 advantage after two quarters.

However, Andre Anthony and Ezrn Giraud heated up for the hosts and were able to catch the hosts at 45-45 with just eight seconds remaining in regulation – just enough time for Vincent's game winning layup.

"A good team win facing adversity and foul trouble," Wright said, adding, "The team came together to earn victory."

Binder and Vincent each turned in big games to pace Owen-Gage. Binder scored 17 points and grabbed 10 rebounds, while Vincent chipped in 10 points and six rebounds. Aaron Fahrner and Fritz each added eight points.

For Burton Faith, Anthony had 19 points.



BULLDOG Aaron Fahrner drives hard to the basket against New Life Christian Academy Friday night in Owendale.

Moore joins elite group at Cass City

After suffering their first Greater Thumb Conference (GTC) setback earlier in the week, the Cass City wrestling team headed to Midland Bullock Creek High School over the weekend for the team's final tune-up before the GTC League Meet slated for Saturday at the Cass City Elementary gym.

Coach Don Markel's grapplers compiled a 2-3 record at the 8-school invitational to place 4th in the team standings. In pool action, the Red Hawks whipped Midland Bullock Creek 63-9 and Saginaw Heritage 57-18, while losing to eventual tournament champion Chesaning 42-30.

In the championship rounds Cass City surrendered to Essexville-Garber 42-29 and was nipped by Corunna 40-39.

Several Red Hawks enjoyed a banner day, but none more than senior T.J. Moore. In his first match of the day, the 4-year standout pinned Wyatt Lanazynski of Chesaning in 27 seconds to notch his 150th career victory and 100th career pin joining an elite group in the process.

"Only four other Red Hawk wrestlers have reached such lofty career numbers; Josh Jensen, Kyle Sieradzki, Aaron Dorland and Adam Dorland," said Markel.

Moore would finish the day with a perfect 5-0 performance that also included falls over Saginaw Heritage's Jacob Merio (0:20), Bullock Creek's Peyton Kobel (4:39) and Corunna's Luke Cortez (4:48).

Sharing the spotlight with Moore on the day was Seth Osentoski. He dominated the 145-weight class, pinning Chesaning's Jake Stevenson (2:58), Saginaw Heritage's Justin Leroux (5:38), Bullock Creek's Ben Hurd (1:06) and Corunna's Matt Weiss (0:13).

Cass City also had Tyler Cowdry, Alex Jeffrey and Wyatt Dickson turn in outstanding efforts, each posting 4-1 marks at the Team Tournament.

Cowdry's wins included a 34 second pin of Saginaw Heritage's Jared Clabuesch, while Garber's Andrew Neuman was pinned at the 3:21 mark.

Jeffrey had pins against Lua Val of Corunna (1:02) and Zachary

Matsumiya of Chesaning (3:40), while Dickson pinned Kyle Stoneburner, Saginaw Heritage, in 1:21.

GTC MATCHES

In a battle between Greater Thumb Conference wrestling contenders, round one went Mayville's way Wednesday in Vassar.

There, the Wildcats completed a perfect 9-0 GTC dual meet record with a 46-30 decision over Cass City. The victory sends Mayville into the GTC League Meet as the number one seed. Cass City, meanwhile, finishes with an 8-1 GTC dual meet record entering the season-ending League Meet when GTC championship honors will be earned. Host Cass City will need to place ahead of Mayville in order to gain at least a share of the title.

Cass City, which defeated Vassar 51-25, before falling to Mayville, had just three double winners on the night in Jeffrey, Osentoski and Moore.

Cass City's dual meet record now stands at 28-9.



CASS CITY'S Logan Schenk eyes Vassar defender Luke Bogart during the opening half of Friday's GTW contest.

Kingston girls too strong

North Central Thumb League bullies Kingston overpowered Caseville to remain unblemished in conference affairs.

Although much improved, Caseville was little trouble for the NCTL-Stars Division leader in Thursday's NCTL cross over contest near the bay.

The Lady Cardinals led 20-7 after one quarter, before settling for a 26-15 spread at the halfway recess.

With the 51-24 victory, Kingston improves to 8-0 in the NCTL and 11-2 overall.

Jillyan Dinsmore recorded game scoring honors with 13 points to lead Kingston, while Lily Lyon and Camryn MacGuire each had 11 tallies.

Heidi Ewald had a dozen points for the Eagles.

Cass City skid hits 4 games

Cass City will look to end its four-game losing streak tonight (Wednesday) when Greater Thumb West defending champion Bad Axe visits to wrap up the Red Hawks' opening round of conference action.

To do so, Cass City will need a better effort than Friday's performance in Vassar, where the visitors bowed 54-45 in a physical game that secured the Vulcans' first conference win on the campaign.

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Boys' Basketball Standings

Greater Thumb West				
	W	L	W	L
USA	4	0	7	3
Reese	3	1	7	4
Bad Axe	2	2	4	6
Cass City	1	3	5	6
EPBP	1	3	5	6
Vassar	1	3	3	8

Greater Thumb East				
	W	L	W	L
Marlette	4	0	12	1
Ubyly	3	1	6	5
Brown City	2	2	6	6
Harbor Beach	2	2	5	6
Sandusky	1	3	1	10
Memphis	0	4	3	7

NCTL - Stripes				
	W	L	W	L
Peck	4	3	6	6
CPS	3	4	4	6
North Huron	3	4	4	7
Caseville	0	7	2	8

NCTL - Stars				
	W	L	W	L
Dryden	7	0	10	0
Deckerville	6	1	8	2
Kingston	4	3	6	6
Mayville	2	5	4	7

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DENY, DENY, DENY. Cass City’s Kacey Haire discourages an inbound pass to Vassar’s Jenna Huizer during Thursday’s Greater Thumb West play.

CC gymnasts regional bound

Alexus Bates headlines four Cass City gymnasts headed to regional competition pegged for later in the season.

The Cass City tumbler has qualified for the All Around at the elite post season gathering after collecting four regional qualifying scores on the vault, bars, beam and floor during early season events.

Joining the Red Hawk senior at the regional meet will be teammates Megan Graham, Alexa Torres and Brittany Swiderski, all whom have qualified for the prestigious meet on the vault.

“Megan and Alexa need three more regional qualifying scores to make regionals on the beam and Brittany needs one more qualifying score on the floor,” says Coach Kathy Bouverette, adding, “Olivia Schuette needs one more qualifying score on the floor, and Emily Gilliam needs three more qualifying scores on

both the beam and floor to reach the post season.”

In the team’s most recent action, Saturday at the Jeanne Caruss Invitation, several Red Hawks recorded marks at or above the regional standard. On the vault, Bates earned a score of 8.5, followed by Torres with a score of 8.15, Graham with a score of 8.05 and Swiderski with a tally of 8.0.

Other regional marks for Cass City came in the beam, where Bates led the way with a score of 7.65 and on the floor, where Bates and Swiderski earned scores of 8.15 and 7.8, respectively.

Earlier in the week, Cass City, Vassar and Linden/Fenton/Lake Fenton schools gathered to test their skills on Tuesday night.

ed Alexis Hull’s and Jozie Chippi’s scores of 6.55 on the vault, and Hailey Schmotzer’s score of 5.3 on the bars.

Vassar earns first GTW win

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Vassar led 10-9 after one quarter, but allowed Cass City to even the score at 21-21 entering the final half.

Logan Schenk and Brad Hacker each recorded buckets in the early going to help Cass City keep pace in the opening frame. The Red Hawks then used a corner trey by Joey Krol to help build a 16-12 margin at the six minute mark of the second stanza, only to see Vassar close the half on a 9-5 run to gain momentum heading into the third frame.

Luke Bogert took the reins for the winners after the break, and his three-point shooting display resulted in the nine-point victory for the hosts.



Schneeberger's

ATHLETE of the WEEK

Alexus Bates is Schneeberger's selection for their Athlete of the Week honors.

The Cass City Lady Red Hawk senior gymnast has started her final campaign in splendid fashion, already qualifying for the all-around at the fast-approaching regional meet.

Bates showcased her talents over the weekend, earning scores of 8.5 on the vault, 7.625 on the beam and 8.16 on the floor at the Jeanne Caruss Invitational, to the delight of veteran Coach Kathy Bouverette.

Earlier last week, Bates displayed her athletic skills during a meet with Vassar and Linden/Fenton/Lake Fenton schools, collecting impressive scores of 8.55 on the vault and

8.575 on the floor.

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Fernald catches fire in Lady Red Hawk victory

All season long Cass City has sought a second scorer to help Sayge Cuthrell with the scoring chores on the Lady Red Hawk basketball team.

The search may be over after Lauren Fernald's shooting display Thursday in Vassar, where the junior sharpshooter stopped, took aim and poured in several shots from deep in 3-point land to lift Cass City to a come-from-behind win.

The 40-33 decision provides Cass City with their second Greater Thumb West (GTW) win on the season. Both victories needed second half rallies to get the job done.

Unlike their maiden GTW win when Cass City rallied from 18 points down late to defeat Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port (the Lakers visit Thursday looking for payback) the match-up with the Vulcans was close throughout.

As usual, Cass City got off to a slow start and would trail 8-2 early, before Jenna Huizer extended the gap to double digits on a steal and layup to open the second quarter scoring.

Cass City used the foul line to slice into the Vassar advantage and freebees from Brianna Mester, Kelcey Bouverette and Cuthrell had the visitors trailing just 19-15 with 3:21 remaining until the intermission.

Vassar regained a double digit edge, however, as a corner trey from Emilee Sackman and a hard driving layup by Madison Hornung helped establish a 25-15 margin.

Still, Cass City was able to turn

up its defensive intensity just before the half and baskets by Cuthrell and Kacey Haire gave the visitors a needed boost at the intermission, where they trailed 25-19.

“Sage was solid again with 16 points and 13 rebounds. She is having a real good season,” said Cass City Coach Aaron Fernald, adding, “Overall we need to get off to better starts and become efficient on offense.”

Much like the Red Hawks were in the third quarter thanks to the golden touch of Fernald. She hit three consecutive booms for a quick nine points that resulted in Cass City's first lead, 30-25. Fernald wasn't done yet and moments later a long top-of-the-key jump shot would have Cass City leading 32-26 with eight minutes to play.

While Fernald was leading the Red Hawk offense, Haire came up big for the Cass City defense late. Vassar climbed back to within 35-32 and was looking for more when Haire stepped in front of Huizer who was whistled for a charging foul that return the ball back to Cass City with just 34 seconds remaining.

“That charge that Kacey took was huge. She is playing really well. I think she had her best game of the year,” Fernald said.

Forced to foul, free throws by Kelcie Autry, Cuthrell and Fernald sealed the Cass City win.

Joining Cuthrell in double digits was Fernald with 13 second half points. Haire added five points, 10 rebounds and three steals.

For Vassar, Huizar had nine

points and Lainey Zwerk had eight points.

BROWN CITY

In non-conference play, Brown City recorded a 63-33 Greater Thumb Conference crossover win over guest Cass City.

The Red Hawks trailed 35-20 at the break and were outscored 19-5 in the third.

Cuthrell had seven points for Cass City.

Kendal Muxlow scored 27 points in three quarters of action to lead Brown City.

Girls' Basketball Standings

Greater Thumb West			
	W	L	W L
Reese	4	0	11 1
Bad Axe	4	1	7 4
USA	3	2	6 5
Cass City	2	2	7 4
EPBP	1	4	5 7
Vassar	0	5	2 11

Greater Thumb East			
	W	L	W L
Sandusky	5	0	12 0
Harbor Beach	4	1	11 1
Brown City	3	2	9 4
Marlette	2	3	5 5
Ubyly	1	4	4 9
Memphis	0	5	1 10

NCTL - Stripes			
	W	L	W L
Peck	4	2	7 5
North Huron	5	3	6 7
Caseville	1	5	4 6
CPS	0	6	1 8

NCTL - Stars			
	W	L	W L
Kingston	8	0	11 2
Deckerville	7	2	6 6
Dryden	2	5	3 7
Mayville	2	5	4 6

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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 85, CC 41
1/25	Brown City 62, CC 44
1/27	Vassar 54, CC 45
2/1	Bad Axe
2/3	Lakers
2/8	Capac
2/10	Reese
2/15	Ubyly
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 47, CC 29
1/24	Brown City 63, CC 33
1/26	CC 40, Vassar 33
1/31	Bad Axe
2/2	Lakers
2/7	Harbor Beach
2/9	Reese
2/14	Ubyly
2/16	USA
2/21	Reese (Varsity Only @ 7 p.m.)
2/23	Vassar
2/27-3/3	Districts @ Habor Beach

All games begin at 6 p.m. unless noted

BOWLING

DATE	OPPONENT
1/5	North Huron
1/10	Harbor Beach
1/12	Ubyly
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

WEDNESDAY, FEB 1

Bad Axe @ Cass City

EPBP @ USA

Harbor Beach @ Ubyly

THURSDAY, FEB. 2

Owen-Gage @ Flint MSD

FRIDAY, FEB 3

EPBP @ Cass City

USA @ Reese

Marlette @ Ubyly

Kingston @ Dryden

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

TUESDAY, JAN. 31

Bad Axe @ Cass City

EPBP @ USA

Brown City @ Ubyly

Sandusky @ Marlette

New Haven Meritt @ Owen-Gage

THURSDAY, FEB 2

EPBP @ Cass City

Marlette @ Ubyly

Kingston @ Dryden

Owen-Gage @ Flint MSD

FRIDAY, FEB 3

USA @ Reese

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Harbor Beach

Bad Axe
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Ubyly

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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/Ubyly	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 @ Vassar	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	Haslet	TBA
1/24	Linden/Fenton/Lake Fenton	TBA
1/28	Huron Valley @ Lakeland HS	8:00 a.m.
2/11	Vassar Invite	10:00 a.m.
2/20	Port Huron Unified/Vassar	9:00 a.m.
2/23	Vassar	6:30 p.m.

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

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

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on February 9, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the Tuscola County Court Facility, 440 N. State Street, Caro, Michigan, that being the place of holding Circuit Court for Tuscola County, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

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

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

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

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

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

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the Register of Deeds for Tuscola County, and State of Michigan on JUNE 25, 2014, in LIBER 1309 on PAGE 1476 of Tuscola County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of FORTY FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE AND 87/100THS (\$44,325.87) DOLLARS at 5% percent per annum and attorney fees as provided for in said Mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof; NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on FEBRUARY 9, 2017, AT 10:00 A.M. local time, said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder in the main lobby of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, aforesaid, on said mortgage with interest thereon and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

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

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

KENNETH C. BUTLER II (P 28477)
ATTORNEY FOR MORTGAGEE
24525 Harper Avenue
St. Clair Shores, MI 48080
(586) 777-0770
Dated: 1-11-17

1-11-5

State of Michigan
Notice of Action
Case No. 16-29479-CH

Court Address: 440 N. State St., Caro, MI 48723
Court Telephone: (989) 673-3330

To: Elizabeth J. Garrison IT IS ORDERED: You are being sued in this court by the plaintiff to correct the title to the Mobile Home located at 5402 Hurds Corner Rd., Silverwood, MI 48760-9720. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before date. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

Dated: 01/04/2017

James B. Nutter and Company
Trott Law, P.C.
Bree Anne Stopera (P71734)
31440 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 200
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
File: 425305L04

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MORTGAGE SALE – Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by TRAVIS JOHN GERALD KAATZ, A SINGLE MAN and AMANDA LOUISE TORRES, A SINGLE WOMAN, to INDEPENDENT MORTGAGE CO. CENTRAL MI, Mortgagee, dated August 16, 2007, and recorded on August 20, 2007, in Liber 1127, on Page 1295, and re-recorded on April 18, 2008 in Liber 1147, on Page 564, and assigned by said mortgagee to MICHIGAN STATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Two Dollars and Sixty-Two Cents (\$85,742.62).

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 March 2, 2017 Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as: COMMENCING 58 RODS (957 FEET) NORTH OF THE SOUTH QUARTER CORNER OF SECTION 34, TOWN 13 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST, THENCE NORTH 146 FEET, THENCE EAST 236 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 146 FEET, THENCE WEST 236 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. BEING PART OF SECTION 34, TOWN 13 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 125.1449K, in which case the redemption period shall be 3 months, or under MCL 125.1449v, 30 days from the date of such sale.

MICHIGAN STATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
M o r t g a g e e / A s s i g n e e
Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.
23938 Research Drive, Suite 300
Farmington Hills, MI 48335
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MORTGAGE SALE THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Thomas J. Stafford, III and Amy J. Stafford, husband and wife, to the United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture. The Mortgage is dated May 16, 2007 and was recorded on May 29, 2007 in Liber 1120 on pages 1240 to 1246 of the Tuscola County Records. No proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt which is now One Hundred Eighty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Six and 97/100 (\$186,206.97) Dollars.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described

below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on February 23, 2017 at 10:00 a.m., local time, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, which is the location of the Tuscola County Circuit Court. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest at the rate of 5.750% per year, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale. The property to be sold is located in Wells Township, Tuscola County, Michigan and is more specifically described in the Mortgage as: Part of the Northwest quarter of Section 22, Township 12 North, Range 10 East, described as: Commencing at the North quarter corner of said Section 22; thence along the North line of said Section 22, North 89 Degrees 56 Minutes 20 Seconds West, 513.46 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence parallel with the West line of the East half of the East half of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of said Section 22, South 00 Degrees 19 Minutes 43 Seconds East, 290.00 feet; thence parallel with said North line of Section 22, South 89 Degrees 56 Minutes 20 Seconds East, 78.00 feet; thence parallel with said West line of the East half of the East half of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 22, South 00 Degrees 19 Minutes 43 Seconds East 310.00 feet; thence parallel with said North line of Section 22, North 89 Degrees 56 Minutes 20 Seconds West, 228.00 feet to said West line of the East half of the East half of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 22; thence along said West line of the East half of the East half of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 22, North 00 Degrees 19 Minutes 43 Seconds West, 600.00 feet to said North line of Section 22; thence along said North line of Section 22, South 89 Degrees 56 Minutes 20 Seconds East, 150.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. Utility Easement: Part of the Northwest quarter of Section 22, Township 12 North, Range 10 East, described as: Commencing at the North quarter corner of said Section 22; thence along the North line of said Section 22, North 89 Degrees 56 Minutes 20 Seconds West, 663.46 feet to the West line of the East half of the East half of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of said Section 22; thence along said West line of the East half of the East half of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter Section 22, South 00 Degrees 19 Minutes 43 Seconds East, 274.44 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence parallel with said North line of Section 22,

South 89 Degrees 56 Minutes 20 Seconds East, 150.00 feet; thence parallel with said West line of the East half of the East half of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 22, South 00 Degrees 19 Minutes 43 Seconds East, 15.56 feet; thence parallel with said North line of Section 22, South 89 Degrees 56 Minutes 20 Seconds East, 78.00 feet; thence parallel with said West line of the East half of the East half of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 22, South 00 Degrees 19 Minutes 43 Seconds East, 50.44 feet; thence parallel with said North line of Section 22, North 89 Degrees 56 Minutes 20 Seconds West 228.00 feet to said West line of the East half of the East half of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 22; thence along said West line of the East half of the East half of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 22, North 00 Degrees 19 Minutes 43 Seconds West, 66 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Also the West 50 feet of the North 340.44 feet of the above description. The redemption period will expire thirty (30) days from the date of the sale unless a notice is subsequently received pursuant to MCL 600.3241a (c) in which case the redemption period will expire six (6) months from the date of the sale. The redemption period may be extinguished as provided in MCL 600.3238. Please be advised that if the property is actually sold at a foreclosure sale pursuant to the procedures provided in MCL 600.3200 et. seq., as is currently anticipated by this Notice of Mortgage Sale, then in such event, the borrowers will be responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period as provided in MCL 600.3278. Please be further advised that the redemption period may also be extinguished under the circumstances described in MCL 600.3238.

Dated: January 18, 2017
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
ACTING THROUGH
THE RURAL DEVELOPMENT
AGENCY F/K/A
THE RURAL HOUSING SERVICE, OF
THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by George M. Taylor and Jane L. Taylor, husband and wife, mortgagors, to Independent Mortgage Co. East MI, which became Independent Mortgage Co., a dissolved Michigan corporation, and successor-by-merger to Independent Mortgage Co. East MI, as assigned to Independent Bank, a Michigan banking corporation, mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated July 10, 2007, and was recorded on July 17, 2007, in Liber 1125, on page 166 of the Tuscola County records, subject to a Modification Agreement recorded at Liber 1136, Page 1319, further subject to a Modification Agreement recorded at Liber 1181, Page 2, and further subject to an Assignment of Mortgage recorded at Liber 1365, Page 768. The balance owing on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is \$79,344.04, including interest at 5.125% per year variable. The Mortgage contains a power of sale clause and no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owing.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on February 16, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the Tuscola County Court Facility, 440 N. State St., Caro, Michigan, that being the place of holding Circuit Court for Tuscola County, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in the Township of Wells, County of Tuscola, Michigan and is described as:
The E 19.9 acres of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 22, T12N, R10E, Wells Twp., Tuscola Co., Michigan, excepting the N 275 ft thereof.

The structure residing on the above described premises, consisting of a 2007 Eagle Trace Ultra Fleetwood 12741 is considered real estate and is also collateral for this loan. commonly known as 2300 S. Plain Road, Caro, MI 48723
tax i.d. 022-022-000-2475-01

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

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

SMITH, MARTIN, POWERS & KNIER, P.C.
Dated: January 13, 2017
By: Henry L. Knier, Jr. (P46393)
Attorney for Independent Bank, Mortgagee
900 Washington Ave., P.O. Box 219
Bay City, MI 48707 - (989) 892-4574

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE RAN-DALL S. MILLER & ASSOCI-ATES, P.C. MAY BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PUR-POSE. IF YOU ARE A MIL-ITARY SERVICEMEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY NOW OR IN THE PRIOR NINE MONTHS, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE.

Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Mason J. Gorleski, and Jamie L. Gorleski, fka Jamie L. Schiefer, Husband and Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as a nominee for Bank of America, N.A., Mortgagee, dated May 20, 2009, and recorded on June 1, 2009, in Liber 1176, Page 266, Tuscola County Records, said mortgage was assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC by an Assignment of Mortgage dated September 16, 2016 and recorded September 26, 2016 in Liber 1359, Page 920, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-Two and 54/100 (\$60,252.54) including interest at the rate of 5.00000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the Circuit Court in said Tuscola County, where the premises to be sold or some part of them are situated, at 10:00 AM on February 23, 2017 Said premises are situated in the City of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: The North 55 feet of the West 8 rods of Lot 1, Block 21, The Plat of North's Addition to the City of Vassar, as per plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 20, now being 21A Tuscola County Records. Commonly known as: 201 S EAST ST, VASSAR, MI 48768

If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 6.00 months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricul-tural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accor-dance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pur-suant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage fore-closure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your dam-ages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount ten-dered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: January 25, 2017
Randall S. Miller & Associates,
P.C. Attorneys
for Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC
43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, (248) 335-9200
Case No. 16MI00702-1

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Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

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

MORTGAGE SALE - A mortgage was granted by Jessica M. Wrosch, a single woman, original mort-gagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 1, 2015, and recorded on June 3, 2015 in

Liber 1330 on Page 1364, and assigned by said Mortgagee to First Guaranty Mortgage Corporation as assignee as docu-mented by an assignment, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date here-of the sum of Ninety-One Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Two and 77/100 Dollars (\$91,932.77).

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 ven-due, at the place of holding the cir-cuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on March 2, 2017.

Said premises are situated in Village of Mayville, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: The North 83 1/2 feet of Lot 3, also the North 8 1/2 feet of the South 15 1/2 feet of Lot 3, Block 1, Leonard Fox Third Addition, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 32, now being Page 33A, Village of Mayville, Fremont Township, Tuscola County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclo-sure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the bor-rower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damag-ing the property during the redemption period.
Dated: February 1, 2017
For more information, please call:

FC X (248) 593-1302
Trott Law, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Hwy Ste. 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan
48334-5422
File #468250F01

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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 ten-dered at sale, plus interest
NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE MORT-GAGE SALE-A mortgage was granted by TIMOTHY SEXTON and JESSICA SEXTON, his wife, Mortgagor(s) to FRANKEN-MUTH CREDIT UNION, 580 NORTH MAIN STREET, FRANKENMUTH, MI 48734, Mortgagee dated JUNE 29, 2006, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Tuscola County, and State of Michigan on JULY 7, 2006, in LIBER 1087 on PAGE 338 of Tuscola County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and inter-est, the sum of NINTY THOU-SAND THIRTY SIX AND 00/100THS (\$90,036.00) DOL-LARS at 5% percent per annum and attorney fees as provided for in said Mortgage, and no suit or pro-ceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the mon-ey secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by virtue of the power of sale con-tained in said mortgage, and pur-suant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on MARCH 2, 2017, AT 10:00 A.M. local time, said Mortgage

will be foreclosed by a sale at pub-lic 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 expens-es, 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 fol-lows:

TOWNSHIP OF VASSAR, COUNTY OF TUSCOLA AND STATE OF MICHIGAN, to wit: THE SOUTH 10 ACRES OF THE NORTHEAST 1 / 4 OF SECTION 11, TOWN 11 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, TUSCOLA COUNTY RECORDS

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 pur-suant to MCLA 600.3241 a, the property may be redeemed during the thirty (30) days immediately following the sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the per-son who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

KENNETH C. BUTLER II (P 28477)
ATTORNEY FOR MORTGAGEE
24525 Harper Avenue
St. Clair Shores, MI 48080
(586) 777-0770
Dated: 2-1-17

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Town living at its finest!! 2 bedroom, 2 bath(one bath in the basement)Ranch style home on a corner lot in the village limits. Features-central air, natural gas fireplace, appliances to stay, extra large 2.5 car attached garage, garden shed, and corner lot. Also large breezeway from house to garage. This really is a must see home.



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3 BEDROOMS!!!

Close to town but outside the village limits, home has its own well. This would make a great family home, it offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Huge living and formal dining room, spacious kitchen and off the kitchen is a bright and cheery breakfast room with many windows, 1-1/2 car garage and newer storage bldg. The home has a nice open flow to it. Living room has a fireplace and lots of windows. Home has vinyl siding.



REDUCED!!!

Location and options are everything Ranch home has over 1500+/- sq. ft. that offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and plenty of space to roam. 2 car attached garage all nestled on 10.01 acres. Home is also set up for a outdoor wood boiler. Lots of storage including a pole barn with separate lean that offers some fencing, both have electric. There is even a 3-acre hay field at the back of the property, along with a hunting blind. Come see the excellent hunting area and check out the turkey, deer or whatever passes through this wonderful piece of land that offers privacy. It would be hard not to fall in love with this one.



LOVE THE OUTDOORS?

This property is perfect for the ultimate outdoor lover!! Almost 60 acres on a paved road with 55 acres wooded. There is a nice cabin that was insulated with energy saving spray foam, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, full kitchen, an on demand hot water heater, a newer well and septic. There is also a detached guest room and 6 electrical hook ups for RV's or campers. Hunting will be effortless with 4 permanent hunting shacks with a food plot for each one, and a Buck pole for the trophies you bag!! Plus a stocked pond.



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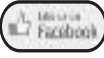
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OMG!!! Just when you thought there were no more affordable houses on the market up pops this one! 4 bedrooms and awesome attached garage located on a nice corner lot in Cass City. Home Warranty Included.
TCC1756



New on the market. Ranch home in town well cared for with full basement. 12' x 25' deck on back, attached garage, appliances all stay. Move in day of closing.
TCC1759



This 3 bedroom, 2 bath home sets on an end lot at the Point in Cass City. It has an open floor plan making the kitchen and living room open and spacious, perfect for family gatherings. It also features a one car attached garage. TCC1761



Handyman Special - 3 bedrooms, 2 bath double wide in the country with a 56' x 23' pole building with concrete and electric on approximately 2.5 acres. Shed in the back and a pond in the front. HUD home sold as is.
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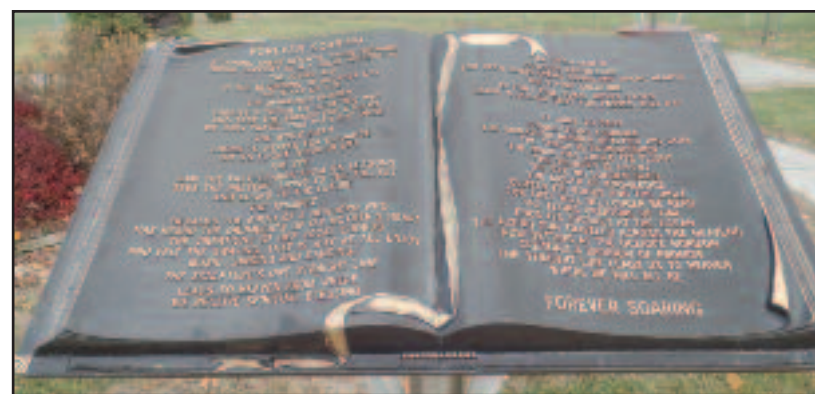
THIS SIGN (right) is at the entrance to Sleeper Park and the Forever Soaring sculpture. The unique piece of artwork in the parkette is calming and does help cast cares asunder. (Mary Drier photo)



Misico's artistic legacy still shines bright in the Thumb

by Mary Drier
Special for the Chronicle

Misico dedicated the sculpture to his late wife, Lila. She passed away several years before Misico, 96, did on Oct. 29, 2012. They are both soaring forever.



ALONG THE walkway to the sculpture is a replica of a book with an uplifting message about embracing and living each day to the fullest in order to be “Forever Soaring” in life and spirit. (Mary Drier photo)

Canfield named to the House Appropriations Committee

Canfield, in his second House term, also was a member of the House Appropriations Committee during the 2015-16 legislative session.



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