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## Hills and Dales touts OR equipment upgrade

**Hills and Dales also recognized with governor’s award for 2017**

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Hills and Dales General Hospital officials were on a roll in the good news department last week, starting with the unveiling of a new

piece of state-of-the-art surgical equipment.

The Cass City hospital was also named among this year’s recipients of the Michigan Peer Review Organization (MPRO) Governor’s Awards of Excellence for Outstanding Achievement in Effective Reporting and Measurement: Ambulatory Surgery Centers, Critical Access Hospitals and Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities.

Hospital officials announced that Hills and Dales is the first hospital in the eastern region of Michigan to purchase and use the Olympus’ VISERA 4K Ultra High Defini-

tion (UHD) System for Minimally Invasive Surgery.

“This system delivers four times the pixels, higher resolution, better light, and a wider color gamut than High-Definition (HD) displays for a Big Screen Surgery ex-

perience in the operating room (OR). The system, which utilizes the same Sony technology used for the filming of Netflix 4K shows and other TV programs, is now available in our OR for surgeons,” said Danielle Blaine, hos-

pital community relations director.

Blaine explained the technology should allow Hills and Dales surgeons to operate with increased precision and confidence, providing the surgical team with an im-

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**FRIENDS OF THE Thumb Octagon Barn member, historian and story teller Margaret Sergeant shared the history of the unique eight-sided barn and agricultural museum site near Gagetown with hundreds of youngsters during last week’s annual Thumb Octagon Barn School Tours. Related photos, page 16.**

## Recycling move could take year to complete

by Mary Drier  
Special for the Chronicle

Although the sale and all of the necessary paperwork have been completed, it could still take Tuscola County Recycling officials about a year to relocate operations to their new home.

Aside from the logistics of the move, the county is hoping grants will cover some expenses.

“We submitted a request for \$50,000 to the DEQ (Michigan Department of Environmental Quality). They have an infrastructure grant for 2017,” said Mike Miller, who is both the county’s building and grounds director and recycling coordinator.

“We also applied for an educational grant from the DEQ for \$24,508. This grant is in partnership with Sanilac County. Both grants require a 25-percent match,” he added.

The county expects to hear back in the next month if their request for grants was approved.

“The infrastructure grant will be used to aid the remodeling costs of the new location, and the education will be used for billboards, mailings, signs, radio spots and flyers throughout both counties,” Miller explained.

“We are hoping to begin moving in the fall of this year or early 2018,”

The county bought the former Riverview Auto and Recycling property south of Caro to establish a new recycling facility. The 987 Ellington St. site has an approximate 7,000-square foot building and has been operated as a scrap and salvage yard since the early 1980s.

The county’s recycling program currently operates at 1123 Mertz Rd. (M-24), which is a one-acre site it rents from the city of Caro for \$1 a year. The property is the site of a former Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) facility and is landlocked.

The expanded facility could be a boon for the Thumb area. Representatives from Huron and Sanilac counties have expressed an interest in coordinating with Tuscola’s recycling program to provide recycling services in their counties.

Recycling in the county and the state has the potential to expand.

A report by the Michigan Recycling Coalition shows the state’s overall recycling rate is only about 15 percent, which is behind the national average.

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## After 42 years in Owendale

### Veteran fireman calls it a day

by Mary Drier  
Special for the Chronicle

Veteran Owendale fireman Alan Kretzschmer was recently presented with a plaque for his 42 years of service.

While Kretzschmer’s tenure is

impressive, he is 17 years shy of his father, Homer Kretzschmer’s record of 59 years before he retired.

“Dad didn’t pressure me to join the fire department. It was something I wanted to do,” Kretzschmer said. “I’m going to miss

it and the guys.”

Apparently -- once a fire fighter, always a fire fighter... even if they are retired.

During the interview about his years of service on the department, Kretzschmer stopped to notice that a fire truck was headed out of town. “With these winds, it’s probably going to do a standby for downed

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Alan Kretzschmer

## O-G officials address risk of overdoses

by Mary Drier  
Special for the Chronicle

Concerns about opioid misuse and overdoses have been on the forefront of national and local news reports over the last few weeks, prompting the Owen-Gage School Board to address the issue.

The board, meeting in regular session, recently approved a motion to keep an opioid antagonist on hand and conduct training on its use.

“The district simply decided to have personnel trained in the de-

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## Busy summer of upgrades set in Ubly

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

The Ubly Village Council tackled a variety of issues during a recent regular meeting, including a review of what is shaping up to be a busy summer season in the community.

“Major projects scheduled for the summer include the resurfacing of streets, repair and replacement of sidewalks, and the addition of a new police car,” Village President David Jaroch reported.

“The village continues its goal to loop all water connections,” he said. “The Margie Street to Agnes Street loop is being proposed for this summer. Stiverson Group of Bad Axe was hired to provide the engineering for this project.”

Spicer Group and 16 citizens attended the first public meeting for Ubly’s master plan and recreation plan.

“At the next meeting, scheduled for June 12 at Sleeper Public Library, interested persons will be

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### Ready to roll...

**ROUGHLY 130 Cass City Elementary School students along with parents and staff members participated in this year’s Bike to School Day last week. Above, the group prepares to embark on their 2.1-mile journey in town after gathering in the parking lot behind Cass City High School. See story, page 8. (Photo courtesy of Rebecca Walker)**



## Owen-Gage announce May students of month

The focus for Owen-Gage’s students of the month for May is a “Positive Self-Image”. A student who has a positive self-image demonstrates acceptance by others, shows willingness to take appropriate risks, and identifies strengths and weaknesses.

They also demonstrate appropriate grooming habits, display self-respect, feel successful, and feel good about themselves.

The following students have been chosen: Hunter Mihacsi, first grade (elementary level), son of

Charles Mihacsi and Casey Schultz; Boyd Evans, eighth grade (junior high level), son of Maurice and Tanya Evans; and Chase Howard, ninth grade (high school level), son of Kendall Howard and Carla Weber.



Hunter Mihacsi



Boyd Evans



Chase Howard

## Strunz recently graduates with divinity degree

Kim Strunz of Caro participated in graduation ceremonies at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa, on Saturday, May 13, where she received her Master of Divinity Degree.

The four year degree program included subjects related to Christian Doctrine, Old/New Testament, Biblical Greek and Hebrew, Worship in the Reformed Tradition, Presbyterian Polity, Missional Communities, and Pastoral Care. In her final semester,

Strunz completed an internship at First Presbyterian Church of Cass City and is currently a member of Fraser Presbyterian Church of Cass City.

After graduation she will begin a hospital chaplain internship program (level 1) at Saginaw Covenant Hospital.

Prior to entering seminary, Strunz completed a 28 year military career, retiring as a lieutenant colonel in the Army Medical Service Corps.



Kim Strunz

## Veteran fireman closes books on career

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wires,” he pointed out. “That’s part of the job too.”

Although rewarding, fire fighting can take an emotional toll.

“It’s nice when you are able to save a house, property and someone’s life. They are very grateful and appreciative,” Kretzschmer said. “And, then there are the fatal fires. You don’t forget them.”

Kretzschmer has seen a number

of changes over the years as a fireman.

“The technique is still the same. You put water on the red stuff,” said Kretzschmer. “There is a lot more training now. A lot more and it’s more in-depth. The equipment we use now is a lot better. The turnout gear is better and the breathing equipment is better. The training and better equipment makes it safer.”

Of the 42 years on the Owendale

Fire Department, Kretzschmer served as chief for 16 years.

“He’s a great guy and fire fighter. He’s going to be missed,” said current Owendale Fire Chief Ed Champagne, whose department numbers 18 volunteer fire fighters.

Although Kretzschmer has hung up the fire hose in favor of retirement, there is still another Kretzschmer actively fighting fires.

Alan and Brenda Kretzschmer’s son, Kendall, is a volunteer fireman on the Howell Fire Department. He has been a fire fighter for 16 years. He joined the Owendale Fire Department when he was still in high school, and has been on the Howell Fire Department for 10 years.

The Kretzschmer family has a combined total of 117 years of fire fighting experience.

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**Wednesday, May 17**  
•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.  
•Spaghetti Dinner at Cass City VFW Hall from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Take out available. For more information call (989) 872-4933.

**Thursday, May 18**  
•AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.  
•Sanilac County Alzheimer’s and Family Caregiver Support Group, 3 p.m., HDC Adult Day Services Building, 227 N. Elk St., Sandusky. For more information, contact Kim at (989) 673-4121 or Amanda at (810) 648-4497.  
•Grief Support meetings, “Healing Together.” Heritage Hill, 1430 Cleaver Rd., Caro, 7- 8:30 p.m. For questions or to register to attend please call the office at (989) 872-5852 or toll free (877) 872-5852. These sessions are open to anyone dealing with a grief or loss. Sponsored by Hospice Advantage, Cass City.  
•Caregiver Support Group, 11:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Bullard-Sanford Memorial Library, 520 W. Huron Ave., Vassar. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

**Saturday, May 20**  
•Revive Food Pantry, from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Must live in the Cass City School District and meet the financial guidelines. For more information, call (989)551-7803.

**Monday, May 22**  
•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.

**Tuesday, May 23**  
•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:**  
•Hillside Community Brunch, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., All you can eat. Free will offering.

**First Monday:**  
•Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.  
•Shabbona Outreach Baby Pantry, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Shabbona Outreach 5448 Shabbona Rd. Decker, MI. Gently used clothing and equipment, diapers, bottles, toys, formula, baby food. For more information contact Judy Doerr (989) 658-8625.

**Second Monday:**  
•Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.  
•VFW monthly meeting, 7:00 p.m., VFW Hall, Cass City.

**Second Tuesday:**  
•Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7 p.m., fire hall in Gagetown.  
•Tuscola County Alzheimer’s and Family Caregiver Support Group, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., HDC Intergenerational Building, 430 Montague Ave., Caro.For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.  
•Kedron OES #33 of Caro meeting, 7 p.m.  
•Huron County Family Caregiver Support Group, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Human Development Commission, 150 Nugent Rd., Bad Axe. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

**Second Wednesday:**  
•Dorcas meal at Cass City United Methodist Church at noon. 1 1/4 mile north of Cass City (989) 872-4604 for take outs.

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

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**Third Tuesday:**  
•Living with Parkinson’s Support Group, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Holiday Inn Express, 55 Rapson Lane West, Bad Axe. For more information, call Merry at (989) 673-4121.  
•Family Caregiver Support Group, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Harbor Beach Community Hospital Administration Building/Conference Center, 147 S. First St., Harbor Beach. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121  
•Ubly Lions Club meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Ubly Thumb Veterans Organization-Hall, 2165 Bingham St., Ubly MI 48475. A pot luck is served prior to the meeting. Everyone is welcomed.

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

**Fourth Thursday:**  
•Community Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.

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

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# Thumb’s foster grandparents recently honored in Cass City

**by Tom Montgomery Editor**

“We’ve Picked the Best Volunteers” was the theme of this year’s Thumb Area Foster Grandparent recognition banquet, held recently at the Charmont in Cass City.

Each foster grandparent was recognized for the number of years they have served the program and presented with a special gift made by students from the classrooms they have been a part of in 2016-17.

“Over the past school year, a total of 44 foster grandparents have served across Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola counties,” said Wendy Jacot, human resources/marketing manager for the Human Development Commission (HDC), which operates the program.

Foster grandparents reaching milestone years were presented with special awards from Michigan Senator Mike Green (R-Mayville), state Rep. Dr. Edward “Ned” Canfield (R-Sebewaing), and Rep. Shane Hernandez (R-Port Huron).

The foster grandparents reaching milestone years were Jeanie Brandibur of Caro with 20 years of service, Margaret Hunt of Croswell with 10 years of service, and Carleen Curry of Peck, Carol Gerstenberger of Sandusky, and Lorna Kline of Caro, all with five years of service.

“Nationally, the Foster Grandparent Program was established by the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964. Locally, the Human Development Commission has sponsored the program in Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola counties

since 1978,” Jacot said.

“The program places seniors in local schools to work one-on-one with students with exceptional needs,” she explained. “The foster grandparents stay active in their community and use their experience and wisdom to assist children in local classrooms.”

The program is made possible with funding from the Adult and Aging Services Agency, Corporation for National and Community Service, United Ways of Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola counties, and various local fundraising.

The Foster Grandparent Program is looking for and encourages caring individuals who would like to share experience and love in a classroom to consider volunteering next year. More information is available by calling HDC at 1-800-843-6394.

## 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:

\*Nicholas A. Winn, 36, Marlette, was sentenced to 365 days in the county jail and 60 months probation following his pleas of no contest to two counts of criminal sexual conduct – assault with intent to commit sexual penetration Nov. 26, 2015, in Watertown Township.

He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$826.

\*Sean M. Hassell, 42, Fairgrove, was sentenced to 18 months to 15 years in prison following his pleas of no contest to two counts of third degree criminal sexual conduct involving force or coercion between July 1 and Aug. 20 in Caro.

He was also ordered to pay costs of \$334.

\*Jennifer Ellison, 29, Otter Lake, pleaded guilty to charges of home invasion, second degree, and delivery/manufacture of marijuana Jan. 24 in Vassar Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$75,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*Thomas J. Robinson, 60, Caro, pleaded guilty to a charge of criminal sexual conduct, fourth degree, Feb. 11 in Caro.

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

\*Lindsey M. Irish, 24, Mayville, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit home invasion, first degree, and delivery/manufacture of marijuana, subsequent offense, Jan. 24 in Vassar Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$75,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff’s department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*Robert J. Bliss Jr., 36, Cass City, pleaded guilty to charges of possession of cocaine, heroin or another narcotic (less than 25 grams) and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, second offense, Aug. 19 in Elkland Township.

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

\*Thomas J. Robinson, 60, Caro, pleaded no contest to assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) Feb. 10 in Caro.

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

\*Lance T. Swinehart, 20, Leonard, pleaded guilty to charges of first degree home invasion, unlawful imprisonment, assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony Jan. 24 in Vassar Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, the defendant’s \$75,000 bond was revoked and he was remanded to the custody of the sheriff’s department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*Jason E. Whittie, 35, Mayville, was sentenced to 365 days in jail and 60 months probation following his pleas of no contest to three counts of child abuse, third degree, Nov. 20 in Mayville.


He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$894 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

# MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

Each year, millions of Americans face the reality of living with a mental health condition, as 1 in 5 U.S. adults will experience a mental health condition in their lifetime. For youth 1 in 5 ages 13 to 18 will experience a mental health disorder at some point in their life. Source National Alliance on Mental Illness

However, *everyone* is affected or impacted by mental health through friends, family or co-workers.

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Reporter's notebook

Dying to work more? Not me

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor



I'm not sure where I heard it, but I really appreciate the individual who wisely observed that few people have ever gone to their graves wishing they had spent another day on the job.

I can relate. How about you?

It's so easy to get caught up in work, especially if you enjoy what you do. Well, most of the time. But when it comes right down to it, who wants to be remembered for spending more time earning a living than living a meaningful life?

Okay, so maybe that sounds a bit cheesy. The older I get, however, the more I embrace that sort of thinking. I'm more about today than worrying about tomorrow, in part because I've see the names of far too many of my peers in the obituary columns.

I also put more effort into putting less stock into yesterday, because I've spent far too much time feeling awful for some past deeds instead of looking for ways to do a better job of life now.

I was reminded of the importance of revisiting priorities when I came across an article on the website [www.themindunleashed.org](http://www.themindunleashed.org), written by a nurse who revealed the five common regrets she's heard many people express on their death beds.

They are, in no particular order:

- \*I wish I'd had the courage to live a life true to myself, not the life others expected of me.
- \*I wish I hadn't worked so hard.
- \*I wish I would have had the courage to express my feelings.
- \*I wish I had stayed in touch with my friends.
- \*I wish that I had let myself be happier.

The way I see it, I'm chagrin when it comes to expressing my feelings (at times, much to the chagrin of family and co-workers). As far as I'm concerned you shouldn't ever really grow up completely, and if you're too old to be silly occasionally, well, you're just too old.

The way I figure it, the good Lord gave us humor for a reason, you know?

As for letting myself be happier, I've come to truly appreciate just how much sobriety really does deliver just about everything alcohol promised. Of course, when it's all said and done, I'm still responsible for my own happiness, just like everyone else.

That's not to say I don't anticipate regrets when the end comes (I'm also not claiming to have finished doing stupid things I'll regret later), but every new day gives me another opportunity to whittle that list down a bit more.

Hopefully, I'll die knowing I at least tried to give of myself in as many ways as I could, without expecting something in return.

As the author concluded, "Life is a choice. It is YOUR life. Choose consciously, choose wisely, choose honestly. Choose happiness."

That's something we can all try to do, regardless of our lot in life.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



**5 YEARS AGO (2012)**

Twelve remarkable students, including a Cass City resident, will learn what it takes to become exceptional leaders after being selected for one of Saginaw Valley State University's most prestigious undergraduate programs. Emily Sullivan, Cass City, a double major in political science and criminal justice, is among the SVSU students who will add a concentrated focus on leadership to their studies after being selected to participate in the Roberts Fellows program for the 2012-13 academic year.

Cass City FFA President Elisabeth Milligan shows one of the 800 plants that were available for purchase during the local FFA's recent perennial sale at the Cass City Ag Learning Lab.

In 1986, when Mike Godard Sr. began his career with the U.S. Postal Service, the cost of a first class stamp was 22 cents. The past 26 years not only witnessed the price of a first class stamp rise; it also marked a myriad of experiences in Godard's postal career, including serving as postmaster. He is now preparing to retire from the Kingston branch of the U.S. Postal Service.

**10 YEARS AGO (2007)**

Seven-Year-Old Baylee Murphy, daughter of Scott and Michele Murphy of Cass City, recently donated her long locks to Locks of Love, a public nonprofit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children, under the age of 18, who are suffering from long-term hair loss from any diagnosis. Baylee, is a first grade student at Campbell Elementary School.

Northern Michigan University recently held its annual leadership recognition banquet, which honors outstanding students and campus organizations. Graduating leadership scholarship awards were given to 5 students including Dara Iwankovitsch of Cass City, an elementary education major.

Kendra Guilds has been named Owendale-Gagetown School's "Senior Student of the Month" for May. As a freshman, she served as class secretary and was a member of the French Club. She was a dance team member during her freshman and sophomore years. Also as a sophomore, Guilds was selected by her class as a homecoming representative, and she was in the school play. Guilds is the daughter of Ken and Janel Guilds of Gagetown. She plans to attend Saginaw Valley State University in the fall to major in business.

**25 YEARS AGO (1992)**

A Cass City educator was named "teacher of the year" by the Tuscola School Board Association during the organization's spring dinner meeting May 12 at the new Caro Middle School. Gerry Tibbits, a Cass City Middle School teacher, was selected the winner from a field of 8 semi-finalists. "(I was) very much surprised," she said, adding she also felt "great humility because there's so many exceptional teachers in this school as well as throughout the county."

Kathryn R. Connolly, a 1988 Cass City High School graduate, will receive her Bachelor of Arts degree from Spring Arbor College Sunday. Connolly, who majored in business administration, participated in the college tutoring program, concert choir and private voice, and recently studied for a month in Israel. She is the daughter of John and Connie Connolly of Cass City.

**35 YEARS AGO (1982)**

Diann Marie Deneen, daughter of Lyle and Marilyn Deneen of St. Louis, Mich., was inducted into the National Honor Society May 13 at St. Louis High School. She had a grade point average of 3.444 and will be a junior in September. Diann is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hazen Kritzman of Decker and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Deneen of Cass City.

Rainell Bilicki, an Air Force wife, believes in getting ahead. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chisholm and a graduate of Cass City High School, is a freshman at Belleville (Ill.) Area College, enrolled in the medical

records technician program. Her husband, Second Lt. Edward Bilicki, is assigned to the 7th Weather Wing at the Air Force Base, Ill. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bilicki of Wilmot. The couple, married in 1970, have two children, Edward III, 11, and Heather, nine. Since Bilicki joined the Air Force in November, 1970, he and his wife have been stationed in Alaska, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina and Illinois.

Chaplain Stan Beach, a captain in the U.S. Navy, will become director of the Navy's Chaplain School in Newport, R.I., in June. All chaplains coming into the Navy must complete the basic course at the school. Approximately 95 men and women are expected to attend during the coming year. A select number of senior ranking chaplains will attend the advanced course in study. Beach recently completed three years as chaplain coordinator for the U.S. Coast Guard and as senior chaplain at the U.S. Coast Guard Base, Governors Island, N.Y. City. Beach, a 1953 graduate of Cass City High School, holds degrees from Taylor University in Upland, Ind., Covenant Seminary in St. Louis, Mo., Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Va., and he completed one year of CPE studies at Bowman Gray School of Medicine in Winston Salem, N.C.

**40 YEARS AGO (1977)**

Two Cass City High School seniors have been named recipients of the Julia Murray Scholarship by authorities at St. Pancratius Catholic church. They are Beth Erla, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Erla, and Dan Erla, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Erla, both of Cass City. They are cousins. The award is based on scholastic achievement and parish activity. The recipients must use the grant toward a minimum two year program. The scholarship is granted to graduating seniors for their first year of school. Miss Erla plans to attend Northern Michigan University at Marquette while her cousin plans to attend Lansing Community College.

Tam O'Dell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael O'Dell of Cass City, has been named "Secretary of the Year" by members of the Vocational Office Block at Cass City High School. Miss O'Dell, a senior, is employed as a co-op student at Provincial House. She has applied at over 20 airlines or airline schools for a job as a stewardess. She is also considering continuing her education or working in Cass City. Previous winners were Tammy Hamilton, Carolyn (Smith) Sorenson, Dianna (Fisher) Culpepper and Mary (Peterson) Hennessey. The selection is made on the basis of leadership, personality, knowledge of the job, neatness, skills developed on the job, tactfulness, efficiency and accuracy of work.

Cheryl Karr and Chloe Ann Wills of Cass City were two of 28 area high school students chosen for the musical group "Satisfaction" during auditions for the 1977-78 year held May 11 and 12. "Satisfaction" is a branch of the Campus Life Division of Youth for Christ and has performed the past four years.

**50 YEARS AGO (1967)**

Athletes of Cass City High School were feted Tuesday night at the annual athletic banquet held at the school in a program featuring the awards of letters, certificates and special honors to members of the school's various athletic teams. Highlight of the event was the presentation of the Paul Smarks trophy to Jim Walters as athlete of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. John P. Guza celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Saturday, May 6, at a family dinner at their home, five miles east of Bad Axe. John P. Guza and Emma Kappler were married May 1, 1917, at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Ubyly. Mrs. Guza is a native of Huron County. He was born in Chicago and came to the county in 1904.

Mrs. Arthur Moore had as dinner guests Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Wood and sons, Mark and Dennis, of Marlette and Rev. and

Mrs. David Allen and sons, David and Donnie, of Phoenix, Ariz. Mrs. Wood and Mrs. Allen are granddaughters of Mrs. Moore.

Betsy Koepf celebrated her 11th birthday with a combined slumber-birthday party. Eighteen girls attended from Caro, Cass City, Deford and Kingston.

Cass City was represented by Bonnie Butler at the capping service at Ferris State College last week signifying the completion of training for dental assisting. Miss Butler, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Butler, was among 28 seniors in the dental assisting program who received caps from instructor F. Patricia Brown.

**75 YEARS AGO (1942)**

James A. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith, of Cass City was graduated with a B.S. degree from the pharmacy department at Ferris Institute at Big Rapids on Thursday, May 14. He was presented with a Merck award. This award, offered annually by Merck & Co., Inc., Rahway, N. J., consists of the current editions of the Merck Index, the Merck Manual of Therapeutics and Materia Medica and Reagent Chemicals and Standards by Joseph Rosin. It is presented to the senior student in the College of Pharmacy who has made the greatest improvement in dispensing pharmacy. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith and Mr. and Mrs. James Pethers of Cass City attended the exercises at Big Rapids Thursday.

Isabelle Stirton, Cass City High School senior, was awarded a scholarship to Central Michigan College of Education to begin in the fall semester, it is announced by Dr. E. C. Beck, chairman of the institution's scholarship committee. Several hundred applicants for the 71 scholarships awarded were examined by the committee before final announcement of winners was made. Miss Stirton will enroll at Central Michigan College on September 28, when the first fall semester begins. Classes begin the following week. An outstanding high school student, Miss Stirton was chosen on the basis of scholarship and personality. She was one of the top ranking students of her class.

The Rotary Club had as honor guests at their Tuesday luncheon Clark Knapp, Charles Spencer, Leo Thiel, Leland C. Hartwick and Adelbert D. Kurd, all of whom were in the group of men who left Tuscola County that afternoon for induction into Uncle Sam's armed forces. Lieutenant Horace M. Bulen, who enlisted in the officers' training school of the U.S. Air Corps at Miami Beach, Florida, was retained as an active member of the Rotary Club here for the duration. Clark Easton of Saginaw was the speaker and explained how to conduct a scrap iron drive. Tuesday's meeting was a red letter gathering with a 100% attendance of members of the club.

**100 YEARS AGO (1917)**

Frank F. Rogers, state highway commissioner, and John I. Gibson, secretary of the Western Michigan Development Bureau, were in Cass City between trains last Thursday afternoon and conferred with local citizens regarding the erection of a suitable monument in honor of Horatio S. Earle, Michigan's first state highway commissioner. As noted in the Chronicle a few weeks ago, it is proposed to place the monument one mile east of Cass City, at the west end of State Reward Road No. 1 Which is the first mile of state reward road completed in Michigan after the passage of the state reward road law by the legislature.

Dr. P. A. Schenck, L. I. Wood, Edward Pinney and A. J. Knapp motored to Bay City Monday afternoon and that evening saw and heard the famous actor, Chauncey Olcott in a "rippin' good" play, The Cass City quartette had the good fortune to meet while in Bay City Nelson McClinton, a former Cass City lad, and Mr. Macomber, assistant cashier in the Cass City Bank back in the nineties. Mr. McClinton as a physician in Bay City while Mr. Macomber is now located in Midland and is mayor of that city.

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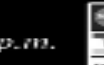
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# News briefs

***Library to host local author***

CASS CITY – Area residents are invited to join local Author Deb Robinson at Rawson Memorial District Library, Cass City, Wednesday May 24, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss her book, “Tough Guys: A Journey of Heroes”.

“Tough Guys” is the true story of a father and son, and the woman who loved them. In her book, Robinson shares heart-felt memories of her first husband’s battle with Agent Orange, and her son’s struggle with PTSD following his tours in Afghanistan and Iraq. This is a story of love, honor and respect, as well as a tribute to all that they, and many others face following their military service.

Robinson retired from the Tuscola Intermediate School District after serving a para-pro for 27 years. In 2014 she received her associate's degree from St. Clair County Community College, where she focused on writing and mental health. Today she is a short story writer and tireless advocate for veterans. Robinson and her husband, Dave, reside in Cass City.

## Hazardous waste collection

CARO — The Tuscola County Recycling Center, Caro will host a household hazardous waste and latex paint collection starting at 9 a.m., Saturday, June 3.

The collection is for Tuscola County residents only. Participation is free, but by appointment only. To make an appointment, call (989) 672-1673.

### *Road work underway in area*

**THUMB** — The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is in the process of upgrading .7 of a mile of M-53, from M-81 to Popple Road, including joint repairs and shoulder upgrades.

The \$970,000 project includes work in both Huron and Sanilac counties, with an estimated completion date of June 16.

## Only one traffic guard on duty

UBLY — When veteran crossing guard Connie Swartzentruber retires at the end of the school year, there will be only one crossing guard in Uby when school resumes in the fall.

The village council recently decided not to replace her. When school starts again there will be a crossing guard at the intersection of Union and Washington streets only.

## Free fishing weekend on tap

MICHIGAN – The MIchigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will host a free fishing weekend Saturday and Sunday, June 10 and 11.

During the event, all fishing license fees are waived for those two days, but all other fishing regulations still apply.

## Apartments focus of meeting

CARO — The Ellington Township Planning Commission will host public hearing Wednesday, May 24, starting at 7 p.m. to consider a special use request for the proposed development of apartments.

The purpose of the hearing is to consider a request from Brent Robinson to renovate a facility at 2791 E. Caro Road into Paramount Enterprise Apartments. If approved, the renovations would turn an existing dwelling into three family apartments.

*Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery*

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**Fairgrove Township  
Summary of Meeting Minutes  
April 17, 2017 7:30 PM**

**Attendance:** President Keith Aeder, Treasurer John McQuillan and Clerk Katie Gebhardt were present. Also present was Trustee Dennis Hadaway, Zoning Admin Bruce Turner, Sexton Doug Foster, and Assessor Deb Young. Trustee Mike Day arrived later in the meeting.

**Public Present:** Village President Tom Wassa and Representatives from Fairgrove Fire Department. Residents Mellissa and Mathew Averill and Troy and Jami Macintosh were also present.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Hadeway moved and McQuillan supported to accept the Minutes for March as presented. Passed. McQuillan moved and Gebhardt supported to accept the March Budget Meeting Minutes as presented. Passed. Hadeway moved and McQuillan supported to accept the April Agenda as presented. Passed. Aeder moved and Hadeway supported to pay Fairgrove Townships portion of SCBA's in full upon receipt of invoice. Passed.

McQuillan moved and Hadeway supported to accept 2017-2018 Akron-Fairgrove Police Contract as presented. Passed. McQuillan moved and Hadeway supported to accept 2017-2018 Akron Fire Contract as presented. Passed. Aeder moved and Hadeway supported a resolution to confirm structures existing on property were dated prior to 1979. Passed. Aeder moved and Hadeway supported to purchase new mower according to quote provided by Doug foster. Passed.

Day moved and Hadeway supported trade in of old Toro mower toward new mower with trade in value being approved by supervisor. Passed. Aeder moved and Hadeway supported to approve the exterior maintenance by Doug Foster and inside cleaning by Kacy Riddle. Passed. McQuillan moved and Aeder supported to accept the Sexton report as presented. Passed. Hadeway moved and Day supported to accept Police report as presented. Passed. McQuillan moved and Day supported to pay \$50 to Deb Young for every land division application. Passed. Aeder moved and Hadeway supported to pay Deb Young for assessing, \$12 per parcel, \$15,156.00 per year. Passed. Hadeway moved and Day supported to accept Zoning Permit #0992 as presented. Passed. Aeder moved and Day supported to accept financial report as presented. Passed. Hadeway moved and Day supported to accept General Fund Report as presented. Passed. Hadeway moved and Day supported to pay bills, including Akron Police and Fire contracts, as presented. Passed. Hadeway moved and Day supported to adjourn. Meeting Adjourned 10:35

Respectfully Submitted  
Katie Gebhardt  
Fairgrove Township Clerk





AMONG THOSE participating in the Bike to School Day in Cass City were Amanda Hartzell, Evan Brown, Lydia Hartzell and Karn Brown. (Photo courtesy of Amy Cuthrell)

# 130 Cass City students, adults bike to school last Wednesday

by Tom Montgomery Editor

About 130 Cass City Elementary School students along with 20 parents and staff members celebrated Bike to School Day last Wednesday.

“Bike to School Day encourages a nationwide bike-focused celebration for students during the month of May to raise awareness of the need to create safer routes for bicycling and walking,” explained teacher Rebecca Walker.

“The event also emphasizes the importance of issues such as increasing physical activity among children, pedestrian safety, reducing traffic congestion and concern for the environment,” she said. “The event builds connections between families, schools and the broader community.”

This is the second year Cass City Elementary School students and staff have participated in the event.

Though the forecast had looked promising, a cold rain began to come down just as the bike brigade began. However, the damp weather did not stop bikers from enjoying an invigorating ride to school, escorted by fire trucks from the Elkland Township Fire Department.

The 2.1-mile route began in the parking lot behind Cass City High School, wound through Northwood Estates Subdivision, continued across Seeger Street, and ended at the bike racks behind the old Campbell Elementary School building. Riders then walked the rest of the way to the elementary building.

“Each child and adult who participated in this event received a smoothie at the end of the event. Each biker also received a new water bottle donated by Independent Bank of Cass City,” Walker noted.

The event was established by the Michigan Safe Routes to School Program in partnership with the Michigan Fitness Foundation and the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Locally, Adam Dorland, physical education teacher at the Cass City Schools, registered the school for the event and, along with the Cass City Elementary Coordinated Health Team, organized the plans for Bike to School Day to be a positive and memorable experience for all who participated, Walker said.

# O-G officials address risk of overdoses

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livery of opioid antagonists as allowed by the newly-enacted law M.C.L. 380.1179b,” explained Superintendent Terri Falkenberg, referring to legislation related to antagonist use.

“They (the board) also developed a policy that will be adopted that will set training, usage, storage, etc. in place,” she said.

An opioid antagonist is a medication that can counteract the life-threatening effects of an opioid overdose, whether it involves a legal opioid drug or an illegal drug such as heroin.

The term opiate antagonist or opioid antagonist is a medication that can block opioid receptors found naturally in the body. When the opioid antagonist binds to the

opioid receptors, it prevents other drugs such as opiates or heroin from binding and producing its effects.

Among the opioid receptors available is Narcan, also known by the generic name naloxone, which can be lifesaving when given immediately to someone who is experiencing a heroin or opioid-related overdose.

At the national level, U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow along with 19 other senators recently called on Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and House Speaker Paul Ryan to include an increase in funds to fight the opioid epidemic. The senators are seeking additional resources to help communities that have been hit hardest by the epidemic.

Michigan had the seventh most

overdose deaths in the nation in 2015, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Tuscola County added to that statistic last month when Emily Lynn Dennis, 26, Caro, died at a residence in Elmwood Township of a heroin overdose.

Also last month, Michigan State Police troopers arrested two Pennsylvania residents for drug possession during a traffic stop in Sanilac County as the pair was on their way home after visiting relatives in Huron County. Troopers seized 270 bindles of heroin – packaged and ready for individual sale – along with 20 grams of marijuana in the suspects’ vehicle.

The couple has since been arraigned on felony and misdemeanor drug charges.

# Hospital touts upgrade, recognized for excellence

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In addition, hospital officials said, minimally invasive surgery brings more efficiency to all hospitals, and it can offer significant improvements in morbidity and mortality over open surgery, with benefits to patients that include less post-operative pain and faster recuperation.

Minimally invasive surgery uses small incisions and an instrument with a miniature camera (endoscope), allowing surgeons to see inside the body. Images from the endoscope are projected onto a monitor in the OR, presenting a clear, magnified view of the surgical site.

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“With our acquisition of the VISERA 4K UHD System,” she added, “we have launched a new chapter at Hills and Dales in the evolution of minimally invasive surgery. We know all of our surgeons are thrilled to use this latest technology while taking care of our patients.”

**Governor’s Award**

Hills and Dales General Hospital is among more than 100 Michigan hospitals, physician practices, nursing homes, inpatient psychiatric facilities, ambulatory surgery centers, home health agencies and community-based organizations recently honored with the Governor’s Award of Excellence.

The award recognizes participants for their dedication and success in improving healthcare quality and patient safety in



MPRO PRESIDENT and CEO Leland Babitch recently presented a 2017 Governor’s Award of Excellence Award to Hills and Dales General Hospital, represented above by Jill Lackowski, director of the Cass City hospital’s Quality Improvement, Infection Control and Employee Health departments.

Michigan. To be eligible for the award, participants must have achieved, maintained and continually improved in specific and rigorous milestones related to the award they received.

“We are fortunate to be able to partner with Hills and Dales General Hospital and all the other dedicated organizations across the state of Michigan,” said MPRO President and CEO Leland Babitch, M.D. “To be able to recognize these outstanding accomplishments with the governor’s office highlights the importance of improving healthcare quality in our state.”

The Governor’s Award of Excellence was first developed in 2003. The current award is based upon work from 2015-2016 in the areas of improving coordination of care, improving heart health, increasing adult immunizations, lowering the risk of infection in hospitals, effective reporting and measurement, improving care in nursing homes, increasing identification of behavioral health conditions, and improving diabetes management.

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# Recycling move

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erage of 34 percent. That means more than \$435 million in recyclable metal, glass, paper and plastics goes from households to Michigan landfills each year.

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# Zdrojewski: Disappointing week for Cass City track

by Clarke Haire  
Publisher

Coach Jon Zdrojewski called it a very disappointing week for Cass City track and field.

On Friday, his Red Hawk boys' team finished on the bottom of the team standings at the 15-school Hatchet Invitational, which followed Tuesday's below par showing at the Laker Rotary Invite.

"We have suffered through some injuries. Brendan Hamilton, Shaede Perzanowski, Jarod Naegele, Zane Wright, Layna Mathewson, Chase Winter and Mary Muter all took the (Bad Axe) meet off in preparation for the League Meet," said Zdrojewski, adding, "We are hoping to have all of these athletes rested and ready to compete in the meet to decide the conference title."

In addition to the injuries, Cass City was also missing several key performers in Bad Axe, as they spent the day in Ohio.

"For Friday's meet we had some of our athletes attend Physics Day

at Cedar Point as a class trip for the STEM class as well as the Physics class. CarLee Stimpfel, Darren Miller, Logan Severance, and Errianne Hoyt were on the trip," Zdrojewski said.

Frankenmuth was the easy winner on the day with 146.5 points, while Birch Run with 88.5 points and Bad Axe with 66.5 rounded out the top three team finishes.

For Cass City – that registered just 12 points - TJ Moore lead the way with a 4th place finish in the 400 meters, a 6th place finish in the discus and a 7th place finish in the shot put. The only other points taken for the Red Hawks came from the 3200 meter relay, as the team of Gabe Farver, Lucas Swiderski, Drew Markel and Kris Nika finished in 7th place.

For Ubly, Nicholas Swanson placed 5th in the 400 meters and 6th in the 800 meters, while Matthew Maikrzek was 6th in the 110 meter hurdles and 3rd in the 300 meter hurdles. The Bearcats also had Jared Sabins finish 6th in the 300 meter hurdles and Andrew

Gilbert recorded 8th place points in both the shot put and discus.

For Kingston, Aric Hobson was the runner-up in both the 110 and 300 meter hurdles, while Lane Torrey was 8th in the 400 meters.

Turning to the girls' results, Frankenmuth tallied 155.5 points to take team honors, while North Branch was the runner-up with 109 points and Ubly a distant third with 63 points.

For Cass City, sophomore Hailey Schmotzer finished 7th in the 100 meter hurdles and was the only point winner for the Hawks.

For Ubly, Haili Gusa won the 1600 meters and finished second in the 800 and 3200 meters to lead the way, while Janelle White was second in the 200 meter and 400 meter dashes, Ellie Peruski was 8th in the 100 meter dash, and Lauren Dropeski 8th in the 800 meters.

Victoria Hale ran a personal-best time of 12:46 in the 3200 meters to pace Kingston.



ADJUSTING his starting blocks at the Bad Axe Invitational is Kingston freshman sprinter Jack Green.

## LAKER INVITE

Ubly was a double winner Tuesday in Pigeon, winning the boys' crown with 127 points and the girls' crown with 141 points.

Cass City finished 4th at the Huron County invite with 74 points. Stimpfel was part of three first place finishes in Laker country, including the 1600 and 3200 meters. He also ran the anchor leg on the 3200 meter relay team along with Wright, Severance and Farver.

Also for the Red Hawks, Miller won the pole vault, while other top finishes had Wright as the runner-up in the 800 meters, Kyle Schmotzer third in the 100 meter dash, and Brendan Hamilton third in the long jump.

Cass City's 400 meter relay team of Winter, Chase Denniston, Hamilton, and Schmotzer finished third.

For the Lady Red Hawks, the only medal winners were the 3200 meter relay team of Layna Mathewson, Mary Muter, Marla Muter and Emilee Steely. They finished third.

The Greater Thumb West League Meet was scheduled for Tuesday in Cass City, while regionals are slated for Saturday in Marlette.



UBLY junior Janelle White heads toward the finish line Friday at the Bad Axe Invitational. She recorded second place finishes in both the 200 and 400 meter races.

# Cass City, Harbor Beach trade baseball victories

Cass City and Harbor Beach traded victories Monday in a Greater Thumb Conference crossover double header.

The Greater Thumb East Pirates cruised to a 7-2 win in the initial game, before the Greater Thumb West host Red Hawks picked up a 5-3 victory in the late game to avoid the sweep.

Harbor Beach took a 2-1 margin into the third inning and would never trail as Kurtis Hanson limited Cass City to three hits in 4 1/3 innings to collect the win on the mound. Reliever Brent Baker was saddled with the loss despite a 2-for-3 showing at the plate.

In the late game, Cass City grabbed a 5-0 lead before settling for a 2-run victory.

Joey Krol and Kendall Anthes combined efforts on the mound for the winners, while Austin

Roberts suffered the loss for Harbor Beach.

Offensively, Cass City had Zack Beecher with a double, while Luke Stern had three singles and an RBI.

## SAGINAW TOURNEY

On Saturday, Cass City traveled to Saginaw and split games at the Nouvel Tourney.

The Red Hawks opened play over the weekend suffering a heart-felt 3-2 defeat against Chesaning.

Both teams scored a pair of runs in the first inning and the score remained even until the 5th inning when Chesaning plated the game winning marker.

Zack Beecher toed the rubber for Cass City and tossed six complete Please turn to page 10.

# Owen-Gage rallies to stay undefeated

The Owen-Gage baseball team remained undefeated Thursday with a non-conference sweep of host Akron-Fairgrove. With mercy wins of 15-0 and 19-4, Coach Brian Wright's Bulldogs improve to 8-0 on the season.

In the opener, Jacob Warack struck out eight to collect the 3-inning win on the mound. He benefited from a potent offense that had Aaron Fahrner with a 2-for-2 effort, while David Binder added a double.

"The boys are still having great at bats (and making) good pitch selections," said Wright.

In the late game, Luke Retford fanned four to earn the victory on the hill, while at the plate Fahrner had three hits to pace the Owen-Gage attack that had Andrew Partaka, Binder and Retford with two hits each.

"Another good game batting and good preparation for the two league double headers this week," Wright said noting the Bulldogs face New Life Christian Academy Thursday at home in an Inner State Athletic League contest.

## LANDMARK ACADEMY

Earlier in the week, Owen-Gage hosted Kimball Landmark Academy on Monday and registered wins of 10-0 and 15-13 to the delight of Coach Wright.

"We had a solid performance after having a week off. This puts us in good position to win the league. We now have a 4-game cushion with six league games remaining," he said.

Game one, Binder handled the pitching duties for the hosts and surrendered just one hit and whiffed 12.

At the plate, Binder had two hits including a triple, while Fahrner chipped in two hits including a double.

Game two, Luke Retford was the winner on the hill, but it didn't

come easy for the conference leaders.

"We battled back from a 5-run deficit to defeat Landmark in the bottom of the fourth," Wright said, adding, "It was very challenging and the boys' never gave up."

The winners received extra base hits from Warack, Partaka, Retford and Cordell Clarkson.

# Lady Red Hawks return to win column in Brown City

A much needed break from Greater Thumb West play is just what the Cass City softball team needed.

After dropping their last four conference games – including one run losses to Unionville-Sebewaing Area and Reese – the Red Hawks returned to the win column Saturday with a pair of victories at the Brown City Classic.

"We really needed that," said Cass City Coach John Hacker following wins of 7-6 against Haslett and 7-1 against Yale over the weekend.

Against Haslett, Cass City actually trailed 6-2 after five innings, but scored twice in the bottom of the sixth and then plated three runs in the bottom of the seventh to escape with the win.

The last inning comeback saw runs by Kacey Haire and Sayge Cuthrell even the score, before Baylee Murphy accounted for the game winning tally.

Cass City clubbed eight hits in

the win, including a triple by Cuthrell and doubles from Brittany Hamilton, Bailee Ross and Murphy.

Ross started on the mound for the winners and lasted six innings. She surrendered six hits and issued five free passes, while striking out four.

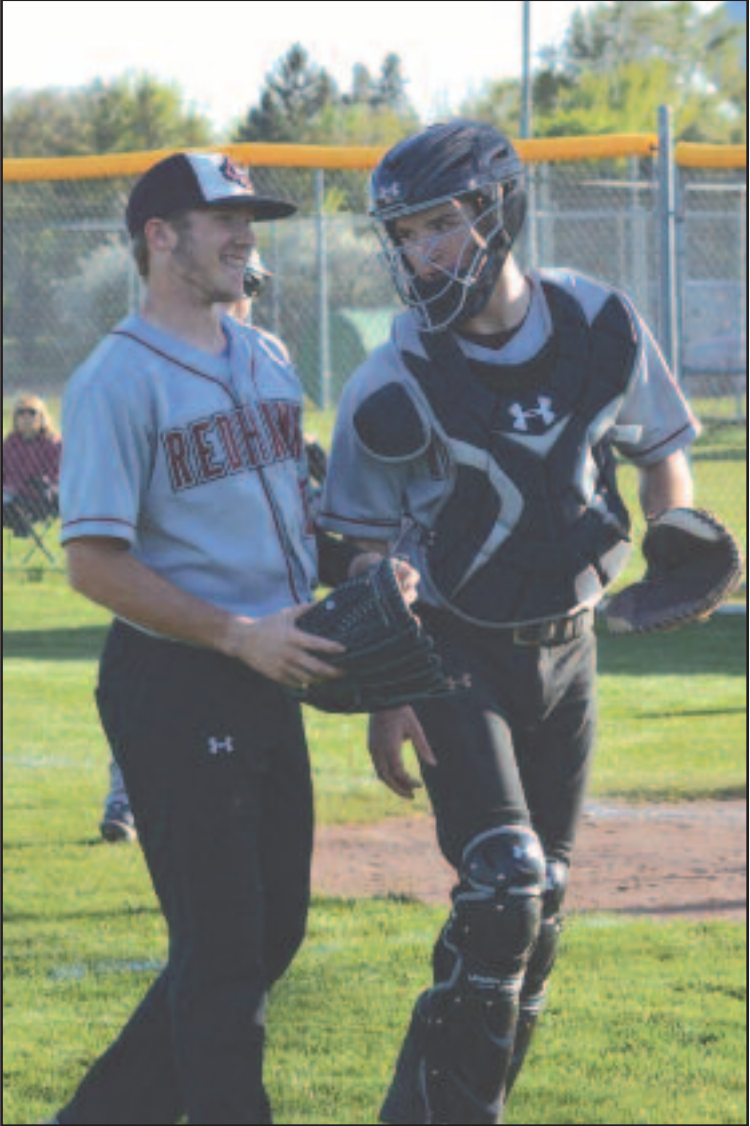
Megan Graham tossed one inning of relief and was awarded the decision, despite throwing just six pitches.

Against Yale, Graham returned to the rubber and her one-hit gem led the way.

Leading 3-0, a Hamilton triple with the bases loaded in the sixth inning put the game on ice for the winners. Hamilton and Haire each had two knocks for Cass City, while Ross added a home run.

"We hit the outside corner pitch to right field," Hacker said, adding, "We will need to continue doing that if we hope to make a post season run."

Cass City stands at 11-10.



CASS CITY catcher Luke Stern and pitcher Joey Krol share a light moment during Monday's non-conference win over visiting Harbor Beach.



# Reese sweeps Red Hawks in Greater Thumb West play

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innings before handing the ball to reliever Kendall Anthes for the final frame. Beecher allowed only three hits and sat down six. He was tagged with the loss.

At the plate, a Luke Stern double highlighted Cass City's offense, while Sandyn Cuthrell and Nick Perry added singles.

Despite a lackluster showing at the plate against Chesaning, Cass City was able to bounce back with a 6-1 decision over Pottersville.

The Red Hawks scored once in the first inning and then broke the game wide open with five runs in the 5th.

Stern had a double and three RBIs for Cass City, while Brent Baker, Brad Baker, Joey Krol, Nick Perry and Anthes chipped in singles.

Anthes and Brent Baker handled the pitching chores for Cass City. Anthes, who allowed one hit and no runs over three innings of

work, was the pitcher of record.

## GTW GAMES

Earlier in the week, Cass City took on host Reese Thursday and returned home with losses of 3-2 and 7-5 in Greater Thumb West action.

In game one, Cass City struck first, but three Red Hawk errors would prove fatal.

Krol tossed a complete game for the visitors and suffered the defeat despite giving up just 2 hits and one earned run. He recorded four strike outs and walked two.

Cuthrell, Brad Baker, Krol and Anthes all slapped singles for Cass City.

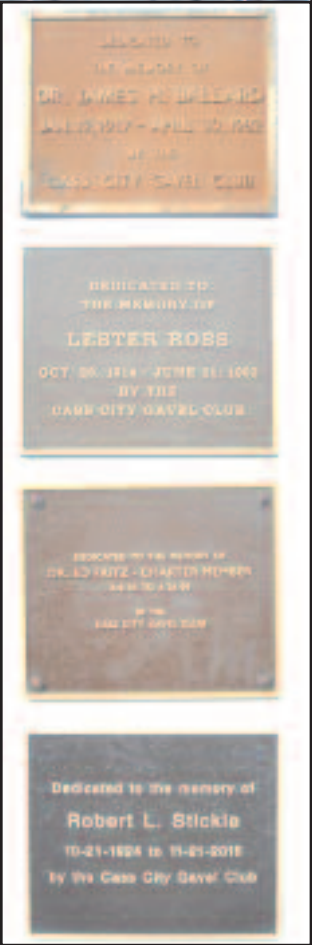
In game two, Cass City jumped out to a quick 4-1 advantage, but couldn't hang on despite a 12-hit performance.

Brad Baker had a pair of doubles, while Brent Baker added a solo 2-bagger to pace the visitors at the plate.

Stern was bested by Reese's Ryan Fisher on the mound.



**BARBARA STICKLE, center, and members of the Cass City Gavel Club gathered last week at the recreational park football complex to honor her husband, the late Bob Stickle. Stickle became just the fourth life-long club member to be honored for his many contributions to the community with a plaque that now hangs near the entrance along the home crowd sidelines. Club members present for the occasion, from the left, include: Dan Erla, Dave Hoard, Anton Peters, Dick Wallace, Jim Mastie and Larry Robinson.**



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## ATHLETE of the WEEK

Owen-Gage's David Binder is Schneeberger's choice for their Athlete of the Week award honors.

The senior pitcher has been nearly unhittable for the undefeated Bulldogs. In his most recent outing, Binder fanned 12 and allowed just one hit en route to a 10-0 victory over Kimball Landmark Academy in Inner State Athletic Conference action.



Prior to last Monday's contest, Binder has a pair of no hitters to his credit on the season.

Besides a golden arm, Binder also carries a big stick. In non-conference wins against Akron-Fairgrove Thursday, the 3-sport star went 3-for-3 with a pair of doubles to help sweep the Vikings, improving to 8-0 along the way.


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## 2017 Spring Sports Schedule



### BOYS' BASEBALL

DATE	OPPONENT
4/4	Caro
4/6	Millington
4/11	Brown City
4/13	Ubly
4/15	Tuscola Tourny @ Millington *
4/17	Sandusky
4/24	Memphis
4/27	Bad Axe
5/1	Marlette
5/4	USA
5/8	North Branch
5/11	Reese
5/13	Saginaw Nouvel *
5/15	Harbor Beach
5/18	Vassar
5/25	Lakers
5/30-6/2	Districts @ Bad Axe

\* Time to be announced  
All games begin at 4 p.m.


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### GIRLS' SOFTBALL

DATE	OPPONENT
4/4	Caro
4/11	Brown City
4/13	Ubly
4/15	Tuscola Tourny @ Millington *
4/17	Sandusky
4/24	Memphis
4/27	Bad Axe
5/1	Marlette
5/4	USA
5/8	North Branch
5/11	Reese
5/13	Brown City *
5/15	Harbor Beach
5/18	Vassar
5/20	Piconning *
5/25	Lakers
5/30-6/2	Districts @ Bad Axe

All games begin at 4 p.m. \* Time to be announced

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## TRACK & FIELD



DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
3/22	Reese/USA/Vassar	4:30 p.m.
4/4	Reese/USA/Vassar	4:30 p.m.
H 4/7	Marlette/Reese/USA	4:30 p.m.
4/10	Marlette/Bad Axe/USA	4:30 p.m.
4/13	Brown City Invite	4:00 p.m.
H 4/18	Brown City/Harbor Beach/Ubly	4:30 p.m.
4/21	Marlette Invite	4:00 p.m.
4/25	USA Invite	4:00 p.m.
4/28	Vassar Invite	4:00 p.m.
5/2	Ubly Invite	4:00 p.m.
5/5	Reese Invite	4:30 p.m.
5/9	EPB Lakers Invite	4:00 p.m.
5/12	Bad Axe Invite	4:00 p.m.
H 5/16	GTW League Meet	4:00 p.m.
5/20	Regionals @ Marlette	
5/23	Tribune Meet of Champs @ BA	
5/30	Thumb Meet of Champs @ Caro	
6/3	State Finals	

H-Home Meet

## GOLF



DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
4/10	Millington	1:00 p.m.
4/24	GTC Jamboree @ Vassar	3:30 p.m.
4/25	GTC Jamboree @ USA	4:00 p.m.
4/26	North Huron Invite-Bird Creek	TBA
4/28	Ubly Invite	8:15 a.m.
5/1	GTC Jamboree @ Bad Axe	4:00 p.m.
5/2	GTC Jamboree @ Cass City	4:00 p.m.
5/4	Caro @ Cass City	4:00 p.m.
5/10	Brown City Invite	8:00 a.m.
5/11	GTC Jamboree @ Lakers	4:00 p.m.
5/12	Warner Memorial @ Vassar	TBA
5/15	GTC Jamboree @ Verona	TBA
5/31	Regionals	TBA

### Junior High Track

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
H 4/12	USA/Brown City	4:30 p.m.
4/19	Marlette/Sandusky/Bad Axe	4:30 p.m.
4/24	Harbor Beach/Bad Axe/USA	4:30 p.m.
4/26	Sandusky/Reese/Brown City	4:30 p.m.
5/3	Vassar/USA/Lakers/Reese	4:00 p.m.
H 5/8	Bad Axe/Reese/Vassar	4:30 p.m.
H 5/10	USA/Reese/Vassar	4:30 p.m.
5/17	GTC West League Meet @ BA	TBA
H 5/19	Gavel Club Relays	4:30 p.m.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Erica Rex and Robert Rex, husband and wife and Grace Marie Brownfield AKA Grace Brownfield, joint tenants with full right of survivorship, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 17, 2006 and recorded June 28, 2006 in Liber 1086, Page 268, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-One Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Three and 41/100 Dollars (\$71,633.41), including interest at 6.875% 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 MAY 25, 2017. Said premises are located in the City of Vassar, Tuscola County Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at the Southeast Corner of Block 20, Part of Lot 5, North's Addition to the Village of Vassar, thence running North on Sheridan Street 4 rods, thence West 8 rods, thence South 4 rods to Butler Street, thence East on Butler Street to place of beginning.

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 interest.

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

Dated: April 26, 2017  
Orlans PC

Attorneys for Servicer  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007  
File No. 17-005233

4-26-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - A mortgage was granted by Adam Persails, a married man and Kelly N. Persails, his wife, mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated October 24, 2008, and recorded on November 3, 2008 in Liber 1161 on Page 216, 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 One Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Fifty-Four and 79/100 Dollars (\$132,054.79).

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 June 8, 2017.

Said premises are situated in Township of Denmark, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Northeast corner of the

Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 31, Town 12 North, Range 7 East; thence West 242 feet; thence South 140 feet; thence East 242 feet; thence North 140 feet to the point of beginning  
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: May 10, 2017  
For more information, please call:  
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Trott Law, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
31440 Northwestern Hwy Ste. 200  
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-5422  
File #472756F01

5-10-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - A mortgage was granted by Patrick Hill, a single man, mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated

July 17, 2012, and recorded on July 17, 2012 in Liber 1255 on Page 443, and assigned by said Mortgagee to AmeriFirst Financial 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 Eighty Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Four and 35/100 Dollars (\$80,164.35).

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 June 15, 2017.

Said premises are situated in Township of Fairgrove, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing on the East Section line 413 feet South of the Northeast corner of Northeast 1/4 of Northeast 1/4 of Southeast 1/4; thence West 40 rods; thence South 250 feet; thence East 40 rods; thence North to point of beginning, all in Section 25, Township 13 North, Range 8 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.

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: May 17, 2017  
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# Obituaries

## John Schmidt

John A. Schmidt, 74, of Bonnieville, passed away Tuesday, March 21, 2017, at his home surrounded by his family.

He was born in 1942 in Detroit to the late Jacob Schmidt and Georgianna Rousson.

Schmidt joined the U.S. Army in January 1960, serving 16 months in both Germany and France and was discharged May 25, 1963, in Fort Hamilton, New York. He served a four-year apprenticeship at Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn, as a tool and die maker, worked for Ford Motor Co. and Van Dyke earning a 10-year pension and in 1979 began working at General Motors in Grand Blanc, retiring in 2007. He graduated from Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn with an Association in Applied Science degree. He moved to Kentucky in 2010. He was a life member of D.A.V. Chapter No. 3 in Elizabethtown and volunteered as a D.A.V. van driver transporting people for 2½ years to the VA Hospital in Louisville, a 4th degree and life member of Knights of Columbus in Elizabethtown and taught for 2½ years at Elizabethtown Community and Technical College, leaving because of health reasons.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Diana M. "Dee" Kniaz Schmidt; a son, Steven J. (Michelle) Schmidt of Kentucky; two daughters, Pamela A. (Ted) Kays of Kentucky and Lynn M. Schmidt of Michigan; a special niece, Samantha Cumming; six grandchildren, Andrew Denker, Rachel Schaefer, Heather Lynn Spencer, Nathan Spencer, Dakota Schmidt and Chance Schmidt; and five great-grandchildren, Rylee, Brenna and Mason Schaefer, Cooper Denker and Bryleigh Tisher.

Funeral Mass will be held Saturday, May 20 at 11 a.m. followed by a luncheon at Our Lady Consolata Parish.

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The meeting will be held at the Cass City Gun Club located at 2676 Englehart Road, Cass City, on Tuesday, June 6, 2017 immediately following the regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting which begins at 7:30 p.m.

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# New ambulance base open house on tap in Unionville

by Mary Drier  
Special for the Chronicle

The ACW Ambulance Service, 6350 Center St., Unionville, will host an open house from one to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 21, to showcase its new base.

Since the service was formed in 1977, it has paid rent to share space in the Unionville Village Hall. The service paid the village \$150 a month to park the ambulance inside the hall and another \$250 a month to rent an apartment for on-duty crew members to stay while on duty.

That \$400 in rent payments will now go towards paying for the construction of the 40- by 70-foot base, which includes an office and living quarters.

The townships of Akron, Columbia and Wisner jointly own and operate the ACW Ambulance Service, which was formed by a group of volunteers who were mainly Jaycee members.

The new ambulance base was built by TDM construction of Cass City for about \$275,000.

Both the ACW and Sebewaing ambulance services are in need of state-licensed personnel to be on-call paid volunteers. The two services along with Sanilac County Medical Control are offering Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) classes in mid-June at the Sebewaing ambulance base at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and some Saturdays.

ACW has a policy in place to assist with class costs and to fully reimburse the cost after one year of service with ACW ambulance.

More information on the EMT classes is available by calling (989) 674-2608.

## Busy summer planned in Ubly

Continued from page one.

creating the community survey,” Jaroch said. “All community members are welcome and urged to attend. The planning commission will also be finalizing a list of volunteers who will assist them during the planning process.”

In addition, the commission is seeking an individual to fill a vacant seat as well as someone to serve as zoning administrator.

In other business, the council approved a zoning amendment related to accessory buildings.

“The change will allow for an increased size for storage buildings if sufficient lot size is determined,” Jaroch explained. “The ordinance will be effective in a few weeks.

“Council is also working on clarification of the current zoning appeals process. Several development projects may require review before approval,” he added.

The council unanimously approved an extension of the Emterra Waste Hauling contract.

“The residential waste collection contract will continue at the current level of service,” Jaroch said. “Only village residents are allowed weekly collection and twice monthly curb side recycling along with reasonable large item pickup. Residents are strongly advised to abide by these rules. A good working relationship with Emterra has enabled the village to secure a favorable monthly rate.”

Turning to other matters during the regular monthly meeting, the council learned about the Smart 911 program, which enables dispatchers to quickly assess the location and possible issues concerning an individual utilizing the cell phone number used. Everyone was encouraged to sign up for the free program.

In addition, the council:

- \*Acknowledged completion of upgrades to the Ubly Little League fields. The Ubly Boy Scouts will be painting the picnic tables in the park as well as tackling other projects.
- \*Heard from County Commissioner Dave Peruski during the public comment portion of the meeting. Peruski discussed solar energy zoning in the county.
- \*Heard from Ubly Homecoming representative Steve Irwin, who announced a new free event for this year’s summer celebration: Pocket Pullers competition on the pulling track after the Sunday parade.

The council’s next regular meeting will be Thursday, June 1, at 7 p.m.



KAREN OUVRY from the Cass City Schools (above) introduces a group of students to the one-room school and school museum on the grounds of the Thumb Octagon Barn during the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Thumb Octagon Barn School Tours last week. Organizers estimated a combined record attendance of some 3,000 students from several districts during the three-day event.





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## NOTICE FOR GILFORD TOWNSHIP

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Meeting called to order at 7:30 P.M., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present: D. Strasz, J. Stockmeyer, R. Haines, K. Houghtaling. Order of agenda was approved.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Minutes of the Previous Special Meeting:** Motion by Houghtaling, second by Strasz to approve minutes of the special meeting. Motion approved.

**Minutes of Previous Board Meeting:** Motion by Houghtaling, second by Strasz to approve minutes. Motion approved.

**Treasurers Report:** Clarification on March total revenue, and transfer from Road Fund to General Fund. Motion by Stockmeyer, second by Haines to approve Treasurers Report. Motion approved.

**Speaker:** G. Hicks from Republic Services presented options on proposed new services.

**Speaker:** D. Young Fairgrove Fire Chief, and L. Baur talked about future needs. Motion by Stockmeyer, second by Strasz to approve Republic Services Option #1. Motion approved.

### REPORTS:

**Supervisor:** Extra road work, Maker Road between Reese Road and VanBuren Road. Also Dutcher road between Garner and Vassar roads. Motion by Stockmeyer, second by Haines to add the above roads to 2017 road work. Motion approved.

Cemetery agreement motion by Stockmeyer, second by Haines to approve Brickel Brothers agreement. Motion approved.

Parcel Division request. Mary Ann Hirn and Sue Ann Morris. Motion by Haines, second by Houghtaling to approve the parcel division. Motion approved.

Parcel Division request for Gerald Letson. Motion by Houghtaling, second by Strasz. Motion approved.

Parcel Division request for John Letson. Motion by Stockmeyer second by Houghtaling to approve parcel division. Motion approved.

Drain Commission letters of review discussed.

Stockmeyer will seek bids for resealing and striping parking lot.

PPT reimbursement has been received. Will retain until calculation is verified.

M-138 may be improved from Vassar Road to Quanicassee road. Drain may be moved, road widened.

**Treasurer:** County reconcile went well.

**Clerk:** Letter from Tuscola Area Airport regarding solar installations and drones. Question whether Trustee can serve as an election inspector. Yes, but qualifications must be met.

Announcements for Marijuana Law seminar, MTA Par Plan elections.

Discussion on publishing minutes.

TWP. Governance Academy enrollment request for \$35.00.

Motion by Stockmeyer second by Houghtaling to approve payment of the bills starting with NBW9VNG3 through 10405. Motion carried. Question about check register, lack of memo. Haines will resolve.

**Trustees:** Nothing.

**Ambulance Representative:** 4 runs last month.

**Fire Department Representative:** Nothing.

**Zoning Administrator:** Nothing.

**Public Comment:** Assessor/County Commissioners meeting regarding industrial assessment issue.

Motion for Adjournment called for at 10:24 P.M.  
by Stockmeyer, second by Haines. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted  
Robert L. Haines  
Gilford Township Clerk