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MEMBERS OF the Cass City Village Council voted to hire former longtime Cass City Village Manager Lou LaPonsie as the village's new interim manager during a special meeting last week. The council approved the hiring 6-1, with council Pro Tem Jenny Zawilinski (fourth from left) casting the lone dissenting vote.

# LaPonsie on the job as new interim manager in village

by Tom Montgomery Editor

The Cass City Village Council hired its second interim manager in eight days last week, replacing Police Chief Craig Haynes with former long-time Cass City Village Manager Lou LaPonsie.

The decision came during a 20minute special session that followed an hour-long committee of the whole meeting Tuesday night, during which council members conceded the job of interim manager was too much to ask of the community's chief law enforcement officer, who oversees one of the Thumb's few full-time local police departments.

The council, which initially appointed Haynes to the interim position during its last regular monthly meeting Jan. 30 following the resignation of Manager

Peter Cristiano, hired LaPonsie on a split vote – 6 to one – with Trustee Jenny Zawilinski casting the lone dissenting vote.

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assured the council that LaPonsie was willing to take the job. The position was to begin last Wednesday and last for three months initially, with an hourly pay rate of \$30.36. No benefits are included in the

Nearly 50 people attended last

week's committee of the whole and special meetings. Noticeably missing from the head of the table was Village President Carl Palmateer, who attended but turned the meetings over to Zawilinski, the village's president pro tem, to

Palmateer also made a point of apologizing for comments attributed to him in a newspaper story published after the Jan. 30 regular meeting. The comments included quotes referring to outspoken residents on a variety of issues as having nothing more than "an ax to grind". He also referred to the criticism as "idiotic" in the story, and indicated he felt the meeting seemed like "a waste of time."

"There are a lot of people here who should be offended, I think," resident Mike Stec said during the citizen comment portion of the

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Brigham is charged with one

# Hate crime solved

# Teens come forward in ethnic intimidation case, face charges

by Tom Montgomery

Two teenagers have come forward regarding their involvement in an incident involving ethnic intimidation last November in Tuscola County's Koylton Township.

Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark E. Reene issued a news release Friday, saying charges were sworn out against Anthony Robert Ford of Allenton and Jacob Jonathan Peters of Brown City, both 17, stemming from the Nov. 12 incident

"Each defendant was charged with a single count of ethnic intimidation, which is punishable by a maximum of two years (imprisonment),"

stated Reene, who lauded the work of investigators in solving the crime. "Tuscola County Sheriff's Department deputies and detectives investigated this matter thoroughly, professionally and comprehensively," he

"It is important to note that both defendants did voluntarily, and on their own accord, contact the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department to provide details about their involvement, which led to this matter being solved and prevented further investigation from being necessary,' Reene said, noting one of the defendants had previously been in a relationship with a member of the victim's household.

Both teens are awaiting formal arraignments in Tuscola County District Court

In December, Tuscola County Sheriff Glen Skrent reported investigators had identified suspects allegedly responsible for the hate crime, which targeted a county resident of Mexican descent.

The suspects reportedly taped together several cardboard boxes in the shape of a wall and placed them in the victim's driveway on Smith Road. The culprits also spray painted vulgar graffiti on the boxes and driveway, and left a doll made of balloons hanging nearby.

"The wording was about Donald Trump taking back America, and Mexicans suck," Skrent reported at the time, adding Deputy Steve Roland was dispatched to the scene to investigate.

"He completed a scene investigation and was then assisted by Detective (now Undersheriff Robert) Baxter and Detective (Scott) Jones," Skrent said. "In following up with the case, the detectives were able to collect evidence and identify suspects. The detectives conducted many interviews and were able to obtain good information to complete the investigation."

Skrent said agents from the FBI assisted the sheriff's department in the investigation.



A TWO-VEHICLE traffic crash Thursday in Huron County has claimed two lives. Pictured above is the wreckage of the pickup truck driven by one of the victims. (Photo courtesy of the Huron County Sheriff's Department)

# Abduction, rape suspect competent

by Mary Drier **Special for the Chronicle** 

A forensic psychiatric evaluation has determined that a 48-year-old Unionville man is competent to stand trial for the alleged abduction and rape of a Millington-area girl last summer.

In 2016, Tuscola County District Judge Kim Glaspie ordered the defendant, David Alex Brigham, to undergo a mental evaluation and criminal responsibility evaluation at the Center for Forensic Psychiatry in Ypsilanti to determine his competency to stand trial on multiple felony charges.

The competency evaluation was

O-G officials formally

extends chief's contract

by Mary Drier

**Special for the Chronicle** 

In addition to approving appointments to positions, the Owen-Gage

Board of Education recently took formal action on some previously-

When the board conducted its annual evaluation of Supt. Terri Falken-

berg's performance late last year, giving her a "highly effective" rating,

Falkenberg's contract was not officially extended. The board corrected

"It was extended verbally after the evaluation, but there was no actual

action taken for the board minutes," explained Falkenberg, who also

serves as the district's principal. "Therefore, they simply had to take

Falkenberg now officially has a two-year contract in place. Her base

salary remains at \$82,500. However, she is also responsible for grading

several on-line classes, so as part of extending her contract the board

approved paying her \$50 per on-line class she grades. "Last semester I

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overlooked business related to the district's superintendent.

that oversight during its regular January meeting.

public action to do that.

graded 19 classes," she noted.

requested to determine if Brigham is capable of assisting with his de-

fense, while the criminal responsibility evaluation was conducted to determine if he can be



**David Brigham** held crim-

inally responsible for his alleged

A trial date for the case has been set for Tuesday, May 2, starting at

actions.

8:30 a.m. in Tuscola County Cir-

cuit Court.

felony count of kidnapping - child endangerment, which carries a penalty of up to life in prison; one count of felony kidnapping, which also carries a maximum life sentence and/or a \$50,000 fine. He is also charged with six felony counts of criminal sexual conduct, first degree, punishable by up to life in prison with a minimum 25 years and a lifetime of electronic monitoring if paroled; and 11 counts of criminal sexual conduct, second degree, another felony punishable by up to 15 years in prison with lifetime electronic monitoring if paroled.

Other charges include unlawful imprisonment (punishable by up to 15 years in prison and/or \$20,000 fine), criminal sexual conduct with intent (a 10-year felony), assault by strangulation (a 10-year felony that also carries a possible fine of \$5,000), assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder (punishable by up to 19 years in prison and a \$5,000 fine), and interfering with electronic communications (a two-year felony that also carries a

\$1,000 fine). All of the charges stem from a

July 30, 2016, incident. Brigham, who was at one time related to the victim's family by marriage, allegedly lured the victim away from her parent's home in southern Tuscola County during the early morning hours. Court records claim Brigham held the eight-year-old against her will for five hours while he repeatedly raped and strangled her.

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# Crash claims second victim

by Tom Montgomery Editor

Huron County Sheriff's deputies are continuing their investigation into a horrific two-vehicle traffic crash Thursday that has claimed two lives. Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson released a statement Sunday announcing his

office had received word from the Genesee County Medical Examiner's Office that a passenger in one of the vehicles, Shawn Babbitt, 21, of Caseville, had died of injuries he suffered in the accident, which occurred in at the intersection of Dunn and Maxwell roads in Huron County's Chandler Township.

Pronounced dead at the scene Thursday was the driver of the other vehicle, 40-year-old Sheila M. Iseler of Caseville.

Deputies were dispatched to the scene of the crash at about 5:30 p.m. "What had occurred was a 1995 Dodge pickup being driven by 22year-old Todd Babbitt of Caseville, with his passenger, Shawn M. Babbitt, failed to stop at that intersection as they were southbound on Maxwell Road," Hanson reported. "At that same time, lone occupant Sheila M. Iseler was eastbound on Dunn Road when the Babbitt pickup impacted with (her) 2003 Dodge pickup.'

The impact of the crash ripped the engine out of Iseler's pickup. Hanson said Iseler and Shawn Babbitt both had to be freed from their vehicles by the Windsor Township fire fighters, and both he and his brother were transported to Scheurer Hospital by Scheurer Ambulance service. Shawn Babbitt was later flown to an out-of-county hospital.

Sheriff's department accident investigators processed the scene, and

the intersection was reopened at about 7:30 p.m.

While the crash remains under investigation and will probably take months to complete, Hanson urged motorists to use extreme care when

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# Obituaries

### Norma Jane "Joann" Asher

Norma J. Joann Asher, 88, of Cass City, died following a long illness Tuesday, February 7, 2017 in Tuscola County Medical Care Facility, Caro.

She was born December 18, 1928 in Detroit, the third of four children born to John and Anna (Glac) Kapala.

She married Alden M. Asher January 28, 1947 in Cass City. He died November 15, 1995.

Joann moved with her family to the Deford area as a young child. She attended Leak Country School and then went on to Cass City High School where she met and fell in love with Alden Asher. Joann was a tailor for Asher's Men's Wear. She worked as a graphic artist at the Cass City Chronicle since 1965, retiring after more than 40 years of service. Joann was an active member of Our Lady Consolata Parish St. Pancratius Catholic Church and was active in their Women's Altar Society. She enjoyed playing Bridge and was a member of the Bridge Club in Cass City. Joann was very creative and enjoyed sewing, basket weaving, painting and she especially loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Joann is survived by her children: David M. (Pamela) Asher of Goodyear, AZ, John A. (Doreen) Asher of Alva, FL, Diane M. (James) Bemboom of Wrightwood, CA, Susan M. (James) Hillaker of Cass City; grandchildren: Paul Asher, Kevin (Wendy) Asher, Aaron (Marin) Asher, Christi Newkirk, Lesli (Brad) Nicole Bemboom, Stephanie Bemboom, Carrie (Andrew Schinnerer) Hillaker, Allie (Eric) Nye; six great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

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appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzziel

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Joann was preceded in death by brothers and sisters-in-law: Anthony (Mary Ann) Kapala, Norbert (Rita) Kapala; sister and brother-in-law, Virginia (Edward) Bilicki; daughter-in-law, Sharon Asher.

A funeral service was held Friday, February 10, in Our Lady Consolata Parish, St. Pancratius Catholic Church, Cass City with the Rev. Thomas Held officiating. Interment will be in Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Pallbearers for Mrs. Asher were: Jim Hillaker, Paul Asher, Kevin Asher, Aaron Asher, Eric Nye and Andrew Schinnerer.

Memorials may be made to United Hospice of Marlette or Forget-Me-Not's at Tuscola County Medical Care Community. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stowith the family www.kranzfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.

# **Dorothy Healy**

Dorothy Louise Healy, 85, of Cass City, died following a short illness Friday, February 10, 2017 in Medilodge Cass City with her loving family by her side.

She was born August 11, 1931 in Highland Park, the first of five children born to Thomas Russell and Harriet Louise (Robinson) Burk.

She married Delbert Comfort Healy January 14, 1950 in Cass City First Presbyterian Church. He died June 5, 2010.

Dorothy worked assembling auto parts in Owendale and Minden City until retiring in the early 1990s. Known as an excellent seamstress, she enjoyed sewing and quilting. Dorothy enjoyed reading, especially romance nov-

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els and Civil War history. Cooking and baking were a talent and gift of Dorothy's. She loved preparing large family meals and sharing time with her family and friends.

Dorothy is survived by her children: Michael (Suzi) Healy of Caseville, Russell (Sue) Healy of Cass City, Louise McClorey of Cass City and Jeffrey (Cathy) Healy of Cass City; grandchildren: Scott (Jennifer) Healy, Serena Healy, Tara (Chase Webber)



Elias (Sara) Healy, Steven (Heather) Walther, Lauren (Andrew) Holmes, Caitlyn (Dustyn Parrish) Healy and Ethan Healy; great-grandchildren, MacKenzie, Tyler, Liam, Zander, Owen, Connor and Cole; brother, Tom (Sherry) Burk; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her sisters: Patricia Burk, Barbara Waggoner and Margaret Engle-

A funeral service was held Tuesday, February 14, in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City with Brad Speirs of Novesta Church of Christ officiating.

Memorials may be made to Rawson Memorial District Library. 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.

# Senior citizen movies on tap at Rawson

Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City will be hosting its next monthly Senior Citizen Movies Friday, Feb. 17. at 1:30 p.m.

Films slated to be shown are:

'Pearl Harbor 75th Anniversary" – Dec. 7, a day that has lived in infamy and shall never be forgotten, when 2,403 souls were lost

and more than 1,000 injured. Revisit the historic day and capture the gripping stories of the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor as this program marks the 75th anniversary of the devastating airstrike that launched the United States into World War II (60 min-

\*"Switzerland's Great Cities" -Join Rick Steves as he travels to Luzern, Bern, Zürich, and Lausanne. Enjoy the country's urban charms; get some exercise, from ringing a very big bell to doing a little river rafting — without the

Enjoy a variety of eye-opening art, from Chagall and Klee to pieces created by inmates of an asylum. Then ponder a few Swiss innovations, from their openminded drug policies to their hush-hush underground arsenals. And it's all before a backdrop of Switzerland's stunning natural beauty. Whether enjoying its traditional culture high in the mountains or savoring the joys of modern life in its great cities, the Swiss get it right (30 minutes).

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

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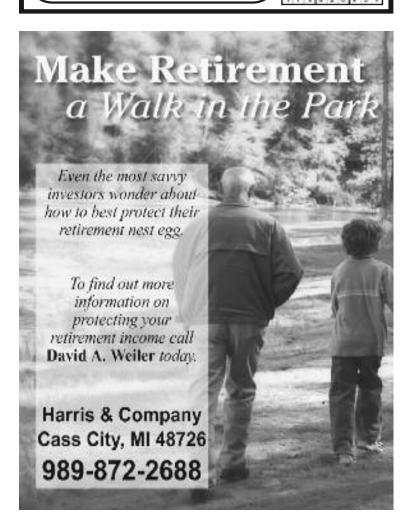
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# LaPonsie excellent choice for manager

The Cass City Village Council has faced crowds and some harsh criticism during its recent meetings as officials work to navigate the sort of rough waters inherent in the transition of new leadership.

Newly-elected Councilman Tom Herron has made no secret of the fact that he doesn't feel former Village Manager Peter Cristiano was a good fit for Cass City, so it's no surprise Herron strongly supported Cristiano's sooner-than-expected resignation late last month.

Herron has also pushed for the hiring of former Cass City Village Manager Lou LaPonsie to serve as interim manager while the council searches for a permanent replacement for

"Lou is very experienced, very knowledgeable. He is still very sharp. He knows the job and he's the best candidate,' Herron said during a

committee of the whole and special village council meeting

It's a suggestion the council subsequently approved – and one we applaud.

Here's why:

LaPonsie's resume includes 11 years as a state highway inspector and engineer, and more than 25 years of service as village manager in Cass City. His career here was highlighted by a number of accomplishments including meeting the goal of paving and construction of curb and gutter on virtually all village streets, and comprehensive water and sewer upgrades throughout town, all projects made possible with the help of thousands of dollars in grant funding he helped to secure during his tenure.

LaPonsie retired as village manager after turning 65 about 19 years ago, but he went on to stints as an interim DPW superintendent in Sebewaing (six months), and as interim city manager in Sandusky (eight years) and, finally, in Marlette

LaPonsie oversaw a financial recovery in Marlette, which had roughly \$10,000 in its general fund when he was hired. When LaPonsie left, Marlette officials had a half-million dollars in the bank and were tackling street, water and sewer projects.

We've twice heard one local resident suggest that LaPonsie is too old to serve in a role he has reprised - very successfully, we might add – in two other Thumb communities since his retirement as Cass City's full-time manager. We strongly disagree with that assessment.

In fact, we're confident LaPonsie's many years in public service make him an expert in municipal government. He's also obviously familiar with the Cass City community, and he has earned a reputation for delivering measured responses to challenges of all kinds on the job.

Those qualities are especially vital at a time when Cass City is poised to see construction of a new – and long-awaited grocery store get underway, not to mention an expansion at the local Dairy Farmers of America (DFA) plant, and possible discussions with some major dairy organizations looking to develop a new whey and cheese plant in mid-Michigan in the near future.

And, keep in mind we're talking about a temporary stint as manager here – not a long-term solution in which a younger professional willing to devote years to leading Cass City may be the best choice.

What Cass City needs most now, in our opinion, is stability and solid leadership that will make for a smooth transition when village officials choose a permanent replacement for former Village Manager Peter Cristiano. We believe LaPonsie brings both of those qualities and more to the table.



I sold out to the establishment in the late 1970s by forcing my free spirit to conform to tradition. It was supposed to be only temporary while I rested and regrouped...It wasn't.

Seeing me now as a gray-haired grandmother using a wheel walker to get around, most would never think I was once a wild child traveling around the state on a raked out chopper (a motorcycle with the front forks extended out) with fire flames painted on the gas tank. The movie "Easy Rider" had nothing on

Back in the day, I made Indian and costume jewelry, did crafts and did imports. I traveled the fairs and sidewalk sales circuit, selling my items. I would be on the road for weeks and months at a time from April to January. I did that for several years.

The first few years of doing that were fun, but after a while the lure of the open road and a different town each week wore off. I decided to take a normal job... just for a while. That "just for a while" was 38 years

While I settled into mundane jobs, got married and raised a family, that free spirit still burned inside.

Each spring the siren song of the open road, of being free with the wind blowing my hair around, still calls to me to chuck it all and just take off and not look

I really had to fight the urge to once again walk away from my life to start anew.

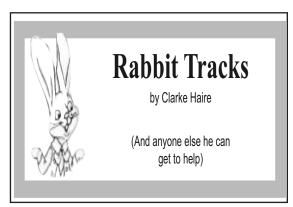
The love of my children kept me rooted. By the time my children were grown and I could follow my longforgotten dream, my life was deeply rooted in the day-to-day.

What has kept me going, is knowing the free spirit is still inside of me and I can dream. In my heart of hearts is the dream of running away and joining the circus. Yes, seriously. I was crushed to learn the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus is shutting down in May after being in business for over 100 years. My ideal career option is being taken off the

With that career option gone, I started to fantasize about the possibility of joining the Flying Wallendas in their high-wire and trapeze act that has been going for over 200 years. That fantasy abruptly ended with the report last week of five members of the Wallendas act being hospitalized after falling 25 feet while practicing a high-wire act.

Plus, there is the crushing realization that I am ter-

rified of heights. I don't even wear shoes with heals. I'm consoling myself that being a journalist is a pretty good gig after all and that keyboards don't kill.



Last week's issue of the Chronicle was the first at our new printers at the Pioneer Group in Big Rapids.

While the quality of print in our maiden issue wasn't up to our standards; the newer, more modern press will eventually create higher quality images once we fine tune the process, according to Tim Neumann, who is leading the transition from the Midland Daily News.

Neumann promises our photos will look sharper than before, despite a slightly smaller physical sheet size.

Since 1984 the Chronicle has used several different printers starting with Thumb Web in Caro, and followed by print shops in Sandusky, Bad Axe, Midland and now Big Rapids.

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Students representing the Cass City Elementary School at the Knights of Columbus Saginaw Diocesan Spelling Bee held on Feb. 13 did quite well. Of the 22 participants, Hunter Turnbull made it through the 6th round of words finishing in 13th place, Natalie Holdburg and Carter Patrick went down in the 14th round of words tying them for 4th place. And, Lucas Sheridan finished in 3rd place after 31 rounds.

Cass City had three of the top five finishers this year.

Have a concern? A complaint? The Cass City Chronicle welcomes letters to the editor.

Letters must include the writer's name. address and telephone number. The latter is in case it is necessary to call for verification, but won't be used in the newspaper. Names will be withheld from publication upon request, for an adequate reason. The Chronicle reserves the right to edit letters for length and clarity.

We will not publish thank you letters of a specific nature, for instance, from a club thanking merchants who donated prizes for a raffle.

Secretary of State Ruth Johnson reminds residents that all offices and the Office of the Great Seal will be closed in observance of Presidents Day on Monday, Feb. 20, so customers can hop online at ExpressSOS.com, which allows customers to renew their tabs and driver's licenses, get a duplicate registration, duplicate title, change their address and register to be an organ donor. And with its Print 'N Go feature, customers can renew their driver's licenses and tabs for their vehicles, motorcycles or boats, print their receipt and drive legally until they get their card or sticker in the mail. On their eighth year, customers do need to visit a branch to get a new driver's license so they can pass a vision test and get an updated photo.

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

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Late breaking news. This Sunday, February 19th from 12:30 – 2:00 pm, the Cass City Missionary Church is hosting a Spaghetti Lunch fundraiser for students going on a Missions Trip to Red Bird Mission in Kentucky this

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Everyone is welcome!

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# Wednesday, February 15

•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 16

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

•Sanilac County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, 3 p.m., HDC Adult Day Services Building, 227 N. Elk St., Sandusky. For more information, contact Kim at (989) 673-4121 or Amanda at (810) 648-4497.

•Grief Support meetings, "Healing Together." Heritage Hill, 1430 Cleaver Rd., Caro, 7-8:30 p.m. For questions or to register to attend please call the office at (989) 872-5852 or toll free (877) 872-5852. These sessions are open to anyone dealing with a grief or loss. Sponsored by Hospice Advantage, Cass City.

•Caregiver Support Group, 11:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Bullard-Sanford Memorial Library, 520 W. Huron Ave., Vassar. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

# Saturday, February 18

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

Monday, February 20
•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.

•Shabbona Outreach Baby Pantry, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Shabbona Outreach 5448 Shabbona Rd. Decker, MI. Gently used clothing and equipment, diapers, bottles, toys, formula, baby food. For more information contact Judy Doerr (989) 658-8625.

Tuesday, February 21
•Al-anon meeting, 7 p.m., St. Francis Parrish, Pigeon.

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

•Living with Parkinson's Support Group, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Holiday Inn Express, 55 Rapson Lane West, Bad Axe. For more information, call Merry at (989)

•Family Caregiver Support Group, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Harbor Beach Community Hospital Administration Building/Conference Center, 147 S. First St., Harbor Beach. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121

•Ubly Lions Club meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Ubly Thumb Veterans Organization-Hall, 2165 Binghan St., Ubly MI 48475. A pot luck is served prior to the meeting. Everyone is welcomed.



A U.S. COAST Guard Crew was dispatched to Saginaw Bay on a rescue mission last week after two ice fishermen ran into some trouble on thin ice and called Tuscola County Central Dispatch for help. (Photo courtesy of the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department)

# On thin ice

# Sheriff issues warning after another bay rescue

by Tom Montgomery **Editor** 

Tuscola County Sheriff Glen Skrent issued another word of caution regarding the condition of Saginaw Bay ice last week after a U.S. Coast Guard crew was called out on yet another rescue mission this winter.

Tuscola County Central Dispatch received a call from two men at about 1:22 a.m. Tuesday, stating they were ice fishing on Saginaw Bay. The pair accessed the bay from Thomas Road the afternoon before and each was on a snowmobile, according to Skrent.

"One had gone out fishing around noon and the other subject joined him at around 4 p.m.," he said, adding while driving their

snowmobiles, one of the machines broke through the ice, but the operator managed to crawl back onto the ice. "The other fisherman was able to stop his snowmobile in time, but was unable to reach his friend.

"The Coast Guard was contacted and responded with an airboat and four officers," Skrent continued. He noted Tuscola County Deputy Justin Nitz also responded to the

"The Coast Guard was able to retrieve the one who was stranded, and the other person was able to drive his snowmobile off the ice. They were located about two miles from shore," Skrent said.

"Both subjects had been drinking alcohol. One subject was under 21 and (was) cited for minor consuming alcohol," he added.

An ACW ambulance was on stand-by until the men were returned to shore, but both refused treatment. Skrent identified them as a 20-year-old male from Akron and a 21-year-old male from Clarkston.

"This is the type of winter where it is apparent that there is no safe ice on Saginaw Bay," Skrent said. "The bay is not locked in by ice this year and (is) very susceptible to winds opening up the ice. Warmer-than-normal temperatures and run-offs from recent rains also can undercut the ice.

"We have a report in the past few days others have been rescued off an ice flow by a private citizen with an airboat," added Skrent, who again asked residents to exercise extreme caution.

Circuit court proceedings

# Several appear in court on charges last week

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

\*Rowland J. Parr, 23, Deford, pleaded no contest to charges of attempted assaulting, resisting or

obstructing a police officer, and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence Oct. 18 in Ellington Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$2,000. Sentencing was scheduled for March 13.

\*Terry M. Herman, 26, Vassar, pleaded no contest to two counts of fleeing a police officer and one count of domestic violence, second offense, Nov. 6 in Vassar Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$3,500. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*Christopher M. Garrett, 25, Kinde, was sentenced to 365 days in the county jail, with worksite privileges, following his conviction on a charge of attempted home invasion, first degree, Dec.

4 in Ellington Township.

He was also placed on 36 months probation and ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,008.

\*Travis R. Bullinton, 26, Flint, was sentenced to 18 months to six years in prison following his pleas of no contest to charges of possession of cocaine, heroin or another narcotic (less than 25 grams); assaulting, resisting or obstructing a

police officer; fleeing a police officer; and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor Aug. 23 in Vassar Township;

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$544.

\*Nicholas N. Jenkins, 33, Caro, pleaded no contest to attempted assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer Oct. 6, 2014, in Indianfields Township.

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

\*Tyler A. Zaborney, 20, Caro, was sentence to 199 days in jail (delayed for 12 months) following his pleas of no contest to two counts of assaulting or obstructing a public officer July 12 in Caro.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,408 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

\*Jason D. Irons, 47, Silverwood, was sentenced to 270 days in jail (deferred) and 18 months probation following his plea of guilty to possession of ammunition by a felon Sept. 29 in Dayton Town-

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

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# O-G board extends contract

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Starting this school year, the Revised School Code requires board of education members to evaluate their superintendent's job performance annually using several factors. After reviewing an administrator's performance, the board assigns the administrator with a rating of highly effective, effective, minimally effective or ineffective.

Falkenberg received the highest rating. She was hired as a teacher in 1999, and became principal in 2010. She took on the duties of superintendent two years ago.

In other business during the recent monthly meeting, the board conducted its reorganization meeting.

Dan Warack was elected as board president, Matt Roemer was named vice president, Sarah Ondrajka was selected as secretary, Terry Fahrner was elected treasurer, and Julie Good was appointed acting secretary.

The board also approved committee assignments. They are: on the negotiations committee are Julie Good, Matt Roemer and Dan Warack; budget/finance committee members are Julie Good, Terry Fahrner and Dan Warack; on the policy/bylaw committee are Julie Good, Katie Wood and Sarah Ondrajka; transportation/building and grounds committee members are Tom Jeffery, Matt Roemer and Dan Warack; on the grievance committee are Tom Jeffery, Katie Wood and Matt Roemer; and on the personnel committee are Terry Fahrner, Sarah Ondrajka and Dan Warack.

The board will continue to meet on the fourth Wednesday of each

month in the school's library.

# Reporter's notebook



I can live with some discounts

by Tom Montgomery Editor



My wife and I were recently wandering around Saginaw on a Saturday afternoon when we decided to stop at a Denny's restaurant for lunch.

We followed our usual routine of talking about what we might order while perusing our menus when I turned to the back of mine and took notice of the special senior citizen meal choices. I've been known to occasionally rib some folks about their advanced ages, so I couldn't help but snicker a little as I saw what I might be able to expect for lunch

The grin on my face faded, however, when I looked at the top of the menu and saw that these special deals were designed especially for customers ages 55 and older.

Coincidentally, I had turned 55 the day before this little field trip.

Now, I faintly recalled my wife, Deb, saying something about 55 being the age at which folks first qualify for many "senior citizen" discounts. She would know – by that definition, she's been a senior citizen for a couple of years already.

But the concept was an entirely new one for me.

I'm not old. Evidently I'm just now mature enough to take advantage of price breaks at restaurants, hotels and amusement parks, on entertainment packages and at grocery stores and other assorted retailers across the country.

That's according to the website senioradvisor.com, which I briefly glanced at later under the cloak of darkness in my home office.

"Last week we talked about all the wonderful discounts you're eligible for once you reach age 50. When you rack up a few more years, you qualify for a few more discounts," one of the articles read. "Think of it as another sweet reward in your pleasant summer's day. Some discounts come with an AARP membership, but more and more discounts come with just hanging in til you reach 55 or older."

Shut up

The author added, "Many businesses offer a discount, but not unless they are asked for it. Perhaps it's because the employees don't want to embarrass the seniors by assuming they are senior citizens and could possibly be wrong. It's an awkward situation. So don't be bashful about asking for a senior citizen discount. If you are too young, go and celebrate. If you get a discount, you save some money. It's a win-win."

I dug a bit deeper and learned that, in addition, at 55 you can choose to live in an "active adult community", and there could be many more perks depending on where you live. Heck, many colleges and universities even offer free tuition to seniors.

First of all, I already live in an "adult community", although my wife might dispute my qualifications for membership at times. And I have no interest in going back to school.

But I guess I could get used to the idea of saving a few cents on a cup of coffee, dinner out or on a bag of groceries, especially if the clerk/server insists on seeing my driver's license before granting me

I suppose there's no shame in asking for a discount now and then, especially when it means I'll have a few more dollars in my pocket for the really important things in life, like hunting gear and fishing tackle.

I like the way the folks at another website put it: "As you can see, it pays to ask for a senior citizen discount, even when you are as YOUNG

I can live with that.

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# **Down Memory Lane**

by Tina Pallas



#### 5 YEARS AGO (2012)

Several Cass City Middle School students recently performed in a solo and ensemble festival. They included Alex Graham, Bryan Pinkoski, Jordan Kittle, Chandler Cryderman, Amy Verhines, Ilana Blattner and Taylor Spencer. Verhines, seventh grade, received a first Division I (the best mark possible) rating for her solo; Pinkoski and Graham, eighth grade, received a Division II rating for their duet; Kittle and Cryderman received a Division II rating for their duet; Blattner, eighth grade, received a Division I rating for her solo; Spencer, eighth grade, received a Division II rating for his solo; and Cryderman, eighth grade, received a Division I rating for his

Schneeberger's honors Cass City gymnasts Haley Wynn, Dakota Wilson, Katie Hacker and Katherine Woodruff as their "Athletes of the Week" award recipients. The 4 Lady Red Hawks have qualified for regional action in 2012, the result of hard work, according to their coach Kathy Bouverette. Bouverette explained that all those girls will compete in the vault in the March regional. Adding, Dakota and Katie should earn their 4th required score in the floor exercise to advance into post season play this weekend. Wynn, meanwhile, has already qualified to compete in the All Around at regionals, having already secured the 4 necessary scores in each event – vault, balance beam, uneven bars and the floor exercise.

#### 10 YEARS AGO (2007)

Jenna Zulauf of Ubly was among 88 Saginaw Valley State University students who were recently inducted into the school's Michigan Delta Chapter of the Alpha Chi National College Honor Scholarship Society. To qualify for membership, students must be juniors or seniors, have a minimum grade point average of 3.5, rank in the top 10 percent of their class and receive a nomination from a fulltime faculty member.

Brandon Dubs strapped his Owen-Gage basketball teammates on his back and carried the Bulldogs to a 61-46 victory Friday over host Peck in North Central Thumb League action. In front of a packed Parents' Night crowd, Dubs turned in a season-high 23 points to help keep the Bulldogs on top of the NCTL-N standings with a 9-2 mark. Peck, meanwhile, slips under .500 in the NCTL-S at 6-7. Cass City grapplers Travis Mabe, Andrew Peruski and Kyle Sieradzki are this week's recipients of Schneeberger's Athletes of the Week honors. The Red Hawk trio each earned the title of Greater Thumb Conference champion Saturday at the league meet in Bad Axe. Mabe captured the 112 lb. division, Peruski is the 125 lb. division champion and Sieradzki is the GTC champion in the 160 lb. division. All 3 Hawk wrestlers combined for a 7-0 mark on the day.

# 25 YEARS AGO (1992)

Nina Davis of Cass City became the 34th person honored as the citizen of the year Saturday at the annual meeting of the Cass City Chamber of Commerce at the Colony House. Selected as junior citizen of the year from among 6 finalists was Jodi Erla, daughter of Arnold and Sharon Erla of Cass City. Junior citizens are selected from the senior class at Cass City High School.

The Bible quiz team of the Cass City Church of the Nazarene placed second in the Eastern Michigan District competition, held Feb. 15 at Flint Central Church of the Nazarene. The team was undefeated after 7 rounds of quizzing, but lost to Howell in the playoff of the top 2 teams. Tamara Mearns placed third in individual scoring among the 85 quizzers in Saturday's meet. The local quizzers, besides Mearns, were B.J. Mearns, Emily Hopper, Eric Hayes, Heather Marshall, Angie Boyce and Tina Pallas. The team is coached by Evelyn Hardwick. The Rev. R.W. and Joyce Mearns, along with Ralph and Evelyn Hardwick, accompanied the team

# 35 YEARS AGO (1982)

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Kelley,

owners of Cass City Floral, members of their families, and their employees, took a break Saturday for cake and coffee and a presentation in recognition of a quarter of a century in business. Betty Greenleaf, who started with the Kelleys in 1957, was presented with a gold watch. The business was purchased from Mr. and Mrs. George Clara. Including a greenhouse, it was then located on Leach Street. It is now on Main Street.

A birthday dinner was held Sunday at the home of Mrs. Edith Toner of Cass City, for her 80th birthday, which was Tuesday.

Navy Seaman Recruit Jeffrey S. Babcock, son of Franklin D. and. Judy R. Babcock of 1575 Hurds Corner Road, Cass City, has completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center, San Diego. During the eight-week training cycle, trainees studied general military subjects designed to prepare them for further academic and on-thejob training in one of the Navy's '85 basic occupational fields, Included were seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first

#### 40 YEARS AGO (1977)

Bill Juhasz became Cass City's first Eagle Scout in five years Thursday night during ceremonies held at the Cultural Center. Also present were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Juhasz of Cass City. Scoutmaster Jim Baker officiated at the program. About 40 persons

Big winners of George Washington dollars during last week's townwide sale were Mrs. William Patch and Mrs. Bonnie Laming of Decker. They received their valuable prizes from Richard Jones of Richard's TV Appliance and Fur-

Ann R. Hobart, daughter of Ben E. Hobart of rural Gagetown, has been named to the dean's list for the fall quarter at Kalamazoo College. Miss Hobart is a freshman. To be eligible for the dean's list, a student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher

Marine Private James A. Pryor Jr., son of Mrs. Truman Maynard of Route 1, Owendale, has completed the infantry combat training course at the Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif. During the sixweek course, he received classroom instruction and participated in field exercises involving infantry tactics; the construction and camouflage of fighting positions; and the use of mines, demolitions and intracompany communications equipment. His specialized training centered on the operation, employment and maintenance of antitank rockets, recoiless rifles and flamethrowers. A 1976 graduate of Owen-Gage High School, he joined the Marine Corps in August,

Army Private Raymond A. Balzer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Balzer Jr., 6271 Center St.. Unionville, recently was assigned to the 1st Armored Division in Germany. The private, an artilleryman with Service Battery, 2nd Battalion of the division's 78th Field Artillery in Bamberg, is a 1973 graduate of Unionville-Sebewaing High School.

# **50 YEARS AGO (1967)**

Cass City scouts were presented their God and Country awards by their mothers Sunday at the Methodist Church in Cass City. Obviously proud of their medals are Tom Crow, Randy Brown and Robert Alexander.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Wetzel of Ithaca announce the engagement of their daughter, Sally Jane, to SP-4 Wilbert J. Goodall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Goodall of Cass City. Miss Wetzel, a 1963 graduate of Ithaca High School, is a senior at Central Michigan University. Goodall, a 1962 graduate of Cass City High School, is presently serving in the U.S. Army at Kassel, Germany. A July wedding is being planned.

For the fourth consecutive year, Mrs. Kathryn M. Turner of Decker has been named a member of the Gleaner Life Insurance Society's exclusive Viking Club for 1967. Making the announcement, John W. Dressier, field vice-president for the Gleaners, said club membership is awarded annually to the Society's most outstanding field representatives. Only 11 others

Lynn Atwell, 14, is one of 11 girls from a several-state area that have been selected to compete in the National Team Selection race at Boyne Mountain, Feb. 24-26. The girls selected from Region III will compete against 22 girls from Regions I and II for the right to ski in the national meet at Stowe, Vt, in March. Just eight will be selected. Every girl who earned the right to

ski on the national team selection

race will receive a medal. Only the

top skiers in the top class ("A" di-

vision) are eligible for considera-

qualified for 1967 membership.

tion for this important race. Five Cass City High School Band students participated in the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Assn. Solo and Ensemble Festival held at Bay City Central High School Saturday afternoon, Feb. II. The five students received three I ratings and two II awards. Ken, Hiatt and John Bifoss were awarded I for their drum duet: Pam Dobbs and Lynn Haire received I for piano solos and Brenda Wagner II for her piano solo. Also receiv-

#### 75 YEARS AGO (1942)

ing a two rating was Ken Hiatt for

his drum solo.

The village caucus attracted the usual number of citizens Monday night, about ten being in attendance. J. A. Sandham presided as chairman and Ernest Croft served as clerk. Walter L. Mann was nominated village president; Cameron M. Wallace, clerk; Andrew N. Bigelow, treasurer; Chester L. Graham, assessor; Frederick Pinney, John A. Sandham and Audley H. Kinnaird, trustees for two years; and Alice Donahue and Lucy Starmann, members of the library

Miss Maxine Horner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Horner, of Deford, and Mr. Kenneth Graham, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Graham, of Caro, were united in marriage at the parsonage of the Novesta Church of Christ on St. Valentine's Day. The ceremony was performed by Ali B. Jarman at 3:00 p. m. The couple were attended by Kenneth Warner of Deford and Miss Elsie Pringle of Decker. The bride chose a brown crepe of street length as her wedding gown and carried Johann a Hill roses. Miss Pringle's dress was blue crepe and her corsage was composed of Briar Cliff roses.

Miss Vera Hartman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Maurer, and Arthur King, son of Mr. and Mrs. William King; of Owendale, were married in Detroit Saturday, February 14. The bride wore for her wedding a white satin gown with finger-tip veil and was attended by Mrs. Vern Kirby, who wore a light blue crepe dress. The groom was attended by Vern Kirby. A reception was held for the newlyweds at the home of her parents Saturday evening. The house decorations were pink, white and blue streamers from which were suspended red hearts in keeping with Valentine's Bay. Dancing was enjoyed during the evening- and lunch served. Mr. and Mrs. King will live in Detroit where the groom is employed. They received many nice presents.

# 100 YEARS AGO (1917)

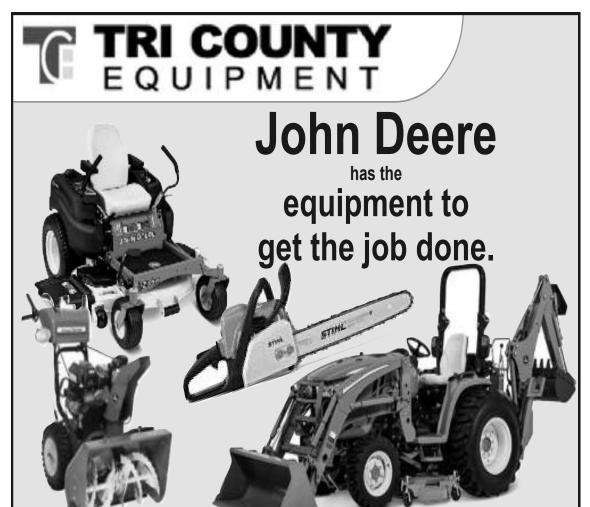
On Friday last all conditions were met for the establishment of a milk condensary at Cass City. The final arrangements were completed late at night and H. C. Hooks, general manager, and Frederick M. Hutchinson, sales manager of the Hires Condensed Milk Co. of Philadelphia, left the city Saturday morning.

Bruce Brown, an Elmwood township farmer, brought two bags of beans to Cass City Tuesday and sold them to local grain dealers. From the proceeds of this sale, he paid for a three-year-old Holstein heifer and had \$2.90 left. The two bag's contained 5 bushels and 25 pounds of beans which were sold on a basis of \$6.85 a bushel. The cow cost Mr. Brown \$30.00. He considers that he did very well on both deals. The cow has a habit of lifting one hind leg at unexpected times and without provocation and this habit is what reduced her price. Mr. Brown believes that with gentle treatment and words of admonition he can train her to forego her evil habit and thus add from 50 to 100 percent to her purchase



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# Thumb agri-businesses among winners of '17 MABA Green Awards

by Mary Drier Special for the Chronicle

Thumb area agribusinesses were among those recently recognized with Michigan Agri-Business Association (MABA) Green Awards during the organization's winter conference in Lansing.

Awards were presented to 99 businesses — including several in the Thumb — that demonstrated environmental stewardship and sustainability work through the MABA program, according to Jim McLoskey, who is an aid to 31st District Senator Mike Green (R-Mayville).

Along with the presentation of Green Agribusiness Awards, the Star of the West Milling Company was recognized as the 2017 Outstanding Green Agribusiness, McLoskey noted.

The agribusinesses that earned MABA honors in the Cass City area include: Crop Production Services - Owendale, Farmers Co-operative Grain Company - Cass City, and Wilbur-Ellis, Marlette.

"We've won this award before. Our Kinde location won it three times, and this is our (Cass City location) second win," said Farmers Co-operative Grain Company's Agronomy Specialist Adam Farmer.

The Farmers Co-operative Grain Company is located at 8480 N. Van Dyke Rd., Cass City.

According to Farmer, the award is based on several factors, and the Farmers Co-operative Grain Company's focus on the "four Rs".

"The four Rs are right place, right time, right rate, and right source," Farmer explained. "Which means using technology to reduce the amount of fertilizer and using it in the right place, and customers that have those same values."

Farmers Co-operative Grain Company sells farm supplies, feed, hardware and more.

"From energy audits to recycling, adopting the principles of responsible fertilizer application to improving fleet fuel efficiency and beyond, Michigan is home to a really creative group of agribusiness leaders," said Jim Byrum, president of MABA. "The Green Awards program is just one way to help demonstrate the Michigan agriculture industry's commitment to sustainability.

"We're proud that the Green Awards program continues to grow every year, both in terms of the number of awardees and in terms of the steps they're taking to protect our air, land and Great Lakes," he added.

The application components for the award included an evaluation of agronomic practices, water quality and conservation efforts, energy efficiency, facilities improvement, transportation, recycling, and the use of advanced site specific agriculture technology.

# LaPonsie new interim manager

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committee of the whole meeting, referring to Palmateer's comments. Stec's comment drew a round of applause from the audience, as did remarks later in the evening from resident Dan Delamarter, who also scolded Palmateer.

"First of all, you've got to listen to us. You've got to respect us. You've got to respect the citizens of the community," Delamarter said, adding local government officials have a responsibility to serve and care about residents, and to not talk down to them.

Palmateer apologized, saying he didn't remember saying some of the things published in the story. "I will not do that again," he added. "I'm sorry"

# MANAGER

Trustee Marilyn Biefer, spokeswoman for the council's personnel and public safety committee, opened the committee of the whole meeting by outlining options for selecting an interim manager.

Biefer offered a slate of potential candidates that included LaPonsie, former village council Trustee Nancy Barrios, and a list of 15 candidates compiled by the Michigan Municipal League (MML).

Biefer also read through duties set forth for an interim village manager, as well as options for conducting an executive search for a permanent village manager. Those options included paying MML \$17,000 to \$20,000 to conduct the search, spending up to \$7,500 to have the Spicer Group conduct the search, contracting with independent executive search professional Frank Walsh, and interviewing the top candidates considered during the city of Caro's city manager search.

"The committee feels like we need to get someone more permanent (as interim manager) because he (Haynes) has a lot of responsibilities," Biefer said, adding finding a permanent replacement "is going to be a long process. It's not something we're going to be able to do overnight."

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"I think this is a no-brainer," Herron said of hiring LaPonsie. "Lou is very experienced, very knowledgeable. He is still very sharp, physically and mentally. He knows the job and he's the best candidate."

Barrios made a point of outlining her own qualifications for the interim position during the citizen comment portion of the special meeting, saying her resume includes 20 years in the banking industry, serving the Human Development Commission in the role of community development, and working as a human resources manager.

Barrios said she would be willing to forego benefits. She also pointed out that village officials are already paying for benefits for LaPonsie, having given him lifetime health coverage when he retired from the village many years ago.

# OTHER DISCUSSION

In other business last week, the council discussed concerns regarding blight code enforcement. Haynes said the police department has routinely handled issues such as overgrown grass by sending out form letters and then visiting property owners. However, he suggested that enforcement of residential and commercial blight problems should be handled by a zoning administrator who has the expertise needed to interpret village and state ordinances/laws.

The council also heard from Bert Althaver, local resident and former longtime council member/village president, who questioned Palmateer's handing of the meeting over to Zawilinski. Council members responded that the village president can ask the parliamentarian (Zawilinski) to conduct a meeting.

(Zawilinski) to conduct a meeting.

Althaver also asked village officials to have available a balance sheet at each meeting for residents to review.

Herron agreed and repeated his frustration over not being able to determine specifics related to village finances. "I've been asking for a fund balance ever since I got on the council. Still don't know how much money we have," he said.

The council learned that a major equipment replacement is needed at the wastewater treatment plant. Plant Supt. Dennis McCabe reported a faulty switch gear will need to be replaced at a cost of roughly \$165,000, or officials could risk serious injury and/or significant equipment damage in the future.

Resident Sam Moore, a former Cass City Parks and Recreation director, noted the recent death of local resident Todd Toner, a frequent user of the park facility, and asked the council to consider placing a memorial there in his memory.

Other residents expressed concern about high water bills and the village's recent water quality report, which listed certain contamination levels as being "moderately high", and noted some tests were either missed or delayed.

# **News briefs**

# RTL rally, banquet scheduled

HURON COUNTY — Huron County Right to Life will be sponsoring a free youth rally for all students ages 12 to 18 at Bad Axe High School Sunday, March 12, from 4 to 7 p.m. The speaker will be Liz Carl. The event is free and will include food, prizes, music and fun.

Carl will also be the speaker at the Huron County Right to Life Banquet set for Monday, March 13. A graduate student at the University of Louisville, she became pregnant from rape at the age of 17. After choosing life for her son and an open adoption, Carl decided to share her story internationally. She was the keynote speaker at the March for Life in Belgium, has spoken twice at the United Nations, and appeared on an episode of MTV's "16 and Pregnant".

The Huron County Right to Life banquet will begin at 7 p.m. Reservations are recommended by calling Marilyn at (989) 269-7024 or Jeanne (989) 658-8701.

# Cooking for crowds coming up

THUMB AREA - MSU Extensions in the Thumb will host a Cooking for Crowds Food Safety Program, which is designed to provide food safety information to non-profit groups that prepare food for their members or the general public as a fundraiser.

The classes will be: 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Feb. 20 at the Sandusky District Library, 55 E. Sanilac Rd., Sandusky; 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Feb. 24 at MSU Extension – Huron County office, 1142 S Van Dyke Rd., Suite 200, Bad Axe (in the health department complex); and 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. March 3 at the MSU Extension – Tuscola County office, 362 Green St., Caro.

The cost for the class is \$10 per person, which includes a 115-page manual with check lists and information to help safely plan and implement food fundraisers or events. Pre-registration is required. More information is available by calling (989) 269-9949 (ext. 602).

# Time for Walk for Warmth

THUMB AREA - On Feb. 18, there will be the 27th annual Human Development Commission's (HDC) Walk for Warmth events will be held Saturday, Feb. 18, in Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac and Tuscola counties si-

Walker registration begins at 9 a.m., with walks in all four counties starting at 9:30 a.m. In Tuscola County, the walk begins at the Brentwood Lanes, located at 178 Park Dr. in Caro; the Sanilac County walk begins at the HDC office, 215 N. Elk St., in Sandusky; in Lapeer County it begins at the County Historic Courthouse; and Huron County's Walk begins at the Wilcox Park Community Center 650 Whitelam St. in Bad

To make a donation to the Walk for Warmth fund, learn more about the event or have a pledge sheet sent to you, contact HDC officials at the following numbers: (989) 269-9502 (Huron), (810) 648-4497 (Sanilac), and (989) 673-4121 (Tuscola) and (810) 664-7133 (Lapeer).

The events raise money to help local families in need heat their homes. Local citizens gather pledges and walk a one-mile route. Last year, with the support of community volunteers and businesses, HDC raised over \$65,000 to help struggling families and senior citizens.

# Saving homes focus of action

CARO - Tuscola County Commissioners recently approved a Human Development Commission (HDC) proposal to provide assistance to homeowners to prevent property foreclosure. The board authorized use of \$3,000 from the county foreclosure fund to assist with the effort.

# **Blood drive set March 1 in Ubly**

UBLY — The American Red Cross will conduct a blood drive Wednesday, March 1, at Ubly High School. Donors are welcome from 1 to 6:45

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery





# Pastor's corner

# What we know -- not what we feel

We operate by what we know, not by what we feel. Feelings are deceptive. However, a lot of people live by their feelings and emotions, believing them to be as valid as facts and truth. Unfortunately, they often run contrary and in opposition to the facts. Jeremiah warned of this when he declared: "The heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick; who can understand it?" (Jeremiah 17:9). The advice often given in our secular world is to "follow your heart." But doing so will usually cause one to end up deceived

Many across our nation today are protesting against the current administration on the basis of feelings as they follow a deceived heart in opposition to the facts and truth. Never in my lifetime have I seen so many blatantly standing up against what is right. Surely, in their own hearts and minds they believe what they are doing is good, but in a deceived heart, the meaning of "good" is wrong. The deceived heart alters its definition to mean whatever current humanistic culture determines, making man the benchmark. But man is not the standard. The Apostle Paul, quoting the Old Testament, declares: "there is none good, not even one," Romans 3:12. You see, the standard for good is God. He alone is good, therefore the test of that which is declared good must be measured against Him

Ancient Israel fell into the trap in which we find ourselves today, i.e., abandoning the Lord as the standard of good: "In those days there was no king in Israel; every man did what was right in his own eyes,' Judges 17:6. Laws, and statutes, and protocols are quite meaningless to those who only do what they think is right. Proverbs 12:15 says: "The way of the fool is right in his own eyes," while Proverbs 16:25 states: "There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death." However, today it seems we have gone even beyond that. Presently, we have come to the place of woe declared by Isaiah the prophet where good has become evil, and evil good: "Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness," Isaiah 5:20. Ezekiel ministered to the captives in Babylon who went into captivity because they believed: "The way of the Lord is not right." To which the Lord responded: "Hear now, O house of Israel! Is My way not right? Is it not your ways that are not right?" (Ezekiel 18:25).

Scripture tells us it is God who sets up kings and takes down kings. It is God who sets up rulers and takes down rulers. It is God who



**Pastor Todd Gould** 

sets up authorities and takes down authorities. So, Romans 13:1, 2 commands: "Let every person be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God... Therefore he who resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves.'

We have a new authority that has been set up as a servant of God. We would do well to allow it to minister and follow what God has ordained as its work for the future of America.

And truly, this is not what we feel, but what we know.

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# State officials concerned about recent increase in cases of whooping cough

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is supporting the Oakland County Health Division following an increase in the number of identified pertussis cases, commonly referred to as whooping cough.

"Pertussis is a contagious disease that easily spreads between people and can be difficult to diagnose," said Dr. Eden Wells, chief medical executive for the MDHHS. "We support the proactive efforts of the Oakland County Health Division in ensuring residents are aware of this increase and the steps they can take to protect themselves and their children."

Anyone exposed to pertussis and displaying symptoms should be evaluated by a doctor to determine if antibiotics are needed. Infants younger than 12 months are at greatest risk. Infants and children who have not been fully vaccinated against pertussis are at a higher risk of developing severe illness.

To be fully immunized, doses are given at 2, 4, 6, and 15 months. The last dose is given at 4 years old.

Pertussis is a very contagious disease that usually starts with cold-like symptoms and sometimes a mild cough or fever. After one to two 2 weeks, severe coughing can begin.

Pertussis can cause violent and rapid coughing, over and over, until the air is gone from the lungs and people are forced to inhale with a loud "whooping" sound. In infants, the cough can be minimal or not even there.

Other symptoms include runny nose, nasal congestion, sneezing, red and watery eyes, mild fever, dry cough, and vomiting after coughing fits.

People infected with pertussis can spread the disease by coughing or sneezing in close contact with others who breathe in the bacteria. Pertussis is most contagious during the first two weeks of illness. Infants are at highest risk of severe disease and death; older siblings and adults often are the source.

Infants and children should receive pertussis vaccine series (DTaP) in accordance with the recommended childhood immunization schedule. All doses should be given as close to the recommended ages as possible

A pertussis vaccine booster dose (Tdap) is recommended for adolescents and adults, and is especially important for those in contact with infants. Current recommendations call for a single lifetime Tdap booster dose with the following exception: a dose of Tdap is recommended for pregnant females in each pregnancy between weeks 27 and 36.

For more information about pertussis, visit www.cdc.gov/pertussis.



TWO TEENS face charges after coming forward in connection with an incident of ethnic intimidation in Koylton Township, where a resident found cardboard boxes that had been taped together and labeled with racist comments blocking his driveway.

# Fatal crash

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approaching intersections.

"Since 2013 and including (Thursday's) accident, our office has handled seven fatality accidents that have claimed 14 lives, which were the result of either failing to stop or failing to yield," Hanson said. "Without referring to (the most recent) accident because the investigation is on-going, all of the others simply could have been avoided."

He added his department has taken a zero-tolerance approach – and as a result has added periodic overtime patrols – when it comes to traffic law violations involving failure to stop from a private drive and failure to yield at intersections

"Many tickets have been issued from those types of violations, yet accidents continued to occur," Hanson said. "Please once again advise the public to always stop when they're required to and to vigilantly look both ways all the time."



TROOPER DENNIS Lapan was awarded the use of a special edition black and gold patrol car as part of his being named a Corporal Samuel A. Mapes Criminal Patrol and Investigation Award recipient. The special edition patrol unit was created in honor of the MSP's 100th Anniversary.

# **Abduction suspect competent**

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The Tuscola County Sheriff's Department responded to a call reporting a missing child at about 5:15 a.m. A search was about to get underway when Brigham arrived to return the child to the residence at about 10:30 a.m. and was arrested.

The girl was taken into protective custody and has since undergone extensive counseling and treatment.

The case remains under investigation, and law enforcement officials are asking anyone with information to call the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department at (989) 673-8161.

# Caro MSP trooper award winner

by Mary Drier Special for the Chronicle

A top honor of the Michigan State Police (MSP) was recently presented to a trooper at the post in Caro.

The Corporal Samuel A. Mapes Criminal Patrol and Investigation Award went to Trooper Dennis Lapan during a special ceremony in Lansing earlier this month.

The award was created to honor Mapes, who was an early pioneer in criminal patrol and investigation. He was killed in the line of duty during the prohibition era.

"The annual award honors the top five percent of troopers in each district for looking 'past the traffic stop' to excel in proactive criminal patrol and criminal investigations closed by felony arrests," explained a press release.

"I'm definitely honored to receive the award and be recognized in the top five percent with so many others who are senior troopers," said Lapan, who has been a trooper fewer than three years. "This is the second year the award has been given out. The first year it was created, it was kept quiet while it was being developed."

There is a story behind the award named after Mapes. He was killed during a traffic stop by some individuals he suspected to be "rum runners".

"They offered him a \$300 bribe to look the other way. He declined. He knew he needed back-up to help him, but it was before there were radios in the cars," explained Lapan, noting Mapes flagged down another car and asked the driver to get him some back-up. While he was doing that, the suspects shot him in the back."

Mapes' killers were tracked

down and prosecuted.

Although the Mapes honor goes to the top five percent of troopers in each district to those who "look past the traffic stop" and are skilled at proactive criminal patrol and criminal investigations involving felony arrests, other factors are considered as well, according to Lapan.

"I'm very passionate about my

career and how I interact with others. If they are a victim of a crime, I try to make them feel safe. I do my job to the best of my ability," he said.

The Caro Post oversees not only MSP operations in Tuscola County, but also Huron County and Sanilac County.

"He is a graduate of the 127th MSP Trooper Recruit School. He enlisted with the MSP on June 8, 2014. He has been with the post here since then," said MSP Caro Post Commander First Lt. Todd

Mapes, who noted he has no connection with the Trooper Mapes the award was named after.



Trooper Dennis Lapan

"It's just a coincidence," he added.

Each Mapes award recipient receives a special service ribbon to wear on their uniform. It includes seven blue stars in honor of Corporal Mapes, who was the seventh MSP trooper to die in the line of duty.

In addition to the ribbon, the honorees are awarded the use of special edition black and gold patrol cars, which were recently added to the MSP patrol fleet in honor of the department's 100th anniversary. Fifty fully-equipped 2016 Dodge Chargers are painted to resemble MSP's iconic 1937 Ford Model 74 patrol car.

"It's an awesome honor. I'm a big fan of tradition and there is a lot of that with the MSP. Receiving the anniversary car to use was a surprise," said Lapan, a Bay County native.

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Applications and qualification requirements are available online at www.michigan.gov/mda-mylsf. Applications must be postmarked no later than June 1, 2017.

# CHRONICLE SPORTS

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# Cass City wins own Team District; advances nine to Individual Regional

by Clarke Haire Publisher

Cass City and Mayville shared the 2017 Greater Thumb Conference (GTC)

wrestling title when the Red Hawks avenged their lone conference setback against the Wildcats during the GTC League Meet.

Now the two powerhouse wrestling programs will meet again, this time with a berth into a regional final on the line.

Coach Don Markel's grapplers cruised to their own District Team championship in convincing fashion last week, before advancing nine Red Hawks into individual regionals on Saturday by placing in the top four spots of their weight class during Individual District action held in Sandusky. The New Lothrop Individual Regional is slated for Saturday, Feb. 18th.

"As a team we performed very well in capturing the district title on Wednesday. We take on Mayville in the regional semifinal at New Lothrop on Wednesday (Feb. 15th) a team that we shared the GTC crown with; however they have defeated Cass City twice this season in dual meets. We will have to shuffle our line-up and need an upset or two to defeat Mayville in this, our

# **Bulldogs** win pair

Visiting Owen-Gage ran their win streak to 11 straight games Thursday at the expense of host Carsonville-Port Sanilac.

The Bulldogs outscored their hosts in each quarter en route to the 54-45 decision. A pair of double-doubles led the winners in the non-conference affair.

David Binder recorded gamescoring honors with 28 points and added 10 rebounds, while Derek Vincent tossed in a dozen markers and grabbed 11 rebounds. Also for Owen-Gage, Matt Fritz had nine

For CPS, Thomas Schultz and Alex Smith had 18 and 10 points, respectively.

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third, meeting of the season," said Markel, adding, "At the Individual Districts, even though we advanced nine wrestlers to the regionals, I thought we were a little flat in our performance. Our technique will need to improve in order to advance to the State Finals."

Leading the way for Cass City over the weekend were individual champs Wyatt Dickson and T.J. Moore and runner-up Seth Osentoski. The Red Hawks also had six fourth place winners in Tyler Cowdry, Alex Jeffrey, Hayden Larkin, Darren Dickson, Brent Baker and Brad Baker.

Dickson's path to glory in the 152-weight class included pins over Vassar's Colton Huizar (1:43) and Bad Axe's Gary Jandereski (1:36), while Moore had falls over Brown City's Konstantin Ahlers (0:14) Mayville's Vinny Domiani (3:00), Ubly's Zack Walker (3:19) and Tristin Bruce (3:41) on his way to first place in the 215-weight class.

Osentoski pinned Bad Axe's Nicholas Tetreau (1:25) and Vassar's Max Kuluiski (1:08), before coming up just short in his final bout against Austin Wolford, who recorded a 6-1 decision.

Entering this week's action Moore has a lofty season mark of 45-2, Dickson 36-6 and Osentoski 39-7.

Cowdry, meanwhile, has a season record of 35-9, while Jeffrey stands at 37-12, Larkin 23-16, Dickson 26-7, Brent Baker 17-12 and Brad Baker 30-16.

### TEAM DISTRICTS

Earlier in the week, host Cass City recorded lopsided victories on their way to Team District honors. The Red Hawks defeated Bad Axe 63-12 in their opening match, before going on to whip Ubly 75-6 in the championship match

6 in the championship match.
Against the Hatchets, four Red
Hawks recorded pins including
Brad Baker, Tristin Swiderski,

Cowdry and Osentoski.

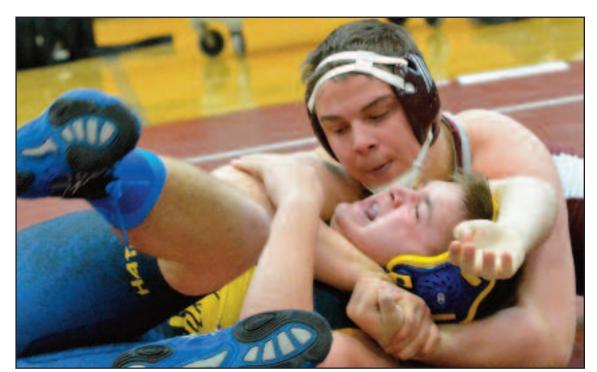
Against the Bearcats, Race
Woloshen and Moore each

recorded falls to pace the winners.
In both contests, the visiting teams failed to fill several weight classes

Cass City's dual meet record now stands at 30-9.



RED HAWK freshman Sandyn Cuthrell rises above a pair of Reese defenders to get his shot off during Friday's Greater Thumb West action, won by the Rockets, 53-39.



BRADLEY BAKER is in control during the 285-weight class match with Bad Axe's Ben Shuart during Team District action. The Cass City senior recorded a fall in 1:17.

# Cass City gals drop GTC tilts

A tough week for the Cass City Lady Red Hawks ended on a sour note Thursday when host Reese, 14-2 overall, posted a 57-34 victory in a contest closer than the final margin suggests. Prior to their meeting against the Greater Thumb West (GTW) leaders, Cass City hosted Greater Thumb East power Harbor Beach, 13-2 overall, and fell 50-39.

Sophee Robinson hit five treys and netted 17 points to lead the Rockets to victory against Cass City in a meeting between the GTW top two teams. The hosts enjoyed a slim 12-8 advantage after one quarter and a 29-17 bulge after two.

Throughout the evening, Reese was the better fast breaking and rebounding team, but it was daggers from 3-point land that proved to be the difference.

Reese connected on seven 3-pointers before entering the final quarter, but led only 39-28 with eight minutes remaining.

Sayge Cuthrell and Kelsey Bouverette each scored multiple baskets to open the final half and an old-fashioned 3-point play by Kacey Haire had Cass City trailing by 11 points with possession of the ball to close out the third frame.

Reese exploded for 18 points in the deciding quarter, while hold-

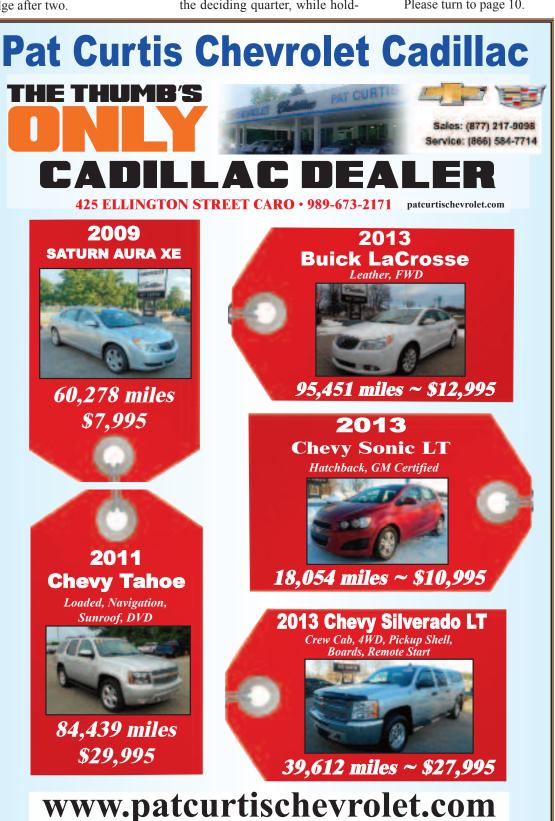
ing Cass City to solo baskets from Bouverette, Haire and Lauren Dickinson.

Bouverette lead Cass City with 14 points on a nice 7-for-11 shooting performance. Other team leaders saw Haire finish with nine points and four steals, while Cuthrell scored eight points and grabbed five rebounds. Lauren Fernald dished out four assists.

For Reese, Abbey Ackerman joined Robinson in double figures with 10 points.

On Tuesday, Harbor Beach jumped out to a 16-6 cushion and made the advantage last.

Once again Cass City was able to Please turn to page 10.



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CASS CITY senior Kelsey Bouverette looks for a passing lane against defense of Reese's Abby Humpert in GTW play. Bouverette scored team-high 14 points in defeat.

# **USA next for Lady Hawks**

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compete during the middle two quarters, mostly due to Cuthrell who canned 14 of her game-high 15 points after the break.

Harbor Beach was led by Jenna Arndt with 10 points.

"We just can't get over the hump against the top teams," Fernald

Hopefully, that changes for Cass City on Thursday when rival USA visits for a critical matchup in the GTW standings. With just two weeks left in the regular season, Cass City, USA and Bad Axe all have three conference losses in a war for second place.

"We have not really competed with USA over the last several years. They have beat us by 20, 30 and even 40 points at times over the past few years. I am hoping we have closed the gap since the last time we played them and we can play at a high level Thursday. We want to finish the season by playing our best basketball heading into district," said Fernald.

Cass City plays Bad Axe in their opening district game.

# O-G tops Landmark Academy

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"This is another game where defensively we just did not get the job done. Owen-Gage senior, David Binder, is one of the better players we have played against all year," said CPS Coach Leon Westover.

In other action last week, Owen-Gage rallied from an early deficit to defeat Landmark Academy, 48-

The Bulldogs trailed 13-10 in the

first quarter, but outscored the Academy 14-4 for the remainder of the half. A 24-16 scoring edge in the final half produced the 15 point victory.

"A rewarding win with great team defense. We also were better at the free throw line, going 11-ofsaid Owen-Gage Coach Brian Wright.

Binder had 20 points and 10 rebounds for the winners.

Daniel Donaldson's 12 points were tops for the Academy.

# **OWEN-GAGE BULLDOG** NOWCOMING

Friday, February 17 Owen-Gage Bulldogs vs. Burton Faith @ 7 p.m.



2017 SNOWBALL REPRESENTATIVES: (front, l-r) Seniors: Dylan Mc-Fadden, Abby Jeffery, David Binder, Megan Badgley, and Derek Vincent; (middle) Sophomores—Martha Brooks and Cole Osentoski; Juniors— Natasha Dubs, Luke Retford, and Morgan Ondrajka; (back) Freshmen-Sierra Mascorro and Andrew Roemer.



2017 SNOWBALL BASKETBALL TEAM members are: (front,I-r) Matt Fritz, David Binder, Aaron Fahrner; (back) Luke Retford, Ben Schultz, Derek Vincent, Carl Steff, Michael Ray, and Coach Brian Wright. Missing: Jacob Warack



Cass City's Alexa Torres is Schneeberger's choice for their Athlete of the Week award winner.

The senior Red Hawk gymnast turned in another terrific showing for Coach Kathy Bouverette over the weekend, this time at

the 4-team Vassar Invite on Saturday.



Torres earned regional qualifying scores in both the vault and beam, helping Cass City to their first regional qualifying team score in over two

In the vault, Torres finished eighth individually with a mark of 8.175, while on the beam, she received a mark of 7.70 and a sixth place finish.

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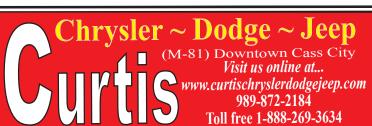


















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# **BOYS' BASKETBALL**

	(JV/VARSITY)
<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>
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	<b>CC 53, Lakers 47</b>
2/8	Capac 66, CC 57
2/10	Reese 53, CC 39
2/15	Ubly
2/17	USA (Snowcoming)
2/22	Caro
2/24	Vassar
3/2	Bad Axe
3/6-10	Districts @ Lakers

All games begin at 6 p.m.

### GIRLS' BASKETBALL (JV/VARSITY)

DATE	OPPONENT
11/29	CC 53, Mayville 23
12/2	Marlette 43, CC 34
12/6	<b>CC 45, Dryden</b> 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	<b>CC 46, Lakers 35</b>
2/7	Harbor Beach 50, CC 39
2/9	Reese 55, CC 33
2/14	Ubly
2/16	USĂ
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

# ROWLING

DATE.	OPPONENT			
1/5	North Huron 1/10			
	Harbor Beach			
1/12	Ubly			
1/17	USĂ			
1/19	$\mathbf{CPS}$			
1/24	Brown City			
1/26	Reese			
2/2	Bad Axe			
2/7	Sandusky			

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

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DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	
1/7	Fraser Invite	9:00 a.m.	
1/10	Vassar	6:30 p.m.	
1/18	Haslet	TBA	
1/24	Linden/Fenton/Lake Fenton	TBA	
1/28	Huron Valley @ Lakeland HS	8:00 a.m.	
2/11	Vassar Invite	10:00 a.m.	
2/20	Port Huron Unified/Vassar	9:00 a.m.	
2/23	Vassar	6:30 p.m.	





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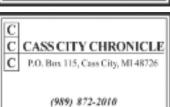
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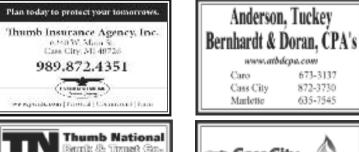
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MORTGAGE SALE THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR AT TEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on February 23, 2017 at 10:00 a.m., local time, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, which is the location of the Tuscola County Circuit Court. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest at the rate of 5.750% per year, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale. The property to be sold is located in Wells Township, Tuscola County, Michigan and is more specifically described in the Mortgage as: Part of the Northwest quarter of Section 22, Township 12 North, Range 10 East, described as: Commencing at the North quarter corner of said Section 22; thence along the North line of said Section 22, North 89 Degrees 56 Minutes 20 Seconds West, 513.46 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence parallel with the West line of the East half of the East half of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of said Section 22, South 00 Degrees 19 Minutes 43 Seconds East, 290.00 feet; thence parallel with said North line of Section 22, South 89 Degrees 56 Minutes 20 Seconds East, 78.00 feet; thence parallel with said West line of the East half of the East half of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 22, South 00 Degrees 19 Minutes 43 Seconds East 310.00 feet; thence parallel with said North line of Section 22, North 89 Degrees 56 Minutes 20 Seconds West, 228.00 feet to said West line of the East half of the East half of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 22: thence along said West line of the East half of the East half of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 22, North 00 Degrees 19 Minutes 43 Seconds West, 600.00 feet to said North line of Section 22; thence along said North line of Section 22, South 89 Degrees 56 Minutes 20 Seconds East, 150.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. Utility Easement: Part of the Northwest quarter of Section 22, Township 12 North, Range 10 East, described as: Commencing at the North quarter corner of said Section 22; thence along the North line of said Section 22, North 89 Degrees 56 Minutes 20 Seconds West, 663.46 feet to the West line of the East half of the East half of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of said Section 22; thence along said West line of the East half of the East half of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter Section 22, South 00 Degrees 19 Minutes 43 Seconds East, 274.44 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence parallel with said North line of Section 22, South 89 Degrees 56 Minutes 20 Seconds East, 150.00 feet; thence parallel with said West line of the East half of the East half of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 22, South 00 Degrees 19 Minutes 43 Seconds East, 15.56 feet; thence parallel with said North line of Section 22, South 89 Degrees 56

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

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

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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, VASŠAR, 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 interest.

Dated: January 25, 2017 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Carrington Mortgage Services, 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite

180, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, (248) 335-9200 Case No. 16MI00702-1

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Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure

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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 in-

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,

Said premises are situated in Village of Mayville, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: The North 83 1/2 feet of Lot 3, also the North 8 1/2 feet of the South 15 1/2 feet of Lot 3, Block 1, Leonard Fox Third Addition, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 32, now being Page 33A, Village of Mayville, Fremont Township, Tuscola County Records.

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

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

Dated: February 1, 2017 For more information, please call: FC X (248) 593-1302 Trott Law, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer

Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-5422

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TO ALL PURCHASERS:

The foregoing Mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest NO-TICE OF MORTGAGE FORE-CLOSURE SALE MORTGAGE SALE-A mortgage was granted by TIMOTHY SEXTON and JES-SICA SEXTON, his wife, Mortgagor(s) to FRANKENMUTH CREDIT UNION, 580 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 THOU-SAND THIRTY SIX AND 00/100THS (\$90,036.00) DOL-LARS at 5% percent per annum and attorney fees as provided for in said Mortgage, and no suit or 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 follows:

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 MORT-GAGEE 24525 Harper Avenue St. Clair Shores, MI 48080 (586) 777-0770 Dated: 2-1-17

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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 be-

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 MCL 600.3240(16) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption

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)

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MORTGAGE SALE - A mortgage was granted by Nicole Hutchinson, an unmarried woman, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated February 29, 2012, and recorded on March 1, 2012 in Liber 1242 on Page 196, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, NA 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 Forty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Seven and 89/100 Dollars (\$46,757.89).

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 16, 2017

Said premises are situated in Village of Cass City, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 1, Block 17 except the South 8 feet thereof of Seeger's Addition to the Village of Cass City, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 29 of Deeds, Page 145.

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 period.

Dated: February 15, 2017 For more information, please FC X (248) 593-1302 Trott Law, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Hwy Ste. 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-5422 File #470194F01

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MORTGAGE SALE – Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: KIP S PAYEA AND SUSAN R PAYEA, HUSBAND AND WIFE to HOUSEHOLD FI-NANCE CORPORATION III, Mortgagee, dated January 19, 2006 and recorded January 25, 2006 in Liber 1069 Page 1084 Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-Four Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Six and Fifty-Seven Cents (\$144,356.57) including interest 9.186% per

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 16, 2017 Said premises are situated in Township of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

PART OF THE SOUTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF SECTION 10 TOWNSHIP 11 NORTH RANGE 8 EAST VASSAR TOWNSHIP TUSCOLA COUNTY MICHIGAN DE-SCRIBED AS COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST COR-NER OF SAID SECTION 10 THENCE ALONG SOUTH LINE OF SAID SEC-TION 21 WEST 423.72 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGIN-NING THENCE CONTINU-ING ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE OF SECTION 10 WEST 400.00 FEET THENCE NORTH 381.15 FEET THENCE EAST 400.00 FEET THENCE SOUTH 381.15 FEET TO THE POINT OF BE-GINNING SUBJECT TO RIGHTS OF WAY EASE-

MENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD AS RECORDED TUSCOLA COUNTY RECORDS.

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If the property is sold at foreclo-

sure 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.

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Dated: 02/15/2017 Household Finance Corporation III Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 251 Diversion Street Rochester, MI 48307 248-853-4400 Our File No: 105003

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Notice of

# **BOARD OF REVIEW**

**Novesta Township** will be held

Tuesday, March 14, 2017

3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, March 16, 2017

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Tentative Equalization Factors:** 

Multiplier Ratio Residential 1.0458 47.81 45.11 Agricultural 1.1084 Commercial 0.9540 52.41 Personal 1.0000 50.00

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March 15, 2017 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. March 16, 2017 3 p.m. - 9 p.m.

The March Board of Review hears taxpayers appeals regarding valuation determinations, property classification determinations, and taxable value uncapping determinations for the current year's assessment roll. The March Board of Review does not have the authority to change

any assessments for any prior year or to hear taxpayer appeals regarding Principal Residence Exemptions or new Qualified Ag Exemptions.

	Tentative Ratio	Tentative Factor
Agricultural	43.20	1.15741
Commercial	69.53	0.71911
Industrial	50.00	1.00000
Residential	47.72	1.04778
Timber-Cutove	r 50.00	1.00000
Developmental	50.00	1.00000
Personal	50.00	1.00000

Final expected ratios are: Tentative Ratio 50%, Tentative Factor 1.00000

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added approx. 15 yrs ago includes a family room and bedroom. In addition to the furnace there is also a

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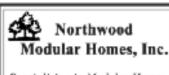
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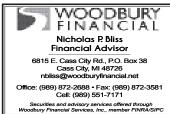
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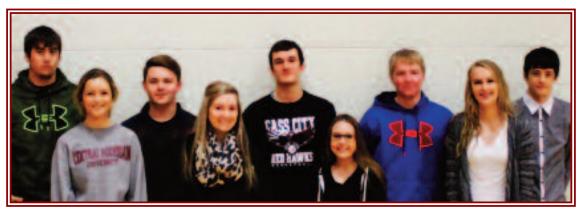








Join us for an action packed evening Friday, Feb. 17, at 6 p.m.



2017 SNOWCOMING KING AND QUEEN candidates are: (front, l-r) Josephine Loomis, McKaela Mika, Alexus Bates, Cali Richardson; (back) Logan Schenk, Joseph Morrish, Kyle Schmotzer, Eric Guinther, Seth Osentoski; missing Victoria Cumper.



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