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New psychiatric hospital to replace the Caro Center?

by Mary Drier **Special for the Chronicle**

The 2017-18 budget of \$56 billion proposed by Gov. Rick Snyder includes increases in funding for education and for the Flint water crisis, and proposes building a new state psychiatric hospital — hopefully to replace the Caro Center.

The Caro Center, located about six miles outside of the city at 2000 Chambers Rd., dates back to 1914 when it was built to house epileptics and the mentally ill as well as juvenile delinquents.

The state's next fiscal year's budget still has to be approved by the senate and house.

"The governor proposes about \$110 million of the budget be for a new Please turn to page 8.

Deputies seek tips in hit-and-run accident

by Tom Montgomery **Editor**

Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies are asking for the public's assistance as they continue to investigate a hit-and-run traffic accident that left a pedestrian seriously injured last fall in Sanilac County's Moore Town-

The accident occurred Oct. 24 between 1:30 and 2:15 p.m. on Freiberger Road, south of Snover Road, according to Sgt. Ron DuBois. "According to Deputy Phil Deacons, Wayne Roberts, 69-year-old from

Sandusky, was found lying in a ditch on Freiberger Road after sustaining significant injuries to his head," DuBois reported. "He was transported to McKenzie (Memorial) Hospital and later flown to St. Mary's

DuBois said Roberts had been out jogging at the time of the accident and was wearing a bright orange and gray jacket, black jogging pants and gray tennis shoes.

"Preliminary lab reports have indicated glass and silver flakes in his clothing," DuBois noted. "More specifics are not being released due to the ongoing status of the investigation."

Anyone with information is asked to contact Deputy Deacons through Sanilac County Central Dispatch at (810) 648-2000 (ext. 2).

Reese fire fighter charged with embezzling \$40,000

by Tom Montgomery

Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark E. Reene announced Friday that his office has charged a former Reese fire fighter with multiple counts of embezzlement.

Charges were sworn out Friday in Tuscola County District Court Please turn to page 2.



PREPARING TO test launch their rocket over the weekend in Niles are Deford Dazzlers members (front row, left) Mia Wright, Sam Gordon, (back row, from left) Teresa Tomasino, Ethan Thane, Alexander Hansen and Keaghan Garten.

PICTURE *PERFECT*

Deford Dazzlers ready for student launch NASA style

by Tom Montgomery **Editor**

After months of hard work and sacrifice, members of the Deford Dazzlers 4-H Club Rocketry Team are nearing their goal of joining 59 other student teams from 23 states selected to participate in the 2016-17 NASA Student Launch Challenge.

The Deford Dazzlers is the only Michigan team chosen to compete for a place at the national event, slated for April 5-10 near NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville,

The team cleared a major hurdle over the weekend - and did so with flying colors — when they traveled to the Niles area to test launch their rocket with Michiana Rocketry, a Tripoli Rocketry Association club made up of dedicated adult rocketeers, many of whom are licensed to launch high-powered rockets. The club maintains a launch field with an FAA waiver for launches up to 12,000 feet.

Mark Hansen, who along with his wife, Patricia, have served as mentors of the Dazzlers since forming the 4-H club back in 2009-10, noted the

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No plans for wind farms in Novesta...yet

by Mary Drier **Special for the Chronicle**

Although a study shows Novesta Township could be a suitable area for wind development, there are no plans for wind farms there...

"We currently do not have any wind energy companies looking at Novesta Township," said Town-ship Clerk Joann Peters. "They did a study several years ago, and most of Novesta was found to be too low and wooded for wind-

"However, we do have solar energy interest. Several landowners have been contacted," said Peters,

referring to a trend which has seen residents from throughout the Thumb area being contacted by representatives of solar development companies about leasing land for proposed solar farms.

As for wind energy, one study has listed Novesta Township as being ripe for wind development. Wind farms have been built in some townships surrounding Novesta, and plans are underway to develop more.

NextEra Energy Resources plans to develop Tuscola III, a \$200 million wind-farm project proposed for the townships of Almer Charter, Ellington and Fairgrove.

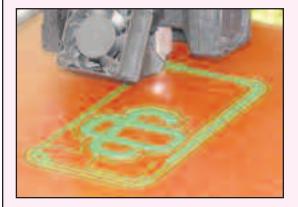
The township boards in Almer

and Ellington have each voted to slow down NextEra Energy's proposed development of 52 turbines with a moratorium against development, and have denied approving special-use permits necessary for construction of the turbines.

Norm Stephens, who is an Almer Charter Township resident and not on any board in an official capacity, attended the last Novesta meeting to share information on wind ordinances. Also on hand was Cass City attorney Jason Bitzer of Biddinger & Bitzer, PLLC, who was invited by the board to discuss possible representation.

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AN IMAGE OF Severance's phone case design is shown on a laptop computer screen (above) as the 3D printer begins to produce a three-dimensional copy of the image. Below is a close-up photo of the printer in action.



Future Youth Involvement grant in action

Local students creating, learning in 3D

by Tom Montgomery **Editor**

What you see isn't always what you

That's one of many lessons students learn in T.C. Gruber's advanced STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) classes at Cass City Junior-Senior High School. And in recent weeks, those students have had the opportunity to experience a fun, high-tech, hands-on lesson in computer design and the challenges that can arise when a project de-

sign doesn't quite work out as planned. Cass City students are now able to see first-hand how computer design looks and feels in the form of various threedimensional objects they're creating using a new 3D printer made available to the district courtesy of a \$2,500 Tuscola County Community Foundation grant awarded by the Future Youth Involvement (FYI) Fund committee.

manufacturing — turns digital 3D models into solid objects by building them up in layers utilizing a variety of mate-

3D printing — also known as additive

The technology was first invented in

the 1980s, and since that time has been used for rapid prototyping (RP). In a

nutshell, a number of manufacturing and other industries use the technology to create three-dimensional models of parts, for example, to ensure they will work in a specific application before

going ahead with full-scale production of those parts.

"A lot of times they use them (3D) printers) in engineering to diagram or Please turn to page 8.

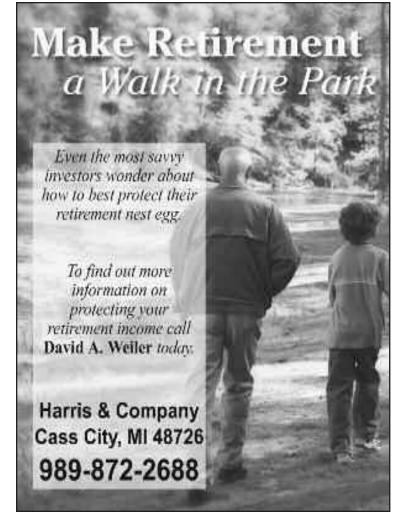


CASS CITY Junior-Senior High School STEM teacher T.C. Gruber (center) watches along with students Logan Severance, a freshman, and junior Megan Graham as the district's new 3D printer prepares to begin printing a cell phone cover Severance designed on computer. School officials purchased the high-tech equipment with a \$2,500 Future Youth Involvement (FYI) grant.



THE CASS CITY Rotary Club recently congratulated two of its members who reached milestones in their Paul Harris memberships. Dave Milligan (left) has attained his eighth milestone and Jim Kranz (right) received his first. "When members contribute \$1000 to the Annual Program Fund, the Polio Plus Fund or the Humanitarian Grants Program of the Rotary Foundation, they are recognized as Paul Harris Fellows," explained club President Mark Karwowski (pictured above, center). "Additionally, individual Rotary clubs may from time to time honor individuals as Paul Harris Fellows."





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Fun By The Numbers

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Ther you'll love sactoku. This mind-bending puzzie will have you tooked from the mament you equare off, so sharpen your pendi and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works: Sudoku puzzies are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each

3x3 boxes. To solve a suidoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric class already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzziel.



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Answersfrom last week

Engaged



Scott Woidan and Christine Tate

Scott and Dawn Woidan of Deford together with Mark and Debra Tate of Honor announce the engagement of their children, Scott Woidan and Christine Tate, both of Gagetown.

Christine is employed as a general manager at Buffalo Wild Wings in Bay City and Scott is the general manager of Monro Tire in Caro.

The wedding is planned for August 19, 2017.

Owen-Gage announces honor roll

Owen-Gage School officials announce the 2nd marking period honor roll students. The following students have received all A's and B's this semester.

3rd Grade: McKenzie Baker*, Eli Dubs-Peterson, Aubrey Hellebuyck*, Brooklyn Hunt, Izabela Matuszak, Logan Mihacsi, Alan Sagash*, Kennedy Selden*, Anastacia Torrez

4th Grade: JoAnn Baker, Raven Griswold, Danielle Hunt*, Lucas McKnight, Sophia Siens, Lucio Torrez*, Lily Willerton

5th Grade: Addison Bach, Shelby Bowers, Joshua Dubs, Karsyn Gruehn*, Isaac Miller*, Lillieyannah Sagash, Hannah Wood

6th Grade: Allison Haldane*, Amber Haldane*, Dagon LaCroix, Erin Morrish, Emily Schultz, Gage Witzke

7th Grade: Haden Gruehn, Madelyn Haldane*

8th Grade: Boyd Evans, Clay Evans*, Jameson McKnight*, Hunter Meier, Libby Ondrajka* 9th Grade: Carley Haldane*, Chentel Hill, Chase Howard*, Kaitlyn LaCroix, Sierra Mascorro 10th Grade: Jade Androl*, Cordell Clarkson, Austin Coryell, Matthew Fritz*, Megan Fritz*, Carlee Rievert*

11th Grade: Emalee Bach, Natasha Dubs*, Aaron Fahrner*, Madyson Fuerst*, Morgan Ondrajka*, Luke Retford*, Kaitlynn Ross*, Zane Schember, Alyson Witzke

12th Grade: David Binder, Abigail Jeffery, Cara Morrish*, Jacob

Reese fireman faces charges

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against Gerald Jay Ellison, 54, stemming from alleged incidents of embezzlement from the Reese Fire Department and Rescue between Jan. 1, 2012, and March 2016, according to Reene, who said Ellison served as assistant fire chief and treasurer for the fire department during that time period.

Ellison was charged in an 11-count criminal complaint that includes one count of embezzlement of \$20,000 or more, which is punishable by up to 10 years in prison. He also faces another 10 counts of embezzlement of \$1,000 or more, which carries a maximum penalty of five years imprisonment.

Reene said the amount of money involved in the case totals at least \$40,000.

Detective Sgt. Brian McComb of the Michigan State Police post in Caro was the lead investigator in the probe. Ellison was awaiting formal arraignment in district

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In Our OPINION...

Clarke Haire Publisher

Tom Montgomery Editor

Prevent potential tip-over accidents

Many useful and seemingly harmless items in our homes – televisions, furniture and appliances, for example – also have the potential to cause serious injuries, especially among children.

In fact, every three weeks a child dies from a television tipping over, and an estimated 71 children are injured or killed every single day when a piece of furniture, a TV, or an appliance falls on them. Over the past 10 years, a child visited an emergency room every 45 minutes because of a TV tipping over

The youngsters who survive these accidents may be left with severe and debilitating lifelong injuries.

The numbers are sobering, particularly when you consider that all of these accidents can be prevented.

That's why the Injury and Violence Prevention Unit of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) recently encouraged residents to keep their loved ones safe by observing TV, Furniture and Appliance Tip-Over Prevention Awareness Day.

Incidents of tip-over injuries and related deaths have increased over the past ten years by 31 percent, according to officials with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS).

Between 2008 and 2010, there were an estimated 25,300 injuries annually in the United States among children ages 17 and under due to television, furniture and appliance tipovers

"There are simple, preventive steps everyone can take to ensure their homes are safe for people of all ages," said Nick Lyon, director of the MDHHS. "Check your furniture, appliances, and especially TVs to ensure they are properly secured and anchored in place so that they don't pose a risk of tipping over."

It is estimated that only one in four adults anchors their televisions. Using furniture straps or a bracket to secure heavy items is an easy way to protect everyone, especially curious youngsters.

For example, mount flat-screen TVs on a wall and put olderstyle TVs on low, stable pieces of furniture. However, keep in mind that even lower pieces of furniture can destabilize if they have drawers that can pull out, or if a child tries to climb it. Book shelves and any cabinets or dressers with drawers should also be secured to a wall with a brace or strap.

Child safety experts recommend that adults take a few minutes to assess the stability of TVs and top-heavy furniture in their homes, and then secure each one to prevent an accident.

When installing various preventative measures, following the product instructions is very important to ensuring a secure installation.

Visit the Safe Kids Michigan Coalition website at www.michigan.gov/injuryprevention for information about your local coalition and resources such as instruction videos, tip sheets, and even directions on how to recycle your old TV.

Residents will also find more information and tips for keeping their homes safe by visiting the Consumer Production Safety Commission www.cpsc.gov, and Safe Kids Worldwide www.safekids.org.

It may sound cliché, but safety really is no accident. Taking a few minutes and spending a few dollars could save the life of a child who means everything to you.



I think I might have finally grown up?

Journalism was not my first career choice. I attended college several times at four different schools because I kept changing my mind when it came to deciding what I wanted to be when I grew up.

I've been a journalist now for over 30 years, so I guess I can safely say I've grown up and settled into a career.

I'm from an era when most women were expected to be just housewives and mothers, and in that order. There were no such phrases as "baby daddy" or "baby mama." I'm not making a moral judgment — that was just how things were back in the day.

I guess because my parents only had eighth-grade educations, they were strong believers in education. They demanded my brother and I attend college. He dropped out after a while to work in auto manufacturing, which was considered a premier career because of the pay and benefits.

I graduated from business schools a couple of times, and from a couple of other colleges with numerous associate degrees.

I was a restless soul. In the 1970s jobs were plentiful. I actually was hired for three different jobs one day. I started the morning out working in a factory and didn't like it much. While I was lunch break, I drove to a different factory down the street and was hired there. It was an okay job on second shift. When I got off work at 11 p.m., I stopped at a restaurant and was hired to be the manager there at better pay than either job I had had that day. Good times.

Over the years I've worked as a waitress, in a coin and stamp company that used to be located in Bay Port, various factories, as a bartender at two bars in Unionville and another in beautiful downtown Bach (among other places). I've managed restaurants, worked in a pet store, was a security guard, a farm hand, a truck driver, a bookkeeper and an assistant meat cutter, made and sold crafts and jewelry, etc.

Although the headline for this column included being I baker, I was never that. I avoid cooking as much as possible. In fact, the only reason I have a kitchen is because it came with the house when I bought it. Plus, my idea of the four major food groups is canned, frozen, instant and Burger King.

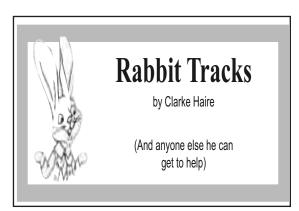
Anyway, after a while, health issues demanded I take a job where I sat instead of being on my feet all day. So once again I went back to college.

While attending college again, I took a creative writing class. Although the teacher said I was very talented, she directed me towards writing for newspapers. As the saying goes, the rest is history. I was a freelance writer for nine newspapers and two radio stations for a few years before becoming a staff writer for a couple of decades at two different newspapers.

I'm no longer a staff writer now that I'm semi-retired; I'm a freelance writer once again. I enjoy being a writer. Many of the people I interviewed have become friends.

As the great Andy Rooney once said: "Writers don't retire. I will always be a writer." And he was until days before his death.

I agree, and hope to do the same as Rooney.



Let's test your Michigan knowledge with three questions courtesy of funtrivia.com.

First, can you name the tallest building in Detroit? If you guessed the Renaissance Center – congrats. The sky-scraper stands 73 stories high.

Next, Can you tell me where the world's largest tire is located? If you said Allen Park – congrats again. The 8 story tire that weighs 12 tons is located alongside I-94 near the Southfield Freeway. It was a ferris wheel at the 1964 World's Fair.

And finally, do you know where Michigan's geographic center is located? It's in Wexford, located five miles northwest of Cadillac.

Letters to the Editor

Something wrong with judges stopping Trump

Editor,

Regarding these four judges that stopped President Trump's executive orders banning those refugees for 120 days to make sure that we can vet them thoroughly so they can't come in and kill us: President Trump better vet the four judges because there has to be something wrong with them.

I can't believe that our politicians could appoint incompetent judges like these four. If there is a refugee that gets into America on account of their stupid decision that these judges made and kills an American, they should go to prison for life. This is why we need term limits.

What good judges would have done, if they're Americans, was to tell the president your executive order wasn't put out correctly. If you take the green card and passport holders out, then your executive order will be alright.

Too bad President Trump doesn't have the power to throw them out so fast they wouldn't have time to take their black robes off.

All President Trump wanted to see was how thoroughly were these green card holders vetted.

What President Trump should do is build a fence along Washington, Oregon and California, and let the Mexicans and the Canadians fight over who should own them. If anybody disagrees with this letter, would you be happy if one got in and killed your loved one? I don't think so.

When the Supreme Court throws out 80 percent of the decisions that the 9th District Court makes, that's bad. Nobody would hire them with a 20-percent approval rating.

Robert Peruski Ubly Here's more trivia concerning the Great Lake State. We all know Detroit is known as the automobile capital

of the world. But did you know Alpena is the home of the world's largest cement plant or that Rogers City boasts the world's largest limestone quarry?

Well if you did I'd bet you also knew that Colon a

Well if you did, I'd bet you also knew that Colon, a small lake community in southern Michigan, is the world's largest manufacture of magic supplies.

Lastly, how about this?

Data recently released by QuoteWizard finds Michigan drivers are some of the safest drivers in the country, yet pay the third most expensive auto insurance premiums.

"A clean driving record is one of the many factors that determines the cost of auto insurance premiums, but even safe drivers in Michigan are penalized by the state's outdated auto no-fault laws," said Mark Fisk, spokesperson for the Michigan Insurance Coalition. "This data makes it clear: one of the biggest factors holding Michigan drivers back from paying less for car insurance is a mandate requiring everyone to purchase unlimited lifetime medical benefits."

According to the safe driver study, Michigan drivers ranked fourth while neighboring Ohio ranked 34th. This is significant because data released in late January by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners found Michigan drivers pay the third highest insurance premiums in the country, which is twice as much as what drivers in Ohio pay.

"The biggest difference between auto insurance policies in Michigan and Ohio is that Michigan drivers have to purchase unlimited, lifetime medical benefits and drivers in Ohio don't," said Fisk. "Michigan is the only state in the country that requires drivers to pay for this unique medical benefit while refusing common-sense cost control measures. It's time for the Legislature to reform a broken system and provide Michiganders with muchneeded relief from skyrocketing auto insurance costs."

According to QuoteWizard, the total number of car accidents, speeding tickets issued, DUIs and traffic fatalities were all factored in to their rankings.

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Wednesday, February 22
•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.

•Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m.

•Huron County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, Huron Behavioral Health, Bad Axe. For more information, contact Rhonda Quinn at (989) 269-

•Sanilac County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, Sanilac County Medical Care Facility. Noon to 2 p.m. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

Thursday, February 23

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

•Community Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.

Monday, February 27

•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.

•Cass City School Board meeting, 7 p.m.

•Hills & Dales General Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 11:30 a.m., Gilligans (no meetings July, August, December).

•Tuscola County Right to Life meeting, 6:30-8 p.m., Caro Area District Library, 840 W. Frank St., Caro. For more information, call (989) 872-3259. Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.

Tuesday, February 28

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

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

STANDING COMMUNITY CALENDAR ITEMS

First Sunday:

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

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

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

Second Monday:

•Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.

•VFW monthly meeting, 7:00 p.m., VFW Hall, Cass City.

•Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7 p.m., fire hall in Gagetown.

•Tuscola County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, 1:30 p.m. -3:30 p.m., HDC Intergenerational Building, 430 Montague Ave., Caro.For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

Kedron OES #33 of Caro meeting, 7 p.m.

•Huron County Family Caregiver Support Group, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Human Development Commission, 150 Nugent Rd., Bad Axe. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

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

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•Living with Parkinson's Support Group, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Holiday Inn Express, 55 Rapson Lane West, Bad Axe. For more information, call Merry at (989) 673-4121.

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

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

Third Thursday:

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

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

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

Third Saturday:

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

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Fourth Thursday:

•Community Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church. Last Monday:

•Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building. Every Monday:

•Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main

St., Ubly. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.

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

Every Tuesday:

•Al-anon meeting, 7 p.m., St. Francis Parrish, Pigeon. •AA Meeting, 7-8 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 4960 N. Argyle Rd. (Meeting will be

held in the hall next to the little stone church.) Every Wednesday:

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

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

United Way of Tuscola County now accepting funding requests

by Tom Montgomery **Editor**

United Way of Tuscola County allocations in the coming year will exceed a combined \$1 million since the organization was established in 1998, and officials are gearing up to begin the process of distributing the next round of

The board of directors of the United Way of Tuscola County awarded \$52,750.00 in funding to area non-profit organizations in 2016, according to Director of Operations Jim Heiser.

'This year's funding application process is beginning now, and specific agency allocations will be determined in late March," Heiser

"The allocations follow a process that starts with agencies submitting funding requests and other required documentation," he explained. "Agency representatives review programs and budgets with the United Way board, and allocation recommendations are made to programs that support education, health or self-suffi-

Applications for funding can be made by agencies that are recog-

nized by the IRS as 501 c (3) tax exempt and meet established criteria, including possession of articles of incorporation and charitable solicitation registration, among others.

"Applications have been emailed to agencies that were funded in previous years. Agencies that have not received an application or that are making application for the first time should call United Way of Tuscola County at (989) 325-1980 immediately for inclusion in the process," Heiser said.

In other United Way of Tuscola County news, Heiser reported the local United Way organization's 2017 leadership team has been

Mary Kulis (representing Consumers Energy) will serve as president, with Susan Holder (Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems) named vice president, Dawn Prieskorn (Oetiker) is serving as secretary/treasurer and Heiser will continue to act as the board's ethics officer.

The all-volunteer board of directors also includes Jason Bitzer, Jodi Fetting, Sandy Gaudreau, Jesse Leitzel, Myrtle Oatzes and Ken Spencer.

Heiser noted residents can contribute to United Way in a number of ways - even when they shop using AmazonSmile for their Amazon purchases, provided they indicate the United Way of Tuscola County as their preferred charitable organization.

"United Way of Tuscola County is registered with AmazonSmile, a website operated by Amazon that lets customers enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices, and convenient shopping features as on Amazon.com. The difference is that when customers shop on Amazon Smile (smile.amazon.com), the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate .5 of a percent of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organization selected by the customer," Heiser explained. "The AmazonSmile Foundation does not charge fees or any other charges for this fundraising pro-

Anyone wishing to contribute directly to can send their contribution to the United Way of Tuscola County, P.O. Box 51, Cass City, MI 48726. For additional information and a brochure, call (989) 325-1980.

Circuit court proceedings

Several appear in court on charges last week

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

*Rafael Ramirez, 43, Caro, was sentenced to 90 days in the county jail and 36 months probation following his plea no contest to domestic violence, third offense, Sept. 25 in Indianfields Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (two prior felony convictions).

In addition to jail time, he was ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$858 plus attorneys

fees of \$500. *Krystal L. Caldwell, 38, Fairgrove, was sentenced to 18 months probation following her pleas of no contest to two counts of writing a no-account check between Nov. 2, 2015, and Jan. 8, 2016, in Caro.

She was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$935 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

*Greggory G. Gaspa, 33, Caro, pleaded guilty to a charge of retail fraud, first degree, involving merchandise valued at \$1,000 or more between Sept. 18 and Oct. 25 in

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

*Tina L. Moncrief-Worth, 27, Mount Morris, pleaded no contest to delivery/manufacture of a controlled substance, larceny in a building and attempted possession of a controlled substance June 13 in Millington Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Robert D. Bigelow, 42, Gladwin, pleaded no contest to a charge of failure to pay child sup-

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$15,000. Sentencing is to be

*Michael R. Inches, 29, Fairgrove, pleaded no contest to possession of marijuana, subsequent offense, Jan. 28 in Caro.

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

*Sam E. Poe, 53, Vassar, pleaded no contest to charges of possession of a firearm by a felon and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony Aug. 11 in Vassar Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$10,000. Sentencing is to be *Jeremy C. Bennett, 26, Vassar,

dangerous weapon (felonious assault) Dec. 7 in Vassar. A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$3,000. Sentencing is to be

pleaded guilty to assault with a

*Jason R. Malicoat, 31, Caro, was sentenced to 19 months to 10 years in prison following his pleas of no contest to charges of assaulting a prison employee and assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer March 20 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (two prior felony convictions).

In addition to prison time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$326.

*Austin David-Thomas Nielsen, 19, Flint, pleaded no contest to three counts of criminal sexual conduct, first degree (involving a victim under the age of 13 years) between Jan. 1 and June 10, 2016, in Vassar Township.

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

*Blake E. Lebioda, 20, Cass City

was sentenced to 365 days in jail, with worksite privileges, following his pleas of no contest to two counts of assault with intent to commit great bodily harm less than murder, carrying a weapon with unlawful intent, possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony, and domestic violence July 29 in Novesta Township.

Lebioda's jail time was delayed for one year, according to court records, which note he was placed on 60 months probation and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,362 plus attorneys fees of

*Kendra K. Sands, 38, Caro, was sentenced to 365 days in jail and 24 months probation following her plea of no contest to unlawfully driving away an automobile Aug. 8 in Almer Township. She was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to jail time, she was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$858 plus attorneys fees of

*Erica N. Moyer, 23, Mayville, received a one-year delayed sentence following her plea of guilty to delivery/manufacture of marijuana April 18 in Dayton Town-

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

*Joshua R. Fields, 31, Cass City, was sentenced to 22 months to 15 years in prison following his pleas of guilty to charges of home invasion, third degree, and assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer Aug. 3 in Cass City, and to home invasion, third degree, Nov. 2 in Cass City. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to prison time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$584.

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Reporter's notebook





by Tom Montgomery Editor

We met on a blind date – a first for both of us. Deb was shy and as uncertain of herself as I was about myself, but she pretty much had me at "hello".

As I recall, she wasn't impressed with my posture or my taste in music. I didn't care much for her music, either. In fact, it didn't seem like we had much in common. And, yet, something somehow blossomed between us. Before I knew it, we were standing at an alter together inside a country church in Lowell, Mich., promising to devote our lives to one another for the rest of our days.

That was 35 years ago.

I had no idea back then what mature love was all about. I don't think either of us did, at least not in the sense we've come to know it through the years.

Together we brought four children into this world – each birth an amazing, miraculous experience beyond compare as I look back. We went on to find that parenting isn't an exact science, and things don't always turn out the way you expect them to.

Deb was always an amazing mom – still is. Never too tired to listen, always protective and willing to sacrifice, always ready with a hug or word of advice. Even now, long after the kids have grown up and left the nest, she's there for them 24/7, and they know it.

Grandchildren have brought an equally amazing element into our lives. We've lived through times when we couldn't have been happier in spite of being dirt poor. In time we improved our financial lot with a lot of hard work and perseverance, and we celebrated. But we also struggled through some miserable days because we temporarily lost sight of what was most important in our relationship.

We've survived and overcome some challenges that neither of us ever anticipated when we said "I do".

Deb has put up with a lot, living with me. I'm guessing just about anyone who knows me would make that assumption. I have a rather overactive sense of humor that can be a godsend at times, but more often than not results in "the look" from my wife because remarks tend to leave my mouth before I have the time to consider whether or not they should.

Of course, that isn't the problem it used to be, largely because the years have taken a toll on our hearing; we spend more time saying "Huh?" to each other than we do responding to original questions. Well, unless we're at different ends of the house; then we don't hear each other at all

At least now I have an excuse for not listening as well as I should.

In any event, like many couples, we both have habits that drive the other nuts, and we've wasted far too much time arguing over the silliest things – while trimming a Christmas tree together, trying to figure out directions to wherever we were traveling on any given day, or deciding who was right (it was me) over something so trivial it defies any sort of logic.

But that sort of thing doesn't matter. What does is love, devotion and an unyielding determination to stick it out – together — no matter what. We've always had those things. Still do.

Deb has always been there for me, even during my darkest days, and I've tried to be there for her when she's struggled. Sometimes that's meant just being there because neither of us really had a clue of how to make everything okay again.

Deb tells me she's the lucky one in this marriage, but I don't buy that. I know it hasn't been easy.

I also know I'd do it all over again because she was – and still is —





Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2012)

Ellington Township native Twila Bardwell, who celebrated her 90th birthday last week, devoted more than 48 years to education, most of that time spent teaching third grade students. She retired from the Caro Schools just 8 years ago at the age of 82.

Two Cass City High School students were selected for and performed with this year's Tri-County Honors Band featuring the best student musicians from schools in Tuscola, Sanilac and Tuscola counties. Senior flute player Alison Blattner and sophomore flute player Kayla Zmierski recently performed with the ensemble at Peck High School. This was the second year that Zmierski was chosen for membership in the honors band.

Snover mom and daughter Melonie and Savannah Walker recently both earned honors at the Professional Photographers of Michigan (PPM) Print Competition, held during the Michigan Photographic Expo at the Motor City Casino Hotel.

10 YEARS AGO (2007)

Aaron Gaeth has been named Owendale-Gagetown School's Senior Student of the Month" for February. Gaeth has been a member of the basketball team all 4 years of high school and a member of the football team for 3 years. As a freshman, he was named a "focus" student of the month and was a "Reading Buddy" to elementary students. He was chosen as a class representative on the snowball court his sophomore year. Gaeth currently serves as a teacher's aide. He is the son of Scott and Karen Gaeth of Owendale and plans to attend Delta College next fall to pursue a career in law enforcement.

Three area residents have been named to the dean's list at Northern Michigan University following the fall 2006 semester. They are Dana Iwankovitsch, Cass City, who qualified with a perfect 4.0 grade point average, and Amanda Frederick and Benjamin Howard, both also of Cass City, who qualified by earning grade point averages of 3.25 to 3.99.

The winners of this year's spelling bee at Campbell Elementary School in Cass City are: Isaac Fisher, Justin Peters (alternate), Libby Venema, Bobby Sue Steely, Aaron McClorey (alternate), Colby Peruski (alternate), Hunter Langenburg and Erika Martin (alternate). The top spellers qualify for the Tuscola County Spelling Bee, slated for Friday in Mayville.

25 YEARS AGO (1992)

U.S. postal officials recently honored city carrier Dale Bullock whose actions are being credited with preventing a fire at the home of an elderly Cass City man last month. Cass City Postmaster Bill Zinnecker presents Bullock with a special achievement award.

Karla Stine and Brian Mrozinski were married at the First Presbyterian Church in Bay City Saturday, Feb. 15, with Dr. Paul Hammer officiating at the 4 p.m. ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Elizabeth Stine of Cass City and the late Garrison Stine. Parents of the groom are June and Anthony Mrozinski of Bay City. Mr. and Mrs. Alvin R. (Fin) Burk of Decker and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred (Fred) Burk of Cass City celebrated 45 years of marriage with a supper at Wildwood Saturday night. Fin and Fred are brothers.

Cass City band students Rosie Blue, Sarah Edzik and Heather Stratton will participate in the State Solo and Ensemble Festival March 28 at U-M Flint following their top-rated performances at the District 3 High School Solo and Ensemble Festival.

Ensemble Festival.

Marine Pfc. Steven E. Pfaff, son of Edward J. Pfaff of Snover, recently completed the Basic Assault Amphibian Crowman's Course. During the course at Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif., students prepare for assignment to assault amphibian units where assault amphibian vehicles are used to transport troops and supplies from ship to beachhead for subsequent operations ashore.

Gagetown native Margaret K. Mosack has received a scholarship

to attend Siena Heights College, Adrian, this year. She is a recipient of the "Flory" Scholarship, donated by Mr. and Mrs. Willis Haselwood in memory of Thomas Flory, Mosack, a graduate of Luke M. Powers High School, and is a senior majoring in accounting. She is involved in Student Senate and the accounting honor society at Siena Heights, and plans to become a certified public accountant and pursue a master's degree in finance. She would like to work in internal auditing. Mosack is the daughter of E. James and Crystal L. Mosack of Gagetown.

35 YEARS AGO (1982)

Wendy L. Ware, daughter of Ferris and Carolyn Ware of 4653 Hospital Drive, Cass City, has been named to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. She is among 11 students from Spring Arbor College, Spring Arbor to be listed in the 1982 edition. Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory include the names of students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and future potential.

Amy Francis is student of the week for the week of Feb. 15 at Cass City Intermediate School. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Francis of 4453 Leach Street was recognized by her homeroom teacher for outstanding leadership in class, she is a fifth grader.

Shirley Ross of Ubly and Bill Bredow of Bad Axe announce their engagement. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ross of Bad Axe and Mr. and Mrs. James Hewitt of Ubly. The groom-to-be is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bredow of Bad Axe. The couple plans a June 5 wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank White of Cass City announce the engagement of their daughter, Jane, to Arthur Wass Jr. of Pontiac. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wass of Florida. A June 12 wedding is planned.

First division rankings in the solo and ensemble festival Saturday were earned by Cass City High School musicians, Dave Wright, saxophone, Chris Langenburg, tenor saxophone, and Jeanne Marshall, clarinet. All piano players are Kay Loomis, Melanie Enos and Suzy Scollon.

Non-smokers - Displaying their winning antismoking posters in the contest sponsored by the respiratory therapy department at Hills and Dales General Hospital are Kathy Leino, first; Anthony Bader, second, and Amy Francis,

40 YEARS AGO (1977)

Two Cass City High School seniors with perfect 4.000 grade point averages were named co-valedictorians of the Class of 1977 by school officials this week. Leading the class of 158 are Patricia Goslin and Ann Whittaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Tracy had as Sunday dinner guests, Miss Vickie Woidan of Kingston, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bolz of Milan, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas O'Dell and Theo Hendrick.

Caro United Methodist church was the setting for the Feb. 20 wedding of Miss Betty Lou McIntosh and Kirk Bensinger. Rev. Clive Dickens officiated at the 7:00 p.m., double-ring ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lorn McIntosh of Snover. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Bensinger of Ubly.

A Deford area student has won a prestigious Student Life Scholarship to attend Oakland University this fall. The award is worth \$1,000 a year for four years. The recipient is Lisa A. Zimba, daughter of William Zimba of Mushroom Rd. At Cass City High School, she was active in basketball, volleyball, track and softball. She plans to major in economics at Oakland. The Student Life Scholarships are based on academic achievements and on school and community activities. The awards go toward a student's residence hall living costs. The recipients will help provide leadership for a wide variety of student life programs, Edward J. Bagale, associate director of admissions and scholarships, said.

50 YEARS AGO (1967)

Marylou Gordon Kribs of Vassar and Donald Partridge of Cass City exchanged marriage vows Saturday evening, Feb. 11, at Cass City Presbyterian Church, Dr. Marion Hostetler, pastor, officiating.

Lynn Atwell swept the top honors in the Michigan State High School regional meet at Mt. Holly Saturday. Miss Atwell finished first in both the giant slalom and slalom in the meet. She won the top prize competing with high school skiers from all over southeastern Michigan.

Army Private Gordon L. Goodall, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Goodall of Cass City, completed eight weeks of advanced infantry training Feb. 7 at Fort Ord. Calif. He received specialized instruction in small unit tactics and in firing such weapons as the M-14 rifle, the M-60 machine gun and the 3.5-inch rocket launcher. His wife, Janice, lives at Lansing.

Five junior varsity cheerleaders won the annual talent show held Monday at Cass City Schools. The winning act was a pompon routine and was presented by Barbara MacRae, Patty Sawicki, Linda Brown, Jill Auten, Mona Calka and Sally Geiger. A band act, "The Whats," finished second. Participating were Ken Hayes, Tom Guinther, Don Wernette, and Larry Weichert. Finishing third was a duet act of Rosemary Fritz and Sue Kelley.

75 YEARS AGO (1942)

John Kelly, Julius Gurdan and Frank Fort, who recently enlisted in the Navy, were honor guests at the Tuesday luncheon of the Rotary Club at Hotel Gordon Tuesday. A. J. Knapp, who arrived home from Florida 20 minutes before Rotary convened Tuesday, told fellow members of the trip and pleasures he and Mrs. Knapp had in the South. Dr. P. A. Schenck and Frederick Pinney were given, a "hand" by fellow members. The doctor Tuesday was attending his 532nd consecutive Rotary meeting and the banker his 531st.

A pretty wedding was solemnized Saturday evening, February 21, at 8:30 o'clock when Miss Florence Viola Strickland of Pontiac, daughter of Mrs. Mary Strickland, of Cass City, became the bride of William Redford Caverly of Clarkston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Caverly, of Kingston. The ceremony took place in the home of the bride's mother on Third Street.

Sheldon C. Hastings and Miss Marjory Croft, two Cass City students attending Alma College, achieved honor roll rating for last semester, according to the report just released by Registrar Robert W. Clack.

Mrs. John Carolan announces the marriage of her daughter, Kathleen Helen Murphy, to Edward Weir of Chicago. The wedding was solemnized in Chicago on February 14.

100 YEARS AGO (1917)

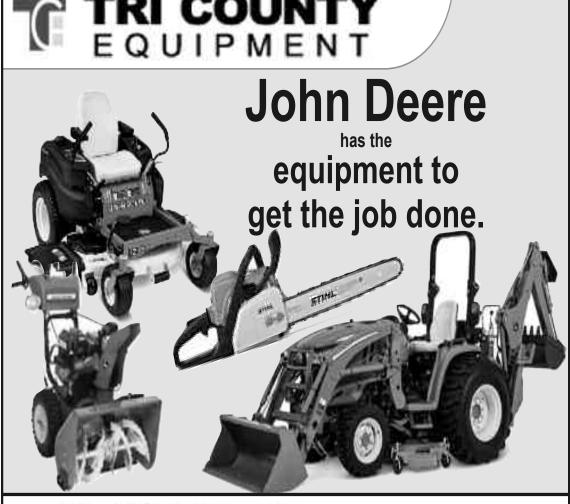
Forty-nine voters of the village met at the council rooms Friday night and placed in nomination the following village officers: President, G. A. Striffler. Clerk, M. B. Auten. Treasurer, H. F. Lenzner. Assessor, H. L. Hunt. Trustees for two years, Edward Pinney, P. A. Schenck and G. A. Tindale.

J. A. Caldwell has sold the Rex Theatre equipment to B. L. Middleton, who will move it to the building now occupied by his ice cream and confectionery store, where more roomy quarters will be established for the moving picture features. Mr. Middleton will add seating fixtures so that the seating capacity will be double what it is at present. Sixty feet of the length of the building now occupied by the Middleton Confectionary Store will be devoted to the moving picture show making a theatre 24 by 60 feet in size. The front of the building, 23 by 24 feet, will be used by Mr. Middleton for his ice cream and confectionery business.



TUSCOLA County Board of Commissioners Chairman Thom Bardwell (center) presents a resolution to Tuscola County Sheriff deputies Steve Roland (left) and Deputy Jonathon Ramirez after the officers paid a towing bill for a stranded motorist who couldn't afford it. The motorist later contacted Sheriff Glen Skrent to report the good deed.









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County board honors two area road officers

by Mary Drier Special for the Chronicle

Two Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies were honored during a recent Tuscola County Board of Commissioners meeting for a demonstration of compassion while assisting a stranded motorist.

The deputies – Steve Roland and Jonathon Ramirez — paid the motorist's towing bill using their own money when they found out the family couldn't afford to pay the bill. The officers then went about their duties, saying nothing about their good deed.

Their generous action became known when the stranded motorist contacted the sheriff's department to again than the deputies and Sheriff Glen Skrent know how much their kind act was appreciated.

Glen Skrent know how much their kind act was appreciated. "What is important is that they did not tell anyone what they did and did not expect to be compensated," Skrent noted, adding the officers

went above and beyond their duty a road officers.
Roland was recently honored as the sheriff's department's 2016 officer of the year for repeatedly demonstrating "an ability to have compassion and understanding in dealing with people that he has come in contact with for various reasons."

Roland has been with the department since January 2000.

Ramirez started with the sheriff's department in 2009 as a corrections officer. "He took a leave of absence and put himself through the road patrol academy on his own," said Skrent. "Afterward, he eventually went on the road."

Ramirez is in active-duty member of the Air Force Reserves.

Dazzlers ready for student launch

Continued from page one.

team played it safe with its test launch, using a lower-power engine that would send the rocket soaring to an altitude of roughly 1,890 feet, compared to the mile-high altitude they'll attempt in April.

"The Deford Dazzlers' launch was picture-perfect; no flaws, straight as an arrow, perfect drogue and main parachute deployment as programmed, soft landing, no damage (and) no side effects to our 'astroroach' and her habitat," he said, referring to the team's live insect payload.

The Notre Dame University and University of Toledo student teams also attended the weekend launch, as did the U-M International Rocket Engineering Competition Team, all of which rooted on the Dazzlers, according to Mark Hansen.

Now in its 17th year, NASA Student Launch is an eight-month-long activity, offering middle school to college-aged students a chance to design, build and launch high-powered, reusable rockets to one-mile above ground level. Interested teams were required to submit a proposal for comprehensive review by NASA experts, who selected participants based on detailed outlines of their rockets, recovery systems, payload, safety and educational engagement plans.

"The kids did a fantastic job on their critical design review document and presentation to NASA. They were readily approved — no concerns from the engineers — to go ahead and build the vehicle and make their maiden launch," said Patricia Hansen.

The Deford contingent now has until March 6 to submit the team's FRR - Flight Readiness Review - document and give one more presentation to NASA to defend their design and its integrity. If that goes well, they will be invited to Huntsville.

Reaching the milestone of testing their rocket over the weekend has required many hours of work for the area student team.

The youths first had to create a plan for a high-powered rocket launching with the capability of reaching one mile in altitude and carrying a scientific payload that transmits data to a ground unit for upload to a laptop. They also developed a plan to execute their ideas safely following all NASA protocols, and submitted a proposal of their plans to NASA for consideration following the Lifecycle Design process utilizing documentation and verification used by professional engineers.

"They were successful in getting NASA's approval to go ahead with the project," Patricia noted. "They researched their options for rocket and scientific payload design, narrowed their choices, and wrote a Preliminary Design Document for NASA's approval as well as making a 40-minute professional presentation to a panel of NASA engineers and answering any questions these engineers had."

The team received the go-ahead to proceed and built its subscale model
— a replica of their intended full scale design — and successfully launched it twice using a small scale motor.

"This gave them the necessary data required to tweak their full-scale design and write their Critical Design Review document, a 127 page document describing every aspect of their design and intended assembly procedures for the full scale rocket," she said.

Patricia added the document also included simulations with software

Patricia added the document also included simulations with software that can help predict likely launch results and scenarios in varying wind conditions; safety procedure outlines; charts of project management and budgeting; subscale launch results; final scientific payload designs; and numerous schematics and 3D renderings of the rocket and payload.

"The team then made a second professional presentation to NASA—we use Skype—on Jan. 30," she continued. "They received high praise from NASA for the quality of their CDR document, their presentation, and their work to-date. They received the go ahead to build and launch

The full-size rocket is 106.5 inches in length — just shy of 9 feet — and 5.5 inches in diameter, and weighs 21.5 pounds, including its scientific payload weighing 3.67 pounds that contains a habitat for Madagascar hissing cockroaches. The specially designed habitat maintains a temperature of 70 to 75 degrees and provides the necessary oxygen, water, and food to sustain the insects for 48 hours using solar panels to charge a battery system for the electronics.

The Dazzlers embarked on the student launch project back in August and have since met twice a week for two hours, plus Saturdays, with some team members also working on documentation in between, according to Hansen.

"Most members work ten hours per week, but the week that each of the large documents are due, many work 15 to 20 hours. Our best guess is that the team as a unit has logged 130 hours at minimum, with the team captain and project manager easily pushing 170 hours," Patricia said. "By the end of the project, not including travel to the launch with Michiana Rocketry nor the trip to Huntsville, team members will likely log 225 hours, with a few putting in 250 hours."

Financially, the team has received two educational grants, including one from the local 4-H council, in addition to parent contributions and fundraisers. "The team members are close to meeting their budget but still have some fundraising to do for a few costs of going to Huntsville," noted Patricia, who indicated she and her husband couldn't be more proud of their team.

"This project is college level, including aerospace engineering, electrical engineering and technical writing," she said. "As a 4-H club, we cannot label the project as a specific class level, but other high school teachers who have mentored school teams have called it a lot harder than advanced placement and dual enrollment college courses.

"Mark and I have conducted this as an introduction to aerospace engineering class. Given that only one student is old enough to drive, it has required a significant commitment from parents," she added. "And we are so proud of these kids. They are amazing and dedicated, doing work that rivals that of Purdue University and Notre Dame."

Cass City FFA chapter marking national week with a host of activities

It's National FFA Week, Feb. 19-25, and members of the Cass City FFA Chapter are celebrating a host of activities, including a special agriculture-themed story time, a legislator visit and events at Cass City Junior-Senior High School.

"The chapter earned a \$400 grant from National FFA to host an 'all about agriculture' story time at Rawson Memorial District Library Feb. 23. They are also donating a set of new agriculture-related books to the library, which will be available for patrons to check out in the children's section," said Addy Battel, a Cass City Junior-Senior High School freshman who serves as reporter for the local FFA chapter.

"There was overwhelming response to the story time, and the FFA members expect 45 preschoolers to attend," she added. "Each will receive a free book and participate in hands-on activities. So that each child can have a book and snack, Farm Bureau Insurance Reggie Ignash Agency has committed extra funds for the project. Tuscola County Farm Bureau also donated a special book.

"The FFA chapter will be celebrating all week within the high school with FFA-related trivia questions," Battel said. "They will also be speaking to the seventh and eighth grade classes about opportunities in FFA."

The Cass City FFA chapter boasts a membership of about 26 students in grades seven through 12.

"The focus of the organization is on developing personal growth, leadership and career readiness through agriculture," Battel explained. "The students work throughout the year on career development events, leadership contests and supervised agriculture experiences, as well as local events.

Designated a national week in 1947 — the week of George Washington's birthday — National FFA Week gives FFA members an opportunity to educate the public about agriculture. During the week, chapters conduct a variety of activities to help others in their school and community learn about FFA and agricultural education.

Cass City junior Joe Sieradzki, president of the local FFA chapter, and Battel were scheduled to accompany Tuscola County Farm Bureau representatives to Lansing Feb. 21 to attend the Michigan Farm Bureau Lansing Legislative Seminar. The day's activities included meeting legislators and observing discussions about agricultural policies, as well as meeting with Dr. Edward J. "Ned" Canfield (R-Sebewaing), 84th District state representative, and area farmers.

The National FFA Week theme is "Transform Purpose to Action", embracing more than 89 years of FFA traditions while looking forward to the organization's future.

The National FFA Organization provides leadership, personal growth and career success training through agricultural education to 649,355 student members who belong to one of 7,859 local FFA chapters throughout the U.S., Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, according to Battel, who noted the national observance is sponsored by Tractor Supply Company.



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News briefs

POET earns excellence award

CARO – POET's biorefining facility in Caro was recently recognized with the company's annual Excellence Award for Operations during a ceremony at POET headquarters in Sioux Falls, S.D. The award recognizes team members at the local plant for their outstanding commitment to safety and efficiency.

"Our team in Caro continuously raises the bar, working hand-in-hand with local farmers to deliver high-quality renewable fuels and create jobs and economic activity in the community," said POET CEO Jeff Broin. "They've raised the plant's ethanol production from 55 to 67 million gallons per year, providing a market for more than 60,000 bushels of corn per day and contributing more than \$95 million to the state GDP."

POET Biorefining – Caro lies on a 112-acre site about two miles northeast of the Tuscola Area Airport. The plant supports 50 full-time jobs. Caro was the 14th plant built by POET, which currently operates 28 plants in seven states.

"We're honored to be recognized for our contributions to the biofuels industry, driving U.S. energy security and helping Michigan to grow as a leader in manufacturing and agriculture," said General Manager David Gloer. "Most of all, we're thrilled to work at the heart of a wonderful community that shares our passion for building new economic opportunities for our generation and the next."

Canfield schedules office hours

THUMB — State Rep. Dr. Edward J. "Ned" Canfield, D.O., will host local office hours in Sebewaing and Caro within the next few weeks. He is scheduled to meet with constituents from 3 to 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24, at the Sebewaing Village Hall, located at 222 N. Center St. in Sebewaing; and from 4 to 5 p.m. Friday, March 3, at the Caro Area District Library, 840 W. Frank St., in Caro.

"This is a good opportunity to meet and talk about the issues that are most important in Huron and Tuscola counties," Canfield said.

No appointment is necessary.

Canfield (R-Sebewaing) is in his second term as a state representative. Those unable to attend one of the upcoming office hour sessions may contact his office any time by calling (517) 373-0476 or via email at EdwardCanfield@house.mi.gov.

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Local students creating, learning in 3D

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draw what they're trying to make, to see if it's going to work, before they go into a production line," said Gruber, who is in his fourth year as an educator in Cass City, where he also teaches chemistry, physics and biology, and is involved in the junior-senior high student robotics program.

In addition to students enrolled in his advanced STEM classes, Gruber said students involved in robotics can use the technology to manufacture custom robot parts. "We could even use it for chemistry, physics — almost any of your classes," he added, noting biology students could print a three-dimensional model of a cell, for example. "Really, the opportunities are limitless."

3D printing has started to evolve into a next-generation manufacturing technology that has the potential to allow for on-demand production of final products or parts, according to experts, who say it's already possible to 3D print in a wide range of materials that include thermoplastics, metals, ceramics and even various forms of food.

3D printing utilizes a wide range of manufacturing technologies,

but each of them involves creating objects in successive layers that are typically about .1 of a millimeter thin. The methods used also vary; however, all start with a computer aided design (CAD) model or a digital scan, which is then processed by "slicing computer software" that divides the object into thin cross sections that are printed out one on top of the other.

Having the technology in the classroom is particularly valuable, Gruber says, because it exposes local students to some of the processes many of them will be required to learn – depending on their career of choice — when they enter college.

"These are skills that engineers use on a daily basis, and our students are already learning them," he said. "Students learn problemsolving skills. They are given a task and they need to make sure that their models meet those requirements. Sometimes their model may look good on paper, but then when they physically see their model being printed, they may realize corrections need to be made."

And, there are other benefits.

"It really increases the engagement aspect (among students). It

adds even more motivation for the students to make better projects," Gruber pointed out. "I think the kids feel even more valued because of having this equipment."

"What Mr. Gruber said about motivation is true," commented Megan Graham, a Cass City junior who played a key role in writing the successful FYI grant. "You can (design) something online, but when you know you're going to print it, you really want to make sure it's going to be right.

"It might look one way on the computer screen, but when you print it, it looks different, so you know what you need to do" to correct problems with the design, Graham added.

3D printers are somewhat limited in the size of models that can be produced. In the case of the printer purchased for Gruber's classroom, the objects it produces must fit within the print bed's 12-inch by 12-inch by 12-inch dimensions.

The machine creates objects using a thin, plastic filament that is heated as the printer applies the material in thin layers, one on top of the other. Printing times can vary, but most of the objects the students are producing take an hour or two to complete.

New state hospital to replace Caro Center?

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state hospital, but it is not a done deal," said 84th District State House Rep. Dr. Edward J. "Ned" Canfield (R-Sebewaing), noting the Caro Center is in need of major improvements.

The Caro Center has over 600 acres of land, with 38 buildings on the property — but not all of the buildings are in use.

"There are 18 building that cannot be used," said Angela Minicuci, spokeswoman for the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Office in Lansing. "I don't know which ones," she added. "The last major upgrade to the center was in 1979. Since then there have been a lot of changes in how (mental health) services should be delivered, and (building and health) codes have changed a lot since then also."

Both Canfield and Minicuci said the exact location of the proposed new hospital has not been determined.

"Building a new facility where the Caro Center is now makes the most sense. The state owns the land. There is room, and there is trained and qualified staff in the area already," said Canfield, who noted he has discussed the issue with 31st District Senator Mike Green (R-Mayville). "Mike agrees if a new center is built, keeping it at Caro makes the most sense."

Green could not be reached for comment before press time.

There are five other forensic psychiatry centers in the state — four are for adults and the fifth one is for youths.

"Currently, there are 150 adults housed at Caro Center and 340 staff," said Minicuci. "And, there is a waiting list for the Caro Center. For the last three years, there

has been a waiting list of over 200. However, building a new facility — wherever it is — doesn't mean it will be made bigger to include those on the waiting list."

The Caro Center also houses the "criminally insane" — those who are found not competent to stand trial because of mental health issues.

"I have visited the Caro Center several times. It is over 100 years old and something needs to be done to make it safe for patients and staff," said Canfield, who represents residents in Tuscola and Huron counties. "A new facility would be the best."

Canfield chairs the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services. A position he hopes he can use to influence that the new facility be built in Tuscola County.

When Tuscola County officials were contacted regarding the proposal to build a new state hospital to possibly replace the Caro Center, they knew nothing about it.

"I haven't heard anything," said Tuscola County Board of Commissioners Chairman Thom Bardwell.

County Controller Mike Hoagland was also surprised to hear about the proposal.

He expressed concern for the potential impact it could have on the county because the Caro Center, with its 340 staff members, is the second largest employer in the county. The county is the largest employer.

Besides funding for a proposed new psychiatry center, Michigan's new proposed budget, which would take effect Oct. 1, also proposes funding for additional hospital staff.

The governor's budget proposes \$7 million to increase staffing at state hospitals statewide.

Understaffing and mandated overtime have been an issue at state hospitals across the state for the last few years. Employees have organized demonstrations to highlight the need for more staff.

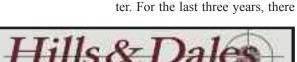
The 600-acre plus Caro Center site has had several names over the years: Michigan Farm Colony for Epileptics, Wahjamega Farm Colony for Epileptics, Caro State Hospital for Epileptics, and the Caro Regional Mental Health Center.

Over the years the state has dealt the county several financial blows. In the 1980s, several cottages closed when the state started using adult foster care home for patients.

Then, Camp Tuscola, which was a 260-bed minimum security prison, opened in May 1985 in two refurbished cottages which had closed in the 1970s that were part of the Caro Center.

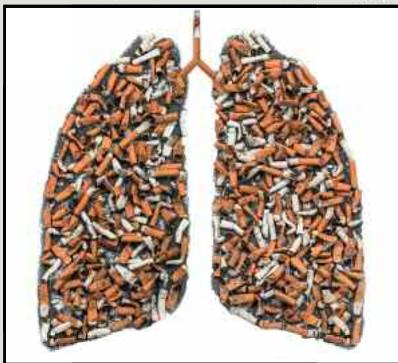
The annex part of the prison camp closed in September 2003, and the main camp closed June 1, 2005. Local officials lobbied the state to find another use for the prison site.

In November 2006, the state's first reentry facility to transition inmates back into society opened in the main prison camp. That facility closed in the fall of 2012.



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JUMPING FOR JOY is Riley Weiler as she joins her Cass City teammates celebrating their stunning Greater Thumb West victory over USA.

Cass City turns pain into gain against USA

Cass City's Sayge Cuthrell was fighting a migraine headache. Kacey Haire was battling the flu and Brianna Mester was lost during the first quarter after hitting the floor when she sustained a knee injury to start Thursday's Greater Thumb West contest with rival USA.

But those pains paled to the wound the hosts inflicted on the Patriots.

Trailing 42-32 with just 3:49 remaining, Cass City was able to come all the way back from the late double digit deficit when Cuthrell elevated over the USA defense and banked home the game-winner with just 31 seconds on the clock.

The 46-45 final score provided Cass City's only lead on the night.

"It has been fun to watch the girls grow, not only in their skill level but also in their confidence. Both games this week we could have quit because we were playing from behind most of the game, but the girls just kept fighting and finding a way to win. That is what good teams and good programs do. Hopefully we are moving in that direction," said Cass City Coach Aaron Fernald.

For three quarters USA was in control. The visitors closed out the initial quarter on a 6-0 spurt to gain a 15-6 cushion and then used a Baillie Fritz buzzer beater to lead 23-17 entering the intermis-

A few halftime adjustments saw Kelsey Bouverette heat up after the break to help Cass City keep pace. The junior center scored 15 second half points, including a pretty coast-to-coast basket that forced a USA time out midway through the third frame.

The pause in the action didn't slow Bouverette's attack on USA, however, and another basket by Bouverette in the post, followed by a Haire free throw had Cass City trailing just 31-27.

USA refused to surrender and answered with corner jumpers by Marisa Mortan and Fritz that had the visitors leading 38-30 entering the final stanza.

There, Cass City took control. Sharpshooter Lauren Fernald's trey - Cass City's only basket from 3-point land - seemed to ignite the winners. The spark was all that was needed as Bouverette and Cuthrell scored the team's final nine points in the comeback thriller.

markers.

The Bearcats led at the end of each of the first three quarters, only to be outscored 17-9 in the deciding frame.

City, while Fernald and Mester split 16 markers.

For Ubly, Janelle White led the way with 18 points.

Kingston wins NCTL banner

As expected, Kingston earned its 5th straight North Central Thumb League title Thursday, overpowering visiting Carsonville-Port Sanilac (CPS) 62-10 in a crossover mismatch.

The Lady Cardinals jetted to a 23-5 advantage and never looked back. They led 39-7 at the break and then held CPS to just three second half points.

A balanced attack had Carley Smith with 12 points and Kaisa Giddings with nine for the win-

The champs host Mayville on Thursday.

Girls' Basketball Standings

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Dickson, Moore lead Cass City parade to state finals

The show continues for four Cass City grapplers following Saturday's Individual Regional at New Lothrop high school.

Red Hawks T.J. Moore, Wyatt Dickson, Seth Osentoski and Darren Dickson each earned top four finishes to advance to the Michigan High School Athletic Association Individual State Finals slated at the Palace of Auburn Hills on March 2-4.

Wyatt Dickson and Moore will enter the season-ending event as regional champs after posting perfect 3-0 records over the weekend. Dickson's road to championship honors in the 152-weight class included falls over Phillip DeWolf (0:36) and Harry Carlquist (3:29) both of Bentley High School. In the final bout, Dickson defeated New Lorthrup's Zackery Riley 3-0. He'll enter the state finals with a 40-6 record.

Moore proved best in the 215weight class in similar fashion. He opened with pins against Lutheran Northwest High School's Henry Dodson (0:44) and Mayville's Vinny Domiani (4:36), before edging Clinton High School's Austin Popp 3-2 in an exciting championship bout. The Cass City senior holds a lofty 49-2

Senior Osentoski was the runner up in the 135-weight class. Osentoski made quick work disposing

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Bouverette scored a career-high 21 points for Cass City, while Cuthrell added 14 points. Haire led the winners with eight re-

For USA, Morton tallied 18 points, while Lauren Adam had 13

Earlier in the week, Cass City nipped visiting Ubly, 58-52.

Cuthrell netted 23 points for Cass

Greater Thumb West

Reese Cass City 11 7 Bad Axe 10 USA **EPBP** 11 Vassar 8 **Greater Thumb East** \mathbf{W} L W Sandusky Harbor Beach 13 Brown City Marlette Ubly 0 8 Memphis **NCTL - Stripes** $\underline{\mathbf{W}}$ $\underline{\mathbf{L}}$ $\underline{\mathbf{W}}$ 10 North Huron Caseville 8 10 13 NCTL - Stars $\underline{\mathbf{W}}$ $\underline{\mathbf{L}}$ $\underline{\mathbf{W}}$ Kingston 13 0 17 10 3 10 Deckerville Dryden 11



ROYALTY was crowned last week at Cass City and Owendale schools. Above, Cali Richardson and Joseph Morrish highlighted Friday's winter gala in Cass City when the senior pair was announced as the Red Hawks' 2017 Snowcoming king and queen. Below are the 2017 Snowcoming winners at Owendale, King David Binder, son of Mark and Diane Binder, and Queen Abby Jeffery, daughter of Marcie and Tom Jeffery.





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GTW leaders win

USA remained perfect in the Greater Thumb West (GTW) Friday, tarnishing the Cass City Snowcoming festivities in the

With the 51-40 decision, the visiting Patriots improved to 7-0 in the conference and 11-4 overall, while the host Red Hawks slip to 2-5 in the GTW and 6-10 overall.

A back-and-forth opening eight minutes featured seven lead changes and one tie before USA settled for a 14-11 edge entering the second period. There, USA put on a shooting display and treys from Micah Cramer and Tyler Heckroth sandwiched consecutive jumpers by Hunter Bohn that established a 24-11 gap with 4:35 remaining in the half.

Cass City clawed back into the contest on the back of Logan Schenk. He scored on back-to-back trips down the floor to slice into the USA margin and when Hunter Vaughn converted off the Red Hawk press breaker; suddenly it was a two possession game at 26-20.

USA used a slim 11-10 scoring advantage during the third quarter to pad their margin, but six straight points from Schenk to open the fourth forced a USA time

Boys' Basketball Standings

Greater Thumb West							
	$\underline{\mathbf{W}}$	$\underline{\mathbf{L}}$	$\underline{\mathbf{W}}$	$\underline{\mathbf{L}}$			
USA	7	0	11	4			
Reese	6	2	11	6			
Bad Axe	5	3	9	8			
Cass City	2	5	6	10			
EPBP	2	6	6	11			
Vassar							
NCTL - Stars							
Dryden	9	1	14	2			
Deckerville	9	2	12	3			
Kingston	8	4	11	7			
Mayville	2	9	4	11			

out with a score of 41-37 separating the two teams.

Cass City would never get closer. Schenk netted 22 points to pace Cass City, but had little other offense support. Brad Hacker's five points were next high for the Red Hawks

For USA, Bohn was the lone player in double figures with 10 points.

Also last week, Cass City suffered a 57-39 setback against visiting Ubly.

Anthony Sweeney poured in eight 3-points to lead the winners. He finished with 26 points as the Bearcats enjoyed leads of 20-9 and 29-22 early in the Greater Thumb Conference crossover

Schenk was the top scorer for Cass City with 13 points.

Cass City has dropped four straight and nine of their last 10 games. They'll try to get back on track tonight (Wednesday) in Caro during the annual M-81 Clash.

Kingston rolls past CPS

Kingston improved to 8-4 in the North Central Thumb League and 11-7 overall, Friday with a 65-51 crossover victory against guest Carsonville-Port Sanilac.

"We were in foul trouble all night, but had a great fourth quarter. Our bench really stepped up and gave us great minutes," said Kingston Coach Dave Lester.

The Cardinals were led by freshman Evan Neff with 21 points and six rebounds. Grant Koehler added 17 points, while Bo Mickelson had 11 points, 13 rebounds and five assists.

Tony Nugent led CPS with a game-high 29 points.



RED HAWK Darren Miller comes down with a rebound during Friday's GTW tilt with USA.

Owen-Gage win streak reaches 13

Owen-Gage secured at least a share of the Inner State Athletic Conference championship Thursday with a 49-45 victory over Burton Faith in Owendale.

The hosts gained a 17-13 advantage after one quarter, before settling for a 24-21 edge after two and a 33-31 cushion after three. Owen-Gage then outscored their guests 16-14 to the final whistle, thanks in part to Aaron Fahrner who tallied seven points in the final eight minutes.

"A great team game with a chance to clinch the (outright) league title with a win on Tuesday," said Owen-Gage Coach Brian Wright afterwards. Owen-Gage, winners of 13 straight games, was to have traveled to face New Life Christian next.

Derek Vincent registered a gamehigh 18 points to lead Owen-Gage, while David Binder added 14 points and Fahrner, nine.

Ezra Giraud had 16 points for Burton Faith.

One day earlier, Owen-Gage crushed Michigan School for the Deaf, 66-22.

A 23-4 start removed most doubt from the game's outcome early.

Owen-Gage's pressure limited the Tartars to 12 points through three frames.

"Great team game with great defense and everyone scoring by the end of the first half," Wright said. A trio of Bulldogs in double digits saw Binder with 16 points,

while Fahrner and Luke Retford each scored 10.

Four Hawks headed to finals

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of David Hagen, Lutheran Northwest High School and Vassar's Max Kukuiski with first period falls of 53 and 59 seconds, respectively. However his bid for regional honors was denied by New Lothrop's Austin Wolford, who registered a 4-1 decision in the deciding match. Osentoski will enter the state finals with a 42-8 record. Completing the list of state qualifier for Cass City is senior Darren Dickson. He placed fourth in the 145-weight class with a 2-2 record for the day. Darren will enter the state finals with a 28-10 record

"Five Cass City wrestlers saw impressive seasons come to an end on Saturday," said Cass City Coach Don Markel, while recognizing sophomore Hayden Larkin and seniors Tylor Cowdry, Alex Jeffrey, Brent Baker and Brad Baker.

TEAM REGIONAL

Cass City came up just short at the Division 4 Team Regional at New Lothrup, Wednesday, surrendering to Greater Thumb Conference rival Mayville for the third time this season.

With the 42-30 defeat, Cass City ends its 2016-17 season with a 30-10 dual record.

"Both teams won seven matches (out of a total of 14) but Mayville was able to garner bonus points (through pins) that Cass City was not able to," Markel said.

Wyatt Dickson recorded the lone Red Hawk fall on the day. He pinned Jake LaValley in 5:49.

In the regional final, Mayville lost to perennial powerhouse New Lothrop, 50-21.



AREA snowmobile racer Eric Churchill, right, and John Basek, of Minnesota, recently competed in the Sault Ste. Marie annual I-500 Snowmobile Race. The Countryside Motorsports team placed 4th in the prestigious 500 lap race. Churchill, Cass City High School Class of 2014, is the son of Carolyn Westerby and John and Lisa Churchill.

Schneeberger's ATHLETES of the WEEK

Schneeberger's choices for their Athletes of the Week are Wyatt Dickson, T.J. Moore, Seth Osentoski and Darren Dickson. The four Cass City grapplers are headed to the Division 4 State Finals after an impressive showing at the New Lothrop Individual Regional on Saturday.

Wyatt Dickson and Moore each posted 3-0 records over the weekend to become regional champs, while Osentoski complied a 2-1 record to finish as runner-up at the elite gathering. Darren Dickson went 2-2 for the day to finish fourth and complete the list of Red Hawk wrestlers who will travel to Auburn Hills for the season-ending meet.











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DATE	OPPONENT
12/7	CC 50, Mayville 26
12/9	CC 37, Sandusky 28
12/14	CC 57, Memphis 48
12/16	Marlette 75, CC 30
12/21	BCAS 56, CC 42
1/6	CC 53, Lakers 29
1/11	CC 61, Harbor Beach 44
1/13	Reese 59, CC 43
1/20	USA 85, CC 41
1/25	Brown City 62, CC 44
1/27	Vassar 54, CC 45
2/1	Bad Axe 50, CC46
2/3	CC 53, Lakers 47
2/8	Capac 66, CC 57
2/10	Reese 53, CC 39
2/15	Ubly 57, CC 39
2/17	USA 51, CC 40
2/22	Caro
2/24	Vassar
3/2	Bad Axe
3/6-10	Districts @ Lakers

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GIRLS' BASKETBALL (JV/VARSITY)

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DATE	OPPONENT
11/29	CC 53, Mayville 23
12/2	Marlette 43, CC 34
12/6	CC 45, Dryden 17
12/8	Sandusky 58, CC 26
12/13	CC 46, Memphis 24
12/15	Bad Axe 44, CC 33
12/19	CC 36, Capac 28
1/3	CC 40, Caro 20
1/5	CC 42, Lakers 38
1/19	USA 47, CC 29
1/24	Brown City 63, CC 33
1/26	CC 40, Vassar 33
1/31	CC 56, Bad Axe 24
2/2	CC 46, Lakers 35
2/7	Harbor Beach 50, CC 39
2/9	Reese 55, CC 33
2/14	CC 58, Ubly 52
2/16	CC 46, USA 45
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

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

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2017 **Basketball Picks** Feb



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GIRLS' BASKETBALL TUESDAY, FEB. 21

Owen-Gage @ New Life Christian

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Home games in bold.

Admissions: High School -\$5.00 Jr. High-\$4.00

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Seniors 65 or older -Free with pass

	WRESTLING		
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	
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	$\overline{\mathrm{TBD}}$	
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 Lot	hrop TBD	
2/24-2	25 Team State Finals @ Mt. Pleasa	nt TBD	
3/3-5 Individual State Finals @ Auburn Hills TBD			

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





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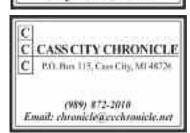
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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - A mortgage was granted by Jessica M. Wrosch, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 1, 2015, and recorded on June 3, 2015 in Liber 1330 on Page 1364, and assigned by said Mortgagee to First Guaranty Mortgage Corporation as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-One Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Two and 77/100 Dollars (\$91,932.77).

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

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

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such 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
31440 Northwestern Hwy Ste.
200
Farmington Hills, Michigan

48334-5422 File #468250F01

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TO ALL PURCHASERS:

The foregoing Mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE MORTGAGE SALE-A mortgage was granted by TIMOTHY SEXTON and JESSICA SEXTON, his wife, Mortgagor(s) to FRANKENMUTH CREDIT UNION, 580 NORTH MAIN STREET, FRANKENMUTH,

MI 48734, Mortgagee dated JUNE 29, 2006, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Tuscola County, and State of Michigan on JULY 7, 2006, in LIBER 1087 on PAGE 338 of Tuscola County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of NINTY THOUSAND THIRTY SIX AND 00/100THS (\$90,036.00) DOLLARS at 5% percent per annum and attorney fees as provided for in said Mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof;

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

During the SIX (6) MONTHS immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned 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 beginning.

Commonly known as 2254 N Ringle Rd., Fairgrove, MI 48733 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(16) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: 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

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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 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 15, 2017
For more information, please call:
FC X (248) 593-1302
Trott Law, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern
Hwy Ste. 200
Farmington Hills,
Michigan 48334-5422
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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: 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 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 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 **TUSCOLA TOWNSHIP** 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 RIGHTS OF WAY EASE-MENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD AS RECORDED ΙN TUSCOLA COUNTY RECORDS.

Commonly known as 4070 Waltan Rd., Vassar, MI 48768 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(16) applies.

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

Dated: 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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MORTGAGE SALE - A mortgage was granted by Jeffrey Burpee and Jennifer Burpee, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated December 14, 2012, and recorded on January 11, 2013 in Liber 1269 on Page 590, and assigned by mesne assignments to PHH 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 Forty-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Two and 60/100 Dollars (\$48,232.60).

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 23, 2017.

Said premises are situated in Township of Novesta, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Northeast corner, Section 35, Town 13 North, Range 11 East, Novesta Township, Tuscola Thence County, Michigan; South 89 degrees 30 minutes West 450.75 feet along the North Section line to the point of beginning, running thence South 0 degrees 30 minutes East 454.32 feet, thence South 89 degrees 30 minutes West 292.00 feet, thence North 0 degrees 30 minutes West 454.32 feet, thence North 89 degrees 30 minutes East 80.00 feet along the North Section line, thence South 0 degrees 30 minutes East 345.00 feet, thence North 89 degrees 30 minutes East 132.00 feet, thence North 0 degrees 30 minutes West 345.00 feet, thence North 89 degrees 30 minutes East 80.00 feet along the North Section line to the point of

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Dated: February 22, 2017 For more information, please call: FC J (248) 593-1311 Trott Law. P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Hwy Ste. 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-5422 File #470537F01

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IF YOU ARE NOW ON AC-TIVE MILITARY DUTY OR HAVE BEEN IN THE PRIOR ONE YEAR, PLEASE CON-TACT OUR OFFICE AT 248-502-1400.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert J. Neph, and Beatrice A. Neph, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or as-

signs, Mortgagee, dated April 28, 2006 and recorded May 23, 2006 in Liber 1082, Page 334, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Ditech Financial LLC fka Green Tree Servicing LLC, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Nine and 36/100 Dollars (\$97,849.36), including interest at 7.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on MARCH 23, 2017.

Said premises are located in the Township of Arbela, Tuscola County Michigan, and are described as:

The South 300 feet of the East 300 feet of the North 1/2 of the

Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 13, Town 10 North, Range 7 East.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus in-

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

Dated: February 22, 2017 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007 File No. 17-001584

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Obituaries

Stanley Bullock

Stanley N. Bullock died peacefully surrounded by his loving family on Monday, February 13, 2017 at the age of 89 years.

Stanley was born May 5, 1927 in Cass City, Michigan. He was one of seven children born to William and Mary (nee Macomb) Bullock.

Stan was a proud WWII Army veteran.

On January 17, 1948, he married Margaret Nagy.

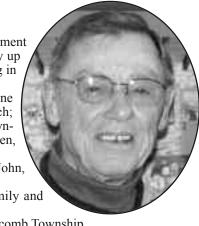
Stan worked as a supervisor for Ford Motor Company until his retirement in 1982. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and taking care of his property up north. Stan could be found gardening, tending the lawn or just taking in the outdoors. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Stan is survived by his wife of 69 years, Margaret; children, Marcene (Ronald) Blackston, Ronald (Connie) Bullock and Jill (Darrin) March; grandchildren, Melanie (Ken), Brandon (Brandy), Courtney, Bryan (Lyndsay), Sarah, Matthew, Anna, Shelby and Kyle; and great-grandchildren, Jake, Mallory, Brady, Westley and Scarlett.

Stan was predeceased by his parents and siblings, Ernest, Frank, John, Clarence, Omar and Thelma.

A memorial service will take place in Cass City for extended family and friends at a later date.

Arrangements were made by Hauss & Modetz Funeral Home of Macomb Township.



James Nichols

James Douglas Nichols, 62, of Decker died following a long illness Tuesday, February 14, 2017 in St. Marys Medical Center, Saginaw.

He was born April 3, 1954 in Lapeer to Robert W. and Joyce M. (Walton) Nichols.

James graduated from Lapeer High School. He has lived in the Decker area since 1975. James loved being outside and his passion was working his organic farm. He enjoyed riding motorcycles, snowmobiling, skiing and country line dancing. Natural living brought him great peace. Since his childhood when his family hosted a foreign exchange student from New Zealand, James had a desire to go there. In 2012 James and Chase were able to tour New Zealand on a 17 day trip which included bungee jumping not once, but twice. A once-in-a-lifetime trip for James and Chase completed his dream.

James is survived by his son, Chase Nichols of Decker; significant other, Evelyn Durst of Decker; grandson, Masen Nichols; father, Robert Nichols of Imlay City; mother, Joyce Wilt of Lapeer; and many friends. James will also be missed by his beloved dog and companion, Louie.

He was preceded in death by his infant son, David.

A funeral service was held Friday, February 17, in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City with Pastor Ralph Deigle

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund. Family and friends may share memories,

prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.

Notice of **BOARD OF REVIEW** for Greenleaf Township

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Housing Service

Foreclosure Sale

3670 E. Bevens Road, Caro, MI 48723 Minimum bid: \$89,710.00

OFFER MUST BE IN FORM OF CERTIFIED CHECK THE DAY OF THE SALE

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

3 BR, 2 BA, 1.5 Story

This description is believed to be correct to our best understanding.

DATE & TIME OF SALE:

February 23, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE OF SALE: Tuscola County Courthouse - Circuit Court

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Notice is hereby given that the Greenleaf Township Board of Review will hold their annual Organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 7th at 6:00 p.m. This meeting is to review the assessment roll and not for valuation appeals.

Valuation appeals will be heard on:

March 14, 2017 2-5 p.m. & 6-9 p.m. March 17, 2017 9 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m.

The March Board of Review hears taxpayer's appeals regarding valuation, property classification and taxable value uncapping 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.

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real and personal property for 2017 are as follows:

> Tentative Ratio Tentative Factor Agricultural 49.48% 1.01051 Commercial 53.07% 0.94215 Industrial 48.80% 1.02459 Residential 44.75% 1.11732 Personal 50.00% 1.00000

Greenleaf Township Hall, 6435 Bay City Forestville Rd., Cass City Judy Keller, Clerk

Thomas Remsing III

Thomas William Remsing III, 30, of Cass City, died unexpectedly at home Wednesday, February 15, 2017. He was born January 5, 1987 in Ypsilanti.

He married Cassandra Lynn Romano July 11, 2009 in St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Marlette.

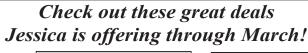
While attending Kingston schools, Tom played drums in the Jazz band. He was currently employed with Millennium Industries of Cass City as a machine operator. Tom was an avid hunter of deer and small game. He enjoyed kayaking and riding snowmobiles. What he loved the most was the time spent with his boys fishing and playing with Legos.

Tom is survived by his wife Cassandra; sons: Dominic Remsing and Marco Remsing; sisters: Mackenzie (Christian) Carmack of Farwell, Selena Salcido of Caro, Ahava Peters of Lithonia, GA; father-in-law and mother-in-law, William and Christine Romano; sister-in-law, Lisa (Rickey) Jendza; brother-in-law, Michael (Cindy) Romano; nieces and nephews: Samantha Jendza, Kyle Jendza, Nathan Romano, Libby Romano, Calvin Carmack, Parker Carmack; uncles: Todd Remsing, Ted Remsing, Tommy Remsing.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas William and Lorraine Myrle (Curtis) Remsing.

A funeral service was held Sunday, February 19, in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City with Brad Speirs of Novesta Church of Christ officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com. Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.







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The Novesta Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for fiscal year April 2017 - March 2018 at the Cass City Gun Club located at 2676 Englehart Road, Cass City, on Monday, March 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

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Card of Thanks

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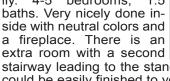
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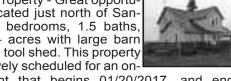
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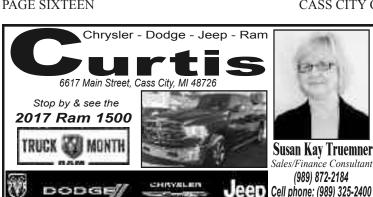
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Tuesday, March 14, 2017

Thursday, March 16, 2017

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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-Cutovei	50.00	1.00000
Developmental	50.00	1.00000
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Final expected ratios are: Tentative Ratio 50%, Tentative Factor 1.00000

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AMONG THE graduates recognized during the Thumb Regional Sobriety Court's (TRSC) seventh graduation ceremony earlier this month at the Tuscola County Courthouse in Caro were (from left) Mario Villafranca, LeRoy Bunker II, Richard Borek, Joshua Bailey, Korey King, Christopher Barrons, Andrew Stringer and Robert McIntyre.

Sobriety court grad demonstrates courage in the face of losing his son in traffic crash

By Tom Montgomery **Editor**

Ask Tuscola County Circuit Court Judge Amy Grace Gierhart to point to an example of the positive impact the Thumb Regional Sobriety Count (TRSC) has had since it was established about four years ago, and chances are good she'll tell you about Randy Nitz.

Nitz joined Gierhart and Judge Patrick Bowler as the speakers during the TRSC's seventh graduation ceremony earlier this month in Gierhart's courtroom in the Tuscola County Courthouse in Caro, where eight of 12 individuals who recently completed the program gathered to be recognized.

But he stood alone when it came to sharing his story of overcoming addiction in the face of heartbreaking losses - and helping othbenefit from his experiences.

"Randy Nitz completed the sobriety court program in February 2016, but has been an unofficial mentor by assisting current participants in transportation and 12step meetings," Gierhart said. "Randy's success in the program was impressive, in spite of having many obstacles and some constant medical concerns with his wife.

"Randy completed the program

with no sanctions, no relapses, and encouraged inspiration to his fellow participants — so much so that Randy was given a bracelet with the word "Inspire" on it," she added. "Randy was given this bracelet as an acknowledgment that he inspired not only participants but also TRSC team mem-

"Tragically, on the night of Jan. 23 Randy lost his son, Zachary Nitz, in a single automobile accident. There were many factors that contributed to the death of Randy's son including, fog, wet roads, speed and alcohol," Gierhart said of the crash that occurred on Bay City-Forestville Road in Tuscola County's Columbia Township. "In the early hours of Jan. 24, Randy and his wife, Christine, were informed that their 22-year-old son had been killed."

During his speech, Nitz talked about how his Monday had started. He had lost an extended family member as well as a dear co-worker. Both deaths had affected him significantly.

Nitz pleaded with the audience and graduates to contact their supports when they need them.

"Think about my boy, think about me and my wife, just don't drink. Don't pick up that bottle," he said. "I thought sobriety court was the hardest thing I'd ever have to do. I'd do sobriety court a million times if I just got my boy

Nitz' words prompted a standing ovation in the courtroom, where the graduates spoke after the ceremony about the courage and strength Nitz demonstrated by being able to speak to the group so soon after suffering such terrible

During the recent graduation ceremony, Judge Bowler focused his attention on the long road participants have had and, maybe more importantly, the road ahead after graduation.

"Bowler typically relates his speeches to sports, and in his fashion he explained that treatment courts such as TRSC are like a football team," Gierhart noted.
"You have the coach — that

would be Judge Gierhart - leading the way," Bowler said. "You have the treatment court team, your fellow participants, treatment, and 12-step community as the rest of your team. But the participant is the quarterback."

Bowler told the graduates that the "game" is never over.

"Graduation is not the end, and having learned the tools you need from the team, each participant will keep playing the game," he said. "If you fumble, the team will re-group and the plays will continue."

He also reminded the graduates to look for supports and to not be afraid to ask for help. "That's what the team and your supports are for," he said.

In all, 50 people have now graduated from the TRSC, a unique program designed to end the cycle of drunken driving arrests by giving offenders the help they need to get and stay sober.

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

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No wind farm plans in Novesta

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The legal firm does not charge a retainer. It charges a rate of \$175 per hour, telephone calls are billed in minute increments, and there is no charge for travel time to and from or for attending monthly meetings.

The board approved switching the township's legal representation from Taylor Butterfield to go with Biddinger and Bitzer as the township's legal counsel.

NextEra currently has two wind farms in the area. Tuscola - Bay Wind farm is primarily located in Gilford Township with a few turbines in Bay County. It started operation in 2012. Tuscola Wind II is located in the townships of Gilford, Akron, Fairgrove and Juniata. It became operational in 2013.

Michigan, particularly the state's Thumb region, is considered a prime location for wind development, according to a study done by the Michigan Wind Energy Resource Zone Board (WERZ) about eight years ago. That study ranked Michigan 14th in the United States in terms of wind

WERZ identified four regions as having the highest potential for wind energy harvest. The Greater Thumb Area is Region IV, with the areas having potential for wind energy development in Tuscola County being Akron, Almer, Columbia, Denmark, Elkland, Ellington, Elmwood, Fairgrove, Gilford, Juniata, Novesta and Wisner townships.

In Huron County, the study lists the townships of Bingham, Bloomfield, Brookfield, Caseville, Chandler, Colfax, Dwight, Fair Haven, Gore, Grant, Hume, Huron, Lake, McKinley, Meade, Oliver, Paris, Port Austin, Rubicon, Sand Beach, Sebewaing, Sheridan, Sherman, Sigel, Verona and Winsor as being potential candidates for wind energy de-

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