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## County reviews host of accomplishments in '17

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Tuscola County commissioners are embracing the new year with plenty of confidence after reviewing a host of accomplishments

that officials say can only be described as solid in 2017.

"There is no question 2017 was one of the most productive years for the county. There were numerous success stories," Tuscola County Controller/Administrator

Mike Hoagland recently said. "We are truly advancing the county for an even more efficient county government in the future.

"It is important to reflect on our significant progress this year because our current success can cre-

ate more success," Hoagland added.

"All county employees should be proud of these achievements because it was our collective effort that produced a very productive year for the county. Our 'can do' attitude is making a difference. We have momentum on our side now - we cannot let up. We must continue to challenge ourselves to achieve more successes for 2018 and future years."

Probably the most significant accomplishment in 2017 was assuring that a new state psychiatric facility will be built in Caro and not elsewhere in the state.

"County officials were leaders and spent many hours in this successful effort working with the state, Caro, intermediate school

district and economic development corporation officials," Hoagland pointed out.

The Caro Regional Center directly employs about 350 people and another 398 indirect jobs are created by having the facility in Caro. An estimated \$54 million dollars is infused every year into the regional economy from those employed at the facility.

"The new facility is estimated to be a \$136 million state investment in our community, with construction (taking place) over the next three years," Hoagland noted.

Other successful campaigns in 2017 included millage increases for both senior citizen services and the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department Road Patrol.

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**BEAUTIFUL BUT bitter** – Portions of the Cass River, just south of Cass City along River Road, remain open, in spite of arctic temperatures that are expected to continue gripping Michigan this week. Weather forecasters are routinely issuing wind chill advisories due to sub-zero readings.

## Tuscola RTL planning annual service

The Tuscola County Right to Life affiliate will host its annual Sanctity of Life memorial service later this month in Caro.

The event is scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 21, starting at 3 p.m. on the steps of the Tuscola County Courthouse on State Street (M-81). The keynote speaker will be Pastor Mark Seppo of the Vassar Victory Center.

The memorial service will feature a short message, prayers by Senator Mike Green and Mike Slocum, the singing of "God Bless America", and the taking of a group photo.

The event is open to the public and is one of numerous similar gatherings planned across Michigan and across the country. Following the service, there will be a fellowship time indoors with hot chocolate and coffee at the Blessing Center, 209 North State St. in downtown Caro.

Nearly 45 years have passed since the landmark Supreme Court rulings impacting abortion.

"Forty-five years and the words 'Roe v. Wade' and 'Doe v. Bolton' still darken the hearts of all who defend the right to life," said Barbara Listing, president of Right to Life of Michigan. "Because of Roe and Doe, hundreds of thousands of people will peacefully march in January in Washington, D.C., to be a pro-life witness, protesting the so-called right to abortion.

"After 45 years, we are still here, still ready to march and defend the lives of babies preparing to be born," Listing added. "Positive changes are being made in Michigan — the pro-life movement is thriving — but our life-saving work continues because there is a need to value human life."

According to the Michigan Department of Community Health, a total of 26,395 induced abortions

were reported in 2016 throughout Michigan. That's a decrease of 2.8 percent compared to 2015 and a 46-percent decrease from 1987 — the year when the largest number of induced abortions was reported.

In Tuscola County, 56 unborn babies were aborted in 2016.

"We celebrate the decrease in abortions performed in Michigan and mourn the lives lost," Listing said. "Abortions represent a void in our communities. This reality leaves many heartbroken. Abortion hurts women, babies and families."

To think that an abortion impacts a mother and her unborn child removes the genuine pain family members experience when abortion touches their lives, according to Listing.

"That is why Right to Life of

Michigan is made up of local pro-life groups in the cause of protecting life. As communities pulling together, pro-life people join to offer real options to women facing untimely pregnancies," she said.

"I am honored to represent Right to Life of Michigan," Listing added. "We are people who acknowledge that human life is precious and irreplaceable. The values we embrace lead us to reject the taking of human life to resolve the challenges of life itself. The memorial of Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton gives us an opportunity to reflect on the sanctity of human life."

More information about the upcoming ceremony in Caro is available on the Tuscola County Right to Life's Facebook page or by calling (989) 872-3259.

## Recycling center move and expansion slowed

by Mary Drier  
Special for the Chronicle

Plans to relocate and expand the Tuscola County Recycling Center — and to become a recycling hub for the Thumb — are progressing slowly. "We have architectural drawings for the remodel," said Tuscola County Building and Grounds Director Mike Miller, who noted officials solicited bids in October, with a deadline in November. "However, no bids were returned at that time."

Miller, who oversees the county's recycling operations, added the project is just starting to move forward.

Over the years, Tuscola County has emerged as a regional recycling leader, but its efforts have been hampered by a lack of space.

"It has been the goal for several years to relocate the operation so there is room for expansion. Earlier this year, that was accomplished with the purchase of the former Riverview Auto location," said Tuscola County Controller Mike Hoagland.

Commissioners bought the former Riverview Auto and Recycling in early 2017. The 10-acre site is a former salvage yard located about one-quarter mile north of the current recycling site at 1123 Mertz Rd. (M-24) that the county rents for \$1 a year.

The current recycling building site is a former Department of Natural Resources facility and is landlocked, so there is not room to expand operations. Upgrades were done to the building there in 2009, and a small addition was added in 2013, but space is still at a premium.

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## Double homicide suspect awaiting next court date

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

The remaining suspect in a home invasion-double homicide in Sanilac County in November spent the holidays in a jail cell, awaiting his next court date.

That date was re-scheduled for Preston Jack, 30, of Flint, who is now

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**MEMBERS OF THE Cass City Elementary School Health and Wellness Team are (from left) Cathy Meck, Rebecca Walker, Adam Dorland, Lisa Green, Ashley Copeland, Ron McCollum, Kathy LaPonsie, Tracy Robinson and Kathy Dorland.**

## School "wellness" team makes pupil health a priority

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Cass City School officials know a thing or two about keeping children healthy.

The local district is among 80 Michigan schools statewide, representing grades K-12, that were recently chosen to join the Building Healthy Communities: Step Up for School Wellness program that supports children's health in and out of the classroom.

Schools were invited to apply for participation in Building Healthy Communities: Step Up for School Wellness in August. The effort is one of three programs under the

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CASS CITY sixth grade student Paula Learman was recently honored by the Cass City Lions Club as a local winner in the Lions International Peace Poster Contest, "A Celebration of Peace". Learman, whose poster will now compete against others submitted in the contest, is pictured above (center) with sixth grade teacher Linda Bailey and Lions Club member Wayne Dillon.

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# In Our OPINION...

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## Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

New Year's reflections



## Arctic blasts bring serious health risks

The sort of bitter cold and blustery winds common in Michigan this time of year – and which have already impacted the Thumb – deserve a measure of respect and caution when it comes to going outdoors.

“These arctic blasts can create hazardous situations,” said Capt. Chris A. Kelenske, deputy state director of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (EMHSD) and commander of the Michigan State Police/EMHSD. “Residents are encouraged to monitor local weather reports and follow the appropriate steps to stay safe during these extremely cold and potentially life-threatening temperatures.”

Exposure to subzero temperatures could potentially cause frostbite and hypothermia, as well as create hazardous driving conditions.

The state police offer the following recommendations:

\*If you must go outside, wear protective gear, such as hats, mittens, gloves, scarf and a warm coat.

\*Avoid overexertion when shoveling heavy snow, pushing a car, or walking in deep snow. Take breaks frequently.

\*Watch for signs of frostbite, which include loss of feeling or pale appearance of fingers, toes or face. Also watch for hypothermia, which include uncontrollable shivering, memory loss, drowsiness and exhaustion.

\*Understand the hazards of wind chill. As wind speed increases, heat is carried away from a person's body more rapidly and could lead to severe hypothermia.

\*Remove clothing if it gets damp or wet. Wet clothing can make you more prone to hypothermia.

\*Weatherproof doors and windows to trap heat inside your home.

\*Check heating units. Poorly operating or damaged heating units can release carbon monoxide gas. Test carbon monoxide detectors for proper operation and battery life.

\*Check on family, friends and neighbors who are at risk and may need additional assistance.

\*Watch pets closely and keep them indoors when possible. Animals can suffer from hypothermia, frostbite and other cold weather injuries.

\*Minimize travel. If travel is necessary, keep a full tank of gas and an emergency preparedness kit in your vehicle. Put warm clothing, such as gloves, blankets and hats, in your kit in case you become stranded.

Michigan weather is unpredictable any time of year, but especially during the winter months. If you are stranded, do not leave your vehicle. Stay with the vehicle and wait for help.

Motorists are encouraged to check travel conditions and weather reports before driving at [www.michigan.gov/roadconditions](http://www.michigan.gov/roadconditions). Major road closures can be found at [www.michigan.gov/drive](http://www.michigan.gov/drive). The MSP/EMHSD asks that you tune into local news and/or view these websites rather than calling your local MSP post or 911 for travel conditions.

Residents who need assistance or guidance during the extreme cold are encouraged to call 211.

For more information on how to prepare before, during and after an emergency or disaster, visit [www.michigan.gov/miready](http://www.michigan.gov/miready) or follow MSP/EMHSD on Twitter at @MichEMHS.

I'm generally not one for looking back, but a number of recent trivia posts on the social media network site Facebook has me reflecting on the past.

For some reason, there seems to have been an unusual amount of posts featuring old objects (tools, appliances, etc.) with the question, “Do you know what this is and have you ever used one?”

There was one post showing an old-fashioned outhouse. I knew what it was, and yes I have used one.

As a result, I cannot understand how a little replica of an outhouse can be thought of as a cute garden decoration. Believe me, if you have ever used one for real, you know there was nothing cute about them.

Another post was of an old hand-crank mixer. I knew what it was and used one back in the day when I had to cook. There was nothing great about that, either. Electric mixers are so much better.

There were several pictures posted showing an old metal ice-cube tray with a divider that had a lever for easy cube removal. I knew what it was, and, yes, I've used one of those, too. I still think those old metal ice trays were way better than the blue plastic ones that came along in the 1990s that had to be twisted to get the ice cubes out.

Outside of the automatic ice-cube maker that came with my refrigerator, those metal trays were the best.

When I see posts like that, I think of the song that was popular back in the 1970s that asked if you “remembered when you were a kid?” The lyrics of the song talked about remembering “comic books and rubber bands, climbing to the tree top, falling down and holding hands, tricycles and red pop.”

The song went on to ask if you remembered “pony rides and Sunday nights, roller skates and snowball fights, climbing through the window...”

“Remember when you were a kid? Well, part of you still is.”

It was such a silly song, but the tune was catchy and I just had to sing along with it. I used to laugh and shake my head when I heard that song, thinking to myself, who wouldn't remember drinking red pop and those other things?

After seeing all of those postings of common objects on Facebook, I came to realize just how true that silly song actually was.

Cell phones have replaced phones with party lines, rotary phones with push-button phones, and those phones replaced phones on the wall that had to be cranked to get an operator to help make a call. Land-line phones are being replaced by cell phones, phones hooked by Magic Jacks so computers can make calls, and computers with cameras do video chat.

Back in the day, television was black and white. The only way to get color was to buy a plastic sheet to put over the screen that made the sky blue, the grass green, and close-ups of faces look really odd. Plus, there were only three to five television stations available depending on where you lived, and they were all free.

Now, with satellites, television programming offers hundreds of channels, and there are Internet options to watch movies and television shows.

Music started out with live bands, radios, and then on 78 records that gave way to the 33.3s, then to 45s. They were replaced by eight-track tapes and cassette tapes. Then replaced with compact disks (CDs), which is now giving way to MP3s and other such devices.

Books, newspapers, magazines and more can be found on computers, and there are several different e-book readers. It makes me wonder how long before printed books, newspapers and magazines will become

totally obsolete, to be only found on electronic devices.

About 26 years ago there was no Internet and no Facebook. If you lost touch with a friend, they were generally lost for good. And, the only way to take care of business was to write a check, put it in an envelope with a stamp, and put it in a mailbox. On-line banking is replacing that.

There are a lot of things that aren't around anymore or won't be around in a few years, except in memories.


Yes, I remember red pop and a lot more.

It has been a really long time since I climbed a tree, tried to roller skate, and climbed through a window, but I remember doing those things. I still drink red pop when I can find it, and remember when I was a kid... so maybe part of me still is a kid, as long as I can remember.

### Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)



The Cass City athletic boosters annual silent auction is coming up on Friday, January 19, reports organizer Kate Fernald. This year's fundraising event will be held during the boys basketball game against rival Unionville-Sebewaing Area Schools who will come to town for an important Greater Thumb West contest.

Anyone interested in making a donation or needing something picked up for the auction can call Fernald at 872-2780. She'll handle the rest.

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With the unemployment rate at a 17-year low and employers expecting to hire 4 percent more college graduates from the Class of 2018 than from the previous graduating cohort, the personal-finance website WalletHub released its report on 2018's Best Places to Find a Job.

To determine the strongest local job markets in the U.S., WalletHub compared more than 180 cities across 26 key metrics. The data set ranges from job opportunities to employment growth to monthly average starting salary. Accordingly, Chandler, AZ tops the list of Best Cities for Jobs, according to the website, while Shreveport, LA ranks at the bottom of the Worst Cities for Jobs listings.

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Trivia Night is coming to Cass City this month when the Cass City High School History Based Movies Class holds its first Trivia Night at Gilligan's on January 20. This is an event for adult's only; not for students. The money raised will be used to buy new movies, equipment, supplies for class, and to help cover costs for field trips and for public speakers.

Each team will be made up of no more than 5 people. It may be important to have a diverse team as questions are over all different subjects.

Teams can purchase mulligans for trivia questions during registration time only. The cost will be \$10 for 4 mulligans.

Mini-trivia games and 50/50 raffles will be held during intermissions and between games. Door prizes will be provided by local businesses and community members.

Payouts (based on 20 paying teams):

1st place: \$150

2nd place: \$100

3rd place \$50


Early registration for each team will be secured by submitting the \$50 entry cost and team captain's contact information to Mr. Hartzell. Registration on the day of the event will be \$60.

This Trivia Night will take place at Gilligan's Bar & Restaurant in Cass City on January 20th from 5-8:00pm, with registration taking place from 4-4:45pm. Contact Mr. Hartzell at [whartell@casscityschools.org](mailto:whartell@casscityschools.org) for more information.


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## Wednesday, January 3

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

## Thursday, January 4

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

## Saturday, January 6

•Al-anon meeting, 11 a.m., Cakima Serenity Home, Mayville. Call 989-912-5478 for more information.  
•Suicide Survivor Grief Support Group, 1 p.m., Thumb Area Psychological Services 6627 Rose St., Cass City. For more information Lisa Schoettle, MA LPC NCC at 989-872-1800.

## Sunday, January 7

•Hillside Community Brunch, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., All you can eat. Free will offering.

## Monday, January 8

•Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubyly. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.  
•AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.  
•Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.  
•VFW monthly meeting, 7:00 p.m., VFW Hall, Cass City.

## Tuesday, January 9

•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.)  
•Al-anon meeting, 7 p.m., Cakima Serenity Home, Mayville. Call 989-912-5478 for more information.  
•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.

### 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.

#### First Saturday:

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#### 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.

#### Third Monday:

•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.

#### 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  
•Ubyly Lions Club meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Ubyly Thumb Veterans Organization-Hall, 2165 Bingham St., Ubyly 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 Friday:

•Senior Citizen Movies, Rawson Memorial Library, Cass City at 1:30 p.m.

#### Third Saturday:

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

#### Fourth Monday:

•Cass City School Board meeting, 7 p.m.  
•Hills & Dales General Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 11:30 a.m., Gilligans (no meetings July, August, December).  
•Tuscola County Right to Life meeting, 6:30-8 p.m., Caro Area District Library, 840 W. Frank St., Caro. For more information, call (989) 872-3259.

#### Fourth Wednesday:

•Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m.  
•Huron County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, Huron Behavioral Health, Bad Axe. For more information, contact Rhonda Quinn at (989) 269-9293.  
•Sanilac County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, Sanilac County Medical Care Facility. Noon to 2 p.m. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

#### Fourth Thursday:

•Community Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.

#### Last Monday:

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

#### Last Tuesday:

•Cass City Chamber meeting, 8 a.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.

#### Every Monday:

•Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubyly. 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.)  
•Al-anon meeting, 7 p.m., Cakima Serenity Home, Mayville. Call 989-912-5478 for more information.

#### 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.

#### Every Thursday:

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

#### Every Saturday

•Al-anon meeting, 11 a.m., Cakima Serenity Home, Mayville. Call 989-912-5478 for more information.



**THE OWEN-GAGE Schools National Honor Society, with the help of the district's PTO, recently sponsored a breakfast for senior citizens in an effort to reach out to the community. Pictured at left are student volunteers Alyson Witzke and Aaron Fahrner.**

## Recycling center move, expansion slowed

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The new 7,000-square foot facility would allow recycling operations to accept a wider range of items, and to possibly to help surrounding counties by offering them recycling opportunities. Representatives from Huron and Sanilac counties have previously expressed interest in coordinating with Tuscola's recycling program to provide recycling services in their areas.

According to Miller, people who

support recycling from Huron and Sanilac counties drive to Caro to drop off their recyclables.

Recycling in the county and the state has potential to expand. According to a report drafted by the Michigan Recycling Coalition, the state's overall recycling rate is only about 15 percent, which is lower than every other Great Lakes State and far behind the national average of 34 percent. That means more than \$435 million in recyclable metal, glass, paper and plastics goes from households to

Michigan landfills each year.

During the August 2016 election, voters renewed a dedicated tax of .15 of a mill for eight years to fund recycling. That millage generates about \$262,000 a year. About \$140,000 of the money from that millage was used to purchase Riverview Auto.

Recycling in Tuscola County started as a grassroots movement in the early 1990s. It has steadily grown and become a county-operated program funded by the millage.

## Homicide suspect awaiting next trial date

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expected to appear in Sanilac County District Court Tuesday, Jan. 16 for his preliminary examination. He is currently being held without bond in the Sanilac County Jail.

During a preliminary exam – also known as a probable cause hearing – the prosecution has to show that a crime has occurred and it is more likely than not that the criminal defendant committed the crime.

Jack and a co-defendant, Stephen Vance Shimmel, 47, also of Flint, were formally arraigned on a host of felony charges following the Nov. 19 crime in Greenleaf Township that left two other Flint men dead from gunshot wounds.

The double homicide investigation unfolded after the man targeted in the home invasion placed a 911 call to Sanilac Central Dispatch at about 5 a.m., according to Sanilac County Sheriff Garry Biniecki, who reported the call

came from a residence in the 4300 block of Holbrook Road.

"The caller advised that three male subjects just broke into his home and shot him in the leg. Gun fire was returned and one or more of the suspects were shot," Biniecki said. "One of the suspects was at the residence deceased and the other suspects fled on foot.

After arriving at the scene, officers discovered a vehicle in a ditch at Holbrook and Germania roads. Inside the vehicle was a black male from the Flint area, deceased with a gunshot injury. Biniecki noted the vehicle had been reported stolen from the Flint area last October.

Deputies, who were assisted by a host of other law enforcement officers from various agencies along with helicopter surveillance, K-9 units and crime scene investigators, ordered residents in surrounding homes to remain inside with the doors locked while police searched for the last two suspects.

Jack and Shimmel were subsequently arrested and charged with assault with intent to commit murder (two counts), conspiracy to commit assault with intent to murder, armed robbery – causing serious injury, two counts of assault with intent to rob while armed, conspiracy to commit armed robbery, first degree home invasion, possession of a firearm by a felony, receiving and concealing a stolen motor vehicle, and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony.

Hours later, Shimmel took his own life, with Biniecki reporting the defendant hung himself inside a single-occupant cell in the upper level of the county jail.

The sheriff stated the majority of the cell is viewable by security camera, and cell checks are conducted on a regular basis. However, within a 15-minute period, in between cell checks, Shimmel was found hanging in the corner of the cell outside the view of the camera.

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## Reporter's notebook

Say goodbye  
to fake news

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor



I doubt President Donald Trump will heed this list, but I couldn't have been happier to see the folks at Lake Superior State University include "fake news" on its 43rd annual "List of Words Banished from the Queen's English for Misuse, Overuse and General Uselessness."

That's not to say fake news doesn't exist; in fact, a number of news outlets across the country have been caught red-handed purposely/carelessly disseminating false information.

But once upon a time, such stories could be (and still are) empirically disproved. Case closed.

These days, thanks largely to our Twitterer in chief, "fake news" has become a term to describe any story you disagree with — or that shines a less than positive light on you — whether or not it's accurate.

Lake Superior State University's tongue-in-cheek, non-binding list of banned words and phrases are selected from literally thousands of nominations that pour in to the Sault Ste. Marie school throughout the year. Then, each December, they release a new list.

In addition to fake news, the 2018 winners are:

\*Unpack: Misused word for analyze, consider, assess. Concepts or positions are not packed, so they don't need to be unpacked.

\*Tons: Refers to an exaggerated quantity, as in tons of sunshine or tons of work. "Lots" would surely suffice.

\*Dish: As in to dish out the latest rumor on someone. Let's go back to "talks about" and leave dishes in the cupboard.

\*Pre-owned: What is so disgraceful about owning a used car now and then?

\*Onboarding / Offboarding: Creature from the HR Lagoon. We used to have hiring, training and orientation. Now we need to have an "onboarding" process. Firings, quitting, and retirements are streamlined into "offboarding."

\*Nothingburger: Says nothing that "nothing" doesn't already. I'll take a quarter-pound of something in mine.

\*Let That Sink In: One could say shocking, profound, or important. Let that sink in.

\*Let Me Ask You This: Wholly unnecessary statement. Just ask the question already.

\*Impactful: A frivolous word groping for something "effective" or "influential."

\*Covfefe: An impulsive typo, born into a 140-character universe, somehow missed by the autocorrect feature (in short, covfefe, which was included in a fragmented Tweet sent from President Donald Trump's account last spring, became shorthand for a social media mistake).

\*Drill Down: Instead of expanding on a statement, we "drill down on it."

\*Hot Water Heater: Hot water does not need to be heated. "Water heater" or "hot water maker" will keep us out of hot water.

\*Gig Economy: Gigs are for musicians and stand-up comedians. Now expanded to imply a sense of freedom and a lifestyle that rejects tradition in a changing economic culture. Runs a risk of sharecropping.

I'd unpack — or perhaps even dish — more on these winning losers, but there's no time to waste in collecting the next set of nominations. And there's certain to be tons of them (no need to drill down on that). Sure, extending this column might be impactful, but it could also result in a whole lot of nothingburger, which could lead to my being offboarded.

Let that sink in.

# Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



## 5 YEARS AGO (2013)

Donald and Dorothy Keinath of Caro recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. They met at the Tuscola County Fair where both had 4-H projects on display. The former Dorothy Brinkman, daughter of William and Bertha Brinkman of Caro, and Donald Keinath, son of Carl and Selma Keinath of Reese, were married Dec. 20, 1947, on her parents' 25th wedding anniversary at their farm home on Dutcher Road. The couple has 2 children, Karen Keinath of Frankenmuth and Dr. Russell (Mary) Keinath of Ann Arbor; 4 grandchildren: Natalie and Nick Nahorski of Ann Arbor, Ann and Aaron Shinn of Lapeer, Joseph (Alicia) Keinath of Kalamazoo and Julia Keinath of Chicago, Ill.; 3 great-grandchildren: Abigail and Henry Nahorski and Elijah Shinn, and 2 more joining the family in February. Donald retired from farming in 2003. Dorothy helped operate a seed farm, retiring in 2003. She was also a school teacher.

Schneeberger's congratulates Cass City basketball standout Collin Hartwick as their choice for athlete of the week. The Red Hawk junior guard tallied game scoring honors Friday with a season-best 13 points. Hartwick hit on his only shot from 2-point range during his team's 39-31 victory over Caro and swished 3-of-6 attempts from beyond the 3-point arc. All of Hartwick's triples came at critical points in the final half, as did his 2-of-2 showing at the foul stripe. Hartwick, who was named the MVP of the annual M-81 clash contest, has consistently upped his scoring average as the season progresses. After tallying 3 points in Cass City's season opener against Sandusky, Hartwick scored 7 points against Capac, 11 points against Harbor Beach and 13 points against the Tigers. Collin is the son of Susie and Rob Hartwick.

## 10 YEARS AGO (2008)

H. Jerry Osentoski and Lloyd Booms were recently honored following their retirements from the Bingham Township Fire Department. Osentoski served for 25 years on the Uby area department and Booms for 23 years.

Mark A. Wheeler recently graduated from Officer Candidate School (OCS) Phase III training at North Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash., and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army National Guard. The 2-week Phase III training is the final phase of a 3-phased, 14-month training period. The National Guard officer candidate received "basic soldiering" instruction in leadership, professional ethics, soldier team development, combined arms tactics, weapons defense, squad drill, intelligence, land navigation, maintenance, communications, staff and general military subjects, field training exercises, and physical training and conditioning. Wheeler was formerly a recruiting and retention supervisor with the Illinois Army National Guard in Waukegan. He has served in the military for 14 years. He is the son of Larry J. and Mary A. Wheeler of Cass City.

## 25 YEARS AGO (1993)

Heather Merchant, daughter of William and Marlene Merchant of Cass City, graduated Dec. 19 from Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant. Merchant, who majored in accounting, earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration. She is employed at Walbro Automotive in Auburn Hills.

Stanley Fay and daughter, Mrs. Cheryl Egges of Drayton Plains, and Patti Timmons spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord LaPeer. Debbie Timmons and Wayne Curry visited the LaPeers New Year's Day.

Owen-Gage senior Tanya Muntz, daughter of Janet Muntz, Cass City, was crowned the school's 1992 Snow ball queen during a break in the Owen-Gage-CPS basketball game Dec. 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Young and Ron of Elkton, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Young and family of Pigeon, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wetter

of Yale, Bob Young and Pam, Ed Young, Dawn, Sarah and Eddie of Bad Axe and Mr. and Mrs. Brian Sweeney and family were Christmas Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Don Long and family of Bad Axe.

## 35 YEARS AGO (1983)

Alice Kappen, a seventh grader, has been named student of the week for the week of Dec. 10 at Cass City Intermediate School. Brad Kamrad was named most improved student. Fifth grader Dale Smerdon was named student of the week and eighth grader Lance Matuszak, most improved student, for the week of Dec. 17. Naming of the top student and most improved students began the week of Dec. 10.

First baby of the year born at Hills and Dales General Hospital was Robert Wallace Giddings Jr., held by his mother Julie. He was born at 1:32 a.m. New Year's Day and weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces. Robert Jr. is the fourth child of Mr. and Mrs. Giddings, who live on Hartsell Road, Cass City, and starts life with prizes from several merchants. Mrs. Giddings' doctor was Dr. Sang H. Park, MD.

After 63 years working in downtown stores, Katie Crane has measured her last length of fabric. Her first job was in 1919, when Main Street wasn't even paved. After 21 years Friday was her last day working for Kritzman's Clothing Store.

Last Monday evening visitors at the Eugene Comment home were his daughter and family, the John Arvoys of Owosso, who had stayed over from Christmas Day, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bliss, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bliss Sr., Mrs. Marian Turner and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Nemeth, all of Cass City, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kehoe. The evening was spent playing cards and visiting.

## 40 YEARS AGO (1978)

Navy Equipment Operator Third Class Robert B. Goodall, son of Martha E. Blehm of Gageton, recently participated in a search and rescue mission in the Mediterranean Sea. He is serving as a member of Beachmaster Unit Two, homebased at the Little Creek Naval Amphibious Base, Norfolk, Va. Nov. 25, his unit was involved in the search and rescue of five sailors who were adrift at sea in a utility launch, Marine Corps helicopters, embarked aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Guadalcanal, located the disabled craft in the Gulf of Salerno, 20 miles south of the Italian island of Capri. All five sailors were found to be in good condition and were hoisted aboard a Marine CH-46 "Sea Knight" transport helicopter. He joined the Navy in February, 1975.

Navy Seaman Recruit Kenneth L. Sylvester, son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Sylvester of Cass City, has completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill. During the eight-week training cycle, he studied general military subjects designed to prepare him for further academic and on the job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic occupational fields. Included in his studies were seamanship, close-order drill, Naval history and first aid. He joined the Navy in September.

Father Norman Van Poppelen was the winner of \$5,000 in the Michigan Lottery "Bowling for Dollars" instant game. The pastor of St. Agatha's Catholic Church in Gageton said the winning lottery card was purchased for him a few weeks ago by his housekeeper. He thought she bought the card at Erla's Food Center in Cass City. He said his plans for what he will do with the money are a secret.

The Tournament of Roses parade in Pasadena, Calif., New Year's Day held special interest for Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dewey. Becky Foy, 17, a high school senior and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Foy and a granddaughter of the Deweys, was a member of the Adlai E. Stevenson-Prairie View, Ill., school marching band. The band, with 144 members, is rated the No. 1 school band in the United States. Miss Foy is first flutist and also plays the piccolo. They appear in the "Minute Men"

uniforms. Other appearances include Boston in 1975, Copenhagen, Denmark, in 1975, and Bi-Centennial parades in 1976 in Washington, D.C., and Philadelphia.

## 50 YEARS AGO (1968)

Marine Private James W. Crane Jr., son of Jay W. Crane of Cass City, was graduated from eight weeks of recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego. He will now undergo from two to four weeks of individual combat training and then, after leave at home, will report to first Marine Corps assignment. The intensified Marine recruit training emphasizes rigid physical conditioning and survival techniques, both at sea and ashore, to develop self-confidence and endurance. Marksmanship with the M-14 rifle and 45-caliber pistol are equally stressed, and close order drill instills the traditions of Marine Corps teamwork.

Thrilled by the arrival of her fourth boy is Mrs. Gary Czekai. Young Keith Albert was the first baby of the year born in Cass City hospitals and will receive a host of prizes. He arrived at 5:02 a.m. Monday at Cass City Hospital. As the first baby he will receive gifts from 12 Cass City merchants. Other members of the Czekai family of rural Cass City are: Ronnie, Terry and Brian.

Damage Control man Fireman William F. Powell, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Powell of Cass City, is serving aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Ranger, operating in the Gulf of Tonkin off the coast of North Vietnam. Aircraft from the Ranger set off three secondary explosions when they bombed a string of trucks south of Thanh Hoa during an air strike on enemy targets.

## 75 YEARS AGO (1943)

Mrs. Mary Gekeler of Cass City and Mr. William D'Arcy of Kingston were united in marriage on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, at the home of Mr. D'Arcy's daughter, Mrs. Alton Lyons, at Kingston.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Benkelman, well-known residents of this community for many years, celebrated their golden wedding Saturday, December 26, passing the day quietly at their home on Grant Street but entertained at a family dinner on Christmas day when guests were Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Benkelman and sons, Bob and Billie, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Benkelman, Jr., and daughter, Bonnie, of Cass City, and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Pease of LaGrange, Illinois. A beautiful three-tiered wedding cake graced the table.

Glenn Wright of Willow Run came Wednesday to visit his daughters, Miss Marjorie and Miss Mary Lou Wright, and other relatives here. He returned to his work at Willow Run the first of the week.

## 100 YEARS AGO (1918)

Miss Evalynn Dickinson of Cass City and Hugh A. Gardner of Camp Custer were married Sunday, December 30, at the home of Roy. Vance of the First Presbyterian church of Detroit. Miss Vance acted as bridesmaid and Mr. Vance, Jr., as best man.

Mr. Martin Anthes, Dear Dad: I received a letter from Walter the other day and Mrs. Schwaderer and Mary Dill. I received five letters, in two days and they were the first in five weeks. I have written you every week but I know you have not received all of the letters. I am sorry that they cut up my last letter but I will not put in anything this time they can cut out. I am very glad you saved your beans and most of your corn as I knew you had an early freeze. Beans will be high and pork out of sight. We are eating pretty good; had a fine dinner today. We are getting a bath house built and it is nearly done. I have been going swimming, but the water got so high and the current so strong, I quit. As it rains every day, we get wet enough anyway. I can get off 30 hours on pass every week but have not gone as I am staying in and being a good boy. I have not been to town, only 1-1/2 miles away, in two months. —Jacob C. Anthes.

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# Commissioners review many accomplishments in 2017

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“There were times during the year when senior citizens had to be put on a waiting list for home delivered meals because of insufficient funding,” said Hoagland, who added the additional funding will eliminate that issue. “This millage increase also provided for another day of adult day care services to give relief to family and other caregivers.

“The millage approval shows public confidence in the management of and need for essential senior programs.”

As for the sheriff’s department millage, voter approval of the measure is paying for the addition of five road officers and a K9 unit. “Public safety is one of the most critical responsibilities of government. There were times when only one road patrol office was on the road for the entire county. This

was an unacceptable public safety situation and the public understood this with strong approval of the millage increase,” Hoagland continued.

There was also good news on the wind farm development front – Tuscola County was host to 208 wind turbines as of the end of 2017 — in terms of tax revenues generated to fund local government services.

“One of the most significant

events to ever impact the county started in 2013 with the construction of the first wind turbine project in Gilford Township. Although in some situations controversial, wind turbine development has not only fundamentally changed the landscape, but also the financial capabilities of county and local government in the county,” Hoagland said.

“Over \$6 million is now paid in property taxes to the county and local units of government in the county. Of this total, over \$2 million is paid to the county general fund and to special purpose millage funds,” he explained. “There is no question wind revenue at least on a near term basis has improved county finances.”

Hoagland also noted the county won a major victory when NextEra dismissed its dispute over the assessment and taxation of wind turbines in the county, resulting in \$667,774 in previously escrowed funds becoming available.

Hoagland cited a host of other county success stories in 2017, including:

\*The county continued to receive the highest marks in the areas of financial reporting for its budget and audit processes. “All county funds remain in a positive fund balance position and our annual budget remains balanced. The county bond rating remains strong at A-plus,” Hoagland said.

\*Commissioners took what Hoagland describes as a proactive approach to necessary upgrades at the county jail. “The jail is over 60 years old and needs major upgrades. A jail planning committee was formed in 2017 and is beginning a review of how the jail should be remodeled and upgraded,” he said.

“Commissioners have made it a priority to allocate funds if possible over the next several years to implement jail improvements. Previously escrowed wind turbine funds in the amount of \$667,774 were transferred to a new Jail Capital Improvement Fund. By the end of 2017, it is projected that this fund may have \$1.4 million available.”

\*Tuscola officials continued to be regional recycling leaders, implementing a plan to relocate and expand existing recycling facilities.

“It has been the goal for several years to relocate the operation so there is room for expansion. County officials wisely reserved millage funds over the years to purchase land and building for relocation. In 2017, this was accom-

plished with the purchase of the former Riverview Auto location near the Cass River along M 24,” Hoagland said. “The property is being prepared and the building remodeled. It is anticipated that by the summer of 2018 the relocation can occur.”

\*County officials successfully transitioned to new directors in several key operations, including the medical care facility, sheriff’s department, health department, equalization, human resources and MSU Extension.

\*Services available to the county’s estimated 4,000 veterans were significantly improved, thanks to a previously voter-approved millage.

“Since this millage was approved a staff person was hired to assist the director in helping veterans prepare the documents required to leverage available state and federal assistance,” Hoagland said. “A second van was purchased to assist disabled veterans with medical and other transportation needs. Funds are now available for direct food, burial, medical and shelter assistance using millage funds.”

\*Officials strengthened the county’s multi-million-dollar computer-technology operation that is critical to virtually all county departments.

“Major equipment was purchased and staff added...to strengthen system security and backup capability. Several hundred thousand dollars have been spent over the last several years to protect computer-technology data and systems,” he noted.

\*Officials formed an opioid task force to educate and seek solutions to this major public health issue.

\*Commissioner Matt Bierlein was elected president of the Michigan Association of Counties, giving Tuscola County up-front knowledge and strong representation to influence policy and positive change.

\*New election software was purchased to increase efficiency in the election process.

\*Union contracts were settled for 2018 and 2019.

\*The possibility of forming a dental clinic for Medicaid eligible residents with assistance from the Michigan Community Dental Clinic Association is under review.

\*The County Economic Development Corporation received a \$600,000 EPA grant to conduct baseline environmental studies of brownfield sites to know what must be done for cleanup.

\*Achieved full dispatcher staffing in 2017.

\*A complete new parking lot at the health department was installed with about half of the cost paid by the federal government from wear and tear from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) use of the lot.

\*Court officials have been able to maximize state payment for child care fund costs.

\*A state required Indigent Defense Plan was completed and will be implemented if the state provides funding.

\*Courthouse security was strengthened with the purchase of new security cameras.

\*The regional program administered by the Tuscola County Courts to overcome problems with driving while under the influence continued to be highly successful.

\*Significant savings of \$40,000 to \$50,000 annually has been achieved by converting to Voice Over Internet Protocol Telephone systems. This has been a multi-year effort and the final conversion will be completed in 2018.

\*New security cameras were installed at Dispatch along with power surge protectors to protect critical equipment and enable continued operations.



OWEN-GAGE students recently explored a variety of career options during a district-sponsored career day.

## Owen-Gage students participate in exploring career possibilities

Owen-Gage School officials recently hosted a “career day” for their students.

During the morning session, the elementary students listened to presentations from different career representatives. Presentations were given by Scheurer Hospital EMTs, a local firefighter, the U.S. Army National Guard, and a local police officer.

Following the presentations, students were able to tour an ambulance, fire truck and a National

Guard Humvee, and they participated in an inflatable obstacle course provided by the U.S. Army National Guard.

The afternoon was highlighted by career presentations geared towards junior and senior high students.

The activities began with a motivational speech on career choices. Then the students rotated from room to room, listening to presentations given on the following careers: agri-science (agronomist and farm machinery

mechanic/technician), manufacturing/industrial technology (“Foundry in a Box”), natural resources (DNR officer), and human services (pastor, U.S. Army National Guard, and Wal-Mart representative on marketing).

Following those presentations, students were able to tour the National Guard’s Humvee, produce a metal trinket with the “Foundry in a Box”, and participate in the Army National Guard’s obstacle course.

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# Huron County ahead of the game in meeting state's new court rules

by Mary Drier  
Special for the Chronicle

The Huron County judicial system is ahead of the game in implementing some new state mandates related to the rights of criminal defendants.

Along with having the right to speak with an attorney and having an attorney appointed for those who cannot afford one, a defendant now has the right to have an attorney present at arraignment, equal access to expert witnesses, and to have a place to speak pri-

vately with an attorney — all regardless of their ability to pay.

Those new regulations were developed by the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC), which was created via legislation in 2013 after an advisory commission recommended improvements to the state's legal system.

"Michigan ranks 48th out of 50 states on the quality of indigent defense service," said Huron County District Judge David Herrington, who is the chief judge of the courts in that county.

"Changes were needed to avoid lawsuits.

Herrington noted Huron County has already implemented some changes.

For example, the county has had "Polycoms" — used for the jail, district, circuit, magistrate court, and probate/family court — that make it easier for court appointed attorneys to meet with defendants. Also, Huron County previously started a pilot program for attorneys to be at a defendant's first court appearance.

Some of the other new mandates include: special training for defense attorneys, making jail and courthouse meeting rooms sound-proof, installing furniture in the jail's meeting room that cannot be thrown, and installing an emergency buzzer.

The new provisions come with a promise that the state will cover the costs of meeting the revised standards.

"The state will pony up the costs for complying. They have set aside tens of millions of dollars for this," said Herrington. "If the state doesn't pay, then counties don't have to implement the changes."

In calculating the expenses, counties are required to use their three-year average of defendant costs as a baseline.

In Huron County, those costs are estimated at \$129,451 a year. The county's share of that is \$79,436, which is the same cost the county has been paying for defense attorney training, standards for the initial client interview, supplying investigators when needed, and having an attorney available at the first court appearance, according to Herrington.

Overall the county's indigent defense fund is about \$208,887.

Other provisions in the new regulations include having to have a court administrator that is a lawyer who would oversee the program, and appointment of attorneys independently of the court.

Although Herrington is confident the state will provide funding to implement the changes, some Tuscola County officials are not as optimistic.

Tuscola County Controller Mike Hoagland is skeptical. "The state has made promises about funding before and has not always followed through," he said.

## NOTICE FOR GILFORD TOWNSHIP

December 14, 2017

### MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting called to order at 7:30 P.M., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present: D. Strasz, Treasurer; R. Haines, Clerk; J. Stockmeyer, Supervisor; A. Goss, Trustee; K. Houghtaling, Trustee.

Order of agenda approved.

**Public Comment:** Globe for street light at cemetery is missing. Has been reported.

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

**Treasurers Report:** Motion by Goss, second by Houghtaling to approve Treasurers Report. Motion approved.

#### REPORTS:

**Supervisor:** Surveillance system tabled until we apply for Risk Reduction Grant. Reese Fire 1 medical run. New garage update, will review estimate in January. Land Plan zoning review. Jim will schedule meeting with Mark from Land Plan. Motion by Stockmeyer, second by Goss to re-appoint K. Houghtaling and R. Prime to the Planning Commission. Motion approved. Resolution 2017-12 "OPT OUT" of medical marijuana offered by Stockmeyer and supported by Strasz. Roll call vote: Houghtaling, yes; Strasz, yes; Stockmeyer, yes; Haines, yes; Goss, yes. Resolution adopted. State Tax Commission staying with same turbine valuation tables in 2018.

**Treasurer:** Office open December 26th for accepting tax payments.

**Clerk:** Motion by Stockmeyer, second by Strasz to amend Legal Fees budget by transferring \$3500.00 from Misc. budget to the Legal Fees Budget. Motion approved. Motion by Goss, second by Strasz to approve payment of the bills. Motion approved. Trustees: Planning Commission meeting update on Land Plan zoning review.

**Ambulance Representative:** 8 ambulance runs last month. Fire Department Representative: 1 run for Fairgrove Department, borrowed Caro fire engine during breakdown, new fire truck needed, finances for new truck explored. Reese Department retiree dinner, new pumper captain. Stockmeyer will write letter to Nextera requesting funding for new Fairgrove fire truck. Zoning Administrator: No permits this month, 3 non-compliance letters sent.

**Public Comment:** Is Republic using truck with arm to dump bins? Yes.

Motion by Haines, second by Stockmeyer to adjourn at 9:36 P.M. Motion approved.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Robert L. Haines  
Gilford Township Clerk

## News briefs

### Thieves plentiful in Thumb

THUMB — Over the past few weeks, the areas of Kingston, Mayville, Unionville and Reese have been hit with a wave of larcenies from autos.

In some cases windows were broken out. The suspects include possibly a male and a female working together.

Law enforcement officials urge residents to lock their vehicles, leave nothing inside them and, if possible park in lighted areas at night.

### Koylton position available

KOYLTON TOWNSHIP — According to Koylton Township Supervisor Doug Kramer, the township's clerk position is open.

The deadline to submit "letters of interest" in the position is Thursday, Jan. 11, and applicants must be Koylton Township residents. Letters should be mailed to: P.O. Box 225, 3655 Ross St., Kingston, MI 48741.

### Kingston position now vacant

KINGSTON — Because of a resignation on the Kingston Village Council, officials are seeking a replacement. Village residents interested in applying are asked to submit a "letter of interest" by 4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8. Letters should be mailed to: Kingston Village Hall, 3655 Ross St., Kingston, MI 48741.

### Lumbermen demos on tap

UBLY — Plans for this year's Uby Homecoming are shaping up.

The 2018 celebration's theme will be Michigan Lumbermen, and the attractions will include a chainsaw carver who will be putting on demonstrations throughout the weekend. Some of the artist's carvings will be raffled off during and after the festival.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery

## School "wellness" team focuses on pupil health

Continued from page one.

successful Building Healthy Communities initiative, which provides students, teachers and administrators with the training, curriculum, equipment, funds, communication tools and external coaches needed to create a healthy school environment that supports a culture of wellness.

"We are a returning school with this grant, which is amazing, and we are the only school in the area — actually in the tri-county area — to receive this grant," Rebecca Walker, a member of the Cass City Elementary School Health and Wellness Team, noted.

"(Our) health and wellness team meets at least once a month to organize and implement programs that encourage healthy choices and healthy activity for our students," Walker explained. "Some of the examples of what we have happening at our school (include) Bike to School Day, healthy smoothies for breakfast, ACES - All Children Exercise Simultaneously, Wiggle Wednesday, Go Noodle and Brain Breaks in the classroom, Walking Club, Healthy Tip of the Day, nutrition education, and monthly wellness calendars which are sent home to every family each month."

"We have also been teaching social emotional health lessons from the Michigan Model for Health curriculum," she added.

Building Healthy Communities is supported by multiple statewide organizations, including Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), Michigan Department of Education, Michigan Fitness Foundation, Michigan State University Extension, Michigan Team Nutrition, United Dairy Industry of Michigan, the University of Michigan, Wayne State University Center for Health and Community Impact and Action for Healthy Kids.

"We are proud to continue our strong partnership with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan in further implementing this program statewide," said Nick Lyon, MDHHS director. "Together with our various and knowledgeable partners, we're committed to the investments we are making in the lives of Michigan's children and to creating a healthier future for our state."

Participating schools choose at least one physical activity and at least one nutrition component from the following: classroom physical activity breaks, active recess, quality physical education, walk-n-run fun, healthy out-of-school time, healthy smoothies, smarter lunchrooms, healthy parties and celebrations and nutrition education.

"The Building Healthy Communities: Step Up for School Wellness programming has empowered students in participating schools across the state to start thinking about their wellness choices more and practice making healthy choices during the school day," said Lynda Rossi, executive vice president, Strategy, Government and Public Affairs for Blue Cross.

"We are working together with schools to teach future generations the importance of healthy eating and daily physical activity to establish habits that can last a lifetime."

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## Kingston rules at holiday tourney

by Clarke Haire  
 Publisher

Kingston is proving to be a bas-

ketball mecca in the Thumb as both Cardinal teams remained undefeated on their way to bringing home championship trophies at the Brown City Holiday Tourna-

ment. Coach Jay Green's Lady Cardinals upped their mark to 7-0 with an easier than expected victory Friday over Brown City in a battle

of unbeatens for tournament honors. Although a team effort, there no denying Camryn MacGuire played a key role in Kingston's

46-36 win by limiting the impact of Brown City's Kendal Muxlow. Muxlow, considered by many to be a D1 prospect, scored a game-high 16 points, but couldn't shake the pesky MacGuire who remained glued to the high-scoring Green Devil star throughout the night.

"Defensively we tried to make Muxlow really work for her points. Camryn had the tough assignment and did an outstanding job," Green said.

Kingston led 19-10 after two quarters and 35-21 after three and held on for the double digit win.

"We were able to make enough shots and free throws to hold them off in the 4th quarter," said Green.

Jillyan Dinsmore paced the champs with 11 points, while Lily Lyons chipped in 10 and Carley Smith, nine.

Kingston advanced to the finals Thursday knocking off North Branch, 57-30.

Smith with 16 points and eight rebounds and Hannah James with 15 points and five steals paced the winners.

"We executed our offense and made our open shots. This was a good effort against a much improved North Branch team," Green said.

Not to be outdone, the Kingston boys' team had similar success at the 2-day event.

After disposing of North Branch 66-53 on Thursday, Coach Dave Lester's squad clamped down on Brown City in Friday's finale for a 51-23 whipping.

Kingston led 22-4 early and Please turn to page 10.



THE KINGSTON Lady Cardinals are the 2017 Brown City Holiday Tournament champs. Team members include, from the left, Payton Kolacz, Jillyan Dinsmore, Camryn MacGuire, Coach Dave Green, Gerilyn Carpenter, Lily Lyons, Grace Dinsmore, Carley Smith, Brooke Mooney, Anna Ahern, Kendra DeLong, Coach Jay Green, Hannah James and Emily Warrington.



THE KINGSTON Cardinals are the 2017 Brown City Holiday Tournament champions. From the left, Coach Dave Lester, Danny Bassett representing Tri-County Bank, Evan Neff, Garrett Green, Hunter James, Levi Cryderman, Aric Hobson, Cody McCormick, Deb Carter, Brian Hobson, Chase Whitfield, Nathan Cloyd, Connor Henry, Jack Green, Gabe Hall, Austin Ahern, managers Will Coyer and Jack Lester.



CASS CITY'S Kelly Ziegler pressures North Branch's Erin Wadley during the Brown City Holiday Tournament.

## Hawks struggle at Brown City tourney

Cass City High School basketball teams participated in holiday tournaments for the first time in several years when they traveled to Brown City for their final action of 2017.

The event featured teams from Cass City, Kingston, North Branch and Brown City.

In the women's field, Cass City posted a 1-1 record. The Lady Red Hawks opened the 2-day event bowing to the then undefeated Brown City on Thursday, before rebounding nicely against North Branch on Friday.

The Green Devils, led by Player-of-the-Year Kendal Muxlow, closed out the opening half on a 16-4 run and enjoyed a 33-16 advantage at the break, before settling for a 51-32 decision. Muxlow poured in 15 of her game-high 20 points to help build the double digit margin entering the third quarter.

After being held scoreless in the opening half, Sayge Cuthrell caught fire in the closing half and led Cass City's comeback bid

with a dozen tallies. But trailing 43-28 with eight minutes remaining, the Red Hawks wouldn't get any closer.

Carleigh Randolph chipped in 13 points for the winners that included three treys.

In their consolation match-up, Cass City used a career-best 37 points from Cuthrell to register the 70-49 victory.

Cass City actually trailed 17-15 after one quarter, but exploded for 33 points in the second frame to gain a 48-32 edge.

North Branch was unable to contain Cuthrell in the post and she went off for 25 points in the opening half. The 4-year senior letter winner scored at will on the night and finished with what many fans believed may be the single game scoring record for Cass City - although official conformation is pending - it is the most points scored in a game during the post Coach Lloyd Schinnerer era that started six seasons ago.

Brittany Hamilton added 10 Please turn to page 10.

### Boys' Basketball Standings

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

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

NCTL Stripes				
	W	L	W	L
Peck	0	0	4	1
Caseville	0	0	1	2
CPS	0	0	0	3
Akron-Fair.	0	0	0	3
BCAS	0	0	0	3
Owen-Gage	0	0	0	3

NCTL Stars				
	W	L	W	L
Kingston	0	0	6	0
Flint Int.	0	0	4	0
Mayville	0	0	3	1
Dryden	0	0	2	1
North Huron	0	0	2	3
Deckerville	0	0	1	3

### Girls' Basketball Standings

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

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

NCTL Stripes				
	W	L	W	L
Caseville	0	0	2	3
Akron-Fair.	0	0	2	3
Peck	0	0	1	3
Owen-Gage	0	0	0	4
BCAS	0	0	0	3
CPS	0	0	0	0

NCTL Stars				
	W	L	W	L
Kingston	0	0	7	0
North Huron	0	0	5	1
Deckerville	0	0	4	4
Mayville	0	0	2	2
Dryden	0	0	0	3
Flint Int.	0	0	0	0



# Scholar-athletes recognized in Brown City

Several senior scholar-athletes were recognized at the Brown City Holiday Tournament including Cass City's Lauren Dickinson and Nick Perry and Kingston's Grace Dinsmore and Garrett Green.

All nominees for the Liebler Insurance Agency Scholarship receive a \$200 scholarship and were asked to provide short biographies on themselves. They appear below.

**Lauren Dickinson** – Throughout my life I have always had a strong interest in math and science from my participation in Math Academic Games, always being outdoors, and my involvement in our school's STEM Fair. These interests have led me to plan to pursue a career in engineering at Michigan State University. I specifically chose environmental engineering because of my love for the outdoors and nature, so I can work on the improving and protecting of the environment. Another aspect of engineering that drew me towards this career is all of the hands-on opportunities, because I enjoy being active like I have been in volleyball, basketball, and softball.

**Nick Perry** – The first thing you must know about me, is the fact that I have four more siblings in my household, all being boys. Growing up, we would play catch, shoot hoops, and rough-house. Therefore, sports has always had a huge impact in my life. I am very thankful for having the chance to play sports because they have taught me many important lessons and skills. In addition to athletics, I am part of the Future Youth Involvement (FYI)

program. This initiative distributes money back into local communities for projects that will (in time) better the society. Ultimately, if I am lucky enough to receive this scholarship, I will put it towards my schooling as a dentist. I plan to attend Saginaw Valley State University.

**Grace Dinsmore** – My name is Grace Dinsmore, and I attend Kingston High School while dual-enrolling through Delta College. I plan to pursue a degree in Child Psychology at the University of Denver in Colorado. I play basketball and am a member of the equestrian team. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with family and friends and riding my horse. I also enjoy watching Netflix and eating junk food whenever possible. I live on a farm with cows and horses in which I tend to each day. I cannot wait to see how much my team and I achieve this season.

**Garrett Green** – Known to my friends as Bird and to my family as Garrett. I am a senior at Kingston High School and a member of Kingston's varsity football, baseball, and basketball teams. I enjoy participating in sports for the atmosphere of the team and the excitement. Through my years of athletics, I have been able to create many amazing friendships and memories that will last a lifetime. Athletics have taught me valuable life lessons that have prepared me as I move forward in life. Outside of school, I enjoy spending time outside, hunting, and socializing. After high school, I plan to attend Ferris State University to pursue a degree in biochemistry.



**READY TO ROLL** are members of the 2018 Cass City gymnastic team. They include: (front row, l-r) Olivia Schuette, Makena Nulph, Riley Copeland, Alexis Hull (middle row) Chloe Russell, Hanna Dobson, Katie Mendrick, Brittany Swiderski, Aizhamal Nurdoolotkyzy, Carolina Denadae, Maddie Michalski (back row) Coach Kathy Bouverette, Hailey Schmotzer, Josie Chippi, Kate Pohold, Kristin Stimpfel, Lauren Peters, Tasha Tageson and Diana Bizhanova.

## Dickson, Caister pace Cass City grapplers

Despite a pair of champions, Cass City finished in the middle of the pack at the Mayville Individual Tournament to close out play in 2017. Wyatt Dickson and Hunter Caister led the Red Hawks Friday to a tie for 8th place in the 16-team field.

Dickson proved best in the 160-weight class and Caister was tops in the 171-weight class for Cass City that opens Greater Thumb Conference play tonight in Brown City.

"We open up our defense of the GTC crown with contests against Brown City and Vassar on Wednesday. Every contest this season will be a struggle as we are very young and cannot fill all of the weight classes," said Cass City Coach Don Markel.

Other medal winners for Cass City on the day included 4th place finishers Drew Markel (119-weight class), Race Woloshen (140-weight class), and Eric Peters (160-weight class).

The final team standings (and point total) were: Millington (173.5), Avondale (162), Mayville (162), Almont (140.5), Lake Orion (130), Richmond (127), Perry (118), Cass City (101), North Branch (101), Bad Axe (77), Sandusky (65), Michigan Lutheran Seminary (50), Swan Valley (44), Brown City (39), Pontiac (39) and Caro (20).

## Red Hawks struggle at Brown City tourney

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points for Cass City.

Turning to the men's tournament, Cass City came up short against both Brown City and North Branch.

In the Red Hawks' opening game, a strong defensive effort by host Brown City resulted in a 50-37 setback. The Green Devils had a trio of double digit scorers in Jared McPhail, Andrew Geiger and Calvin Cook leading the way. McPhail and Cook split 28 markers to share game scoring honors. Nick Perry's 10 points were best for Cass City.

Although defense ruled in the Red Hawks' tournament opener, it was offense on display in the consolation game with North Branch.

No matter, the result was the same as Cass City surrendered 82-72.

Only six players scored for Cass City, but all reached double digits in a well balanced attack. Sandyn Cuthrell and Joey Kroll scored 14 points apiece, while Mike Ziegler added 13, Perry 11, Hunter Vaughan 10, and Brendan Hamilton 10.

For North Branch, Riley Bugg and Gerrid Rutledge shared game-scoring honors with 17 points each.

## Cardinals continue to roll

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never looked back.

"We got off to a great start and played well defensively all night. Our team is excited about a great start to our season, but we are far from satisfied," Lester said.

Evan Neff led Kingston with 18 points, while Nathan Cloyd added 11 points and Austin Ahern chipped in six points and nine rebounds. Neff and Cloyd were named to the All-Tournament team.

Calvin Cook led Brown City with 10 points.

## Fabulous Four's Fearless Forecast

2018 Basketball Picks Jan. 3-5				
	Saylor Cuthrell	Clarke Haire	Geoff Morgan	Doug Hyatt
<b>BOYS' BASKETBALL</b> <b>WEDNESDAY, JAN. 3</b> Caro @ Cass City North Huron @ Ubly	Cass City North Huron	Caro Ubly	Cass City Ubly	Cass City Ubly
<b>FRIDAY, JAN. 5</b> EPBP @ Bad Axe Cass City @ Reese Vassar @ USA Harbor Beach @ Marlette Memphis @ Ubly	Bad Axe Reese USA Harbor Beach Ubly	Bad Axe Reese USA Harbor Beach Ubly	Bad Axe Cass City USA Harbor Beach Ubly	EPBP Reese USA Marlette Ubly
<b>GIRLS' BASKETBALL</b> <b>THURSDAY, JAN. 4</b> EPBP @ Bad Axe Cass City @ Reese Vassar @ Marlette Memphis @ Ubly	EPBP Cass City Marlette Ubly	EPBP Reese Marlette Ubly	Bad Axe Reese Marlette Ubly	Bad Axe Reese Marlette Ubly
<b>FRIDAY, JAN. 5</b> North Huron @ EPBP Peck @ Kingston	North Huron Kingston	EPBP Kingston	EPBP Kingston	EPBP Kingston
<b>SEASON RESULTS</b>	<b>26-10 (72%)</b>	<b>25-11 (69%)</b>	<b>22-14 (61%)</b>	<b>31-5 (86%)</b>

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DATE	OPPONENT
12/6	CC 60, BCAS 21
12/8	CC 61, Memphis 39
12/13	CC 71, Marlette 66
12/15	Harbor Beach 54, CC 34
12/20	CC 46, Mayville 36
12/28	Brown City Invite (V)
12/29	Brown City Invite (V)
1/3	Caro (F, JV, & V)
1/5	Reese (F, JV, & V)
1/12	USA (F, JV, & V)
1/16	North Branch (JV)
1/19	Vassar
1/23	Cros-Lex (F)
1/24	Ubly
1/26	Bad Axe
1/30	Mayville (F)
1/31	Lakers (F, JV, V)
2/2	Reese (Snowcoming) (F, JV, V)
2/9	USA (F, JV, V)
2/14	Sandusky (F, JV, V)
2/16	Vassar
2/16	Caro (F @ 4:30)
2/21	Kingston (JV)
2/23	Bad Axe
3/1	Lakers (F, JV, & V)
3/5-9	Districts @ Bad Axe.....TBD

All games begin at 6 p.m.

### GIRLS' BASKETBALL (FRESHMEN/JV/VARSITY)

DATE	OPPONENT
11/28	CC 59, Mayville 15
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12/8	CC 72, Memphis 6
12/12	Harbor Beach 55, CC 48
12/14	CC 59, Lakers 44
12/19	CC 56, Caro 26
12/21	CC 69, Imlay City 48
12/28	Brown City
12/29	Brown City
1/4	Reese (F, JV, & V)
1/11	USA
1/16	North Branch (JV)
1/18	Vassar
1/18	Deckerville (F)
1/22	Caro (F) @ 4:30
1/23	Ubly
1/23	Cros-Lex (F) @ 5:30
1/25	Bad Axe
1/30	Lakers (F, JV, & V)
2/1	Reese (F, JV, & V)
2/8	USA
2/13	Marlette
2/15	Vassar
2/15	Deckerville (F)
2/21	Kingston (JV)
2/22	Bad Axe
2/26-3/2	Districts @ EPB Lakers.....TBD

All games begin at 6 p.m.

### WRESTLING

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
12/9	Marlette Team Tourney	8:00 a.m.
12/13	Cros-Lex	TBA
12/16	Cros-Lex Team Tourney	9:00 a.m.
12/22	Millington/Caro/Clio	12:30 p.m.
12/29	Mayville Ind. Tourney	TBA
1/3	Brown City/Vassar	6:00 p.m.
1/6	North Branch Team Tourney	9:00 a.m.
1/10	Mayville/Memphis	6:00 p.m.
1/13	Flushing Team Tourney	8:00 a.m.
1/17	Bad Axe/Marlette	6:00 p.m.
1/20	Mayville Team Tourney	9:00 a.m.
1/24	Ubly/Sandusky @ Home	6:00 p.m.
1/27	Midland Bullock Creek Team Tourney	8:30 a.m.
2/3	GTC League Meet @ Marlette	TBA
2/8	Team Districts @ Bad Axe	TBA
2/10	Individual Districts @ Sandusky	TBA
2/14	Team Regionals	TBA
2/17	Individual Regionals	TBA
2/23-24	Team State Finals @ Kalamazoo	TBA
3/2-3	Individual State Finals @ Ford Field	TBA

### GYMNASTICS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
1/9	Vassar	6:30 p.m.
1/13	Fraser Invitational	9:00 a.m.
1/16	Fenton Tri Meet	6:30 p.m.
1/20	Haslett	TBA
1/27	Huron Valley @ Lakeland HS	8:00 a.m.
2/3	St. Johns Invite	10:00 a.m.
2/10	Vassar Invite	10:00 a.m.
2/17	Vassar	10:00 a.m.
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Troy, MI 48007  
File No. 17-001212  
**12-13-4**

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to MCL 600.3212, that the following will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on January 25, 2018: Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Kristie L. Franks and Steven F. Franks

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.  
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper  
Date of Mortgage: October 9, 2008  
Date of Mortgage Recording: October 21, 2008  
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$131,237.65

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 17 of Torrey Subdivision, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 102, now being Page 52B

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

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This notice is from a debt collector.  
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**12-27-4**

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Charles Schuler A/K/A Charles Scott Schuler and Sarah L. Schuler, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 4, 2005 and recorded November 22, 2005 in Liber 1062, Page 486. Said mortgage is now held by Federal National Mortgage Association, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand Two Hundred Four and 67/100 Dollars (\$124,204.67), including interest at 5.75% 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 JANUARY 25, 2018.

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

The West half of the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 33, Town 12 North, Range 11 East.

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Dated: December 27, 2017  
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Attorneys for Servicer  
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File No. 17-016565  
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STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY		ORDER FOR ALTERNATE SERVICE	CASE NO. 17-29970-CH
Court Address 440 N. State St., Caro, MI 48723		Court telephone no. 989-672-3780	
Plaintiff name(s), address(es) and telephone no(s). <b>SARA ANN DAVIDSON, AND ROBERT JOHN DAVIDSON</b>		Defendant name(s), address(es) and telephone no(s). <b>CATHRYN BOOTH, ET AL</b>	
Attorney, bar no., address, and telephone no. Andrew J. Black (P64806) The Darren Findling Law Firm, P.L.C. 414 West Fifth Street Royal Oak, Michigan 48067 (248) 399-3300		V	
<b>THE COURT FINDS:</b>			
1. Service of process upon defendant(s), Cathryn Booth, Fred G. Mathews, Judy Mathews, John J. Kane and Gladys Kane cannot reasonably be made as provided in MCR 2.105, the following is reasonably calculated to give the defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.			
<b>IT IS ORDERED:</b>			
2. Service of the summons and complaint and a copy of this order may be made by the following method(s):			
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> First class mail to last known address at: Cathryn Booth - 1401 Chene, #902, Detroit, MI 48207 Fred G. Mathews - 1761 Sunrise Dr., Caro, MI 48723 Judy Mathews - 1761 Sunrise Dr., Caro, MI 48723 John J. Kane - 6238 Oakes St., Marlette, MI 48453 Gladys Kane - 6238 Oakes St., Marlette, MI 48453			
b. <input type="checkbox"/> Tacking or firmly affixing to the door at			
c. <input type="checkbox"/> Delivering at _____ to a member of defendant's household who is of suitable age and discretion to receive process, with instructions to deliver it promptly to defendant(s).			
d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Publication in the Cass City Chronicle for 3 consecutive weeks.</u>			
3. For each method used, proof of service must be filed promptly with the court.			
4. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendant(s), Cathryn Booth, Fred G. Mathews, Judy Mathews, John J. Kane and Gladys Kane, shall file with this Court, an Answer to Plaintiff's Complaint to Quiet Title & serve a copy upon Plaintiff(s) attorney Darren Findling, 414 West Fifth Street, Royal Oak, MI 48067, or take other action as permitted by law. Defendant(s) failure to comply with this Order may result in a Default Judgment being entered against the Defendant(s) for the relief sought in the Complaint to Quiet Title. The Defendant(s) shall file an Answer, as required by MCR 2.108(A)(3), within 28 days of the completion of service as provided herein.			
Date 12-28-17		Judge S/ Amy Grace Gierhart	
MC 304 (8/88) ORDER FOR ALTERNATE SERVICE		Bar no. MCR 2.103, MCR 2.105	

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CASS CITY Rotary Club members say this year's Christmas for Kids campaign was another big success. "Folks were so generous again this year. We were able to supply gifts and clothing for 80 families, over 200 children. These children may not have had gifts Christmas morning without this program," said club member Debra Kranz, pictured above (second from left) with Colleen Smith (left) and Allison Zimba. "We are so grateful for the generosity of the Cass City community for their donations of toys, clothing and money," Kranz added. "Emily Phillips Lasceski and Colleen Langenburg served as co-chairs of this project. It is the largest service program that Cass City Rotary undertakes and they have it well organized to shop for, sort and deliver the gifts and clothing that have been requested for these children. Baker College was kind enough to allow us to use their facility to set up, sort and deliver the bags to families."

## Sanilac Dairy Banquet set Jan. 20

The 82st annual Sanilac County Dairy Banquet: A Celebration of Dairy has been scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 20, at the Countryside Free Methodist Church – Family Life Center in Sandusky, across from Tri-County Equipment.

The doors will open at 7 p.m. and serving will begin at 7:15 p.m. Appetizers will be served, followed by dinner.

"The banquet is held each year to celebrate the accomplishments of one of Sanilac County's most important industries: the dairy industry," said Patti Shinn banquet committee treasurer. "Sanilac County has one of the largest and most progressive dairy industries of all counties in Michigan and is an important contributor to the local economy.

"It is estimated that the Sanilac County dairy industry generates nearly \$140 million in gross revenue that is circulated through our local economy," she added. "Therefore, each year the important accomplishments of individual dairy farmers and dairy farms are honored at the Sanilac County Dairy Banquet."

This year's celebration will include a full evening of games for kids and adults.

"Also the winner of the Lifetime Achievement Award will be announced," Shinn said. "This award is given to recognize a dairy farmer who has given a lifetime of service to the dairy industry and local community"

The committee is hoping to see more farmers in attendance this

year with the venue moved back to Sandusky.

Tickets are available at the Sanilac County MSU Extension Office at 171 Dawson St., Sandusky, or from one of the following dairy banquet committee members: Patti Shinn of Croswell; Dennis and Sara Lee of Deckerville; Dr. Bob Hassler of Sandusky, Trevor and Mary-Lynne Stone of Sandusky, Marianne Buza from MSU Extension, and Andy Brown of St Clair County, or any of the DHIA technicians (Pam Thom, Marlin Zeiset, Duane Zimmerman, Anna Wisner, Nate Harmon and Martha Draper).

Tickets are \$12 per person (\$6 for children 10 and under) if purchased in advance, or \$15 per person if purchased at the door.

# EPIDEMIC

## Signed legislation clamps down on opioid prescriptions in state

Lt. Gov. Brian Calley recently signed legislation designed to help combat an opioid epidemic that has impacted every community across Michigan and has become a national emergency.

"The addiction epidemic is now claiming more lives than car accidents and we are taking an all-hands-on deck approach in Michigan to combat it and prevent future addiction," Calley said.

"This legislation will help provide better education on the dangers of addiction before pills are ever dispensed and ensures that a patient's drug history is known before these highly addictive medications are prescribed," he explained. "Prevention and earlier detection of addiction will save lives."

The legislative package was unveiled by Calley, Gov. Snyder and a group of bipartisan legislators as implementation of recommendations of the Prescription Drug and Opioid Abuse Task Force, which Calley chaired.

Senate Bills 166 and 167 require prescribers to check a patient's prescription history in the Michigan Automated Prescription System (MAPS) prior to providing controlled substances to patients. The bills also create disciplinary action for prescribers who fail to use MAPS.

Other reforms in the package include:

\*House Bill 4408 requires prescribers to provide information about the dangers of opioids and obtain acknowledgement of that information prior to prescribing.

\*SB 270 requires prescribers to have a bona-fide physician-patient relationship before prescribing controlled substances and specifies penalties for not meeting these requirements.

\*SB 273 requires health professionals to provide information on substance use treatment services to patients who have experienced an overdose.

\*SB 274 limits the supply of an opioid that could be prescribed for acute pain. Beginning July 1, 2018, a prescriber cannot prescribe more than a seven-day supply of an opioid for acute pain within a seven-day period. The bill also allows pharmacists to partially fill prescriptions for Schedule 2 drugs.

\*SB 47 clarifies requirements for when MAPS must be consulted prior to prescribing an opioid.

\*HB 4403 codifies treatment options for Medicaid beneficiaries suffering from opioid addiction, including medically necessary treatment services, inpatient care and clinical stabilization services.

\*HB 4406 requires the Prescription Drug and Opioid Abuse Commission to develop recommendations for the Michigan Department of Education on how to instruct students on the dangers of prescription drug abuse and addiction.

\*HB 4407 requires schools to include education on opioids and the potential for addiction in health education curriculum.

Progress to-date in Michigan's efforts to reduce opioid abuse, addiction and overdose deaths includes launching the state's new prescription monitoring program, expanding Michigan's Good Samaritan law to encourage people to report overdoses without fear of being arrested, increasing the number of prescription drug drop-off bins, expanding the availability of medication-assisted treatment, and implementing innovative recovery programs.

Michigan has also issued a standing order for naloxone to pharmacies, making the overdose antidote more readily available. Nearly 1,300 orders were dispensed in the first three months.

## Canfield bill designed to enhance career skills for the state's public schools

State Rep. Dr. Edward J. Canfield, D.O., recently voted for bipartisan legislation to enhance career skills education in Michigan's public schools.

"These bills will give more opportunity and better future options to Michigan children," said Canfield (R-Sebewaing). "Our local school districts will have more K-12 subject flexibility, better access to experienced instructors and be able to work closely with local business owners. That will ultimately help our state's students while giving them better access to post-high school programs and to help have more options as future professionals."

The legislation was developed from the recommendations of the Michigan Career Pathways Alliance, which includes state K-12 educators and local employment leaders working together to help strengthen Michigan's future.

The legislation:

\*Creates a K-12 model program that emphasizes career learning and themes for each grade level, while focusing on engaging with parents, community businesses and industry interests.

\*Provides continuing education and professional development credit for teachers who spend time engaging with local employers and professional trade centers.

\*Allows proprietary schools, community colleges and skilled trade employers access — with parental consent — to high school pupil directory information for the purposes of recruitment and career opportunities.

\*Permits schools to more readily hire professional trade instructors to teach classes that align with their expertise.

"Michigan has a lot of career opportunities right now, along with a growing demand for skilled trade professionals," Canfield said. "Our state's educators and business leaders agree we need to make small changes in the classroom today to meet those opportunities for five years from now."

House Bills 5139, 5140, 5141, 5142 and 5145 now advance to the Senate for its consideration.

Canfield represents the 84th District, comprised of Tuscola and Huron counties.

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