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Seeley, Bagnall and Patera '17 citizens of year

by Clarke Haire, Publisher

Sherryl Seeley, Joel Patera and Paige Bagnall highlighted the Cass City Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner Saturday, when the trio was announced as the 2017 Citizen of the Year and Junior Citizen of the Year se-

Seeley's choice as the Citizen of the Year parted with the tradition of keeping the award recipient's name a secret this year, instead opting to announce the winner in advance so that more friends, family members and past business associates could make arrangements to attend the celebration.

The strategy worked as a packed VFW Hall paid tribute to the tireless volunteer. A parade of individuals strolled to the podium to address the gathering and share knowledge about this year's winner.

Dr. Surendra Raythatha, Cass City's 2016 Citizen of the Year, spoke first and outlined several of Seeley's accomplishments. Her impressive resume includes being a local representative of the Salvation Army and 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.

Bruce Gardner and Orvil Beecher took turns at the podium and spoke of Seeley's Christian beliefs and business career, respectively.

'Sherryl is my Christian friend," said a choked up Gardner. Seeley's church family has 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, con-Please turn to page 8.

Cass City among sites being considered for cheese plant

by Mary Drier **Special for the Chronicle**

Leading companies in the dairy industry have announced a joint venture for a new dairy plant to be located in mid-Michigan, and Cass City is reportedly in the running as a possible site.

Officials representing the Dairy Farmers of America, Inc. (DFA), Michigan Milk Producers Association (MMPA), Foremost Farms USA, and Glanbia announced they are in advanced discussions to create a stand-alone joint venture to build and operate a new cheese and whey production facility in the state.

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Thumb sobriety court honors 12 more graduates last week

by Tom Montgomery **Editor**

The Thumb Regional Sobriety Court (TRSC) hosted its seventh graduation ceremony Friday at the Tuscola County Courthouse, acknowledging 12 individuals who have completed the intensive treatment court program. In all, 50 people have graduated from the unique program designed to end the cycle of drunken driving arrests by giving offenders the help they need

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THE CASS CITY Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner was held Saturday evening at the VFW Hall. The event was highlighted by the announcement of the Junior Citizen of the Year winners, from the left, Joel Patera and Paige Bagnall, and the celebration of 2017 Citizen of the Year winner Sherryl Seeley. Addressing the packed crowd is Seeley's niece Kim Thompson, while Janis Seeley, Sherryl's sister, looks on.

Roland named as Officer of the Year

by Tom Montgomery Editor

The Tuscola County Sheriff's Department honored its own during an annual awards meeting last week.

Highlighting the gathering, hosted by Sheriff Glen Skrent and former Sheriff Lee Teschendorf, was recognition of the 2016 Officer of the year, with Teschendorf presenting the award to veteran Deputy Steve

Roland's 17-year career with the sheriff's department began in January 2000, according to Teschendorf, who noted the deputy "has shown an ability to have compassion and understanding in dealing with people that he has come in contact with for various reasons.'

Over the past eight years, he added, he's been contacted by citizens, officers from other agencies, medical examiner investigators, crime victims and people involved in traffic crashes who all have praised Roland's professional performance and demeanor in dealing with their situations.

In December 2015, Skrent and Teschendorf were asked to attend a Modern Woodsmen Organization presentation, where Roland was presented with the organization's 'above and beyond" award.

"Additionally, Deputy Roland has

been recognized with commendations for meritorious service twice, professional excellence six times and lifesaving once during (his) career at the sheriff's office.

Being awarded the officer of the year commendation is long overdue

and well deserved," Teschendorf said.

Also last week, the retiring sheriff recognized Sgt. Josh Herman and Deputy Todd Brow with lifesaving awards for their efforts after responding on their own to an ambulance call on Lee Hill Road in Decem-

"The officers took over CPR from the husband and administered two AED shocks and continued CPR until MMR arrived. The responders were able to obtain a pulse and the victim was transported

covenant by helicopter," he said.

Commendations

Teschendorf awarded deputies Ashley Calles, Michael Kennedy and Brandon Smithhart commendations for professional excellence.

'The deputies were recognized for their response to a jail inmate that was attempting suicide by hanging on Feb. 28, 2016," he said "Occupants of the cell reported that the subject was hanging by a sheet at-



FORMER Sheriff Lee Teschendorf (right) presents the department's 2016 Officer of the Year award to **Deputy Steve Roland.**

> tached to a bunk. Within 30 seconds Calles and Smithhart responded to the area. Calles returned to the control room for a safety cutter while Smithhart held the inmate taking pressure off the

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A 2009 CASS City High School graduate, Megan VanVliet is looking forward to taking on more responsibilities in her chosen career following a promotion at Saginaw Valley State University, where officials recently named her an assistant athletic trainer for the Cardinals. (Photo courtesy of SVSU)

Movin' on up

Cass City grad, athletic trainer M. VanVliet promoted at SVSU

by Tom Montgomery Editor

A funny thing happened on Megan VanVliet's way to become a nurse after graduating from Cass City High School in 2009 - she had a change of heart, opting instead to pursue a career that combined her interest in helping others with her passion for athletics.

That decision turned out to be a good one.

Saginaw Valley State University officials recently announced VanVliet's pro-

motion to the position of assistant athletic trainer for the Cardinals. "Megan has been a great asset to the athletic training staff over the past year and a half," SVSU Assistant Athletic Director/Director of Sports Medicine Jeremy Glaser said in making the announcement along with Director of Athletics Mike Watson.

"I am confident that she will thrive in her new role as we continue to increase the services available and the overall well-being of our SVSU student-ath-

VanVliet, who is in her second academic season as a graduate assistant athletic trainer for the Cardinals, works mainly with the SVSU cross country,

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T.C. Sheriff's Department honors its own

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sheet. Kennedy immediately paged the building for assistance. Calles returned to the area and the inmate was cut down. Kennedy responded to the area to assist with his removal from the cell while he continued to be combative."

MMR personnel responded and transported the inmate to Caro Community Hospital for additional evaluation.

"Sgt. Schuman noted that less than 10 minutes had elapsed from the time you received the initial report and the inmate was receiving medical care," Teschendorf said, adding

the quick response and appropriate actions prevented serious injury and possible death of the inmate.

Detective Sgt. Robert Baxter (now Undersheriff Robert Baxter) was also honored for his investigation into a rash of larcenies from vehicles in the southwest area of the county during the summer months

Baxter utilized a photo and incident reports to locate the suspect in the Clio area. The man provided a false name, but Baxter determined he had the right suspect, and after transporting him back to Tuscola County, the suspect confessed to more than 30 larcenies in Tuscola

and Genesee counties.

Also honored were Sgt. Joshua Herman, Detective Sgt. Scott Jones and Deputy Justin Nitz for their work in investigating a reported missing eight-year-old Millington Township girl.

"Initially Sergeant Herman and Deputy Nitz arrived and began an investigation. While in the process of gathering additional information Detective Jones was requested to respond to the scene and assist with the investigation," Teschendorf said. "While at the home, the missing girl was returned by a subject later identified (as a suspect). Deputies immediately recognized that the case was going to be of a very serious nature and she was transported for an emergency child interview and physical examination."

Investigators subsequently determined the girl had been beaten, tortured and sexually assaulted. While the suspect refused to talk, he was arrested immediately and charged with kidnapping and criminal sexual

Teschendorf awarded Deputies Ryan LaFlure and Bradley Spangler commendations for outstanding work. Statistics gathered between April 1, 2016, and Oct. 25, 2016, showed the department made 298 arrests, with Spangler making 53 of those and LaFlure arresting 45, accounting for about one-third of all arrests made during the period.

"Although they are both relatively new to the office, they have shown an extraordinary work ethic and performance that certainly warrants recognition," Teschendorf said.

In addition, Baxter, Jones, Sgt. Michael Mattlin and Roland were presented with commendations for professional excellence and meritorious service for their investigation of an April 2016 home invasion and assault complaint at a home in Millington Township. A homeowner had been injured and the suspect had fled before any officers arrived.

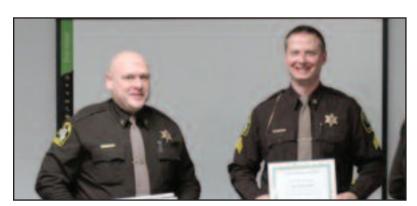
"Through their efforts, a suspect was identified and subsequently arrested. While in custody he was interviewed by Detective Sgt. Jones, who obtained a confession that was consistent with the statements and evidence collected at the scene. He (suspect) pled guilty and was sentenced to a lengthy term in prison," Teschendorf noted.

Each of the officers was also honored for their many years of service in making Tuscola County a safer place to live for all citizens.

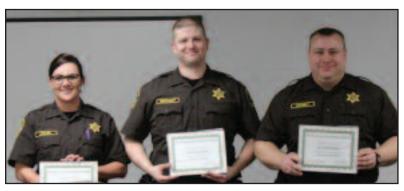
Professional excellence honors also went to Lt. Ted Hull and Deputy Ryan Herford for their response to a June 26, 2015, traffic crash at Darbee and Bradford roads, where the officers found two vehicles in a deep ditch and upside

"Two subjects were reported injured and sitting outside their vehicles. There was one female alive but trapped inside one of the vehicles. Deputy Herford used triage protocol and attempted to aid the trapped motorist," Teschendorf said. "The vehicle with the trapped motorist was partially submerged in water and also on fire. Deputy Herford attempted to smash out the window but was unable to. Lt. Hull provided a fire extinguisher to Deputy Herford and he attempted to put out the flames but the vehicle was too engulfed.

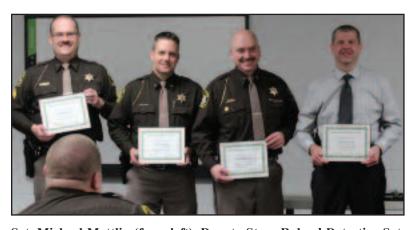
"The passenger of the vehicle, sadly, passed away. (But the officers) both used great effort in attempting to save the trapped motorist," he added. "They maintained their composure, and care was shown in this horrific incident."



Deputy Todd Brow (left) and Sgt. Josh Herman



Deputy Ashley Calles (from left), Deputy Brandon Smithhart and **Deputy Michael Kennedy**



Sgt. Michael Mattlin (from left), Deputy Steve Roland Detective Sgt. (now Undersheriff) Robert Baxter and Detective Scott Jones.



Deputy Bradley Spangler (left) and Deputy Ryan LaFlure



Sgt. Joshua Herman (from left), Deputy Justin Nitz and Detective Sgt. Scott Jones.

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OPINION

Clarke Haire **Publisher**

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Take precautions to avoid tax scams

With the IRS deadline just five weeks or so away, Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette has some sage advice for Michigan residents when it comes to avoiding a growing problem with tax scams.

Start by submitting your tax returns as soon as possible to reduce the risk of scammers submitting fake tax returns in

"As soon as you have all the necessary documents needed to file your federal and state taxes, I encourage you to do so," Schuette says. "Completing your tax filing online can make the process much easier, but it also makes it easier for a thief to potentially steal your information. That is why it is so important to know about this kind of theft and the most effective way to prevent it."

Anyone can be a target for tax-related identity theft. This type of theft occurs when someone uses your Social Security number to file an e-tax return, claiming a fraudulent refund in your name. And the smaller your refund, the more likely you are to be a target.

Tax ID scammers try to stay under IRS radar and therefore, they tend to keep their claims under \$4,000.

Taxpayers can file tax returns and claim a refund as soon as employers issue W-2 forms to employees that show the income earned and the amount of taxes withheld. But because tax refunds may be issued before employer W-2 information is received and verified by the IRS, fraudsters have a window to submit fake tax returns. And a refund can be sent to any address or account the fraudster specifies. All of this occurs without the taxpayer's knowledge.

Schuette says residents should also be on the lookout for phishing scams, in which criminals pose as government or corporate officers and try to trick you into providing your personal information. Crooks like to convince you they are legitimate by using your name, address, or other personal information to get you to give them more personal informa-

"The IRS will never initiate an e-mail or phone call to a taxpayer, so phone or email contact purporting to be from the IRS are fraudulent," he said.

A common example includes paper check phone calls, where a fake IRS employee indicates the IRS sent a check that has not been cashed and the IRS needs to verify the individual's bank account number. The only way the IRS collects bank account details is if consumers choose to put them on their tax return.

Another example arrives in the form of a "refund email" that falsely claims to come from the IRS, informing the recipient to click on a link to access a refund claim form that requires personal identifying information. These often appear legitimate, with a specific refund sum that sounds con-

If you find you are a victim of Tax ID Fraud here are two things to remember:

Stay Calm. Remember, if you are legally entitled to a tax refund, being a victim of ID tax theft will not change that. Fraudsters can delay you from getting your refund, which can be painful, but you will, eventually, get your refund.

Victims should immediately contact the IRS Identity Protection Specialized Unit at 800-908-4490. Report the fraud and ask for ID Theft Affidavit Form 1439 (the form is also available online through Publication 5027 Identity Theft Information for Taxpayers). Submit the form and continue to pay your taxes and file your tax return, even if you must do so by paper.



With another Valentine's Day looming on the horizon, it brings back some unusual memories.

Over the years I've had a couple of marriages and relationships that didn't work out. I've been footloose and fancy free for 20 years, and I fully intend to keep it like that. I'm not bitter about that fact; it's simply how it is and the way I want it to be.

When my marriage ended, Cher's song, "Believe" was popular. The song asked, "Do you believe in life after love?" It was a favorite of mine. Especially, the lines: "I know that I'll get through this. 'Cause I know that I am strong. I don't need you anymore." That realization took a while, and when it did, of

course, that was in a column I wrote. I explained I was single and not seeing anyone. Because of that, there would be no flowers or candy, and I was okay with that. Shortly after that column ran, I received a bulky letter that had a long string of numbers for the return address. The letter contained a packet for a single serving of Kool-Aid, a partial packet of flower seeds, and a long letter from an inmate at a prison saying how he admired me for being so self-assured. The letter said he felt I should still have flowers and something sweet to celebrate Valentine's Day.

Seeing as I was so independent, he said I could use the seeds to grow my own flowers and use the Kool-Aid packet to have something sweet. It was a very touching gesture, and I think about it each Valentine's

A fellow journalist who I worked with at one time many years ago recently wrote a column about how journalism is like a bad marriage. I read her column with interest because I thought that if I had become a journalist earlier in my life, it might have saved me some heartache because I would have been too busy to think about anything else but the next article and dead-

As I continued to read her column, I understood the point she was trying to make in that a career can be like a bad marriage: having been screamed at, put in a situation to be humiliated, accused of adultery, belittled, stalked and spit on... could = a bad marriage. Oh well, a parting of the ways heals.

And then there is always a cockroach to cement or to officially show a relationship is over. For a donation, the Bronx Zoo allows the donor to name a Madagascar hissing cockroach after someone who is loved or loathed. For a \$10 donation, the donor gets a digital certificate declaring the name chosen for the cockroach; or chocolates or a plush cockroach can be added to the gift for \$35, or both can be added for a \$50 donation.

The zoo even has a hilarious promotional video that

Letters to the Editor

Last thing we need is divisive rhetoric

Editor,

"I am asking the council to look at themselves and ask if they are qualified for the challenge ahead – if not please step aside." This quote is from Tom Herron during the Cass City Village Council meeting Monday, Jan.

This is an interesting statement coming from a council member who was, as I understand it, speaking "out of turn" during the citizen comment period of the public meeting. It was a divisive, rude and hostile comment directed at his fellow council members.

The village president had just gaveled into order the citizen comment period when Herron began his harangue; the above quote being but a small part. As a council member, if he is in fact allowed to speak during the citizen comment period, then like everyone else he is obliged to not speak for more than five minutes. Herron spoke for about 15 minutes — 10 minutes longer than is allowed the public. At the very least, the village president should have stopped Herron speaking at five minutes, or simply gaveled him out of order.

Considering the myriad of problems the village is facing now, and likely to in the near and long-term future, the last thing we need is divisive and hostile rhetoric from council member Herron during village council meetings, whether directed at the whole council, any one of its members, or anyone else for that matter.

Finally, to Peter Cristiano, Thank you very much, Peter, for all that you accomplished as Cass City Village manager. I wish you all the best in your retirement!

Joseph Sweet Cass City

pokes fun at online dating applications (which, by the way, I have done a few times).

Whether or not naming a cockroach is a "spicy or sweet gesture", the zoo promises not to judge, and the proceeds go to the Wildlife Conservation Society.

By the way, the \$35 and \$50 donation cockroach gifts are sold out. Just saying...



Rabbit Tracks

(And anyone else he can get to help)

The Cass City Rotary Club is collecting new or gently used children's books to send to needy libraries in the Philippines, especially those devastated by Typhoon Haiyan.

Our goal, tells club member Carolyn Sorenson, is to have 350 books by March 1st. Please help us reach our goal by donating a book(s), ages preschool through 6th grade. Books can be dropped off at the Rawson Memorial District Library, or given to any Rotarian.

Spring planting time is near. And joining the Arbor Day Foundation is an ideal way to get in the mood for spring planting. Anyone who joins the Foundation in February 2017 will receive 10 free Colorado blue spruce trees or 10

free redbud trees to plant when the weather turns warm. The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees

"These trees will help beautify your home for many years to come," said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "The trees will also add to the proud heritage of your state's existing Tree City USA communities.

The Tree City USA program has supported community forestry throughout the country for the past 40 years. The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between March 1 and May 31, with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's colorful bimonthly publication, Arbor Day, and The Tree Book, which contains information about planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE COL-ORADO BLUE SPRUCE TREES or TEN FREE EAST-ERN REDBUD TREES, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by February 28, 2017, or visit arborday.org/february.

Cow-loving kids ages 9-19 have a new opportunity. A Thumb Area Dairy Quiz Bowl Team is being formed with the goal of having teams compete in each age division at Michigan 4-H Dairy Days, July 20, at MSU. Quiz bowl is fun and educational, and is open to those who are new to dairy, also.

The first meeting/practice is Sunday, February 5, at 1:30 p.m. at Fraser Presbyterian, 3006 Huron Line Rd., Cass City. (Little white country church on M-53 at the corner of Huron Line Road, 5 miles north of M-81).

Be sure to invite your friends from any Thumb county. For more information, attend the meeting or contact Marianne Buza at 989-269-9949, ext. 612 or mbuza@msu.edu.

Rolling Hills Golf Course in Cass City is hosting The Gavel Club Euchre Tourney, coming up on Saturday, February 25. Club members ask interested folks to join them for an afternoon of Euchre, good food, a few cold brews and cash prizes! To sign up, email Tavis Osentoski at tavisosentoski@yahoo.com.

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Wednesday, February 8

•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 9

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

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

- Monday, February 13
 •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.
- •Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.
- •VFW monthly meeting, 7:00 p.m., VFW Hall, Cass City.

Tuesday, February 14

- •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.)
- •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.

Snover's Gerstenberger reelected vice president of ASGA for 2017

Richard Gerstenberger of Snover was recently reelected vice president of the American Sugarbeet Growers Association (ASGA) for 2017 by farmer representatives from across the country during the organization's annual meeting in Miami,

Gerstenberger, who will also be chairman of the ASGA Biotechnology and Research Committee, has served on the board of the ASGA since 2008.

"It is an honor and a privilege to lead this dedicated and talented group of farmers, and I am excited about the future of our industry," Gerstenberger said in accepting another term. "There are challenges in the U.S. market and major changes in the administration and on Capitol Hill, but sugar growers have always worked hard on both fronts and will continue to do so.

"The sugar industry in Michigan and across the nation is vital is thousands of family farming operations," he added. "I look forward to working with the ASGA to preserve the strength of those farms for future generations."

Gerstenberger is a third-generation farmer who operates a family farm that includes his parents, Dwain and Shirley; his brother, Robert, and wife Cherie; and Gerstenberger along with his wife of 37 years, Linda. Their sons, Dan (wife Amanda) and Mike (wife Kayla) also farm with them on about 3,000 acres in rotation of corn, soybeans, wheat and sugarbeets. Their daughters are Jennifer and Jillian, and they

have four grandchildren – Clayton, Liam, Kendall and Avery.

Gerstenberger is currently chairman of the board of the Michigan Sugar Company in Bay City. He has served on the cooperative board of directors for nine years; on the board of the Midwest Agri-Commodities for eight years; and on the Sandusky Board of Education for eight years. He is also a member of the Argyle Township Board of Review and the Michigan Farm Bureau State Dry Bean/Sugarbeet Committee.

Gerstenberger has been an independent sales agent for Betaseed for 21 years and is a member of the Peace Lutheran Church, the Sanilac County Farm Bureau, the Sanilac County Corn Growers and the Michigan Corn Growers.

The ASGA represents roughly 10,000 growers in all 11 sugarbeetproducing states.



Richard Gerstenberger

Circuit court proceedings

Several appear on felony charges in circuit court

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

*Rhonda J. Nehls, 37, Caro, pleaded guilty to retail fraud, first degree (involving merchandise valued at \$200 to \$1,000) Oct. 18 in

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

*Joshua Samuel-Edwin Kaatz, 31, Vassar, pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm Oct. 15, 2015, in Juniata Township.

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

*Cynthia M. Eckhoff, 56, Millington, pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana, subsequent offense, and operating a motor vehicle with the presence of a controlled substance in her body March 8 in Vassar

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

Richard L. Johnson, 40, Waterford, pleaded guilty to possession of a firearm by a felon, and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony July 23 in Indianfields Town-

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

*Nathaniel G. Brock, 30, Mayville, was sentenced to two to 15 years in prison following his pleas of guilty to two counts of purchasing or possession of ephedrine or pseudoephedrine, knowing or having reason to know it would be used to manufacture methamphetamine between Aug. 3 and Oct. 5, 2015, in Caro. He also pleaded no contest to two counts of assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer Oct. 8 in Dayton Township.

In addition to prison time, he was ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$652.

Newborn calf health focus of meet

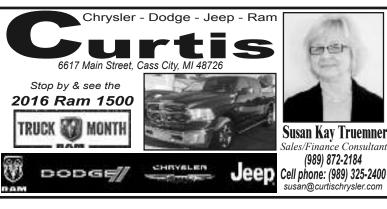
The first 24 hours of a calf's life can significantly influence its longevity and productivity in the herd. MSU Extension dairy educators will highlight key factors in managing newborn dairy calves at an upcoming meeting.

The session will be held Thursday, Feb. 16, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Franklin Inn, 1070 E. Huron Ave., Bad Axe.

This MSU Extension dairy winter program is designed for dairy farm owners, herd managers and agribusiness professionals to learn about the latest research and strategies to improve long-term health and growth of dairy replacements from the first day.

The program will focus on the benefits of feeding ample quantities of high quality colostrum to the calf, maximizing the dam's ability to produce high quality colostrum, and the importance of good sanitation in the collection and storage of colostrum.

Registration details https://events.anr.msu.edu/First24Hours/ or by contacting Marianne Buza at (989) 269-9949 (ext. 612) or via email at mbuza@anr.msu.edu.





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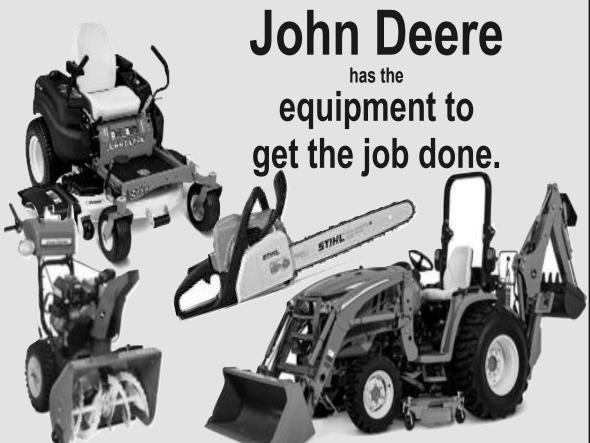
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- snow against the natural gas meter, regulator or appliance vents.
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Reporter's notebook





Editor

I'll be the first to admit journalists can be a squirrelly bunch.

by Tom Montgomery

I suppose reporters and editors come in as many different packages as folks in just about any profession, although our work is somewhat unique because it's meant to be in the public eye. As a result, we're easy targets for negative critiques – often, but not always deserving – in coffee shops, board rooms and living rooms across the country.

I know that because I'm as quick to judge a newspaper or broadcast story as anyone, especially when the reporter hasn't done his or her homework, goes out of their way to report a story that really isn't a story when you get right down to it, or seems obsessed with swaying readers'/viewers' opinions instead of simply doing their job — reporting.

It's no wonder there is a plethora of memorable quotes describing us and our craft. Some are humorous, others offer some insight into the job, and a few are downright too real for comfort.

Here are a few of my favorites, each attributed to the author in parenthe-

*Journalists do not live by words alone, although sometimes they have to eat them (Adlai E. Stevenson).

*All newspaper writers have heard that the stuff they compose today has an excellent chance of being used to wrap tomorrow's mackerel (Ira

*Television has a real problem. They have no page two. Consequently, every big story gets the same play and comes across to the viewer as a really big, scary one (Art Buchwald).

*Journalism without a moral position is impossible. Every journalist is a moralist. It's absolutely unavoidable (Marguerite Duras).

*Journalism is merely history's first draft (Geoffrey C. Ward)

*The one function that TV news performs very well is that when there is no news, we give it to you with the same emphasis as if there were (David Brinkley). *A good newspaper, I suppose is a nation talking to itself (Arthur Miller).

*Try to be conspicuously accurate in everything, pictures as well as text. Truth is not only stranger than fiction, it is more interesting (William Ran-

*Editor: a person employed on a newspaper whose business it is to separate the wheat from the chaff, and to see that the chaff is printed (Elbert Hubbard)

*Being a reporter is as much a diagnosis as a job description (Anna Quindlen).

*Wooing the press is an exercise roughly akin to picnicking with a tiger. You might enjoy the meal, but the tiger always eats last (Maureen Dowd). *In the real world, the right thing never happens in the right place and the right time. It is the job of journalists and historians to make it appear that it has (Mark Twain).

*I do not mean to be the slightest bit critical of TV news people, who do a superb job, considering they operate under severe time constraints and have the intellectual depth of hamsters. But TV news can only present the "bare bones" of a story; it takes a newspaper, with its capability to present vast amounts of information, to render the story truly boring (Dave Barry). *Journalism – an ability to meet the challenge of filling the space (Rebecca West).

*Journalism is organized gossip (Edward Egglestone).

*The secret of successful journalism is to make your readers so angry they will write half your paper for you (C.E.M. Joad).

Finally, the late James Fenimore Cooper, a popular 19th century American writer whose works included the romantic novel, "The Last of the Mohicans", summed up his opinion of journalism when he said, "The press, like fire, is an excellent servant, but a terrible master.'

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Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2012)

Air Force Airman Aidan K. Wolfe graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. The airman completed an intensive, 8-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness and basic warfare principles and skills. Wolfe is the son of Mike Wolfe of Bad Axe. He is a 2011 graduate of Ubly High School.

Deford area resident Tyler Perry's submission in the "Go Israel Essay Contest" proved to be a winner, earning him an all-expense paid trip to Israel along with other members of a mission team that has been selected to take part in the ORIGINS (Our Resolve Is Giving Israel Never-ending Support) tour.

Greater Thumb Conference individual wrestling titles were earned by Red Hawks Josh Jenson, Kurt Reif and Travis Wright over the

10 YEARS AGO (2007)

A Snover area brother and sister have been awarded scholarships at Northwood University, Midland, School officials announced that Elizabeth Hoyt was granted the Harold H. Baker Memorial Scholarship, while her brother, Jessup Hoyt, will receive the Harold N. Meitzel Endowed Scholarship Northwood Network Scholarship for the 2006-07 academic year. They are the daughter and son of Janet Hoyt.

Nicholas M. Messing, formerly of Ubly, recently graduated from Saginaw Valley State University with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. He is employed with Aerotek Automotive and is working as a contract engineer for Delphi Steering in Saginaw. Messing is a 2001 graduate of Ubly High School and is the son of Michael and Joyce Messing of Ubly.

Dale W. Minkler of Gagetown is among the students recently named to the dean's list at Lake Superior State University, Sault Ste. Marie, following the fall semester. Minkler is a senior majoring in electrical engineering.

25 YEARS AGO (1992)

Snowcoming royalty was crowned between basketball games Friday at Cass City. Passing the crown to the newly elected king and queen were last year's honored couple, Steve Tuckey and Mindy Fulcher. The 1992 king and queen are Mark Irrer and Soo Yun. Other seniors picked for the court were Todd Bliss and Monica Rockwell, Christie Perkins and Garen Barker Hallwood and Kent Winter and Diana Loomis.

Linda M. Mellendorf of Cass City is among 64 students who have been named to the fall 1991 president's list at Delta College. In order to be eligible for the honor, a student must achieve a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

Five area residents are among 217 students who have been named to Saginaw Valley State University's fall 1991 president's list for achieving perfect 4.0 grade point averages. They are Cheryl L. Lester of Cass City, Tina M. Ballard of Deford, Kendra A. Reehl of Gagetown, Susan K. Salcido of Owendale and Dallas A. Nichols of Snover.

Carol and Joel Ingles, owners of Cass City Floral, recently donated 12 teddy bears each to the Cass City Mercy, Elkton and Pigeon ambulance services. Accepting the gift on behalf of Cass City-Mercy was Ron Pawloski, a local emergency medical technician-specialist. The bears are used to help comfort victims of accidents and other medical emer-

35 YEARS AGO (1982)

Students in Nancy Hutchinson's fourth grade class at Campbell Elementary School made valentines Tuesday in preparation for Valentine's Day Sunday. Gathered around the table are Jennifer Becker, Wendy Weaver, Julie Auten, Randy Johnson, Christy Rutkoski, Jackie Younglove and David House.

Paul Kerbyson, a Michigan State University senior, was a contestant in the piano concerto competition Saturday sponsored by the Grand Rapids, Symphony Orchestra. The winner and runner-up received monetary awards in addition to performing opportunities as soloist ac-

companied by the orchestra in the spring. Kerbyson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald O. Kerbyson of Cass City.

Airman Elizabeth A. Pierce, daughter of Kenneth R. and Joan E. Pierce of Kingston, has been assigned to Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, after completing Air Force basic training. During the six weeks at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, she studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations. The airman will now receive specialized instruction in the transportation field. Pierce is a 1980 graduate of Kingston Community High School.

Airman Albert S. Finley, son of Betty L. Finley of Kingston, has been assigned to Lowry Air Force Base, Colo., after completing Air Force basic training. During the six weeks at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations. The airman will now receive specialized instruction in the munitions and weapons and maintenance field,

40 YEARS AGO (1977)

Queens all— Karmen Kreh, Caro, smiles after being named Tuscola County's Campus Life Sweetheart for 1977. Flanking her are first runner-up Diane Teichman, Cass City, and Tami Bobbins, Millington.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Copeland are the parents of a daughter, weighing 10 pounds, one ounce when she was born Feb. 8 in Hills and Dales Hospital. She is named Cindy Lou. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Copeland and Jack Betzold and Pat Skrzypczak of Bay City.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Milligan of Decker announce the engagement of their daughter, Sally Ann, to Daniel Lee Arnold, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Arnold of Flint. The bride-elect is a graduate of Alma College and teaches second grade in Marlette. The prospective bridegroom will graduate from Alma College in April with a bachelor's degree in business administration. A June 18 wedding is being planned.

The three top essayists, who will receive award certificates for their achievement, are Wendy Smith, first; Deanna Sawdon, second, and Carol Dillon, third. In addition, the name of the school's first place winner will be engraved on a plaque for permanent display in the school. As the school's first place winner, Wendy's essay has been entered into the statewide competition from which ten state winners will be selected. Prizes for the top ten in the state include a \$500 savings bond for first place, \$250 in savings bonds for second place, \$100 bonds for third, fourth and fifth place, and \$50 bonds for each of the remaining essayists in the top ten.

Cathy J. Hobart of Cass City High School has been named as 1977 General Mills Family Leader of Tomorrow. The student won the honor by scoring highest in the school in a written knowledge and attitude examination administered to high school seniors here and throughout the country Dec. 7.

Army Reserve Private Patrick D. Kubiak, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Kubiak of Gagetown. completed an eight-week tracked vehicle mechanic course at the U.S. Army Armor School, Ft. Knox, Ky., Jan. 20. During the course, students were trained to repair engines, transmissions, and the fuel, electrical and hydraulic systems of the Army's tracked vehicles. They also learned to perform recovery operations for abandoned, damaged, disabled or mired vehicles. Pvt. Kubiak is a 1971 graduate of Owen-Gage High School.

50 YEARS AGO (1967)

Pvt. John Kostanko wrote the Chronicle that he is stationed in Thailand and expects to be there the balance of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest M. Crigger of Clifford announce the engagement of their daughter, Taesonia Gail, to Keith R. Baudoin, son of Mrs. Grace Nemeth of Cass City and Gerald Baudoin of Rochester, Minn. A March 18 wedding is planned.

There have been just two homes on the farm owned by Stewart Nicol, who lives northeast of Cass City on an Ubly route, since his grandpar-

ents settled the area in 1860. The

farm has been officially designated a centennial farm by the Michigan Historical Commission. The land where Nicol now lives was settled by his grandparents, Alexander and Mary Nicol, who migrated to the area from Canada, The original house, built when the land was settled, was the first in Greenleaf township. The present home is the second to be constructed in the 110 years the farm has been in the family. The home survived the two great fires of 1871 and 1881 only to burn later, according to a member of the family.

Pvt. Alvin Burk, stationed in Fort Dix, New Jersey, spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin R. Burk, and family. The Burks were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Brady of Utica. They took Alvin to Metropolitan Airport Sunday evening from where he flew back to New Jersey.

Larry Robinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Robinson, was one of 450 graduates at Central Michigan University at the end of the first semester. Graduation exercises were slated to be held Saturday, Jan. 28, but were cancelled because of a snowstorm. Diplomas were mailed to the students.

75 YEARS AGO (1942)

Three hundred attended the Father and Chum banquet of the Cass City Community Club at the school auditorium Tuesday evening and were delighted with the excellent entertainment provided by Del Edwards, magician. Two reels of sound comedies were added for good measure. The evening was a very enjoyable one for young and old. The group welcomed the appearance of Russell Dewey of the U. S. Marines, who packed in a short talk, vivid descriptions of action he witnessed in a submarine battle off the Atlantic coast. He recently returned from a 38-day cruise. President Arthur Holmberg announced that the Community Club had a membership of 173 and officers hoped to have it reach the 200 mark soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry LaFave celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary last Friday by inviting friends and relatives to a dancing party held at the Oriole Gardens in the evening. Refreshments were served. Mr. and Mrs. LaFave are the parents of four daughters-Genevieve, Elayne and Willa, and one son, Harold.

Mrs. Robert Horner entertained about forty ladies in her home on Friday evening at a miscellaneous shower in honor of her daughter, Miss Maxine Horner, whose marriage to Kenneth Graham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melville Graham, of Caro will take place in the near future. Various games were played and ice cream and cake were served. Miss Horner received many gifts. Mrs. Charles Brooks of Pontiac, Mrs. Audley Horner of Detroit and a number from Caro were out-oftown guests.

100 YEARS AGO (1917)

Mr. Hires of Philadelphia, president of the Hires Condensed Milk Co., accompanied by the general manager of the 17 plants of this company and Manager Chamberlain of the Ubly plant, will come to Cass City today (Friday) to meet with the business men of Cass City and the farmers in this section of the Thumb. The business men will meet at the town hall at 11:00 a.m. and the meeting of the farmers is scheduled for the afternoon at two o'clock

Prof. E. J. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Smith of Novesta Township won much praise for the exhibit made by his class in agriculture in the Blissfield schools, at the farmers' institute held at Blissfield recently.



2017 Bridal Guide featuring

Area couples now and then Mark the day with a creative memento

(MS)- Many couples remember their wedding day through photographs, videos and a guest book. The book is placed near the door and guests are encouraged to sign their names and write a little message. But,

for the creative couple you can express your individuality with clever ideas that bortradition

from the guest book. Here's a few ideas, courtesy of Easiest WeddingTM.

· Ask your friends and family to sign a mat board that you will later frame along with a photograph of yourself and your new husband. As an unconventional form of remembering your guests, the signatures can be mounted in your new home.

• In Asian cultures, wedding guests sign a piece of silk with a permanent marker. This, too, makes an unforgettable decoration to hang in your home.

• Have a special wedding quilt made that can be signed on one side during the recep-

· If you or your husbandto-be are sports enthusiasts, consider having your guests sign a basketball, golf club bag, tennis skirt or shorts, or running wear. Let your imagination run

 Have a special 12-month calendar made for the year of your wedding. Ask each family member and friend to sign on the date of their birthday. This not only is a memento of your wedding, but you'll remember guests' birthdays, too.

· A white linen tablecloth and matching napkins can be signed with an indelible marker. On each occasion you set your table, you'll have your wedding guests dining with you. If you're ambitious, later you can embroider over the signatures, using thread colors matching those of either your dining room or wedding bouquet.

Bartnik's to celebrate 15 years this June

Dave and Shelly (Crosby) Bartnik of Deford were united in marriage on June 20, 2002.

Parents of the groom are Henry and the late Helen Bartnik of Cass City. Parents of the bride are John and Dixie Crosby of Gladwin.

The couple were married on Mackinac Island, they shared a private ceremony on a rooftop overlooking Lake Huron. After the ceremony the newlyweds took a carriage ride around the island.

The couple share 3 children: Matt, Mandi and Rachel. Together Dave and Shelly opened Bartnik Propane on their first anniversary in 2003. The couple also enjoys being selfemployed, running their other business, Country Rental Homes. Dave and Shelly enjoy going to their place up north, camping and spending time with their family and



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Then

Patricia & Dale Churchill 1974 &

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Churchills reminisce about wedding day

Patricia O'Kelly, daughter of Joseph & Tillie O'Kelly of Caro and Dale Churchill, son of Ken & Phyllis Churchill of Deford were united in marriage at 2:00 p.m. on November 7, 1974 at Sacred Heart Church in Caro. Father James O'Neil and Rev. Joel Hurley were celebrants.

Maid of Honor was Sue O'Kelly, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Mary O'Brien and Cathy Little, friends of the bride, and Dawn Bowen, niece of the bride. Flower Girl was Maureen Mann, niece of the bride.

Best Man was Bruce LeValley, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Clint Warner, Gary Lindahl, and Al Rogers, friends of the groom. Ring Bearer was Toby Smith, nephew of the groom. Ushers were Fred Hicks and Lee Kilbourn. A buffet reception was held at 6:00 p.m. at the Caro Gun Club. Mr. and Mrs. Churchill will be residing in Cass City.

Dale & Patty have resided on Crawford Rd. in the Deford area for the last 42 years.

Patty is retired from the Tuscola County Intermediate School District and Dale from Delphi/GM in Saginaw. Together they have 4 daughters, Corinne (Brandon) Rogers of Howell, MI; Jennifer (Rob) Correll of Marlborough, MA; Stacey (Adam) Dorland of Cass City; and Katie (Ryan) Ouvry of Gilbert, SC.

They have 10 grandchildren, Galilee, Guniness, Eloise, Faustina, Heloise, Conrad, Preston, Lola, Harper and Hope.

Trends in honeymoon planning

(MS) - For many couples, planning a honeymoon is just as important as planning the wedding itself. Regardless of where you plan to go on your honeymoon, there are some things you should do and some new ideas of which you need to be aware in order to make it the kind of experience you want it to be.

First, you must decide on a budget. If money is not an issue for you, bon voyage! However, if you're like most couples getting married, you're already paying for more than you anticipated. Establish a budget and use it as a guide. You may also want to consider using a honeymoon bridal registry like the free one provided by TheHoneymoon.com. Honeymoon registries allow wedding guests to contribute toward specific elements of your honeymoon. Things like shore excursions, parasailing, spa services and tours all make great wedding gifts. These are becoming more popular as couples getting married nowadays often have many of the basic household necessities that comprise a traditional gift registry.

After deciding on a budget, figure out where you would like to go. If you and your spouse-to-be want the same type of honeymoon experience, no problem. However, if one of you wants adventure and the other wants to relax in the sun, you need to compromise. There are destinations that can satisfy you both; you just need to do some research. Of course, it is also important that your destination fits your budget.

Once you have a destination in mind, decide whether you want an all-inclusive package or whether you would prefer to be on your own a little more. For those with tight budgets, an all-inclusive honeymoon has the advantage of one allinclusive package price. This includes most activities at both allinclusive resorts and on cruises. However, there are usually things that are not included for which you will need to pay. Again, these make great gift items for your honeymoon registry. If the idea of an all-inclusive honeymoon with multiple destinations excites you, then a cruise may be the dream honeymoon for

If you wish to be on your own to take in more of the surrounding area and culture, then you have a lot of options at your disposal. Do you want a big hotel, or a small boutique hotel with history and character? If you like to experience the world through your taste buds, you'll want a variety of gastronomical adventures. In other words, if you don't want to be confined to a preset menu of activities and dining experiences, then you may be better off creating your own experience.

Of course, the honeymoon takes on a whole new meaning when you decide to do a "destination wedding." These are becoming very popular as more couples decide to forego the average \$20,000 wedding price tag in addition to the honeymoon expense. These are especially popular with second marriages. It's easier to get married in some countries than others, so check with a reliable information source first.

Your final step is booking and paying for this trip. Many honeymoon suppliers offer specials for early booking, which may or may not include airfare. Many packages that include airfare can offer significant savings because these suppliers buy airline seats in bulk at a discount and then package hotel and sometimes car rental to give you significant value. Usually these packages need to be purchased from a travel agent or from businesses like The-Honeymoon.com, which combine travel agent services, the convenience of the Internet, honeymoon registry, personal wedding Web pages, and honeymoon information all at your fingertips - all from the convenience of your home or office.

Ignashes planned outdoor ceremony in Michigan's U.P.

Reggie and Jane (Bennett) Ignash were married on Drummond Island in the Upper Peninsula on September 27, 2003.

The groom is the son of Dave and Kathy Ignash of Pigeon and the bride is the daughter of Dave and Pat Bennett of Fremont.

The couple planned a beautiful outdoor ceremony at an outdoor chapel in the woods with no backup plan and it rained and rained and rained. The day before the wedding Reggie drove around the island and found a few indoor venues. With over 200 guests attending the only option they found was local Lutheran Church.

The weather cleared up after the ceremony so the couple along with their wedding party were able to still enjoy their planned pontoon cruise. Although the weather was cold, the couple reminisces how incredible the cruise was. After the pontoon cruise they held a reception at a resort lodge with an outdoor tent for dining.

The newlyweds drove across the U.P. to Wisconsin for their honeymoon, stopping at Lambeau Field on the way to Door County Peninsula. They noticed quickly that they were the youngest people on the peninsula. Together they explored the area by hiking and eating lots of fish all over Door County Peninsula which is famous for their fish boils.

Together they have 3 daughters who attend Cass City Public Schools, Shelby, 10; Skylar, 7; and Karsyn, 5 years old.

Their family loves to travel, spend time outdoors, play sports and enjoy spending time on their family,

"funny farm", hobby farm.

Reggie is a graduate of Elon University in N.C. and now the owner of Reggie Ignash Agency, Farm Bu-

reau Insurance. Jane is a graduate of Ohio State University and currently teaches at Ubly Community



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Cass City names top citizens at Annual Dinner

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tributing as a member of several committees and as a member of the United Methodist Women.

Beecher, meanwhile, told the group that 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. Seeley, who is battling cancer and was unable to attend the festivities, expressed her gratitude to the gathering in a hand written letter read by her niece Kim Thompson, as her sister Janis Seeley and family

looked on.

"As sister, niece and nephews we are honored to accept this award for Sherryl," said Thompson, adding, "She is very honored by this and wants to express that this award represents the dedication and efforts of so many people over the years that have made Cass City the great town that it is. She feels very fortunate to have been born, raised, graduated and found a job she enjoyed all in Cass City. What a great place it has been "

JUNIOR CITIZENS OF THE YEAR

Turning to the Junior Citizens of the Year, presenter Kate VanAuken told the audience that choosing a Junior Citizen of the Year winner gets harder and harder each year.

"So this year we picked two," she said, announcing Patera and Bagnall as the 2017 choices.

Patera has also fervently served the community.

His service record to the Thumb area includes volunteering with the Christmas in the Village celebration, Community Thanksgiving Dinner, Imagination Library, Hills & Dales Hospital fundraiser, Lions Club fundraiser, Highway Clean up and blood drives, to name a few. While attending Cass city High School, Patera was been active in soccer, track, cross county and powerlifting. Additionally, his work experience includes time at Subway, Bob's Bump Shop, and Ligrow's 24 hr. Fitness.

Patera is a member of the National Honor Society and has won honors in Spanish. After graduation, Patera plans to attend Oakland University focusing on Rehabilitation Therapies. Joel is the son of Randy and Lori Patera.

Bagnall, too, has been active during her time at Cass City High School.

Her record of service includes working with the Red Cross Blood Drives, Octagon Barn Festival, Freedom Festival, Earth Day Cleanup, Summer Mania, Breakfast with Santa, and the list goes on.

"Paige has started her own business," VanAuken said, explaining that the Cass City senior offers house cleaning services free of charge for folks fighting illnesses that can't do it themselves.

A member of the National Honor Society, Student Council, band, Academic Games, Yearbook and drama, Bagnall has earned several academic honors in English, history, health and Agriculture.

The 2017 Cass City Homecoming Queen plans to enter the Social Work Program at Saginaw Valley State University following graduation

Paige is the daughter of Jen and Steve Bagnall.



THE 2017 CASS City Junior Citizen of the Year candidates are: (front row, l-r) Joel Patera, Katelynn Mester, Tyler Cowdry, Emily Gilliam (back row) Joel Collins, Paige Bagnall, Chase Winter and Emily Peters.

Dairy groups looking at new plant

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During Monday's meeting of the whole of the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners, District One Commissioner Tom Young gave an update on the proposal.

"Cass City is one of three sites being looked at for the plant," Young said. "I want MPA to know that the county is behind development of the plant here and we will do whatever we can to take care of any issues that might be a problem."

"We continue to look at lots of sites in the state," Kristin Coady, DFA's vice president of corporate communications, said of the search process. "We are looking at Central Michigan."

When asked if Central Michigan includes the Thumb area, Coady agreed it did, but that was all she would say.

Whether or not the cheese and whey production facility is in the Thumb, the expansion would be an overall boost for the region's dairy industry. Upon completion, the plant is expected to process eight 8 million products (3.6 million liters) of william products.

milk per day.

"I'm excited about this joint venture and working with the American Dairy Farmers and Michigan Milk Producers with their more than 13,000 dairy farmers," said John Dardis, second vice president of Glanbia U.S. Corporate Affairs. "The central part of Michigan has a lot to offer. We'll be needing over eight million pounds of milk a day, and the area can produce that."

He noted Glanbia is in the process of developing a similar facility in New Mexico.

"Judging by that one, there will be over 200 jobs when we begin operations in Michigan in 2019," Dardis said. "We are very excited about the opportunities Michigan offers."

As part of the proposed joint venture, DFA, MMPA and Foremost Farms would supply all milk required by the plant, while Glanbia will be responsible for all commercial, technical and operational aspects of the business.

"Milk production in Michigan has significantly increased in recent years," Dardis said.

In 2015, Michigan's milk production was up nearly seven percent compared to the previous year, and increased roughly six percent in 2016. And the trend is expected to continue

In 2015, Michigan ranked seventh

nationally in milk production. It is proposed that 50 percent of the joint venture will be owned by Glanbia and the balance will be owned by DFA, MMPA and Fore-

most Farms.
"Glanbia is delighted to announce

this exciting proposed project in the state of Michigan with DFA, Michigan Milk Producers Association and Foremost Farms," Brian Phelan, CEO of Glanbia Nutritionals stated in a press release.

"Consistent with Glanbia's growth strategy, this proposed venture will build on our position as the number-one producer of American-style cheddar cheese and simultaneously expand our global position as a supplier of advanced technology whey protein to the nutritional sector," he said.

"This proposed joint venture is a strategic move by all the partners to benefit from the growing, largescale milk pool in the state of Michigan."

In addition, in June DFA, Foremost Farms USA, and MMPA Michigan announced they were exploring a joint ownership and operation of a major cheese processing plant in Michigan because of the growing milk supply in the state, lack of available processing capacity within the regions, and market accessibility

Also at that time, DFA officials announced they are planning an expansion to their facility at 4105 N.

Division St., Cass City. Ground was broken at that \$40 million, 33,000-square-foot facility in September 2013 and processing started in February 2015.

"When we made the initial investment in the Cass City plant, we were already considering its expansion," Greg Wickham, DFA's chief financial officer, said a press release during the June 2016 announcement. "The time is right for this continued investment, as Michigan's milk supply continues to grow, but the processing capacity within the

region has not kept pace.
"The plant's location makes it ideal to provide both domestic and global customers with safe, high-quality dairy ingredients," he added.

Cass City is centrally located in the Thumb's counties of Tuscola, Huron, and Sanilac. State highways running through or near Cass City include M-81, M-53, M-46, and M-25. In addition to state highways, Cass City has an advantage over other areas that are under consideration. DFA owns 40 acres in the industrial park with the designation of a Renaissance Zone, which provides for a significant tax break for up to 15 years.

Most recent citizens of the year

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Cass City snags share of GTC wrestling title

by Clarke Haire **Publisher**

The Cass City wrestling team repeated history over the weekend to the delight of veteran coach Don Markel.

Needing to finish above Mayville at Saturday's Greater Thumb Conference League Meet to have any shot at league honors, the Red Hawks did just that and will now share the 2017 GTC crown with Mayville, who entered the regular season finale as the top seed after defeating Cass City earlier in the

Three GTC champions led Cass

City to first place honors at the 10-team GTC League meet. Coach Markel wasn't surprised.

"We won the league outright in 2015 after Marlette beat us during the dual meet portion of the season," he said, adding, "I knew we had a shot to win the league tournament with the 14 wrestlers that we were able to put on the mats Saturday. The kids performed up to expectations and the result was a

league championship." Seth Osentoski (135), Wyatt Dickson (160), and T.J. Moore (215) were individual champs for Cass City, while Alex Jeffrey (119) and Tristan Swiderski (130) finished as runners-up. Cass City also had third place finishers in Tyler Cowdry (112), Drew Markel (119) and Hayden Larken (130) and fourth place finishers in Race Woloshen (135), Eric Peters (160), Brent Baker (215) and Brad Baker (285).

Osentoski's path to the GTC individual crown included pins over Vassar's Max Kukulski (1:54) and Memphis' Patrick Seifert (0:46), while Dickson defeated Will Chapin, Marlette (fall 1:08) and Eric Peters, Cass City (2:47), before posting a 9-6 decision over Ryan Ragap in the final match. Moore's victories all came by fall. He pinned Kyle Abbott, Marlette, in 36 seconds, Tristin Bruce, Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port, in 2:46 and Sandusky's Anthony Filkins in 2:19.

Final tournament results saw Cass City with 186, Mayville 172, Vassar 133.5, Brown City 119, Bad Axe 99, Sandusky 91, Marlette 72.5, Memphis 54, EPBP 21 and Ubly 10.

Eight seniors competed in their final GTC affair including Cowdry, Jeffery, Osentoski, Moore, Darren Dickson, Dustin Horne, Brent Baker and Brad Baker.

Next up for the Red Hawks are Team Districts tonight (Wednesday) at Cass City and Individual Districts at Sandusky on Saturday February



CASS CITY'S Race Woloshen, left, battles Vassar's Max Kukulski at Saturday's GTC League Meet.



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RED HAWK Lauren Fernald checks Laker ball handler Abi Schuette in GTW action. Cass City swept their league outings against Elkton-Pigeon-

Lady Red Hawks on the rise in GTW

Don't look now, but the Cass City Lady Red Hawks have climbed into the second slot of the Greater Thumb West (GTW) girls' basketball standings. And they're set to take on the conference leaders next.

Coach Aaron Fernald's gals have won three straight, following Thursday's 46-35 GTW win over Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port. Earlier in the week, Cass City stunned Bad Axe, 56-43, picking up their first win against a foe with a winning record on the year.

"We are very pleased to be 4-2 in the league right now with a big game against Reese on Thursday. Reese is the #3 ranked team in the state and Harbor Beach (who Cass City faced Tuesday) is 12-1. So it will be a good test for us this week. We are looking forward to playing them," said Fernald.

Following a 6-6 tie, Cass City opened quarter two with a 9-0 run, before settling for a 24-13 edge at the intermission. Five different Red Hawks entered the scorebook during the frame led by Sayge Cuthrell inside and Lauren Fernald from the perimeter.

"We have been pressing more, which has created more offensive opportunities for us," said Fernald.

The Lakers opened the final half with a 12-1 run of their own. Backto-back baskets by Cheyanne Valentine and a pair of Abby Smith free throws had the game knotted at 25-

25 with 2:35 showing on the clock. Cass City answered by pounding the ball inside to Cuthrell who responded with three quick hoops that had the hosts leading 31-28 entering the deciding quarter.

Red Hawks Kacey Haire and Rylie Weiler converted 7-of-10 free throws down the stretch to help preserve the win.

Cuthrell earned game scoring honors with 15 points to lead Cass City, while Fernald scored eight, and Kelsey Bouverette and Haire each chipped in seven tallies and combined for 17 rebounds.

On Tuesday, Cuthrell scored 21 points and Bouverette added 17 to power host Cass City past Bad Axe. A big opening quarter saw the Red Hawks gain a 19-10 advantage that they built into a 33-22 spread with two quarters remaining. Bad Axe never seriously mounted a charge in the final half.

Hannah Young's 18 points were best for Bad Axe.

Smith hits for 19 in Kingston win.

Carley Smith tossed in 19 points Thursday to lead Kingston over host Dryden.

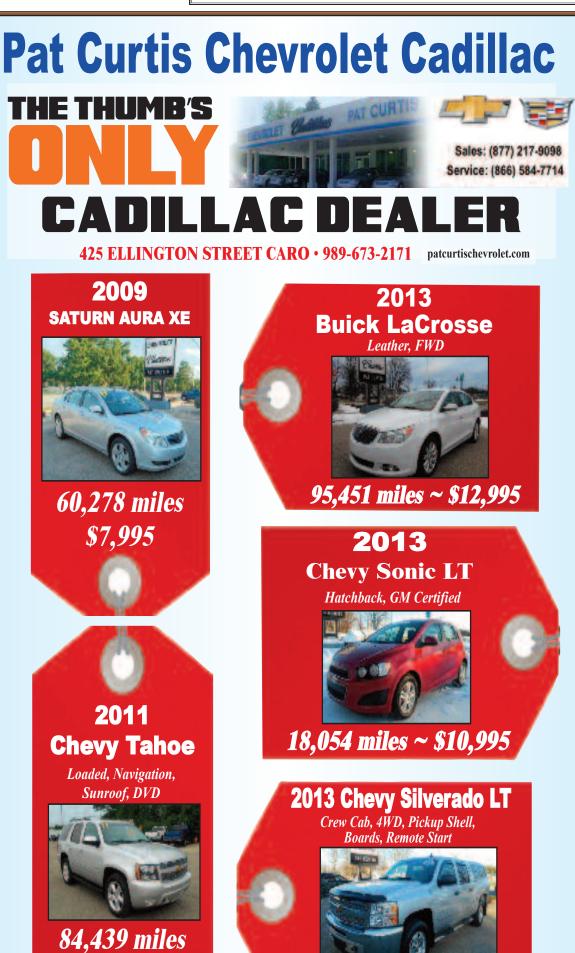
With the 37-14 victory, Kingston improves to 10-0 in North Central Thumb League play and 13-2 overall, while Dryden falls to 2-6 in the NCTL and 3-8 overall.

The visitors led 12-7 after one quarter and then turned up their defensive intensity to gain the easy win. Dryden scored just seven points over the final three frames.

Camryn MacGuire chipped in nine

points for Kingston.

Hannah Peyerk scored 10 points for Dryden.



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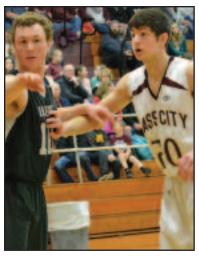
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Kingston handles rival

Riding high from their win over North Central Thumb League rival Deckerville, the Kingston Cardinals entered Friday's contest against league leading Dryden with upset on their minds.

And for three quarters the dream



TAG, YOU'RE IT. Cass City's Brenden Hamilton Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port's Seth Bowles keep close tabs on each other during Friday's GTW play. Cass City earned a 53-47

lived, before the hosts were able to close the contest with a 20-6 run to pull away late, en route to a 45-22

'We played a competitive first half, but we struggled to score all night. Dryden played well and just beat us up tonight," said Kingston Coach Dave Lester.

Dryden grabbed an 11-8 advantage after one quarter and led 14-11 after

Grant Koehler and Nathan Cloyd split 10 points to lead Kingston.

For Dryden, Max Kage scored a

game-high 23 points. On Tuesday, Garrett Green tossed in 19 points to lift Kingston over

Deckerville, 55-48. "This was a big win over our rival. Our bench came big in the first half as (we) battled foul trouble. Garrett Green was very assertive tonight. He has the ability to get his own

shot," Lester said. Kingston outscored the Eagles 27-21 to the break and padded their margin to 44-35 with eight minutes remaining.

Joining Green in double figures was Cardinal Cloyd with 13 points. Deckerville also had two double

digit performers in Kenton Bowerman and Austin Fritch with 15 and 11 points, respectively.

Owen-Gage avenges early loss

Owen-Gage knocked off Merritt Academy and Flint Michigan School of the Deaf last week to remain tied at the top of the Inner State League standings.

Coach Brian Wright credited his Bulldog defense in both victories.

On Thursday, Owen-Gage trailed 27-21 at the halfway point against the Tartars, but outscored the hosts 15-9 in the third quarter and 13-6 over the final eight minutes to post a 49-42 decision.

"Another hard fought victory. The defense came through in the end," said Wright.

Double-double machine David Binder had 15 points and 10 rebounds for Owen-Gage, while Luke Retford added eight points and four rebounds.

Earlier in the week, Owen-Gage met up with New Haven Merritt Academy and registered a 48-38

"We avenged our only loss in the Inner State League. Great game from start to finish with a much improved defensive effort," Wright

Binder and Derek Vincent paced the winners with complete showings. Binder's stat line included 18 points, 17 rebounds and four steals, while Vincent chipped in seven points, nine rebounds, five assists and four blocks. Aaron Fahrner had 14 points for Owen-Gage.

John Basile led the Academy with

Schneeberger's

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THE 2017 KINGSTON Snowcoming court representatives are (front, l-r) Collin Geister, Mason Tallieu, Brian Coltson, Mason DeBlois, Gabe Hall, Garrett Green; (back) Anna Ahern, Katelyn Iseler, Jamie Dibble, Ashtian Davis and Lauryn Cumper. Missing Josselyn **Rushlow**

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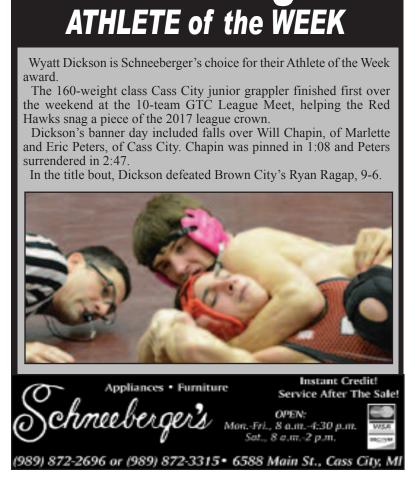
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	(JV/VARSITY)
DATE	OPPONENT
12/7	CC 50, Mayville 26
12/9	CC 37, Sandusky 28
12/14	CC 57, Memphis 48
12/16	Marlette 75, CC 30
12/21	BCAS 56, CC 42
1/6	CC 53, Lakers 29
1/11	CC 61, Harbor Beach 44
1/13	Reese 59, CC 43
1/20	USA 85, CC 41
1/25	Brown City 62, CC 44
1/27	Vassar 54, CC 45
2/1	Bad Axe 50, CC46
2/3	CC 53, Lakers 47
2/8	Capac
2/10	Reese
2/15	Ubly
2/17	USA (Snowcoming)
2/22	Caro
2/24	Vassar
3/2	Bad Axe
3/6-10	Districts @ Lakers

All games begin at 6 p.m.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL (JV/VARSITY)

	(UV/VIIIII)
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	CC 56, Bad Axe 24
2/2	CC 46, Lakers 35
2/7	Harbor Beach
2/9	Reese
2/14	Ubly
2/16	USÅ
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	Ubly	
1/17	\mathbf{USA}	
1/19	CPS	
1/24	Brown City	
1/26	Reese	
2/2	Bad Axe	

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Ubly @ EPBP

FRIDAY, FEB. 10 EPBP @ Bad Axe

Cass City @ Reese

Memphis @ Ubly

Sandusky @ Reese

Sandusky @ Brown City

Harbor Beach @ Marlette

North Huron @ Kingston

GIRLS' BASKETBALL TUESDAY, FEB. 7

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Cass City @ Harbor Beach

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Sandusky @ Brown City

North Huron @ Kingston

LAST WEEKS' RESULTS

THURSDAY, FEB. 9

EPBP @ Bad Axe

Cass City @ Reese

Vassar @ USA

Memphis @ Ubly

Vassar @ USA



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

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 BE-GINNING. MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 6166 W. GILFORD ROAD, FAIR-GROVE, 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

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.

TH C DITTED II (D 20477) ATTORNEY FOR MORTGAGEE 24525 Harper Avenue St. Clair Shores, MI 48080 (586) 777-0770 Dated: 1-11-17

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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 AU-THORITY, 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 QUAR-TER 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 SEC-TION 34, TOWN 13 NORTH, RANGE 9

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 DEVEL-OPMENT AUTHORITY

Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sher-

23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 S20130924029313 USDA

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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

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) Dol-

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 quar-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 Begin-

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 THE RURAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

THE RURAL HOUSING SERVICE, OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PREPARED BY: John R. Tucker, Esq. P-

Winegarden, Haley, Lindholm & Robertson,

G-9460 S. Saginaw Street, Suite A Grand Blanc, Michigan 48439 (810) 767-3600

MORTGAGE SALE THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR AT-TEMPTING 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 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

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

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

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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,

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

FORECLOSURE NOTICE RANDALL S. MILLER & ASSOCIATES, P.C. MAY BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMA-TION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE A MILI-TARY SERVICEMEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY NOW OR IN THE PRIOR NINE MONTHS, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OF-

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, VAS-SAR, 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 agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance 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 pursuant 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 foreclosure 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 damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus

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

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

MORTGAGE SALE - A mortgage was granted by Jessica M. Wrosch, a single woman, original mortgagor(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 documented by an assignment, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of 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 vendue, at the place of holding the circuit 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

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

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

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 NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE MORTGAGE SALE-A mortgage was granted by TIMOTHY SEXTON and JES-SICA SEXTON, his wife, Mortgagor(s) to NORTH MAIN STREET, FRANKEN-MUTH, 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 interest, the sum of NINTY AND THOUSAND THIRTY 00/100THS (\$90,036.00) 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 MARCH 2, 2017, AT 10:00 A.M. local time, said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder in the main lobby of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, aforesaid, on said mortgage with interest thereon and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as fol-

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, TUS-COLA 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 pursuant 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 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: 2-1-17

FORECLOSURE NOTICE THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR COL-LECTING A DEBT. IF THE DEBT WAS DISCHARGED IN A BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDING, THIS NOTICE IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT THAT DEBT. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee for any reason. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest, and the purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney. MORTGAGE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Andrew N. Turcotte, a Single Man to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Flagstar Bank, FSB, its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 1, 2010 and recorded February 2, 2010 in Liber 1191 Page 1204 Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said Mortgage was assigned to: Planet Home Lending, LLC by assignment dated January 30, 2017 and subsequently recorded in Tuscola County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Two Thousand Three Hundred Sixty- Eight Dollars and Nineteen Cents (\$52,368.19) including interest 5.25% 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 vendue, the Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00 AM on March 9, 2017 Said premises are situated in Township of Fairgrove, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Beginning at the Southwest corner of the Northwest quarter of Section 15, Town 13 North, Range 8 East, thence East 210 feet, thence North 210 feet, thence West 210 feet, thence South 210 feet to the point of beginning.

Commonly known as 2254 N Ringle Rd., Fairgrove, MI 48733 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: 02/08/2017 Planet Home Lending, LLC Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 251 Diversion Street Rochester, MI 48307 248-853-4400 Our File No: 104656 (02-08)(03-01)

2-8-4

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEAR-OF MICHIGAN PROBATE

COURT-COUNTY OF TUSCOLA FILE NUMBER - 17-03-NO

In the matter of Emily Louise Sopha

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on Friday, February 24, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. at Tuscola County Probate/Family Court before Judge Nancy L. Thane (P38918) for the following purpose: To complete a legal name change from: Emily Louise Sopha to Kaeleb Louise Sopha.

Dated: January 20, 2017

Petitioner: Emily Louise Sopha 6392 Houghton St. Cass City, MI 48726 (989)912-9609



Kenneth Eisinger

Kenneth L. Eisinger, 88, passed away peacefully on February 1, 2017 at 6:55 p.m., surrounded by his loving

Born in Mt. Morris, to Minnie (Severn) and Noah Eisinger, Ken lived much of his

A lifelong lover of sports, Ken was a 16 letterman in high school, earning a letter each year for football, basketball, baseball and track. He continued his athletics as a boxer in the Army where he served in the 7th Infantry Division. Ken was a Korean War veteran and earned the Bronze Star with Valor for heroic or meritorious achievement or service.

Ken worked as Plant Manager of a family-owned LP bottled gas company in Cass City until he retired and moved to Naples, FL in 1984. There, Ken co-founded the Marco East Country Club, now known as Eagle Lakes Golf Club, and called Naples his home for the rest of his life.

Ken was a passionate man who enjoyed exuberant celebrations, golf, fishing, singing, and reading. He was a talented ballroom dancer and a member of several area church choirs. Ken had an infectious smile that his high school classmates deemed his "Million Dollar Grin" and a laugh that filled any room

Ken is survived by his loving wife, Kathleen Eisinger; his three children and their spouses, Ken J. and Kay "KC" Eisinger, Gary and Susan Eisinger, and Sandi and Mitch Williams; 6 grandchildren, Estee Davis, Ashleigh Gatton, Greg Eisinger, Justin Eisinger, Bret Williams and Brittani Kellam; and three great-grandchildren, Sterling, Kingston and Chandler Kellam.

He was predeceased by Donna Jean Eisinger, his wife of 52 years, and his siblings, Duane Eisinger, Gerald Eisinger, and Deloris Lewis.

Following the funeral mass held at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in Naples, Ken was laid to rest with military honors at Naples Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorial donations to Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas, 66675, or online at https://support.woundedwarrierproject.org.

For online condolences please visit www.FullerNaples.com.

Mary Lou Erla

Mary Lou Erla, 81, of Cass City, died following a brief illness Saturday, February 4, 2017 in United Hospice of Marlette Residence Center, Marlette.

She was born May 23, 1935 in Cass City, the youngest of three children born to Oren and Edna (Allen) Dungey. She married Donald Joseph Erla July 23, 1955 in Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Imlay City.

Mary Lou graduated from Imlay City High School, which she followed with two years of college at Flint Junior College. Mary Lou was a homemaker, a great mom and grandma, she was always there for everyone. At one point Mary Lou owned and operated the Pied Piper Clothing store. She also worked in the Paint Store where she helped folks with color suggestions and other decorating tips. Mary Lou loved working in her flower gardens. A hobby of sewing became a hobby of quilting in later years. She enjoyed many trips with her friends. The family cottage in Rose City on Island Lake was a place where Mary Lou found peace and where she enjoyed many gatherings with family.

Mary Lou is survived by her husband, Donald; children: Dave (Rhonda) Erla of Texas, Don (Cathy) Erla of Caro, Beth (Guy) Howard of Cass City, Amy (Scott) Hartel of Cass City, Bob (Dawn) Erla of Cass City, Bill Erla of Pigeon; 16 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren with the 13th great-grandchild due in May; brother, Art (Tress) Dungey of Imlay City; sister, Carolyn Touchette of Virginia; and many nieces and nephews. Also remembering and missing Mary Lou is her dog, Chloe.

She was preceded in death by her brother-in-law, Clare Touchette.

A memorial service will be scheduled in the spring in Cass City First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Linda Graham officiating. Interment will take place at a later date.

Memorials may be made to United Hospice of Marlette. 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.

Raymond Hurd

Raymond William Hurd, 68, of Deford, died unexpectedly Friday, February 3, 2017 in his home. He was born February 29, 1948 in Cass City, the third of six children born to Norman and Florence (Commins)

Hurd.

He married Gayle Ann Spencer October 3, 1987 in Caro in the home of Gayle's aunt.

Ray worked at Snover Stamping as a Die Setter for more than thirty years, leaving because of a motorcycle accident. He later took a job at Woodland Hills Golf Course in Sandusky. Ray enjoyed the outdoors. He liked duck hunting and deer hunting. He had a passion for riding motorcycles and playing golf.

Ray is survived by his wife, Gayle; children: Joshua Hurd of Sandusky, Randy Hurd of Flint, Tommy Hurd of Flint; one granddaughter; sisters: Janet (Russ) Bradley of Deford, Grace (Harland) Murdick of Caro, Ellen (Donald) Mills of Florida; brother, Norman Hurd of Florida; and several nieces and nephews

He was preceded in death by a son, Eric Hurd; and sister, Norma (Alfred) Connolly.

Visitation will be held 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, February 7, and 12 to 1 p.m. Wednesday, February 8, in Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City. A funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 8, in Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City with

Brad Speirs of Novesta Church of Christ officiating. Interment will be in Novesta Township Cemetery. Pallbearers for Mr. Hurd will be: Clem Koepf, Matthew

Koepf, John Harbin, Jeff Parish, Harland Murdick and Joshua Hurd.

Memorials may be made to Family Discretionary Fund. 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.

Betty Jezierski

Betty Lucille Jezierski, 92, of Cass City, died Saturday, February 4, 2017 in Tuscola County Medical Care Facility,

She was born March 30, 1924 in Sesser, IL to Anthony and Helena (Nowacki) Urbanik.

She married Walter Roman Jezierski October 20, 1945 in St. Hyacinth Roman Catholic Church in Detroit. He died January 16, 2000.

Betty enjoyed fishing, playing ball, dancing and cooking.

Betty is survived by her son: Robert (Carol) Jezierski of Clinton Township; grandchildren: Sue (Greg) Moore and Tracy (Rob) Harrelson; great-grandchildren: Grant, Logan and Rio.

She is preceded in death by four brothers and one sister.

A memorial service will be held in the spring. Interment will take place in Elkland Township Cemetery at a later Memorials may be made to the Charity of the Donor's Choice. 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.

Todd Toner

Todd Gurdon Toner, 54, of Cass City, passed away suddenly, Friday, February 3, 2017, in Schuerer Hospital, Pi-He was born February 17, 1962 in Cass City, son of Daniel James and the late Ellen Faye (Gurdon) Toner.

Todd was very proud of graduating from Cass City High School in 1980, he loved animals, especially cats. He was a big fan of comedian Jeff Foxworthy and was a brilliant amateur electrician. Todd loved Cass City, spending many hours in the village park. He spent the last several months living at the Rose Garden Assisted Living facility in Pigeon, where he was well cared for and made many new friends, but still longed for Cass City.

Todd is survived by his father, Daniel (Kathy) Toner of Cass City; sister, Danielle and brother-in-law Larry Smith of Lapeer; niece Bianca Smith of Lapeer; step-brother, Paul Middaugh; step-grandparents, Maurice and Betty Rosenberger; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and dozens of friends in Cass City.

Cremation has taken place. There are no services planned. Please remember Todd with a smile. Please share condolences at http://www.thabetfuneralhome.com/ Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home of Cass City.

His beloved mother, Ellen, predeceased him, August 24, 2006.

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Cass City Village Council **PUBLIC NOTICE**

A Committee of the Whole

of the Cass City Village Council has been scheduled at the Municipal Building, 6506 Main Street, Cass City, Michigan,

> Tuesday, February 7, 2017 At 7:00 p.m.

to revisit the options for an Interim Manager

And shall be immediately followed by a **Special Meeting**

To consider the appointment of an Interim Village Manager

Any other business to come before the Village Council.

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Fairgrove Township **Regular Board Meeting January 16, 2017 Synopsis of Minutes**

Meeting called to order. Board members present - Keith Aeder, John McQuillan, Dennis Hadeway, Mike Day, Katie Gebhardt. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Motion made and supported to approve December minutes as presented. Passed. Motion made and supported to approve the January meeting agenda as presented. Passed. Public comments were directed to the board. Motion made and supported to approve signing the Tuscola County Road Commission agreement. Passed. Motion made and supported to agree to two applications of brine with Wilkinson Corporation. Passed. Motion made and supported to allow publishing a synopsis of minutes in the Cass City Chronical beginning in January. Passed. Motion made and supported to add \$50,000/\$100,000 in loss salary/fringe benefit coverage to the Township insurance policy. Passed. Motion made and supported to have Kirk's Supply sell the at Country Clipper mower on consignment. Passed. Motion made and supported to accept Sexton report as presented. Passed. Motion made and supported to approve Financial Report as presented. Passed. Motion made and supported to approve payment of bills as presented. Passed. Motion made and supported to adjourn meeting. Passed. Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 pm. Next Meeting will be February 20, 2016 7:30

Katie N. Gebhardt

Fairgrove Township Clerk

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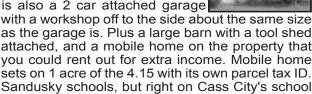
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car garage. On the main floor you will find a galley kitchen, big dining room, big living room, bathroom and 1 bedroom. The stairs going up, lead off from the dining room and there is another bedroom and a room that needs to be finished and could possibly, be another 2 bedrooms. Come with a vision on how to make this home your own. Possibilities are endless, invest, rent, or own.

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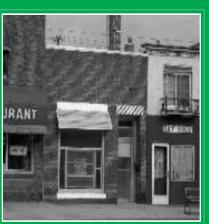


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Nice home in Cass City. New on the market for \$39,900. Home has 2 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, fireplace in the large living room. 2 car garage, immediate possession. Call and take a look.

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Cass City grad VanVliet promoted at SVSU

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track and field, and football teams. The 26-year-old joined the SVSU athletic training staff as a graduate assistant in August 2015. She came to Saginaw Valley to pursue a master's degree in health administration and leadership after serving as an intern/assistant athletic trainer at the University of Findlay

The Cass City native graduated from Grand Valley State University in 2014, earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in athletic training. During the summer of 2014, she completed an athletic training internship with North Carolina State University's football team.

VanVliet has been a Board of Certification (BOC) certified athletic trainer since 2014. She holds memberships in the National Athletic Trainers' Association, Great Lakes Athletic Trainers' Association and the Michigan Athletic Trainers' So-

CHANGE IN PLANS

VanVliet recalled nursing was her goal when she began attending classes at Grand Valley State Uni-

"I always knew I wanted to be around people and the medical field and be able to give back to a community. But I never really knew exactly what I wanted to do. Nursing was a popular field and something I could be successful in," she said. "But after 1 ½ years, I knew that was not what I wanted to do. So I switched to exercise science in hopes that I would find what I truly wanted to do. I observed/shadowed many professionals and eventually in love with medicine/athletic training.

"And after I switched, I found a paper I had written in eighth grade talking about what I wanted to do when I grew up...sports medicine," she added. "I still go through and read that paper now to remind myself that even in eighth grade, I knew exactly what I wanted to do and where I wanted to be."

Getting there has required extensive education in areas such as anatomy and physiology, exercise prescription, exercise physiology, sports psychology, pharmacology, athletic training business administration and leadership, upper and lower extremity sports evaluation, strength and conditioning for athletes, sports nutrition, and principles of athletic training.

"Even after degree completion, there is still so much to learn as an athletic trainer," VanVliet said. "Most of my experience and application skills come from on-field experience. My undergrad rotations, my internship at North Carolina

State University with their football team, and my one-year professional experience before I came to SVSU, at the University of Findlay, have all shaped me into the professional that I am today.

'My graduate school experience has now transformed into my professional career as I finish out my last semester of graduate school."

DIFFERENT ROLES

VanVliet explained athletic trainers take on a variety of roles and challenges

"Every day you can be faced with a different task that was not there the day before. We aren't just first responders; we are listeners, we are medical professionals, we are communicators, and we always put the athletes first," she said.

"It is a rigorous profession, and to be successful you have to make a lot of sacrifices. Weekends are no longer for relaxation; they are for traveling with teams, working games, and having a triage clinic on Sunday mornings after a big game Saturday night," she added.

'We are more than just the people that you see run out on the field for NFL football games on Sunday afternoons. This profession takes a special person with a lot of drive and determination."

VanVliet's responsibilities are varied and include prevention of athletic injuries and illnesses, evaluation and treatment of athletic injuries, providing counseling and education to student athletes, assisting with coordination and scheduling of medical coverage for home and away competitions, working with doctors and other allied health professionals to deliver care to student athletes, and coordinating and scheduling physical examinations and medical referrals for student athletes to determine their ability to practice and compete.

The job also involves working in conjunction with the strength and conditioning staff to ensure safety in the design and implementation of fitness, nutrition and conditioning programs customized to meet individual student-athlete needs, and the supervision, education and recruitment of athletic training students.

RED HAWK ROOTS

VanVliet still has ties to the Cass City area, which is home to her parents, Rick and Mary Jane VanVliet, as well as two of her three siblings, Bryce VanVliet and Kelli (VanVliet) McIntyre. It's also the place she grew up and developed her love for athletics.

"For as long as I can remember I was always a part of sports. From watching my older siblings play, falling asleep at my brother's basketball games, and traveling to many different schools to watch, I always loved sports," she recalled.

"I grew up playing basketball, volleyball, softball, dance and gymnastics, and I loved every minute of it," she said. "Throughout my years of schooling, I even got to experience having my own sister, Kelli, as my basketball coach and P.E. teacher.

"People always say you never want to have a sibling or parent as a coach because they are harder on you or favor you. For me, it was the opposite. Yes, there were days where I absolutely hated having her as a coach because she was hard on me and pushed me to be better. But in the end, I am forever grateful to have had the opportunity to have her as a coach," VanVliet noted. "She pushed our team and myself to be the best and I believe we had an undefeated season that year outside of the tournament.

"I have a lot of great memories from my years of playing sports and going through the Cass City Public School system," said VanVliet, who counts her second grade teacher, Nancy Walker, and former physical education teacher (now assistant principal and athletic director) Don Markel as her favorite teachers.

GREAT MEMORIES

"A lot of my best memories come from my senior year of athletics at CCHS. Playing with girls I'd played with throughout my entire career and, although not having the greatest of seasons and not winning districts for volleyball or softball, I still cherish the moments and memories that were formed.

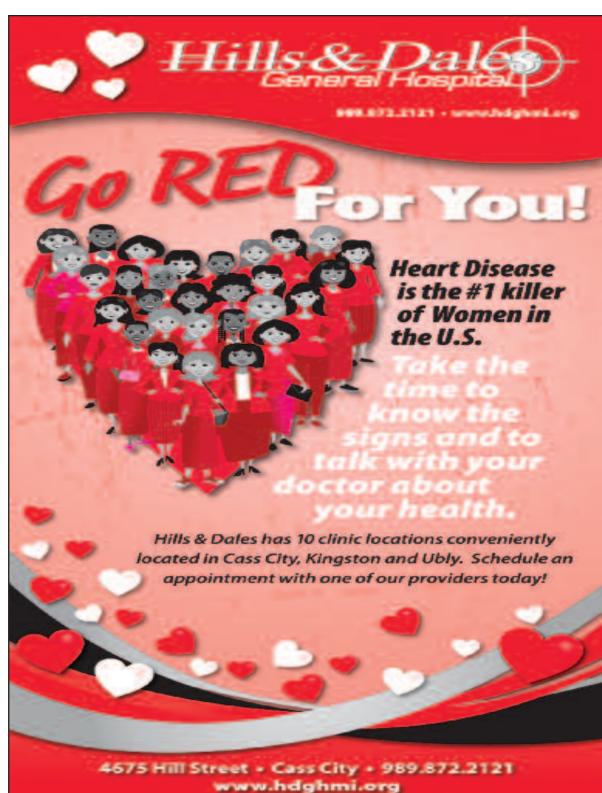
"My senior softball season I was named honorable mention all-state and that would not have been possible without the coaching staff, Josh Stern and Ken Martin, or the teammates that I had played with for so many years."

Those experience and others have helped to push VanVliet as she's pursued a career she truly enjoys, but it isn't always easy.

"The toughest part of the job is not getting to see my family as often as I would like," she said. "I only live an hour from home, but working 12 to 14 hour days and having sporting events on the weekends makes it difficult to get home."

At the same time, VanVliet says there is a lot of satisfaction in seeing students transform into adults in both their sporting and professional

"The best part is seeing the athletes succeed on and off the field-courttrack," she added. "Whether it is a winning season or not, these student-athletes leave here with a degree and a bright future."



News briefs

Board appoints newer clerk

CARO — A newer clerk has taken over for the newly-elected clerk in Indianfields Township.

Former Tuscola County Commissioner Christine Trisch didn't seek reelection as a commissioner. She won the seat of clerk in Indianfields Township during the November election, but in mid-January she resigned, and newly-elected Trustee Cristi Smith was appointed by the board to fill the

Committee members needed

TUSCOLA COUNTY — The Tuscola County Board of Commissioners is seeking applications from residents interested in serving on the county's parks and recreation committee and on the Region VII Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council.

The parks and rec committee meetings are held quarterly at the Tuscola County Purdy Building, 125 W. Lincoln St. in Caro. There is a \$25 per diem and mileage paid for meeting attendance.

Those interested in applying to serve as a representative on the Region VII Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council can learn more about the position by visiting the county's website at www.tuscolacounty.org or by stopping at the county clerk's office (located inside the courthouse) in Caro. The position pays a \$25 per diem plus mileage.

The deadline to apply for both is 4:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17.

WWE pro wrestling event set

UNIONVILLE — The American Legion Gateway Post #421 will host a World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) Pure Pro Wrestling program Saturday, Feb. 11, at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 2960 Cass St., Unionville.

Adult tickets are \$10, a child's ticket is \$5, and a family pack of four tickets is \$30. Tickets can be purchased in advance online at www.prowrestlingatitsfinest.com or at the door.

Ubly officials study upgrades

UBLY — Ubly School District officials are looking at the possibility of building an elementary wing and bus garage along with upgrades for sports, and they hope to form a citizen committee to study the proposals. Residents interested in participating are asked to call (989) 658-8202.

Huron fair fundraiser slated

BAD AXE - The Huron Community Fair will benefit from a fundraiser slated for Saturday, Feb. 18, at 6 p.m. at the Bad Axe Knights of Columbus Hall.

Tickets, available from any fair board member and at various Huron County businesses, are \$25 per person (must be 21) and include dinner, raffles, silent and live auctions, and music.

Proceeds from the event will go towards construction of new restrooms at the fairgrounds.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery

Thumb sobriety court honors 12 grads

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to get and stay sober.

The TRSC was established in 2013 through a partnership of the trial court judges in Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties. The goal was to create a specialized central treatment court that could utilize tools outside of the traditional fines and jail time to encourage those repeatedly convicted of driving under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol to turn over a new leaf.

The TRSC is one of four pilot programs launched by the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) in an effort to bring sobriety courts to rural parts of the state on a regional, multi-county basis. The SCAO awarded \$255,000 in grant funding to establish the Thumb program.

The first offenders accepted as participants in the program began their journey to "graduation" in early 2014.

The 12 individuals recognized Friday have completed intensive court supervision combined with individual/group treatment, drug testing and 12-step meeting attendance," according to Rebecca Turner, TRSC program coordinator.

"This process aides in reducing recidivism while minimizing incarceration time, therefore reducing jail expenses to the communities. As a result, this provides these individuals with an opportunity to positively change their lives, improve personal relationships, and become law abiding, productive and substance free citizens," Turner said.

"Our program is currently 15 to 24 months long, although some of these graduates were 'grandfathered in' at a minimum of 12 months," she noted.

"With four phases, the participants must show gains in behaviors, attitude, lifestyle changes, substance abuse treatment, drug testing, and 12-step attendance before advancing to another phase," Turner explained. "TRSC offers the participants incentives for good behavior and lifestyle changes and has sanctions for behavior modification

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ally changing the way the criminal iustice system does business." Tuscola County District Court Judge Kim D. Glaspie commented as Tuscola County court officials prepared to launch the new court.

"Traditionally, the criminal justice system has relied on the threat of monetary penalties and incarceration to deter criminal behavior. For crimes that are motivated by a substance abuse problem, this hasn't worked very well," he explained. "Problem-solving courts give us more tools to get people the treatment they need and make them productive members of society."

In addition to a number of other requirements, those admitted to the program are required to appear regularly before the sobriety court's review team, including Tuscola County Circuit Judge Amy Grace Gierhart, case managers, the program coordinator, assistant prosecutors, probation/parole officers, jail administrators, treatment providers, a defense attorney, a mentor coordinator and a 12-step program representative. The purpose is to review each participant's progress individually, with rewards (examples include gas cards) and punishments (such as community service or even jail time) being handed out based on the participants' behavior.

The program comes with a comprehensive supervision component, including mandatory meetings with a case manager - on a weekly basis for the first several weeks – as well as mandatory participation in an 'after-care" program.

Over the course of a year, participants will typically spend \$4,000 or \$5,000 for expenses ranging from substance abuse treatment/counseling, drug testing and gas along with program fees – an initial \$110 assessment charge and monthly \$50 participation fee.

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