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DUANE CHIPPI, left, addresses the Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner gathering after being named, along with his wife Janice, Cass City Citizens of the Year for 2018. Looking on is last year's award winner Sherryl Seeley who revealed the selections.

Citizens of the Year named in Cass City

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

The Cass City Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner was highlighted by Duane and Janice Chippi, along with Robert J. Weaver, Saturday when they were announced as the 2018 Citizens of the Year and Junior Citizen of the Year selections in front of a packed house at the local VFW hall. For over 50 years, the Cass City

Chamber of Commerce has presented the highly coveted awards to individuals who have gone above and beyond in their service to the community. These people have invested their time, their talents and their energy to ensuring Cass City remains a haven for small-town living.

Sharing the spotlight with the Chippi family on the night was Sherryl Seeley. She was the 2017 Citizen of the Year, but was un-

able to attend her own celebration last year. However, in traditional fashion, Seeley was on hand over the weekend to present this year's winner to the crowd, along with 2014 award winner Connie Iwankovitsch.

"First of all, this evening, I would like to say a huge thank you for selecting me as your honoree last year. I was in the hospital for a five-week stint at the time of this banquet and my family accepted the honor for me, but it gave me a boost when I really needed it," said Seeley before quickly revealing the night's biggest mystery.

"I am pleased to announce that the Citizens of the Year for 2018 are Duane and Janice Chippi, very humble and generous people," she said.

Janice and Duane were married in 1954. Together they managed Cass City Oil & Gas and several area gas stations for over 60 years, before Janice's death on Nov. 13, 2017. They had two children: Debra and William.

Although successful business partner, the Chippi's generosity behind the scenes is what set them apart for most others and included support for Revive Ministries, the Tuscola County 4-H program, and Cass City Youth Football and Little League programs, Boy Scouts of America, the Cass City Gun Club. They also supported events such as the Freedom Festival – and one of Janice's favorites – Cass City's Christmas in the Vil-
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STATE REPRESENTATIVE Edward J. Canfield, left, and Jim McLoskey, District Representative for State Senator Mike Green, were present Saturday at the VFW hall to help laud Cass City's 2018 Junior Citizen of the Year, Robert J. Weaver.

Two ice fishermen lose lives on Saginaw Bay

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A pair of ice fishermen lost their lives after falling through the ice on Saginaw Bay Sunday afternoon, the Huron County Sheriff's Department reported.

Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson identified the victims Monday morning as Willard E. Slider, 69, of Caro, and Dennis W. Shaw, 73, of Fowlerville.

Hanson said deputies were dispatched to the shoreline community of Rose Island in Fairhaven

Township at about 2:30 p.m.

"The search had been initiated after it was learned that a local resident who was a friend of one of the missing (fishermen) had received a voicemail from that victim, which indicated he and another male had broken through the ice and were requesting immediate help," Hanson said.

"With the friend searching and the responding deputies arriving, as well as our airboat #152, the believed scene was located, with an ATV and fish shanty in the water about a quarter-mile west of

Rose Island."

With no sign of the fishermen and the water being about four feet deep, Tuscola County Sheriff's Department Sgt. Justin Nitz and Deputy Kirk Dutcher tethered themselves to the airboat and got into the water to walk around in search of the victims while Huron County Sheriff's Department divers were on their way, according to Hanson.

"After searching that hole with no luck, they re-boarded the airboat, and a search of the surround-
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TUSCOLA County Sheriff Glen Skrent (left) presented Sgt. Josh Herman with the 2017 Officer of the Year award during the department's annual meeting last week.

TOP COPS

Tuscola County sheriff names Herman "Officer of the Year"

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The Tuscola County Sheriff's Department honored its own last week during the department's annual meeting and awards ceremony.

Highlighting the evening was Sheriff Glen Skrent's presentation of the 2017 Officer of the Year Award to Sgt. Josh Herman.

"Starting service at the Tuscola County Sheriff's Office in 2002 as a corrections officer, he has moved up through the ranks to obtain the road patrol sergeant's position in 2017. Besides normal road patrol duties, Sgt. Herman is a drone pilot, field training officer, accident investigator and was in charge of the child car seat safety program," Skrent said.

"Sgt. Herman has received numerous awards throughout his career. It is a testimony to his professional demeanor and reliability," he added.

In addition, Skrent recognized several other officers. He presented life-saving citations to deputies Cody Neuville, Michael Kemp and Steve Roland, and a professional excellence commendation to Deputy Brent Dawson, stemming from their efforts in an Oct. 29 incident at the county jail.

"Corrections Officer Dawson was alerted to an ill inmate that needed immediate medical attention. Deputies Neuville, Kemp and Roland initiated CPR until MMR arrived on scene," Skrent said. "Per MMR, the actions of the staff were a significant factor in bringing the inmate back from certain death. The early recognition and administering of CPR were the life saving measures necessary to give the patient prompt and

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Worst flu season since 2009 is far from over

by Mary Drier
Special for the Chronicle

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) officials are calling this flu season the worst since 2009, and it's far from over.

The flu season generally runs about 20 weeks, and this is only week nine. So far, 39 states are reporting widespread cases of the flu, up from 32 states.

According to the CDC, this flu season is expected to break records in the number of pediatric deaths and hospitalizations. The illness has claimed 37 children in the United States. More than 100 people nationwide have died from the flu this season.

"We know that in Tuscola we have 43 cases confirmed and in Huron six between Jan. 1 (and) Jan. 29," said Ann Hepfer, health officer for both the Huron and Tuscola county health departments.

Two weeks ago, there were only 28 reported cases of the flu in Tuscola County.

While those numbers may seem low to consider the illness widespread,
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Powell waives preliminary exam, pre-trial hearing next

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A Cass City High School senior has been bound over to Tuscola County Circuit Court on a felony charge alleging he made a threat against the school on a social networking site last month.

Dalton A. Powell, 17, of Gagetown, waived his preliminary examination in Tuscola County District Court early last week. He faces one

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Owen-Gage announces students of the month

The focus for Owen-Gage's students of the month for January is being a "Responsible Learner". A student who is a responsible learner is a self-directed learner, appreciates education, and believes in the importance of a continuing education. The student



Brooklyn Hunt

values life-long learning habits along with the importance of community and global responsibility. The following students have been chosen: Brooklyn Hunt, fourth grade (elementary level), daughter of Eric and Samantha Hunt; Dagon LaCroix, seventh grade (junior high level), daughter of James and Amy LaCroix; Clay Evans, ninth grade (high school level), son of Maurice and Tanya Evans; and Alyson Witzke, twelfth grade (senior student), daughter of Mike and Christina Witzke.

Special recognition goes to the "Senior Student of the Month", Alyson Witzke. Witzke has been very active in sports throughout high school. She was a member of the volleyball team for three years and a member of the basketball and softball teams all four years. She also has been a member of the band, as well as a partici-

part in the Tri-County Honors Band each year. She served as a band officer her junior year.

Witzke was inducted into the Owen-Gage Chapter of the National Honor Society as a sophomore and currently is the N.H.S. treasurer. She has been on the honor roll and a member of the 3.0 Honors Club all throughout high school. Witzke was a homecoming representative her sophomore and senior years. She has been a member of the yearbook staff the past three years and served as the co-editor the past two years.

Witzke has attended the Huron Area Technical Center enrolled in the health sciences program her junior and senior years. She is also a member of Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA). Witzke enjoys reading, swimming and summer softball.

Witzke plans to attend Saginaw Valley State University to pursue a career in nursing.



Dagon LaCroix



Clay Evans



Alyson Witzke

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It's a boy!



Rajin Sutter

Doctors David and Jyoti Sutter of Ann Arbor announce the birth of their son Rajin David Sutter.

Rajin was born January 16, 2018 at 10:46 a.m. at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. He weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Rajin was welcomed home by his brother Nikhil.

Rajin's grandparents are Connie and Bill Roemer of Deford, Dave and Tisha Sutter of Caro and Jayashri and Shashi Kothavale of Cumming, GA.

Kostanko promoted

Brent Kostanko, formerly of Cass City and a 1987 Cass City graduate, was recently promoted to the rank of Fire Lieutenant in the Ann Arbor City Fire Department.

Kostanko hired onto the department in 1998 and currently resides in Lenawee County with his bride, Carrie (Tuckey) Kostanko and their four children.



Brent Kostanko

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by Mary Drier

To the moon and back



Effort underway to cut infant mortality

In an effort to reduce sleep-related infant deaths in the state, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is urging parents and caregivers to follow safe sleeping practices with babies in their care.

Michigan's infant mortality rate is higher than the national average, with 6.8 deaths per 1,000 live births, compared to the national rate of 5.9 deaths in 2015. A major contributor to that rate is sleep-related infant deaths, the cause of death for 159 infants in 2015.

Gov. Rick Snyder has identified the reduction of infant mortality as a top priority in his plan to make Michigan a healthier state, and a key part of that plan is the reduction of sleep-related infant deaths.

"A baby dies nearly every other day in Michigan due to an unsafe sleep environment," said First Lady Sue Snyder, a long-time champion of this issue. "As a state, we need to do everything we can to reduce these preventable deaths for the sake of Michigan's children and families, and I look forward to continuing this critical work."

As part of that effort, MDHHS recently completed the report "Infant Safe Sleep in Michigan: A Comprehensive Look at Sleep-Related Deaths." This marks the first time Michigan has compiled data, research and information regarding local and statewide safe sleep initiatives into one comprehensive document.

"Safe sleep practices prevent accidental infant suffocation," said Lynette Biery, director of MDHHS's Bureau of Family Health Services. "Ensuring that everyone who cares for an infant has a safe sleep environment and follows safe sleep practices will help eliminate preventable infant deaths and keep babies safe and healthy."

Sleep-related infant deaths are those that involve unsafe sleep environments, including the use of soft bedding; articles in the crib, such as toys or blankets; infant sleeping in an adult bed or on a couch or sofa chair; infant sleeping with another adult or child; or an infant sleeping on their stomach or side.

In Michigan, one in two infants found unresponsive are not lying on their backs, three in four sleep-related deaths occur in an unsafe sleeping location, and three in five sleep-related deaths involve an infant sharing a sleeping surface.

To reduce these types of infant deaths, parents and caregivers are encouraged to follow the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) guidelines to create safe sleep environments for infants:

- *Place infants on their back in a crib, bassinet or pack-n-play every sleep time.*
- *Use a firm mattress with a tightly fitted sheet.*
- *Keep soft objects or loose bedding out of the crib, including pillows, blankets and bumper pads.*
- *Do not use wedges or positioners.*
- *Avoid covering the infant's head or overheating.*

AAP also recommends infants sleep in the same room as parents — but not in the same bed — for at least the first six months of their lives, and breastfeeding, as both are associated with preventing sleep-related infant death.

There were two lunar events that made the news in January.

The event that made the most headlines was about the lunar trifecta — the Super Blue Blood Moon eclipse. It's a trio of lunar events all occurring at once; the second full moon in a month is called a blue moon, and because of its closest orbital approach to Earth, it is called a super moon during a lunar eclipse. It is called a blood moon because it appears red.

This was the first super blue blood moon visible in the United States in about 152 years, and it was the first time anyone on Earth has seen one in 35 years.

And, I didn't realize the second event until my Facebook friend, Sue Stuever Battel, posted about the anniversary of the Space Shuttle Challenger disaster, which occurred Jan. 28, 1986, when the shuttle exploded 73 seconds after launch.

From what I recall, space travel had become so routine, there were only a few people who filmed the launch. Most of the hype about the event centered on Christa McAuliffe, 37, who was a social studies teacher from Boston who was selected to be the first teacher as well as the first civilian in space.

I was in downtown Cass City waiting for the traffic light to change when the radio station I was listening to broke the news about the disaster.

I just sat there with my mouth open — stunned with tears stinging my eyes. I could not believe what I had just heard. I think I sat there through a couple of light changes listening to the news report. In my mind's eye I saw the adventurous teacher smiling. Apparently, the cars behind me must have been listening to the news also and the drivers had the same reaction. No one honked for me to move.

Sue's post about the 32nd anniversary of the disaster generated a lot of Facebook responses. One woman remembered being in the fourth-grade, and that there was a charter on the shuttle signed by Girl Scouts all over the country that was to have been placed on exhibit at the Smithsonian when the shuttle returned.

Another person recounted watching the launch on a black and white television, and recently reading an article that said those on the Challenger didn't die in the explosion but rather when they hit the ocean.

There was a post from a woman who was working as a nurse in a cardiac surgery unit when she heard the news. She noted that she worked around life and death every day, but didn't expect what happened that day.

Even the Chronicle's editor, Tom Montgomery, recalled that he was working at his first job at the Leelanau Enterprise and Tribune after graduating from CMU when he heard the news.


I remember on McAuliffe's application to be the first teacher in space, she stated, "I watched the space program being born, and I would like to participate."

I also watched the birth of the space program from shooting rockets with dogs and monkeys on board to check conditions, to the gradual shift to manned rockets, and walking on the moon.

After the Challenger tragedy, President Ronald Reagan said in his address to the nation, "We will never forget them, not the last time we saw them as they prepared for their journey and waved goodbye and

slipped the surly bonds of earth to touch the face of God."

To this day when I have to stop at that traffic light in downtown Cass City, I think of the Challenger disaster.



Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) recently released its 22nd annual solid waste report, which offers a look at inputs to Michigan's landfills.

There was a 3.1 percent overall increase in solid waste disposed of in Michigan landfills compared to FY 2016. Waste disposed of by Michigan residents and businesses increased by less than 1 percent, and waste imported from other states and Canada increased by 11.3 percent.

Imported waste represents 25.5 percent of all waste disposed of in Michigan landfills. The largest source of waste imports into Michigan continues to be from Canada, contributing 20.9 percent of waste disposed of in Michigan. Thirteen states import waste into Michigan, with Ohio contributing the largest amount of waste imported to Michigan, of the 13 states.

All 69 Michigan landfills are required to submit information on disposal to DEQ. The department compiles the information into an annual report for the legislature. The DEQ intends to continue stakeholder discussions regarding options to promote increased recycling and reduce waste disposal in Michigan.

In the last six months, the Red Cross responded to over 27,000 single and multi-family home fires across the country, providing assistance, warm blankets and shelter to those who lost everything.

Every year, during the winter months, there is a spike in home fire emergencies. But did you know that heating equipment is involved in one of every six home fires?

Don't let your home be part of this statistic; learn how to keep your home warm and safe through the winter months.

Here are some tips to keep your home safe right now:

- * Make sure to always keep anything that gives off heat at least three feet away from flammable materials or items.
 - * Never plug more than one heating appliance into an outlet.
 - * Keep portable gas generators outside and away from windows to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning.
 - * If you have a fireplace, make sure your chimney is checked and cleaned by a professional once a year. Use a metal or glass screen that is large enough to prevent escaping embers.
 - * Never leave fires (or candles) burning, or heating appliances plugged in, while asleep, in another room, or when you leave your home.
- You can also get more tips here on checking appliances, inspecting electronics and outlets, and setting up smoke alarms.

In honor of fallen Wayne State University police officer Collin Rose, Secretary of State Ruth Johnson joined local law enforcement in Southeast Michigan this week to promote organ and tissue donation.

"Sgt. Rose was a man who gave easily of himself to others, so it is no surprise that his final wish was to give of himself through the gift of life," Johnson said. "I am so proud of our new partnership with his brothers and sisters in law enforcement to remember his legacy and help others through organ and tissue donation."

Sgt. Rose was killed in the line of duty in November 2016 and his family supported his decision as a registered organ and tissue donor to give the gift of life to others. Because of his generosity, many lives were improved.

"With the support of our branch office staff, we have made great strides since I was elected to increase the number of registered donors," Johnson said. "Michigan has actually gone from one of the worst states in the nation to one of the best states for organ donor registration."

In 2011, when Johnson became Secretary of State, only 27 percent of Michigan residents were registered as organ donors. Today, under her leadership, that number has climbed to over 62 percent.

"Those numbers represent hope to real people," Johnson said. "There are over 3,300 people in Michigan right now whose families are waiting for that life-saving phone call."

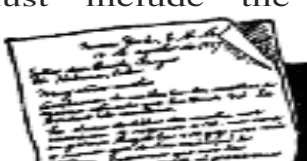
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•Spoonfuls of Plenty Free Community Meal, 4-6 p.m., LeeRoy Clark Building, 435 Green St., Caro. Open to anyone wanting a hot, home-style meal.

Thursday, February 8

•AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.
•Caregiver Connection, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., Country Gardens, Scheurer Hospital, 203 N. Caseville Rd., Pigeon. For more information, call Merry at (989) 673-4121.

Saturday, February 10

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

Monday, February 12

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

Tuesday, February 13

•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 Gageton.
•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:

•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.

Second Monday:

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

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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.

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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

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

Sanilac man faces abuse charge involving injured 11-month-old

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies are continuing their investigation into an alleged child abuse incident that left an 11-month-old girl seriously injured last week.

The suspect in the case, 22-year-old Derek Paehlig of Deckerville, meanwhile, was arraigned on two felony counts of child abuse Friday in Sanilac County District Court.

Paehlig, who is charged with first degree and second degree child abuse, remains lodged in the Sanilac County Jail on a \$500,000

bond. His next court date is a preliminary examination scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 1:30 p.m.

Deputies were dispatched to McKenzie Memorial Hospital in Sandusky Wednesday at about 1:40 p.m. investigators subsequently determined the child was a victim of alleged abuse earlier in the day in the Peck area.

According to Detective Sgt. Nate Smith, the preliminary investiga-



Derek Paehlig

tion indicated Paehlig assault the child during the morning hours while she was in his care. The child was transported to McKenzie Hospital by personal vehicle and later transported by helicopter to a Flint area hospital for treatment of serious injuries.

"The 22-year-old suspect in the case was interviewed at the Sheriff's Office and placed under arrest for felony child abuse," Smith reported, noting the suspect remains lodged in the Sanilac County Jail with no bond.

In addition to criminal proceedings, Child Protective Services officials are conducting their own investigation.

Saginaw motorist dies in accident

A Saginaw man died in a two-vehicle traffic crash early last week in Tuscola County's Tuscola Township.

According to the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department, deputies were dispatched to the scene - M-15 near Atkins Road - at about 11:30 a.m.

"Forty-eight-year-old Robert Haller from Saginaw was traveling south on M-15 when he lost control of his vehicle on the icy/snow covered roadway and crossed the center line and struck

a northbound vehicle head-on," a news release issued by the department stated. "Haller was operating a 2004 Chevrolet Astro Van, and was transported to Covenant Hospital by MMR. Sadly, he did not survive his injuries.

"The northbound vehicle, a 2002 Chevrolet Avalanche, was being driven by 18-year-old Timothy Crooks of Vassar. Crooks was transported to Covenant Hospital in Saginaw for non-life-threatening injuries."

Investigators noted airbags were

deployed in both vehicles. Crooks was wearing a seatbelt at the time of the crash, but it's unknown if Haller was wearing a seatbelt.

"Alcohol/drugs are not believed to be factors. However, speed and road conditions do," the news release stated. "The accident remains under investigation."

Deputies were assisted at the scene by the Michigan State Police, Vassar police, Vassar and Richville fire departments, and MMR personnel.

Family members arrested in meth bust

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The Sanilac Drug Task Force shut down a methamphetamine lab last Wednesday in Sanilac County's Bridgehampton Township.

Drug team Director Jim Johnson said Thursday that officers, armed with a search warrant, entered a home in the 2000 block of North Ruth Road at about 4 p.m.

"The search warrant was a result of several months of investigation by the drug task force members and tips left by callers advising of their concerns," Johnson noted.

"The Wednesday afternoon search confirmed a methamphetamine lab at the residence and the hazardous by-products of their manufacturing setup," he said,

adding the lab was located inside the living area of the one story home.

"Subjects in the residence were arrested, including one that attempted to escape the property through a bedroom window," Johnson reported.

He said officers arrested three family members the Deckerville residence: a 51-year-old male (father), who was arrested and lodged in the Sanilac County Jail on alleged marijuana offenses; a 52-year-old female (mother), also lodged on alleged marijuana offenses; and the couple's 33-year-old son, who was lodged on child support warrants. "A 40-year-old male from Deckerville at the home was picked up and lodged on warrants from Lapeer County," he added.

"Felony charges related to the meth lab production and possession will be sought on the 52-, 51- (and) 40-year-old suspects," Johnson said. "Investigators are in still the process of locating other suspects that were believed involved in the purchase - 'smurfing' - of pseudoephedrine (cold medication) products for the purpose of making methamphetamine."

The drug task force utilized its meth hazmat-certified members and were able to safely contain the meth seized, along with the components and by-products of a methamphetamine lab.

"The drug task force was assisted prior to the search warrant execution and at the scene by the Deckerville Police Department and the Sanilac County Sheriff's Uniform Division," Johnson noted.

Circuit court proceedings

Several appear on felony charges

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

*Paul Ian-Thomas Gillett, 38, Columbiaville, was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail and 60 months probation following his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, July 15 in Millington.

He was also ordered to complete 480 hours of community service and pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,258.

*Ryan S. Sella, 37, Unionville, was sentenced to 180 days in jail following his pleas of no contest to charges of attempted home invasion, first degree, aggravated stalking and malicious destruction of telecommunications services Aug. 27 in Akron Township.

He was also placed on 24 months probation and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,626.

*Jason J. Periso, 32, Deford, was sentenced to 180 days in jail, with worksite privileges, following his plea of no contest to domestic violence, third offense, May 11 in Novesta Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to jail time, he was placed on 36 months probation and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,008 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

*Lynette P. Kester, 36, Vassar, pleaded no contest to three counts of attempted child abuse, second degree, between Jan. 1, 2015, and Jan. 11, 2017, in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$50,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Austin R. Snell, 20, Vassar, pleaded guilty to two counts of tampering with an electronic monitoring device, Nov. 27 in Vassar Township and July 6 in Reese. He

was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at a combined \$19,000, and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

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Reporter's notebook**I pity the fly...**by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Faithful readers of this column won't be a bit surprised to learn that I've been known to irritate my wife from time to time, but usually I have a good reason. Okay, sometimes.

Failure to shut off a light when she leaves a room or opening a package and then leaving the wrapping on a counter is another (I've gotten into the habit of asking if she's going to need that torn plastic wrap or cardboard backing for some new hobby).

Then I get "the look" – the same glare I get when I politely ask her to swiftly close the front door ("Sometime today would be nice...") during the summer months so I don't have to spend the next hour swatting flies.

I hate flies.

However, I'm looking forward to the coming fly season with a renewed resolve to stay on top of the battle in the house, thanks to the "Bug-A-Salt" rifle presented to me at Christmas by my long-suffering bride.

According to the package, the Bug-A-Salt is a non-toxic bug killing device uses ordinary table salt to dispatch these flying vermin. In short, the weapon is like a mini shotgun that fires tiny pinches of salt (80 shots before you have to reload) in a pattern guaranteed to waste a fly without splattering. This nifty item requires no batteries and features a pop-up sight indicator and a no-slip grip handle. It's guaranteed accurate up to three feet and even has a safety.

The manufacturer assures me the salt won't penetrate skin or harm furniture or painted surfaces, although the company issues the standard (and wise) stern warning about pointing a loaded weapon – including this pulverizing salt-shooting beauty – at anyone, especially at the face and eyes.

Really? There are people out there who need to be warned about not shooting salt into someone's eyes? How about an open wound? Do you suppose that would be okay?

Anyway, as if this really cool toy weren't enough, the manufacturer includes a list of good reasons why no one should pity the fly, some of which you probably never really wanted to hear.

I'm going to share them anyway. Here goes:

*There are more than 120,000 species of flies worldwide.

*The housefly is the most common species, carrying more than 100 different kinds of germs causing diseases such as Typhoid fever, dysentery, TB, Bubonic Plague and Leprosy, to name a few.

*Houseflies defecate every four to five minutes, spreading these diseases.

*A female housefly will lay 3,000 eggs within its lifespan of 21 days. Fly larvae hatch into maggots within 24 hours.

*The housefly's size depends on how well the maggot was fed; the bigger the maggot, the bigger the fly.

*Houseflies tend to stay within one to two miles of where they were born, but will travel up to 20 miles to find food. If a housefly spots a group of flies, it will join them, creating a gang of flies.

I find it a bit ironic that the Bug-A-Salt obviously targets guys with a little too much time on their hands in the summer, and at the same time warns that the gun is to be used "by responsible people only."

Guess my wife didn't read the small print.

On the other hand, I'm guessing she figures I'll be too busy ambushing flies this summer to nag her about closing a door.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas

**5 YEARS AGO (2013)**

Addressing the crowd Saturday night during the Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet are Cass City's 2013 Citizen of the Year, David Milligan and Junior Citizen of the Year Shannon Bardwell. Saturday's Chamber of Commerce annual banquet, held at Northwood Meadows, set a record for attendance in recent years, said Burt Althaver. On hand was a crowd close to 175 strong. Among the highlights of this year's event was the recognition of 21 former Citizens of the Year in attendance.

Freshman Josh Daniels finished as the Greater Thumb Conference runner-up in the 189-weight class over the weekend in Sandusky.

The 2013 Cass City High School Snowcoming King and Queen candidates are Andrea Mikolon, Lauren Perry, Leah Sanders, Taylor Brown, Larissa King (back) Cody Orban, Paul Verhines, Cole Israelson, Ryan Larson and John Ballard.

10 YEARS AGO (2008)

Kristy McClorey and Melonie Walker push their team's home-made outhouse to victory in the "Potty Trot" event hosted by Millennium Steering employees Saturday in Cass City. The workers raised \$2,042 to benefit the Make a Wish Foundation.

Deputy Duane Miller was honored for his outstanding job as a road deputy as well as for his leadership with the Marine Division.

Cass City High School students Brandon Myers, Michelle Butler, Nick Smith and student council representative Tyler Perry work on the greenhouse that will be placed in a courtyard at the school in the spring as part of a beautification project initiated by Principal Chad Daniels and spearheaded by the student council.

Cass City Wastewater Treatment Supt. Rick Mohr reported a record snowfall of about 11.5 inches last Wednesday - at least it's a record since Mohr started his job back in 1981. He noted the area did receive 11 inches of snow Dec 11, 2000 and on Jan. 1, 1985. Cass City recorded a total snowfall of 12.7 inches in January this year and another 15.4 inches so far in February.

Tony Lux could have given up on his interest in the Boy Scouts when his hometown troop in Kingston dissolved. Instead, he went on to earn scouting's highest rank - the Eagle - and at the age of just 14. "You just have to work hard for it, I guess," commented Lux, a freshman at Kingston High School and the son of Ken and Esther Lux of Kingston. "As I got into it, I believed I could do it."

25 YEARS AGO (1993)

Ready, set, go! Dustin Bouverette, 10, and Christopher Babich, 4, of Owendale, were among several people enjoying some fast and furious action on the sliding hill at Cass City Recreation Park over the weekend. Sledding conditions were expected to improve early this week with the arrival of more snow.

Bobbi Fischer, formerly of Cass City, has been named to Saginaw Valley State University's 1992 fall President's List. Bobbi, a Service Center Associate at Office Max in Saginaw, is a junior majoring in Physical Education with a double minor in Mathematics and Psychology, and is a 1990 graduate of Cass City High School. She is the daughter of Robert and Karen Fischer of Cass City.

Jason K. Jezewski has been specially identified for early promotion to senior airman in the U.S. Air Force. The airman was awarded the new rating ahead of other Air Force members by a below-the-zone promotion board which considered job performance, military knowledge, bear-

ing and self-improvement efforts. Jezewski, an apprentice aircrew egress systems mechanic, is the son of Jim L. Jezewski and Elaine M. Armstrong of Cass City. His wife, Rebecca, is the daughter of Millard and Kate Canterbury of Miami, Fla. He is a 1990 graduate of Cass City High School.

35 YEARS AGO (1983)

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Hutchinson of Seventh Street were guests of honor Sunday at a dinner at the E. Cass City Road home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Lounsbury, where their 25th wedding anniversary was celebrated. Alvin Hutchinson and Barbara Lounsbury were married Feb. 2, 1958, at the Sutton Methodist Church. They are the parents of five children, Rodney, Kansas City, Mo., Jane SanDiego, Mount Clemens, and Greg, Jill and Joan, at home. Guests at the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Guinther, Mr. and Mrs. Orval Hutchinson, and Greg, Jill and Joan Hutchinson.

Army PFC Richard L. Corl, son of Lloyd and Marlene A. Corl of 1545 Wadsworth Road, Ubyly, has been decorated with the Army Achievement Medal at Fort Lewis, Wash. The medal is awarded to soldiers for achievement or meritorious service and acts of courage. Corl is a tracked-vehicle mechanic with the 9th Infantry Division. He is a 1981 graduate of Bad Axe High School.

Robyn Powell was student of the week for the week of Jan. 21 at Cass City Intermediate School. An eighth grader, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Powell. Most improved student was Robert Fetting, a sixth grader, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fetting, Deford. Student of the week for the week of Jan. was Tanya Hatmaker, a seventh grader, the daughter of Barbara Jamison. Most improved student was Jennifer Jamison, a fifth grader, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Jamison.

40 YEARS AGO (1978)

Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Martin entertained relatives Saturday evening following the baptism of two grandchildren in St. Pancratius church by Fr. Joseph Morales. The babies are Matthew Lee Bruno, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Bruno of Owendale, and Kristy Lynn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan McClorey. Both babies are three months old. Grandparents of Kristy are Mr. and Mrs. Richard McClorey and Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Martin of Cass City and great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William Chiasson of Waltham, Mass., Mrs. Marion McClorey and Mrs. Erma Martin. Grandparents of Matthew are Mr. and Mrs. John Bruno of Owendale and Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Martin and great-grandparents, the Chiassons of Waltham, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Young of Wyandotte and Mrs. Erma Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sari of Slattery Road, North Branch, announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Lou, to Ray Wolak, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wolak of Legg Road, Kingston. She will be a spring graduate of Michigan State University and he is a 1974 graduate of Michigan State University and is now a dairy farmer in partnership with his father. An August 19 wedding is planned.

50 YEARS AGO (1968)

Miss Marjorie Dillman was guest of honor at a miscellaneous bridal shower Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Lawrence Bartle. Cohostesses were Mrs. Richard Dillman of Freeland and Mrs. Roy Tuckey. Out-of-town guests among the 19 present were Mrs. Aaron Wolfe (Janis Knight) of Roseville, Mrs. Robert Steigman (Dorothy Anthes) of Holt and Mrs. Nick Decker (Norma Harris) of Caro.

Army Private Gary L. Smith is assigned to Company D, 13th

Battalion, 4th Brigade, in the Army Training Center, Armor (USATCA) at Fort Knox, Ky. He will spend the next two months learning the fundamental skills of the soldier in today's modern, action Army. Interspaced with constant emphasis of proper physical conditioning, will be ample opportunity to utilize USATCA's many and varied facilities. Following the completion of basic training, Pvt. Smith, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Smith of Unionville, will receive at least an additional eight weeks of either advanced instruction or on-the-job training to qualify him in a specialized military skill.

Mrs. Evelyn MacKay returned Sunday from Novi, Mich., after spending three weeks with the James MacKay family. The MacKays are the parents of a son, born Jan. 19. The baby weighed eight pounds and nine ounces and is named James Franklin. They also have two daughters, Ann Marie, 6, and Debra Sue, 4. Mrs. J. MacKay is the former Ruth Gaffney, former Cass City resident.

75 YEARS AGO (1943)

On Friday evening, Jan. 29, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McCool of Decker were pleasantly surprised when Mrs. McCool's brothers and sisters came to help them celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary. Thomas McCool and Miss Myrtle Stambaugh were married Jan. 29, 1908, in the home of the latter's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hurford, of Ubyly, and they moved to the farm three miles north of Shabbona, where they still live.

Leland Rabideau, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Rabideau, of the U.S. Coast Guard writes, that he is now at Portage Base, Hancock.

Corporal Frank McComb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McComb, who has been stationed at Camp Davis, North Carolina, came Sunday to spend his furlough with relatives here. Cpl. McComb is to report at Kansas City, Missouri, on February 13 where he will attend a radio school.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Damm and children, Shirley and Dale, spent Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Massman in Saginaw and attended a party honoring Lyle Massman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Massman, who was inducted into the Army Tuesday. A large number of friends and relatives were present and enjoyed a social evening and refreshments.

Corporal Charles H. Hallock, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Hallock, Sr., of North Branch, was killed in action December 5 in the Southwest Pacific. Cpl. Hallock has been stationed in New Guinea. He was graduated from North Branch High School in 1937 and entered the service about a year ago. He is survived by his widow, his parents, four brothers, Ross and Roy Hallock, both of North Branch, George of Marion and Robert, serving in Uncle Sam's Army, and a sister, Mrs. Harold Tewkesbury, of North Branch. The Hallocks were former residents of Cass City, having lived on West Street for some time.

100 YEARS AGO (1918)

Those neither absent nor tardy this month are Stuart Henderson, Bernice Sweet, Corn Sweet, Estella Hicks, Thelma Henderson, Clare Crawford and Arthur Henderson. The eighth grade are starting civil government. The school is preparing a program after which will be a box social for the benefit of the Red Cross on Friday night, Feb. 8. Everybody invited. Visitors this month are Elton Kilo, Anna Patch and Archie Powell. Teacher—Gall Sharp. Reporter—Mildred Sutton.

Mrs. Dan Delong and children, Elwyn and Maxine, of Pontiac are visiting with H. B. Kelley and other relatives. They expect to move to their future home near Cumber in a few weeks.


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Uby Village officials review police matters, rec facility upgrades

by Mary Drier
Special for the Chronicle

Uby Village officials recently discussed a number of local police department issues.

The department is in the process of cleaning out its evidence room. It was noted the process should be a two-man effort, that courts will have to be contacted about the effort, and that Police Chief Dave Rothe will be meeting with the federal officials before selling guns that are currently in the evidence room.

Proceeds from the sale will be used to buy an external hard drive to load camera videos as a backup for the current computer. And the police department will be purchasing a Mobile Data Terminal (MDT) for its Tahoe.

Also, a BMW that is currently in the police department's possession and stored inside has an oil leak. Because of the leak, the department will have the vehicle moved out of the garage and placed in storage. A claim by a defendant has been made on a Chevy Silverado the police department acquired during a drug investigation, so the department cannot do anything with the truck until all appeals have been exhausted.

In other village matters, officials are working on a recreation plan, a process that has included forming a subcommittee charged with applying for grant funding for recreation improvements. Those on the committee are Lola Brown, Vanessa Longuski, Dave Jaroch, and Mike Moorman.

Among the improvements under consideration are upgrades to the park pavilion, a walking trail, and handicap accessible restrooms. An engineering firm has been hired to write and submit the grant.

The firm will also be reviewing the local Little League's plan for improvements to its ball field.

Flu bug still hitting hard

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they don't reflect a true picture, according to Hepfer.

"We cannot let the numbers fool us. These are the confirmed cases that actually were tested," she said. "It is not possible to diagnose the flu without the testing."

And, many people just ride out the illness at home without seeking medical treatment.

To make matters worse, there is another illness circulating.

"There is also the gastrointestinal illness commonly thought of as the 'stomach flu'," Hepfer said. "This has also been circulating in the counties and is responsible for diarrhea and vomiting. There is not a vaccine to protect against the gastrointestinal illnesses."

"We are seeing an increase of people with flu symptoms in the hospital and clinics," said Rachel Voss, director of community relations at Huron Medical Center, Bad Axe, which has responded by limiting visitors to two at a time.

Voss declined to say how many patients were hospitalized at the 53-bed facility.

"We have seen double our numbers from last year January, both in the number of tests (swabs) that we have performed and the number of positive test results we have had come back," said Danielle Blaine, director of community relations at Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City. "This is true in both the clinic/office setting and in the emergency room/hospital setting."

According to the CDC, 95 percent of the cases are Type A flu virus, but there are also other strains circulating across the nation.

"We have also seen the Influenza B strain early this year. Typically we don't see that until later into February," said Blaine. "We have had about 10 patient admits with Influenza."

Although Hills and Dales Hospital has not restricted visitors, officials there are urging everyone to take precautions.

"We encourage all visitors to wear a mask if they are coughing. And we also encourage both visitors and our employees to stay home if they are not feeling well," Blaine said.

Hills and Dales Hospital is a 20-bed facility.

The flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by viruses. It can cause mild to severe illness and can lead to death. The flu is different from a cold. The flu usually comes on suddenly. People who have the flu can face a variety of symptoms, including fever or feeling feverish/chills, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle or body aches, headaches and fatigue.

Some people may have vomiting and diarrhea, though this is more common in children than adults.

"Stomach flu" is a term commonly used to describe a viral illness that lasts one or two days that cause an upset stomach or pain, vomiting and diarrhea.

Powell waives exam in court

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count of making a threat of terrorism, which is punishable by up to 20 years in prison and/or a maximum fine of \$20,000.

Powell remains free on a \$50,000 bond (10 percent). His case will now be scheduled for a pre-trial hearing, during which any proposed plea agreements/negotiations could take place.

Cass City School Supt. Jeff Hartel addressed specifics of the incident in a letter to the parents and guardians of all students in the district.

"It was brought to our attention that a high school student used Snapchat to post a threat warning students not to attend school today with music from the song 'Pumped Up Kicks' playing in the background. The song talks about a boy taking his father's gun from his father's closet and warning other kids they better be able to run faster than his bullets," Hartel explained.

Powell was removed from a class he was attending at the Tuscola Technology Center in Caro after the threat was discovered by Cass City School officials. He is currently under suspension at Cass City High School, and the board of education is expected to decide his future in the district next month.

While Powell made a mistake, Hartel said, "we also understand that people do make mistakes. We're trying to support the family the best we can, but there are consequences for what he did."

Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark E. Reese said school officials were alerted about the threat when a student came forward with information.

"The information passed along by a student in this case was extraordinarily important. It allowed the Cass City School District and Cass City Police Department to immediately respond and follow procedures to ensure the safety of the school and students," Reese said. "It is crucial that anyone who obtains information of this type pass it along without delay to proper authorities so necessary action can be taken."

School officials in a number of districts across the county, including Cass City, have dealt with similar threats in the past, and each is handled in the same way, according to Reese, who explained protocols are in place that require consistency from both schools and law enforcement in reacting to threats, regardless of how credible they may or may not be.

Kingston officials gearing up to tackle capital improvement work

by Mary Drier
Special for the Chronicle

Kingston School officials are well into the planning phase for a variety of capital improvement projects that will be funded by a voter-approved debt service extension expected to generate roughly \$4.8 million.

School Supt. Matt Drake said he has met with architects and a construction management firm regarding improvements such as bleacher construction and upgrades to parking lots.

"We would like to start work soon as soon as we can on some

of the projects like the football field, bleachers, parking lot and parking lot lights," said Drake. "There is still a lot of paperwork that has to be done to wrap things up to get ready to move ahead with those projects."

School officials also plan to use the bond extension funds to address roof replacement, technology upgrades, new security systems at each school, bleachers at the school football field and in the high-school gymnasium, a new gym floor, new boilers, renovation of science rooms and demolition of an unused portion of the elementary school that was built in the 1930s.

Kingston voters approved the bond proposal on a vote of 473 to 257 during a special election last fall. The measure enabled the district to raise money for the improvements — by adding years to an existing debt — without asking voters to shoulder a tax increase.

The sale of bonds is expected to be completed in February.

In addition to the cash generated by the extension, the district received an unexpected donation of \$25,000 to go towards an outdoor concession stand facility. That project was not included on the list of improvements requested by school officials.

"It's cool" to attend Kingston classes

by Mary Drier
Special for the Chronicle

Everything in life is about attitude, and Kingston School District officials have taken steps to build on that philosophy with their new attitude on attendance — "It's cool!"

"We implemented the 'Coming to School is Cool' at the start of this school year, and it has been well received," said Kingston Schools Supt. Matt Drake.

The goal of the program is to teach students the value of good attendance and reward those students and families that practice consistent attendance.

The program is comprised of three parts.

Families with students having one or less absences per month are entered into a drawing for a free family activity. Some of those activities are movie tickets, bowling passes, vouchers to the Kingston Elementary School Book Fair, vouchers to the Kingston Community Schools concession stand, a family athletic pass, and Kingston fan gear.

Each month a calculation is done on every class's attendance percentage. The class with the highest percentage gets to hang a

special banner over its door for the month.

Students with one or less absences are also entered into a drawing to receive a special reward, such as ice cream, an extra recess pass or a homework pass. One student per classroom receives a reward each month.

The program is a team effort, according to school officials, who ask parents to discuss the importance of good attendance with their children and do their best to either bring them to school or get them to the bus stop every day.

Studies have shown that consistent attendance in the early years of a child's education leads to higher achievement and success later in life.

According to Kingston Elementary Principal Justin Diegel, school-wide Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) was implemented at Kingston in December. Staff members will be undergoing training to familiarize themselves with the program over the next three months.

"The program seems to be working. Our attendance has really improved," said Drake.

The district implemented Seth Maust's "Five Star Learning Program" featuring inspiring mes-

sages of hope, challenges to students academically and socially, and an emphasis on how students can make the next best step towards a bright future.

"It's based on the same principles as that of a five star hotel of excellence of doing the best," said Drake. "Normally, attendance and grade point average aren't stressed until a student is in the ninth grade, (but) this program starts with fifth-graders through ninth grade."

Students in those grades watch hour-long segments of Maust's video curriculum once a week.

The video curriculum is designed to provide schools with a common set of core values and provide a platform for teachers to connect with their students.

"The program aims to change student behavior by creating a positive school culture based on our core values of respect, responsibility, integrity, sacrifice and courage," explained Drake. "Part of the program is having students keep track of their grade-point average (GPA). Before, that wasn't done until the ninth-grade."

The goal, he said, is to show students that all portions of their education matter, and it helps them understand the importance of accountability and focus.

News briefs

Sanilac band fest on tap

BROWN CITY — The 68th annual Sanilac County Band Festival for senior high school bands will be held Wednesday, Feb. 21, at 7 p.m. in the Brown City High School gymnasium.

The festival will begin with an individual performance of two selections by each of the seven participating high school bands. The evening of music will also feature a performance by the 2018 Sanilac County High School Honors Band under the direction of Dr. Norman Wika, director of bands at Saginaw Valley State University.

The public is invited to attend this event. Admission is a donation of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.

Snyder signs Canfield bill

MICHIGAN — Legislation introduced by 84th District state Rep. Dr. Edward J. Canfield, D.O., to update the geographical makeup of the Michigan Dry Bean Commission, was recently signed into law by Gov. Rick Snyder.

The Michigan Dry Bean Commission was previously made up of nine voting members — eight district representatives and one process shipper handler representative. However, members of the dry bean industry recently requested a change.

"Due to changing market conditions in the Michigan dry bean industry, one of the districts has struggled to find a representative to serve on the commission," Canfield explained. "This reform offers a sensible solution by merging two districts and creating a new at-large position."

Wagner new junior member

KINGSTON — Samantha Wagner of Kingston is a new junior member of the American Angus Association, reports Allen Moczygemba, CEO of the national organization with headquarters in Saint Joseph, Mo.

Junior members of the association are eligible to register cattle in the American Angus Association, participate in programs conducted by the National Junior Angus Association and take part in Association-sponsored shows and other national and regional events.

The American Angus Association is the largest beef breed association in the world, with more than 25,000 active adult and junior members.

Open house set this month

CARO — The Tuscola Technology Center, 1401 Cleaver Rd., Caro, will host its annual open house Wednesday, Feb. 14, from 4 to 6 p.m.

Among the career programs students can explore are art and digital design, graphics, cosmetology, early childhood, law enforcement, placement services, computer technology, management, culinary arts, marketing and business management, agriscience, welding and fabrication, diesel technology, construction, electronics, nursing and auto technology.

For more information, call (989) 673-5300.

Heating assistance available

MICHIGAN — TrueNorth has received federal funding for heat and energy assistance.

For more information and an application, visit the website www.helpforheat.com or call (231) 355-5880 to receive an application through the mail.

Because of the demand, a specific number of applications will be taken each day. When the limit is reached, clients will be asked to check back the next day for availability.

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During the winter, here are a few ways to help protect gas meter equipment and gas appliances to avoid a potentially hazardous situation or service disruption:

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- Never allow snow to cover your natural gas meter or its pressure regulator or block your appliance exhaust vents.
- Please use caution when shoveling snow, plowing or snow blowing to avoid piling snow against the natural gas meter, regulator or appliance vents.
- Clear a path to the meter free from snow and ice for easy access.
- Remove soft snow build-up gently, using only a broom or your hand rather than a shovel that could damage the meter.
- Do not try to remove ice or frozen snow from the natural gas meter pressure regulator or piping. If you find your meter or pressure regulator covered in ice or frozen snow, do not attempt to remove the ice or use de-icer. Contact SEMCO ENERGY Gas Company, toll free, at 1 800 624 2019.





DETECTIVE SGT. Scott Jones (right), pictured with Sheriff Glen Skrent, was recognized with a professional excellence citation for his work on a sexual assault complaint involving a child last spring. The suspect in the case was convicted and sentenced to prison.



SHERIFF Glen Skrent is pictured above with deputies Steve Roland (center) and Jon Ramirez (right) after presenting both officers with meritorious service awards for going above and beyond the call of duty while assisting a stranded motorist.

Sheriff honors top officers for '17

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effective care.”

Skrent also presented professional excellence awards to Sgt. Mark House and Deputy Rodney Bertsch.

“In June of 2017, corrections staff were alerted to a possible deceased person in a home near the jail. Although Deputy Rod Bertsch and Sgt. Mark House were neither trained nor equipped to respond to calls outside of the facility, they took action anyway,” Skrent said.

“Deputies Bertsch and House were willing to render first aid to a fellow citizen if needed. Both remained calm and professional.”

Sgt. Mike Schuman, meanwhile, was presented with a professional excellence award for his work as the department’s CPR/AED/first aid instructor.

“His classes are organized and well received by all employees. Trained employees have effectively used the training as shown in a recent jail incident,” Skrent, who noted Schuman “is a definite asset to the organization.”

Detective Sgt. Scott Jones earned a professional excellence award as a result of his work on a sexual assault complaint involving a child last May.

“The investigation required extensive time and effort to complete, and ultimately the suspect confessed and was sent to prison,” Skrent said.

“The detectives routinely maintain a caseload of these types of assault investigations; however, this case was particularly difficult and involved,” he added. “Detective Jones kept pace with all the serious complaints at the time and the citizens of Tuscola County were safer for his effort.”

Skrent presented Deputy Steve Roland with a second award – for professional excellence – in connection with a breaking and enter-

ing complaint in July.

“A considerable amount of time and resources from outside agencies were used to investigate this call,” Skrent noted. “Deputy Roland had a suspicion that the complaint had been fabricated. A lengthy interview was conducted, which led to a confession and charge/arrest of filing a false police report. Deputy Roland showed much patience and determination in order to get to the real truth of the matter.”

In addition, deputies Jon Ramirez and Ryan LaFlure were presented with meritorious service citations.

Sheriff Skrent explained the recognition, saying he had received a letter from a county resident who has been living with a double lung transplant. “Deputies Ramirez and LaFlure, while on patrol and time permitting, would stop in and check on the resident and his wife,” he said. “The letter noted that the deputies demonstrated pride and professionalism in the sheriff’s office as well in themselves.

“Sadly, the letter indicated that due to his medical condition he was nearing the end of his time. He wanted (me) to know that he found comfort that the deputies and the sheriff’s office will continue to watch over the well-being of his wife,” Skrent added.

Ramirez and Roland were also honored with meritorious service awards for going above and beyond the call of duty in assisting another citizen.

“In January of 2017, a family contacted the sheriff’s office to commend (both deputies),” Skrent said. “The deputies had pooled their money together to help pay a wrecker bill for a stranded motorist. The family was very emo-

tional about their generosity,” he noted. “At a time when police-community relations were low throughout the country, actions like this help bridge the gap between the public and law enforcement.”

Deputy Brad Spangler was also recognized with a meritorious service award.

“Deputy Spangler investigated a traffic crash on M-15 in Millington Township around 2:30 a.m. in late October. He located a heavily damaged vehicle in the roadway and found that another vehicle had left the scene,” Skrent said. “A lady came back to the scene and reported that she was the driver that had left. However, Deputy Spangler knew it not to be true.

“Deputy Spangler searched a home (and) located the real driver, who was hiding, and arrested her. The lady that originally reported herself as the driver was also arrested,” Skrent said. “His efforts went above and beyond what other officers might have done to get the truth and it did not go unnoticed by citizens of Millington Township.”

Also last week, Skrent presented Sgt. Mike Mattlin with a meritorious service award stemming from his work on a complaint last June involving a suspicious person inside a barn.

“The suspicious man was known to deputies to be aggressive and uncooperative. The man grabbed a multi-pronged spear in the barn and approached Sgt. Mattlin in a threatening manner. Other officers may have used a firearm in that situation; however, Sgt. Mattlin used his years of training and experience, remained calm under pressure and successfully arrested the subject without any injuries,” Skrent said.

Township eyes road work

by Mary Drier
Special for the Chronicle

Although snow and ice still cover roadways, the Evergreen Township Board recently approved some road work for when weather conditions improve.

Among the projects are two miles of maintenance to Leslie Road - Deckerville Road to Shabbona (crushed limestone), and rebuilding Shabbona Road to Severance Road. Township officials are seeking cost estimates for the work.

In addition, the township is considering contracting with Wilkinson for two applications of brine on dirt roads. The cost, if paid by April 10, would be \$13,260, with the county paying \$1,000.

Turning to other matters, officials noted the township cemetery gained a little ground when Franklin Heatwole cleaned up the brush around the property. In fact, the clean-up effort netted about 20 feet of land on the north side and at least 10 feet along both sides of the cemetery, according to Clerk Randy Severance, who reported Heatwole will be paid \$1,000 for the work.

In other business, the board:

*Noted work is continuing to prepare for any renewable energy projects in the township by completing wind and solar energy zoning ordinances. A copy of the wind turbine zoning ordinance was accepted by the board for review in July, and a solar zoning ordinance was developed in November.

Severance suggested that the township hire an attorney to review the paperwork, and Cass City attorney Jason Bitzer was hired to serve in that role for a reduced fee of \$175 per hour.

*Hired Aaron Morden as the township’s zoning administrator.

“If anyone on the board sees something that needs attention, let Aaron know. Prices for permits are \$10 for an addition, and for new construction it is \$25,” Severance said.

*Noted this year’s board of review times and dates are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 14, and 3 to 9 p.m. Thursday, March 15.

*Discussed changes in elections for the coming year. The township will be using new voting machines during the Aug. 7 and Nov. 6 elections. The only cost to the township is a \$615 annual maintenance fee. In a related matter, the board approved a salary of \$200 for the election inspector chairman.

The board’s next meeting will be held Tuesday, Feb. 27, at 7:30 p.m.

Ice fishermen die on the bay

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ing ice was conducted,” he said. “At approximately 4:30 p.m., the air-boat crew found both victims about 900 feet northeast of the original scene.”

The victims were transported to Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon by the Sebewaing Ambulance Service.

“There, deputies and a Huron County Medical Examiner’s Office investigator eventually met with the family members of one of the victims and were also able to learn who the other victim was. Notification of next of kin for that victim then began,” Hanson said.

“Preliminary investigation is indicating that this incident may have actually occurred earlier around 9:30 a.m. It appears that the victim who originally called his friend for help was only able to reach the friend’s voicemail and that voicemail didn’t arrive until 2:30.”

The sheriff, who noted the Caseville Fire Department and Michigan DNR assisted deputies, said snow squalls, strong north winds and very cold temperatures are believed to have contributed to the accident, which remains under investigation.

“With repeated warnings over the last couple of weeks about unsafe ice already being issued, we once again remind anglers that the ice conditions are very unpredictable,” Hanson said.

“The thaws we’ve experienced this season, and refreezes with added snow covering, have made for unstable ice. Please do not take the ice for granted just because colder temperatures are once again occurring. The reward is in no way worth the risk.”

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Hawk slide continues with GTW setbacks

by Clarke Haire
 Publisher

Cass City Coach Jeff Hartel didn't have far to look for improvements after his Red Hawks suffered an ugly loss Friday to visiting Reese in Greater Thumb West action.

The Rockets led from start to finish in the 68-33 whipping, spoiling the Cass City Snowcoming game in convincing fashion.

"We were never in the game right from the tip-off. That's on me because I didn't have our team ready to play a team of Reese's caliber. We were beaten in every aspect of the game," said Hartel.

The visitors led 15-0 before Luke Stern halted the Rocket run with a short jumper. Still, the damage was done and Reese would go on to double the score on their hosts by the half, where they enjoyed a 40-20 cushion.

Any comeback hopes were put to rest early in the third quarter as another big Reese run – this one 17-5 – removed most doubt from the game's outcome.

After starting the season 3-1, Cass City has dropped seven of their last eight tilts. And things won't get any easier this week as undefeated league leader USA is up next.

"Need to stay positive and keep

working at putting our players in position to be successful. Players are trying to get wins, but we have hit a tough stretch and need to band together and fight through it. It gets even more difficult Friday going on the road at USA. A real challenge ahead of us," Hartel said.

Gabe Robinson poured in a game-high 19 markers to lead Reese.

Cass City had Sandyn Cuthrell with nine points and Joey Krol with eight.

Earlier in the week, Cass City traveled to Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port High School and suffered a 55-38 drubbing.

The Lakers outscored their guests in each quarter to produce the double digit margin of victory.

"(We) struggled to score all night," said a frustrated Hartel, adding, "Keep a team to 23 points at half you should be ahead, not down seven."

Cory Manento and Andrew Siegfried split 24 points to lead the winners.

Brendan Hamilton's 11 points topped Cass City.

Boys' Basketball Standings

Greater Thumb West			
	W	L	W L
USA	4	0	10 0
Reese	3	1	7 2
EPBP	3	2	7 6
Vassar	2	2	3 9
Cass City	1	3	7 5
Bad Axe	0	5	4 9

Greater Thumb East			
	W	L	W L
Brown City	4	1	9 4
Harbor Beach	3	2	6 6
Marlette	3	2	4 7
Ubyly	3	2	9 4
Sandusky	2	3	5 8
Memphis	0	4	1 12

NCTL Stripes			
	W	L	W L
Peck	4	0	9 5
CPS	3	1	3 7
BCAS	3	1	4 6
Owen-Gage	1	3	1 10
Caseville	1	3	2 8
Akron-Fair.	0	4	0 8

NCTL Stars			
	W	L	W L
Dryden	5	0	9 1
Flint Int.	3	1	10 1
Kingston	3	2	10 2
North Huron	2	2	7 6
Deckerville	1	4	4 7
Mayville	0	5	3 8



REESE'S Jack Hirschman, left, and Cass City's Zachary Beecher fight for a rebound during Friday's GTW contest.

Kingston wins crossover tilt

In their only action last week, Kingston handed guest Peck a 41-30 North Central Thumb League crossover defeat.

The host Cardinals actually trailed 11-5 early Tuesday, only to gain a 23-19 margin at the halfway point.

Both teams had trouble scoring in the third quarter, but the Cardinals closed out the game on a 12-5 run to secure the win.

"We had a great defensive effort

tonight. Peck is a good team with some talented guards. We slowed them down," said Kingston Coach Dave Lester.

Evan Neff led Kingston with 13 points, five rebounds and four steals, while Austin Ahern added eight points and eight rebounds. Garrett Green and Nathan Cloyd each added six points for the Cardinals.

Cole Hendley led Peck with nine points.

Gymnasts earn podium visits

The Cass City gymnastic squad traveled to St. Johns Saturday for a 10-school invite. There, Coach Kathy Bouverette says her Lady Red Hawks exceeded expectations.

"We had a much better meet. We hit our routines on beam and floor. Vault was good as always. Bars is a work in progress, but we did get a higher overall score for bars so they are improving and that's all I want, along with having fun. Our team score was 118.175 for a 6th place finish," said Bouverette, adding, "I had a girl place in the top 12 on each event and they were called up to the podium to receive their award (ribbon)."

Highlights for Cass City were that Makena Nulph placed 11th on bars and 11th on the floor, Riley Copeland placed 11th on beam, and Olivia Schuette placed 11th on floor.

Earning regional qualifying scores for Cass City over the weekend were: in the vault, Madison Michalski - 8.35, Hailey Schmotzer - 8.0, Brittany Swiderski - 7.9 and Copeland - 7.9; on the bars, Nulph - 7.25; on the beam, Copeland - 8.05, Michalski - 7.875, Swiderski - 7.525 and Alexis Hull - 7.4; and on the floor, Schuette - 8.125 and Michalski - 7.85.



HIGHLIGHTING the halftime ceremonies Friday in Cass City was the announcement of the school's 2018 Snowcoming King and Queen. The royal couple are Brendan Hamilton and Sayge Cuthrell.

Lady Hawks upset bid falls just short

by Clarke Haire
 Publisher

If you believe in moral victories, Thursday's showdown in the Greater Thumb West (GTW) fits the bill for Cass City.

Even so, it would be state-ranked Reese that kept its conference mark unblemished with a hard fought 51-47 victory every bit as close as the final margin indicates.

The visiting Rockets improve to 9-0 in the GTW and 11-1 overall, while the Red Hawks dipped to 4-2 in the GTW and 9-5 overall. More importantly, Reese now holds a 2-game advantage in the GTW loss column over both Cass City and USA. USA plays host to Cass City this Thursday in a must-win game to remain in conference title contention.

Reese entered their latest contest after playing on the previous night. And for three quarters, Cass City was first to the loose balls that helped to create a 34-29 gap entering the final frame.

Cass City trailed 11-10 after one quarter, but led 20-19 after two in the back-and-forth affair.

In the final half, seniors Lauren Dickinson and Lauren Fernald came up large for Cass City.

With all eyes on Cass City leading scorer Sayge Cuthrell – including the Rocket defense – the Red Hawks were struggling to score.

Inset Lauren Fernald. The senior sharp shooter came off the bench and connected a pair of 3-point bombs from the top of the key during the third quarter. Please turn to page 10.

Fabulous Four's Fearless Forecast

2018
 Basketball
 Picks
 Feb. 6-9



Saylor Cuthrell



Clarke Haire



Geoff Morgan



Doug Hyatt

BOYS' BASKETBALL	Saylor Cuthrell	Clarke Haire	Geoff Morgan	Doug Hyatt
TUESDAY, Feb. 6 Owen-Gage @ Akron-Fairgrove North Huron @ Kingston Reese @ Saginaw Nouvel	Owen-Gage Kingston Reese	Owen-Gage Kingston Reese	Akron-Fairgrove Kingston Reese	Akron-Fairgrove Kingston Reese
WEDNESDAY, Feb. 7 Harbor Beach @ EPBP USA @ Sanford Meridian	Harbor Beach USA	Harbor Beach USA	EPBP USA	EPBP USA
FRIDAY, FEB. 9 Bad Axe @ Reese Cass City @ USA EPBP @ Vassar Brown City @ Ubyly Owen-Gage @ BCAS Kingston @ Deckerville	Reese USA EPBP Brown City BCAS Kingston	Reese USA EPBP Brown City BCAS Kingston	Reese USA EPBP Brown City BCAS Kingston	Reese USA EPBP Brown City BCAS Kingston
GIRLS' BASKETBALL				
TUESDAY, FEB. 6 Harbor Beach @ Marlette Saginaw Nouvel @ USA	Harbor Beach Saginaw Nouvel	Marlette USA	Marlette Saginaw Nouvel	Marlette USA
THURSDAY, FEB. 8 Bad Axe @ Reese Cass City @ USA Owen-Gage @ BCAS Kingston @ Deckerville Sandusky @ Harbor Beach EPBP @ Vassar	Reese Cass City BCAS Kingston Harbor Beach Vassar	Reese Cass City BCAS Kingston Sandusky EPBP	Reese Cass City BCAS Kingston Sandusky Vassar	Reese USA BCAS Kingston Sandusky EPBP
LAST WEEKS' RESULTS	9-6	11-4	10-5	12-3
SEASON RESULTS	71-33 (68%)	76-28 (73%)	64-40 (62%)	82-22 (79%)

Cass City wins GTC wrestling championship

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

The Cass City wrestling team is selfish and veteran Coach Don Markel wouldn't have it any other way.

After sharing Greater Thumb Conference (GTC) honors with Mayville in 2017, the Red Hawks weren't as generous Saturday and used a dominating performance at the GTC League Meet to hoist yet another championship banner under the direction of the hall of fame mentor.

The 2018 GTC champs entered the weekend tourney in a three way tie at the top of the conference standings following the completion of the dual match portion of the campaign. But when the smoke cleared over the weekend in Marlette, Cass City stood alone on top of the 10-school standings.

"When the dual meet record and final league meet placements were combined, Cass City was crowned as the outright GTC 2018 champion. Next up for the Hawks are the Team Districts at Bad Axe on Thursday and Individual Districts at Sandusky on Saturday," said Markel.

Led by individual league champions Wyatt Dickson and Nick Perry, Cass City turned back Mayville, 162-141, to capture the annual tourney, while Vassar finished a distant third with 119.5 points. The complete tournament rankings had Memphis next with 114 points, followed by Ubyly 81, Brown City 75, Bad Axe 72.5, Sandusky 72.5, Marlette 71, and Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port 0.

Dickson was the 160-weight class champ. His path to glory included major decisions over Vassar's Colton Huizar and Mayville's Trent Birmingham.

Perry was best in the 215 weight class. He pinned a trio of opponents on the day including Casen Caister - Cass City, Orin Saunders - Memphis, and Logan LaBean - Mayville.

"Perry is currently 28-5. Many of his losses came early as he was just learning the sport of wrestling. He helps bring a great deal of leadership to the team. One could only imagine were he would be now had he begun wrestling earlier in his high school career. None-the-less we are happy to have him as part of the team this year. He has played a strategic part in helping to win yet another league title," said Markel, adding "Dickson is 41-3. His losses have been to top ranked wrestlers in the state of Michigan. Like Perry, he brings leadership qualities to the team. He is first to impart upon his teammates techniques he has learned through camps he has attended down through the years. Wyatt ranks as one of the top leaders in almost every category (wins, pins, etc) in the history of Cass City wrestling dating back to 1972."

Other top showings for Cass City were Tristan Swiderski (130), Race Woloshen (140), and Hunter Caister (189) who finished as runners-up, while Drew Markel (119), Lucas Swiderski (125), Hayden Larken (135), and Eric Peters (171) placed third.



RED HAWK Lauren Fernald pivots to find a passing lane against Reese's Savannah Comstock.

Card gals win again

Just like a winding lazy river, the Kingston girls' basketball team continues to roll.

Coach Jay Green's Lady Cardinals upped their record to 14-0 last week with victories over Peck and Croswell-Lexington.

On Friday, in a battle between North Central Thumb League division leaders, host Kingston cruised to a lopsided 41-15 decision over the Pirates.

A big 18-4 first quarter advantage proved too much for Peck to overcome on the night.

Carley Smith recorded 12 points and game scoring honors to pace Kingston.

Kayla Urell led Peck with six points.

On Wednesday, host Croswell-Lexington gave Kingston all they could handle for a half, before bowing 41-35.

After playing to a 19-19 tie at the break, Kingston took control with a 15-7 run to start the final half.

"We made a nice run in the 3rd quarter and held off a Croswell-Lexington run in the 4th. Our guards did a nice job of getting the ball to our bigs," Green said.

Smith's 18 points were high for Kingston, while Jillyan Dinsmore chipped in 10.

Gabrielle Childers had 10 points in vain for Croswell-Lexington.

Reese survives GTW thriller

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when Cass City built its biggest margin of the night.

Lauren Dickinson, who has been playing her best ball of a 3-year varsity career lately, took over the scoring chores for the hosts down the wire. She hit for three treys after the break and poured in 13 of her game-high 17 points in the final half.

Still, Reese caught fire in the final eight minutes and tossed in 22 points that included 10 free throws and treys from Sophee Robinson and Abbey Ackerman to hold off upset-minded Cass City.

Cass City Coach Aaron Fernald was pleased with his team's effort despite the defeat and told them afterwards, if they can improve on the little things - free throw shooting, driving to the basket - they could be 6-0 in the league.

Madison Thompson, who was 4-for-4 at the line during crunch time led Reese with 14 points.

Cuthrell was the game's only other double digit performer and added 13 tallies for Cass City.

Girls' Basketball Standings

Greater Thumb West				
	W	L	W	L
Reese	9	0	11	1
USA	5	2	8	5
Cass City	4	2	9	5
EPBP	1	4	4	9
Vassar	1	4	3	8
Bad Axe	0	5	0	14

Greater Thumb East				
	W	L	W	L
Sandusky	6	1	12	2
Marlette	4	1	10	2
Ubyly	3	3	8	6
Harbor Beach	3	3	11	4
Brown City	2	5	9	7
Memphis	0	5	1	12

NCTL Stripes				
	W	L	W	L
Peck	4	0	8	5
BCAS	3	1	5	7
Akron-Fair.	3	2	5	9
Caseville	2	3	5	7
Owen-Gage	1	2	1	7
CPS	0	4	0	7

NCTL Stars				
	W	L	W	L
Kingston	3	0	14	0
Deckerville	3	0	9	5
Dryden	1	2	3	5
North Huron	1	3	9	5
Mayville	0	3	4	9

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The Cass City Athletic Boosters would like to announce that the 2018 Silent Auction was a great success, thank you bidders! We would also like to thank all of the area businesses, families, teams and individuals who generously donated items for the auction. We raised \$5000 for our student athletes

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2017-18 Winter Sports Schedule

BOYS' BASKETBALL (FRESHMEN/JV/VARSITY)

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
1/3	Caro 58, CC 51
1/19	Vassar 53, CC 44
1/24	Ubyly 61, CC 54
1/26	CC 76, Bad Axe 69
1/31	Lakers 55, CC 38
2/2	Reese 68, CC 33
2/9	USA (F, JV, V)
2/14	Sandusky (F, JV, V)
2/16	Vassar
2/16	Caro (F @ 4:30)
2/21	USA (F, JV, & V)
2/23	Bad Axe
2/27	Reese (F, JV, & V)
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
12/1	Sandusky 51, CC 27
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
1/11	USA 49, CC 47
1/18	CC 55, Vassar 22
1/23	CC 51, Ubyly 47
1/25	CC 52, Bad Axe 43
1/30	CC 42, Lakers 38
2/1	Reese 51, CC 47
2/8	USA
2/13	Marlette
2/15	Vassar
2/15	Deckerville (F)
2/20	Reese (F, JV, & V)
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
1/20	Mayville Team Tourney	9:00 a.m.
1/24	Ubyly/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.
2/22	Vassar	6:30 p.m.

BOWLING

DATE	OPPONENT
1/23	CPS
1/25	Brown City
1/30	Reese
2/1	Bad Axe
2/6	Sandusky
2/8	Boys @ Cass City
2/10	Singles @ Sandusky
2/13	Girls @ Harbor Beach
2/17	Team @ Bad Axe

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Judy Shoup and Jack Shoup, wife and husband, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 17, 2005 and recorded June 23, 2005 in Liber 1043, Page 611. Said mortgage is now held by Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, as indenture trustee, for the CSMC 2016-RPL1 Trust, Mortgage-Backed Notes, Series 2016-RPL1, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Two and 3/100 Dollars (\$83,372.03), including interest at 6.246% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on MARCH 1, 2018.

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

Part of the Northwest quarter of Fractional Section 3, Town 13 North, Range 10 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the centerline of State Highway (M-81) which is North 88 degrees 36 minutes 45 seconds West 273.78 feet along the North line of said section and along said centerline on a 00 degree 30 minutes curve to the right, South 41 degrees 28 minutes 44 seconds West 758.80 feet (chord) and South 43 degrees 45 minutes 11 seconds West 150.07 feet (chord) from the North quarter corner of Section 3, said curve having a central angle of 12 degrees 59 minutes, a radius of 11549.19 feet and tangent lengths of 1303.95 feet; thence continuing along said centerline curve, South 44 degrees 29 minutes 39 seconds West 150.02 feet (chord); thence North 44 degrees 34 minutes 00 seconds West 200.00 feet; thence North 44 degrees 29 minutes 39 seconds East 150.02 feet; thence, South 44 degrees 34 minutes 00 seconds East 200.00 feet to the centerline of State Highway (M-81) and 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. 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: January 17, 2018
Orlans PC
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007
File No. 17-012590

1-17-4

FORECLOSURE NOTICE RANDALL S. MILLER & ASSOCIATES, P.C. MAY BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF

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Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Calvin A McCloy, an unmarried man to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as nominee for Cason Home Loans, Mortgagee, dated September 12, 2014, and recorded on September 16, 2014, in Liber 1315, Page 453, Tuscola County Records, said mortgage was assigned to J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Corp. by an Assignment of Mortgage which has been submitted to the Tuscola County Register of Deeds, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Sixty and 87/100 (\$68,160.87) including interest at the rate of 4.50000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the Circuit Court in said Tuscola County, where the premises to be sold or some part of them are situated, at 10:00 AM on February 15, 2018 Said premises are situated in the Township of Almer, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the northeast corner of the southeast quarter of section 25, town 13 north, range 9 east, thence west along the one eighth line 200 feet; thence south 100 feet; thence east 200 feet; thence north along section line to the place of beginning.

Commonly known as: 1601 Colwood Rd, Caro, MI 48723 If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 6.00 months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later.

If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Dated: January 17, 2018 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Corp. 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, (248) 335-9200 Case No. 17MI01051-1

1-17-4

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C., is attempting to collect a debt, any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE -Donald E. Kribs, a single person, granted a mortgage to Standard Federal Bank, Mortgagee, dated January 8, 1999, and recorded on February 8, 1999, in Liber 762, on Page 658, and assigned by said mortgagee to CitiMortgage, Inc., as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the

date hereof the sum of Forty-Two Thousand Seventy-Eight Dollars and Seventy-Eight Cents (\$42,078.78).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Court-house Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on February 15, 2018 Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as:

LOT 17 AND THE NORTH 1/2 OF LOT 18, BLOCK 2 OF MERRITT'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF VASSAR, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT LIBER 1, PAGE 22A, TUSCOLA COUNTY RECORDS.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241, in which case the redemption period shall be 1 month, or under MCL 600.3241a 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later, or extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

CitiMortgage, Inc. Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335

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Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C., is attempting to collect a debt, any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE -Cecil E. Schmitt and Barbara Ann Schmitt, Husband and Wife, granted a mortgage to American General Finance, Inc., Mortgagee, dated May 14, 2001, and recorded on May 18, 2001, in Liber 832, on Page 310, and assigned by said mortgagee to Madison Revolving Trust 2017, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-One Thousand Seven Dollars and Fifty-One Cents (\$51,007.51).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Court-house Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on February 15, 2018 Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as: Lots 1, 2, and 3, of Block 15, Blackman's Plat of the Village of Reese, Denmark Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof in Liber 29 of Deeds Page 188, Tuscola County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241, in which case the redemption period shall be 1 month, or under MCL 600.3241a 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later, or extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238.

If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property

at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Madison Revolving Trust 2017 Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335

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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 February 15, 2018:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Ruth M. McShane, Surviving Spouse
Original Mortgagee: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): None
Date of Mortgage: May 18, 2010
Date of Mortgage Recording: June 3, 2010
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$35,603.24

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Village of Unionville, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 7 of Block 11, H.C. Marvin's Plat to the Village of Unionville, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of plats, Page 48, now being Page 49A of Tuscola County records.

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

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. This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: January 17, 2018
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FORECLOSURE NOTICE (ALL COUNTIES) AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY (248) 362-6100 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Brenda S. Flynn and Jacky W. Flynn, husband and wife and Barbara A. Clouse, a joint tenants with full rights of

survivorship of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Signature Bank dated the 16th day of February, 2011, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 22nd day of February, 2011, in Liber 1216, Page 1218, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$38,139.73 (thirty-eight thousand one hundred thirty-nine and 73/100) plus accrued interest at 4.52% (four point five two) percent per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on, the 15th day of February, 2018, at 10:00:00 AM said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI, Tuscola County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Township of Kingston, in the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit: PARCEL G: Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 32, Town 12 North, Range 11 East, and the point of beginning; running thence South 89°05'48" East, 236.94 feet along the North line of said Section 32; thence South 00°00' West, 458.62 feet; thence South 90°00' West, 236.91 feet; thence North 00°00' East, 462.36 feet along the West line of said Section 32 to the point of beginning. Being a part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 32, Town 12 North, Range 11 East.

PARCEL H: Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 32, Town 12 North, Range 11 East, thence South 89°05'48" East, 236.94 feet along the North line of said Section 32 to the point of beginning; running thence South 89°05'48" East, 239.06 feet along the North line of said Section 32; thence South 00°00' West, 454.86 feet; thence South 90°00' West, 232.93 feet; thence North 00°00' East, 458.62 feet to the point of beginning. Being a part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 32, Town 12 North, Range 11 East. Commonly known as: 3015 Phillips Rd, Kingston, MI 48741 Parcel Number 015-032-000-1000-05 If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale the borrower, pursuant to MCLA 600.3278 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.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: January 17, 2018 By: Foreclosing Attorneys Attorney for Plaintiff Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A. 323 W. Lakeside Ave., Ste. 200, Cleveland, OH 44113 WWR# 10145352

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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 February 22, 2018:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Rodney A. Creel and Kelly Creel, husband and wife

Original Mortgagee: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC

Date of Mortgage: February 6, 2014

Date of Mortgage Recording: February 19, 2014

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$104,856.46

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 9, Township 11 North, Range 8 East, thence North, 100 rods; thence East 27.2 rods; thence South, 100 rods; thence West 27.2 rods to point of beginning, except commencing at a point that is East, 103.8 feet from the South 1/4 corner of Section; thence North, 300 feet, thence East, 345 feet, thence South, 300 feet; thence West 345 feet to 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; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

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.

This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: January 24, 2018 Trott Law, P.C.

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1-24-4

Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC 5955 West Main Street, Suite 18 Kalamazoo MI, 49009 THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made BY Tonya K. Johnson, a single woman, whose address is 2465 Dixon Road, Caro, Michigan 48723, as original Mortgagors, to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., being a mortgage dated December 23, 2009, and recorded on December 29, 2009 in Liber 1190 Page 75, Tuscola County Records, State of Michigan and assigned by said mortgagee to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, as assignee as documented by an assignment dated December 28, 2016 and recorded on January 17, 2017 in Liber 1366 Page 1115, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and then assigned to J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Corp., as

assignee as documented by an assignment dated January 17, 2018 and recorded on January 24, 2018 in Liber 1390 Page 21, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY-NINE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX AND 29/100 (\$69,666.29) Dollars.

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, at public sale to the highest bidder AT THE PLACE OF HOLDING THE CIRCUIT COURT WITHIN TUSCOLA COUNTY, at 10:00 a.m. on March 1, 2018. Said premises are situated in the Township of Indianfields, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, and are described as:

PARCEL A: PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 17, TOWN 12 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST, DESCRIBED AS COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 17, THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 36 SECONDS EAST, 200.00 FEET ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 36 SECONDS EAST, 416.84 FEET, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 45 SECONDS EAST, 418.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 36 SECONDS WEST, 416.84 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST, 418.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA § 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCLA § 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: January 31, 2018
For more information, please call: (312) 541-9710,
Kenneth J. Johnson, Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC,
5955 West Main Street, Suite 18,
Kalamazoo, MI 49009
File No.: MI 17 3600

1-31-4

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C., is attempting to collect a debt, any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE –David L. Zartman, A Married Man and Yvonne L. Zartman, A Married Woman, granted a mortgage to Flagstar Bank, FSB, A Federally Chartered Savings Bank, Mortgagee, dated May 23, 2002, and recorded on June 3, 2002, in Liber 880, on Page 176, and assigned by said mortgagee to Ditech Financial LLC, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Two Thousand One Hundred Sixty Dollars and Ninety-Six Cents (\$42,160.96).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on March 1, 2018

Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as: Lot 3, Block 2 of Toohey's Addition to the Village of Gagetown, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 54 now being Page 56A of Tuscola County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241, in which case the redemption period shall be 1 month, or under MCL 600.3241a 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later, or extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Ditech Financial LLC
Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.
23938 Research Drive, Suite 300
Farmington Hills, MI 48335

1-31-4

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 March 8, 2018:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Douglas S. Stewart and Julie A. Stewart, husband and wife

Original Mortgagee: North American Mortgage Company
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
Date of Mortgage: August 12, 1998
Date of Mortgage Recording: August 27, 1998
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$103,750.70

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Tuscola, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: A Parcel of land in the East part of the South 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Fractional Section 31, Town 11 North, Range 7 East, being a part of the so-called Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Fractional Section, described as follows: commencing on the South line of said Fractional Section 31 at a point 198.00 feet, South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, from the Southeast corner of said Section; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, on Said South Section line, 152.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 197.13 feet; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, parallel to said South Section line 133.48 feet; thence South 05 degrees 22 minutes 00 seconds East parallel to the East Section Line, 198.00 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; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

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.

This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: February 7, 2018 Trott Law, P.C.

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2-7-4

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee for any reason. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest, and the purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Notice is hereby given that the below mortgage 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 of Tuscola County at 10:00 A.M. on March 8, 2018. Name(s) of the mortgagor(s):

Rebecca A. DeHate, a Single Woman Original Mortgagee: Argent Mortgage Company, LLC Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Ameriquest Mortgage Securities Inc., Quest Trust 2004-X3, Asset Backed Certificates, Series 2004-X3, under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated September 1, 2004 Date of Mortgage: October 7, 2003 Date of Mortgage Recording: December 11, 2003 Amount claimed due on mortgage on the date of notice: \$21,360.16 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in the Township of Arbel, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 55, of Oak Grove Subdivision, according to the recorded plat thereof.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(16) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: 02/7/2018 Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 111238

2-7-4

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C., is attempting to collect a debt, any information obtained will be used for that purpose. MORTGAGE SALE –Brian Gilmore and Stacy L. Gilmore,

aka Stacy Gilmore, joint tenancy will full rights of survivorship, husband and wife, granted a mortgage to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 23, 2010, and recorded on April 27, 2010, in Liber 1197, on Page 162, and modified on January 14, 2015, recorded January 30, 2015, in Liber 1323, on Page 198, and assigned by said mortgagee to JP-Morgan Chase Bank, National Association, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Dollars and Sixty-Nine Cents (\$140,760.69).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on March 8, 2018 Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as:

Part of the West half of the Southwest quarter of Section 10, Town 13 North, Range 10 East, described as beginning at a point on the South line of said Section 10, which is East 881.51 feet from the Southwest corner of said Section; thence continuing along said South line, East, 440.75 feet to the West, North and South one-eighth line; thence along said one-eighth line North 00 degrees 10 minutes 20 seconds East, 989.14 feet; thence parallel with said South line of Section 10, West 440.02 feet; thence South 00 degrees 12 minutes 52 seconds West, 989.14 feet to the place of beginning. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241, in which case the redemption period shall be 1 month, or under MCL 600.3241a 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later, or extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238.

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Citizens of the Year honored Saturday in Cass City

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lage Toys for Tots drive to just name a new, according to Iwankovitsch.

"The selection committee's decision this year was not a difficult one. There was overwhelming support for Duane and Janice Chippi's nomination," Iwankovitsch said, adding, phrases like "generous and kind-hearted" and "above-and-beyond" and "providing help when help is needed" accompanied the letters backing the Chippis for this year's honor.

JUNIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Turning to the Junior Citizen of the Year, Robert Weaver was cho-

sen from a group of eight outstanding seniors as the 2018 winner.

Kate Van Auken, a member of the selection committee who presented the award, told the audience that Weaver is a tireless servant.

"If Robert looks familiar to you, you probably have attended a community event like this in the last few years. Volunteering for Robert isn't just something to do to fulfill a National Honor Society requirement: it is a way of life," said Van Auken.

During his high school tenure, Weaver has contributed over 250 volunteer hours. He has been a part of the food pantry at Revive Ministries, helped swing bed patients at Hills & Dales Hospital, and part of the welcoming committee for foreign exchange students at the high school, along with being an integral part of the

Cass City Community Dinner.

"In his spare time, he also started his own business doing odd jobs for people in the community. From walking dogs, to landscaping yards, to helping with tasks around the home that some elderly residents can no longer accomplish. He did these tasks in order to earn money for college in the fall, but also to purchase a head stone for his parents (Robert and Natalie Weaver) who both passed away when he was eleven years old," Van Auken told the audience of current and former shaker and bakers of the Thumb that included several past winners and elected government officials.

In closing, Van Auken continued, "Robert feels his greatest accomplishment in life is being independent and being responsible for all his own needs through high school.

Also nominated for the 2018 Jun-

ior Citizen of the Year were Claire Kausch, daughter of Kevin and Laura Kausch, Samantha Stern, daughter of Josh and Amy Stern, CarLee Stimpfel, son of Tom and Sloane Stimpfel, Reed White, son of Alan White and Lori Bostick, Kaitlin Witherspoon, daughter of Richard and Lynette Witherspoon, Lauren Fernald, daughter of Aaron and Kate Fernald, and Megan Graham, daughter of Bill Graham and Erica Hunt.

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