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Questions outnumber answers in Sebewaing

Investigation continuing into homicides, suicide in quiet Thumb village.

by Tom Montgomery
Editor, and Mary
Drier, Freelance Writer

More questions than answers remain as investigators continue sorting out the details of what they believe was a double homicide-suicide that left a couple and their adult daughter dead in the village of Sebewaing last week.

Sebewaing Police Chief Bill Owens identified the victims as Bob Bonini, 61, Margo Bonini, 60, and Katelyn Bonini, 21.

Police were dispatched to a home in the 500 block of Beach Street — about a block east of M-25 at the north end of town — shortly before 1 a.m. Thursday to investigate a reported suspicious situation and conduct a well-being check, according to Owens.

“Upon arrival, the officer made contact with the caller who was waiting at the roadside. The caller told the officer that he is a family friend and had been unable to reach a family member for several hours,” Owens stated in a news release. He added the friend stated he then drove to the residence to check on the family and found the house to be locked, but the lights on.

“The caller told the officer that he went to the rear of the house and looked in a window and saw a female lying on the floor,” Owens continued. “The caller showed the officer this and, upon seeing her on the floor, the officer made entry into the home. The officer found three people deceased in the home (from) apparent gunshot wounds.”

Investigators believe the father shot his wife and daughter, then took his own life.

An autopsy was scheduled for the victims, but police are releasing few other details.

Sebewaing police were assisted at the scene by the Michigan State Police Crime Lab, Huron County Sheriff's Department and Sebewaing Ambulance.

Owens said the investigation will continue and more information is

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CASS CITY High School National Honor Society (NHS) members (from left) Seth Roggenbuck, Joseph Skiles and Sayge Cuthrell refill backpacks with food that is sent home for the weekends with students from families that are struggling financially. School officials say the program is in need of donations to meet the need through the end of this school year.

Donations in demand to ensure youngsters fed on the weekends

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A program designed to provide meals and snacks to local students who might otherwise go hungry during the weekends is struggling financially.

“The Cass City Backpack program is in need of funds,” said Christin Hempton, dean of students at Cass City Junior-Senior High School. “It costs \$100 per year to supply weekend food for each participating

family. Right now, we supply 48 families with food for the weekend.

“We have approached the Gavel Club and Lions Club for funds and they have donated; however, it costs \$5,000 a year and the donated money from these organizations didn't last long,” Hempton added.

“We had quite a surplus (of funding) for years,” Shari Bock, director of food service for school district, said of the backpack program, which

school officials established under the auspices of the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan.

The requirement was to initially raise \$5,000, and the first local fundraiser brought in roughly \$10,000, according to Bock, who said the local Gavel and Lions clubs went on to faithfully support the effort along with some churches, businesses and individuals. “We've never had to (approach the school board) — the commu-

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Man faces prison in fatal drug overdose

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A Saginaw man faces up to life in prison for his role in the heroin overdose death of a Caro woman last spring at an Elmwood Township residence.

A Tuscola County Circuit Court jury rendered verdicts of guilty against Edward Dontae Forte, 38, last week following a four-day trial. Forte was charged with delivery of a controlled substance — causing death, and delivery of a controlled substance (less than 50 grams).

Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark E. Reene said Forte faces a potential sentence of life or any term of years behind bars.



Edward Forte

Sentencing in the case has been scheduled for Monday, April 9.

Deputies found the victim — Emily Lynn Dennis, 26 — deceased during the early morning hours of April 20 at a home on Dodge Road. Investigators reported Dennis died of drug intoxication.

Following last week's verdict, Reene made a point of recognizing what he described as the “extraordinary efforts of the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department, which worked with elements of the Thumb Narcotics Unit and the Michigan State Police to exhaustively investigate this matter. This office further wishes to recognize

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AG reminds students to report any red flags

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette is reminding Michigan students about OK2SAY, a student safety program that enables anyone to confidentially report anything that they feel threatens their safety or the safety of others.

Tips can be submitted using email, mobile app, telephone, text message, or the OK2SAY website.

“In the majority of violent school incidents, someone knew about the threat before it was carried out, but they failed to report it. Often, students choose to keep quiet because they fear retaliation, rejection, or stigmatization by their peers,” Schuette said Thursday. “The result is a culture of silence in which students suffer harm that could have been prevented if another had chosen to speak out. OK2SAY empowers students to break the code of silence.”

Schuette's remarks came one day after one of the nation's deadliest school shootings unfolded in Parkland, Fla., where a 19-year-old former student of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School returned to the school and slaugh-

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Local Walk for Warmth on tap this weekend

Area residents are invited to walk in the cold in an effort to keep others warm during the 28th annual Walk for Warmth, slated for Saturday, Feb. 24.

Walk for Warmth, which raises funds to assist people with utility emergencies, is organized and

hosted by the Human Development Commission (HDC), and the agency is once again asking for community support to make this year's event another success.

“Walk for Warmth is a statewide event sponsored by Community Action Agencies, such as HDC, to

raise money to help local families in need, heat their homes,” explained Wendy Jacot, human resources/marketing manager for HDC.

“Local citizens gather pledges and walk a one-mile route in the cold to keep others warm,” she

added. “Last year, with the support of community volunteers and businesses, HDC raised over \$55,000 to help struggling families and senior citizens in Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac and Tuscola counties. Money raised in each county stays in that county.”

Walker registration will begin at 9 a.m. on the day of the event, which will take place simultaneously in all four counties starting at 9:30 a.m.

In Tuscola County, the walk will begin at the American Legion Post 7, 110 W. Frank St., Caro; the Sanilac County walk will start at the HDC office, 215 N. Elk St., Sandusky; and Huron County's walk will begin at the Wilcox Park Community Center, 650 White-lam St., Bad Axe.

To make a donation to the Walk for Warmth fund, obtain more information on the event, or to have

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Cass City Schools lose 17 students

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The Cass City School District has lost 15 students since schools across the state conducted their official enrollment tallies last fall.

That's the bad news. The good news is that the winter count — conducted last Wednesday — doesn't have nearly the impact as the statewide count completed annually in February.

According to Cass City Schools Supt. Jeff Hartel, the latest tally revealed 530 students in the el-

ementary grades, a dip of 10 students since last fall. At the junior-senior high school, there were 438 students, down seven students compared to the fall count.

“(Seventeen students) seems like a little more than we would anticipate,” commented Hartel, who noted enrollment tends to fluctuate throughout the school year. “They're (numbers) not really surprising. We've seen this trend before.

“We'll use the winter numbers as a starting point for next fall. That's really the only financial sig-

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OWEN-GAGE students who recently finished in the top three spots during a local National Geographic Bee event are (from left) Isaac Miller (second place), Allison Haldane (first place) and Madelyn Haldane (third place).

Haldane earns top finish at local competition

Nearly 30 Owen-Gage students in grades six through eight recently participated in a school-level competition of the 30th annual National Geography Bee.

Allison Haldane, a seventh grade student, won the school competition. Second-place winner was sixth grade student Isaac Miller. Madelyn Haldane, eighth grade, placed third.

Haldane, as the winner of the first round of competition, completed an online examination which will enter her into the state level competition. Up to 100 of the top scorers on the online test will be eligible to compete in their state bee April 6.

The National Geographic Society

will provide an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C., for state winners to participate in the bee national championship rounds May 20-23.

The first-place national champion will receive a \$50,000 college scholarship, a lifetime membership in the society (including a subscription to National Geographic magazine), \$500 in cash, and a trip to the Galápagos Islands.

The national finals will air on television May 23 on the National Geographic Channel and Nat Geo WILD, and later on public television stations. Check local listings for dates and times.

Everyone can test their geogra-

phy knowledge by downloading the "National Geographic GeoBee Challenge" app, featuring more than 1,000 questions culled from past Bees, available on the App Store for iPhone, iPod touch and iPad; from the Android Market; or for NOOK Color.

The National Geographic Society is a global non-profit membership organization driven by a passionate belief in the power of science, exploration and storytelling to change the world. The organization funds hundreds of research and conservation projects around the globe each year.

For more information, visit the website www.nationalgeographic.org.

Ubly Jr.-Sr. High announces honor roll students

Ubly Jr.-Sr. High School officials recently announced the 2017-2018 honor roll for the second marking period.

Grade 12

Levi Block, Danielle Briolat*, Justin Briolat*, Chantelle Burk, Delanie Candela*, Rachel Cook*, Dylan Crickon, Evan Franzel, Kendra Franzel, Andrew Gilbert*, Lauren Gillig*, Emily Gosdzinski*, Alex Grifka, Jacob Halifax, Emma Hembrough, Ariana Kaczor, Macy Knoblock*, Emily Kubacki, Ashton Lemke*, Sklyer Lesoski, Matthew Maikrzek, Josilyn McCoy, Peyton McLellan, Jason Mierop*, Jordon Monzo, Brent Osentoski, Mary-Christine Osentoski, Katelyn Palmer*, Kara Peruski, Shaquala Rich*, Emelia Rodriguez*, Izabel Rodriguez*, Kacie Roggenbuck*, Madelyn Smalley, Katrina Stevenson, Nicholas Swanson, Brett Sweeney, Ryan Sweeney, Samantha Sweeney, Jacob Uhl*, Madeline Ulfig, Savannah Walker*, Zackary Walker*, Janelle White, Todd Wollin, Amber Wolschleger.

Grade 11

Mirela Araujo, Isaac Booms, Joshua Brandel*, Jaelynn Burton, Eli Emming, Amber Essenmacher, Rebekka Foster, Bethany Gornowicz*, Anna Greyerbiehl*, Haili Gusa*, Dylan Hagen, Cassie Holdwick, Cheyenne Janik, Kelsey Knoblock*, Ethan Lemke, Parker Lipskey, Jaleesa Mattox, Anna Messing, Nolan Murray, Kylie Ogryski, Arisa Osentoski*, Natalie Pallas, Rebecca Particka, Madelyn Peplinski, Alexis Pionk, Cheyenne Porzondek*, Ashley Puvalowski, Brooke Ritter, Ryche Roggenbuck*, Brittney Schmidt, Sabrina Schumacher, Jason Smalley, Sadie Souva*, McKenzie Stomack*, Mackenzie Uhl, Mikaela Van Erp, Mikkayla Verellen, Amanda Weaver, Nicholas Wright.

Grade 10

Olivia Brown, Austin Cregeur, Kali Dutcher, Alexandria Figard, Grant Geiger*, Andrea Grifka, Amanda Halifax, Rachel Leppek, Shelby May, Claire Melnick, Hannah Melnik, Ellie Peruski, Lacey

Pionk, Caleb Powers, Isle Roggenbuck, Hannah Schroeder, Jaiden Schulte*, Abigail Sorenson, Katelyn Sweeney*, Jaclyn Toth, Danielle Tschirhart, Sierra Walker, Jazmyn Warchuck, Zachary Ziehm.

Grade 9

Alivia Bischer*, Kendra Glaza, Josephine Gusa*, Cole Hagen, Katie Heilig, Carson Heleski, Amanda Hill, Kalli House, Markus Howard, Justin Johnson, Haley Klama*, Haley Krueger*, Shelby Kuntze*, Allison Lautner, Dajnae Leipprand, Erin McCarty*, Reese McLellan, Shelby Messing*, Madison Michalski, Sarah Peplinski*, Levi Peruski, Dawson Schumacher, Samantha Souva*, Gabriel Sweeney, Nolan Van Erp*, Elizabeth Weber*.

Grade 8

Jenna Arntz, Matthew Brandel, Bryce Essenmacher, Alexander Foote, Nora Franzel*, Trinity Franzel*, Ethan Gillig, Katelyn Grifka, Tess Grifka*, Alexiss Guigar, Lindsey Guza*, Theron Harris*, Ryan Hill, Carter Hughes, Lily Kieliszewski*, Brady Langenburg, Kylie Maurer, Hailey Mausolf*, Logan Mueller*, Colin Oberski, Myah Schulte*, Emma Smalley*, Annisa Smith, Lydia Smithers, Leah Stringer, Alexander Susalla, Kyle Sweeney, Coleton Taylor, Dallas Hunter Walker, Emma Widger.

Grade 7

Haylee Arlitt, Joy Auman, Jeanna Bischer*, Gabrielle Bukoski, Michael Cook, Cameron Ferris, Christopher Gosdzinski, Maze Gusa*, Abigail Guza*, Carly Guza, Mark Heilig, Cailee Janik, Alyson Jones, Jalyn Kolar*, Adriana Learman-Essenmacher, Anthony McCarty*, Abigail Michalski, Jarrett Nast*, Alayna Osontoski, DeLaney Peruski, Taylor Peruski, Alexis Schmidt, Jacob Schroeder, Jenna Stambaugh, Jace Susalla, Seth Sweeney, Andrew Vogel, Logan Volmering*, Samantha Warczynsky, Mercedes Wolschleger.

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Fight child abuse during tax season

Unless you're in the business of completing tax forms for paying customers, chances are good tax season isn't going to make it on your top 10 list of favorite times of the year.

But what if you could make a difference in the lives of Michigan's youngest victims while tackling this annual frustrating chore?

You can. Officials at the Children's Trust Fund (CTF) are reminding people filing their state income taxes to remember to check a box that will help prevent child abuse.

A check-off box on the state income tax return form allows residents to donate \$5, \$10 or more to fund programs in local communities that prevent child abuse. Through the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), the CTF serves as a voice for Michigan's children and families and promotes their health, safety and welfare by funding local programs and services statewide that prevent child abuse and neglect.

The check-off box can be found on both the online and paper versions of the Voluntary Contribution Schedule Form 4642.

"It's imperative that Michigan supports the local programs and services that protect children and prevent abuse and neglect," said Michael Foley, executive director of the CCTF. "By simply checking a box, tax filers have the power to directly impact those services and ensure the health, safety and welfare of the children in their communities. Every dollar donated through the tax campaign has generated \$31.64 in grants to local communities."

Established by the Michigan Legislature through Public Act 249/250 of 1982, the CTF is the Michigan Chapter of Prevent Child Abuse America. Its purpose is to fund child abuse and neglect prevention efforts in communities throughout Michigan. Funding is awarded through a competitive bid process and is focused on families with risk factors or challenges that, if left unattended, could impact positive parenting and optimal child development.

The goal is to work collaboratively with other services and funding sources so that communities build a framework of protection and support for all children and families.

Grants from the organization support a wide range of programs and services through the statewide network of Child Abuse and Neglect councils.

Based on local priorities, those councils use funding for initiatives such as shaken baby and safe sleep education, parent support and child sexual assault prevention and education. CTF also funds 37 competitive grants that target at-risk families with services such as home visitation, support for families with incarcerated parents and respite care.

The CTF relies heavily on the contributions donated through the state income tax campaign to fund direct service and local prevention programs across the state of Michigan that help build strong, healthy families and keep children safe.

Since its creation in 1982, the CTF has raised more than \$70 million and provided support to more than seven million children and families.

For more information about the Children's Trust Fund, how to contribute and the tax campaign, visit www.michigan.gov/ctf.

Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

Pigskin pathos



I'm bored, bored, bored, and I don't see any end in sight to alleviate the boredom. Sigh. Pout. Sigh, and lower lip pout!

If it were possible to still type with my head resting on the keyboard because I'm so despondent, I would be doing that while writing this column.

My life is a bottomless void with only a dim light at the end of a long, long tunnel because the 2017-18 football season ended on Feb. 4.

The 52nd Super Bowl between the Philadelphia Eagles and the New England Patriots was one of the best Super Bowls in a long time. Now, there is nothing in my life but an empty void until the next foot fall season starts months and months away. Kick-off seems like a lifetime for me until the season starts again in the fall.

From college to professional games, I LOVE FOOTBALL!

Although I enjoyed watching my son play football while he was in junior high and high school, my love for the game didn't develop until his junior year.

When he first started playing football, all I could see was all of my years of motherly advice being thrown in my face by the coach. The coaches marched them through mud puddles — I had just finally got it drummed into his head to walk around them instead of through them.

And, he was finally starting to understand about being careful of getting grass stains on his clothes as well as playing nice with others, when all of that motherly hard work was tossed back in my face by the coach.

Eventually, I learned to just give up and go with the flow. After all, football season didn't last that long. And, I came to love the game. I apparently love football a little too much, because now that the season is over, I'm having withdrawal symptoms.

Anyway, Super Bowl Sunday was great. Although I'm a diehard Lions fan, I normally cheer for the Patriots when they play. This year I was pulling for the Eagles to win their first Super Bowl.

It was a nice time of food, family, fun, and football, but it was over too soon. Now, there is just a void until the next football season gets underway.


As I'm writing this column, a song by Cher is playing on the radio, asking if there is "life after love?"

Sigh. For me, there is no life after the football season ends...at least not until the next kick off.

Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)



The Tuscola County Sheriff's Department is reminding area residents about local laws regulating use of snowmobiles in the county.

"All county and state roads in Tuscola County are closed to snowmobile operation — nothing has changed," Sheriff Glen Skrent posted on the department's Facebook page.

"Operating on someone else's property without their permission is considered trespassing — the property does not have to be posted.

"If you are looking for a place to ride snowmobiles, there is a state-sponsored system in Sanilac County that is groomed. One hundred miles of trails run from Sandusky to Deckerville and from Deckerville to Forester, Forestville, Minden City and Ruth. Club members mark and maintain the trails along private land. The club also offers snowmobiling safety classes," the sheriff noted.

Residents may also operate snowmobiles on Saginaw Bay, although everyone is strongly urged to be aware of changing ice conditions based on weather conditions.

Speaking of snow, you can do your local fire department — and perhaps yourself — a big favor by taking a few minutes to clear snow away from any fire hydrants you're aware of in your neighborhood. When it comes to saving lives, and homes, time is of the essence, and precious seconds lost to uncovering a hydrant could make all the difference, you know?

Not sure if the current Olympics have anything to do with the crowd last weekend at Boyne Mountain, but according first time visitor Kurt McIntyre, the slopes at the northern Michigan resort were busy.

So much so, he says, they sold out of rentals. Actually, with Monday's President Day holiday, the weekend prior is prime time for downhillers.

The Cass City Rotary Club St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Auction is fast approaching. The annual fundraiser is scheduled for March 17th. As always, it involves an authentic Irish dinner of corned beef with cabbage and carrots, as well as baked chicken and several desserts.

Proceeds from the evening help support the club's Christmas for Kids, Community Thanksgiving and Rotary College Scholarships programs.

Tickets (\$30.00) are on sale from any Rotarian or local bank office. For more information contact Carolyn Sorenson at (989) 872-4311 or Deb Kranz at (989) 872-4215.

Raymond Ellis, Lucky Thumb M/C President, reports Saturday's Round 5 of the Thumb Ice Breaker Series at the Deford area track attracted nearly 600 fans.

"What a night of racing," he said, noting the race was the last for our winter racing series

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Wednesday, February 21

•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 22

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

Saturday, February 24

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

Monday, February 26

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

Tuesday, February 27

•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.

STANDING COMMUNITY CALENDAR ITEMS

First Sunday:

•Hillsdale 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.

Second Tuesday:

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

Second Wednesday:

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

Second Thursday:

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

Third Monday:

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

Third Tuesday:

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

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

•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 Wednesday:

•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.

Tuscola man charged in home break-in and assault of woman

A man charged with breaking into a Tuscola County woman's home and assaulting her is being held on \$800,000 bond.

The suspect, Karl Myers, 54, Millington, has been formally arraigned on charges of assault with intent to commit murder, first degree home invasion, assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, carrying a weapon with unlawful intent, assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault), stalking, operating a motor vehicle while under the in-

fluence of liquor, and assault, resisting or obstructing a police officer.

According to the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department, the break-in and assault occurred during the morning hours of Feb. 9.

"At 9:41 a.m., 911 received a call



Karl Myers

from a frantic 52-year-old Vassar Township female. The caller reported a man was forcefully breaking door glass and did gain entry. Once inside of the home, the man began assaulting the caller, who was in fear for her life," investigators reported.

"A Tuscola County Sheriff's deputy responded, deployed a Taser and ended the assault. The victim was transported to a hospital for serious but non-life threatening injuries."

Circuit court proceedings

Several appear on felony charges

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

*Wincell V. Vickers, 48, Caro, pleaded no contest to a charge of child abuse, third degree, stemming from an incident July 30 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$10,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*John G. Kuhne, 27, Vassar, was sentenced to 365 days in the county jail and 60 months probation following his plea of guilty to possession of cocaine, heroin or another narcotic, second offense, Oct. 12, 2016, in Tuscola Township.

He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,258.

*Scott A. Heckroth, 49, Caro, was sentenced to 13 months to 15 years in prison following his pleas of no contest to two counts of purchasing/possessing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine for the purpose of manufacturing methamphetamine between Nov. 1 and Nov. 17, 2016, in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

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

*Dori Jo Barber, 40, Millington, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the in-

fluence of liquor, third offense, March 2 in Millington.

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

*James R. Lane, 47, Saginaw, was sentenced to 365 days in jail, with worksite privileges, following his plea of guilty to absconding or forfeiting bond May 22 in Caro, and for his plea of no contest to welfare fraud involving more than \$500 between Aug. 1, 2013, and Jan. 31, 2015, in Tuscola County. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to jail time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$2,516 plus restitution of \$2,762 and attorneys fees of \$500.

*Ricky J. Copes, 50, Caro, was sentenced to 365 days in jail and 60 months probation following his plea of no contest to assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder between July 2003 and July 2010 in Vassar.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,258.

*Donald J. Karpuk Jr., 27, Vassar, pleaded no contest to surveillance of an unclothed person Feb. 28 in Tuscola Township, and to three counts of child abuse, second degree, June 11 in Vassar.

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

*Brendon J. Nelson, 32, Whitmore Lake, pleaded no contest to aggravated stalking and three counts of malicious destruction of telecommunications services Oct. 30-31 in Fremont Township, and to assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) Aug. 1 in Fremont Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at a combined \$35,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Zachary C. Gomes, 22, Mayville, pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana or a synthetic equivalent, second offense; driving while his license was suspected or revoked, second offense; and driving without insurance Dec. 9 in Mayville.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$2,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Anthony L. Parrish, 29, Fairgrove, pleaded no contest to assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer May 8 in Fairgrove. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$3,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

Schuetz reminds students to use tip line

Continued from page one.

tered 17 students and adults with a military-style AR-15 rifle he had legally purchased. Another 15 people were injured.

It was this country's deadliest school attack since a gunman assaulted an elementary school in Newtown, Conn., more than five years ago. It was also the 17th incident of gunfire at an American school this year.

Authorities noted the suspect was previously expelled from the school for "disciplinary reasons", and several reports indicated there were signs he was troubled and potentially violent.

According to Schuetz, the OK2SAY student safety program has received more than 10,734 tips since the program was started in September 2014.

In 2017 alone, the program received 4,605 tips — up 37 percent from 2016.

For the first time, suicide threats topped the list with 1,205 tips. Contacts were also received across 30 categories, including the following: 961 tips on bullying; 456 tips related to anxiety, stress, depression, harassment; 390 tips on self-harm; 311 tips on drugs; and 287 tips on cyber bullying.

In January 2018, OK2Say received another 495 tips.

"This program can be categorized as nothing else but a success, and it is a success because Michigan students are using it," Schuetz said. "OK2SAY has given students who previously did not know where to turn a confidential place to get help.

"I want to thank our presenters and the OK2SAY technicians at the Michigan State Police who make students feel safe and comfortable when providing tips," he added. "They are another piece of the puzzle that makes this program such a success."

OK2AY is a student safety pro-

gram that acts as an early warning system in Michigan schools to prevent tragedies before they occur. Launched in 2014, the program encourages students to submit confidential tips to trained technicians regarding potential harm or threats 24/7.

Through the 4,605 tips received in 2017, OK2SAY has saved lives, according to Schuetz, who said submitted tips have prevented school violence, thwarted suicide attempts and provided help to many Michigan students in need of mental health or social services.

"OK2SAY is effective in combatting the culture of silence that permeates Michigan schools. After every tip, a report is filled out and acted upon," Schuetz said. "In the 2016 reports, 67 percent of schools, law enforcement and mental health professionals who received the tip from OK2SAY line said they were previously unaware of the problem. OK2SAY has proven to be immensely successful in saving lives and preventing tragedies."

State law protects the confidentiality of the reporter's identity in the program.

The identity of the reporting party is not be disclosed to local law enforcement, school officials or the person about whom a tip is offered, unless the reporter voluntarily chooses to disclose his or her identity. If the reporter is a minor, the parent or guardian must

also consent.

Anyone can confidentially submit tips 24/7 using any of five tip methods. Multi-media attachments like photos, videos, and links to additional information are encouraged.

Upon receipt of a tip, specially trained OK2SAY technicians at the Michigan State Police screen and forward tips to an appropriate responding agency including: local law enforcement, schools, local community mental health organizations, or the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

Each responding organization is asked to complete an "outcome report" detailing the nature of the tip, how the tip was handled, and whether the tip situation was resolved or requires ongoing attention. This provides local entities an opportunity to illustrate that student safety threats are tracked and taken seriously.

OK2SAY encourages confidential tips on criminal activities or potential harm directed at students, school employees, and schools.

Tips can be submitted by calling 8-555-OK2SAY (855-565-2729); by texting 652729 (OK2SAY); via email at ok2say@mi.gov; and on the web at www.ok2say.com. The OK2SAY mobile app is also available for download in app stores for iPhone and Android.

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Reporter's notebook

Hubby have a phone phobia?

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



I got a kick out of a recent Facebook item posted by Brandea Fritz, featuring a humorous video segment from Brooke Wilkerson's "The Coffee and Chaos Blog" asking a simple question aimed at other wives: why do some husbands rely on their wives to make phone calls for them?

Wilkerson, a self-described former business owner turned stay-at-home-mom, wonders aloud why no one told her that, once married, her husband wouldn't want to ever place a phone call again.

"Every time he needs to make a phone call, unless it's like his mom, it's me - I've got to make the call," Wilkerson says. "He'll be sitting right next to me, with his phone in his hand, (and say) will you call the doctor and make an appointment for me?"

"But what do I do?" she asks. "Which doctor, what day, what time? What for? Then I get on the phone with the doctor, and then I have to ask (my husband), is this time okay? Is this day good? And then, as I'm on the phone, I'm wondering, why didn't he just call? It might as well have been a three-way call.

"It's almost like they develop some kind of social anxiety where they don't want to make phone calls anymore," Wilkerson theorizes about husbands. "Does he sit around and think, what else could I get her to do for me that I could do for myself? She already shuts the cabinet doors that I leave open, picks the socks up that are laying right next to the hamper.

"They might as well just disable the phone feature on my husband's iPhone," she concludes. "Like, instead of having a keypad, he could just hit the phone button and it sends a text message to me to make the phone call for him. And then (have) maybe a three-way feature so that he could hear... and not talk."

Wilkerson's deadpan, down-to-earth way of talking left me grinning. I suppose in part because the blog struck a chord; I've been guilty of this, to one degree or another, for years.

And I have no idea why.

I'd like to tell you it's because my wife is so much better when it comes to communicating, or that I'm just so bushed from making all the phone calls I do in the course of putting together enough copy to fill a significant chunk of this newspaper week in and week out.

But that's not true.

I guess I got into the habit of asking my wife to make calls for me because she let me. I wonder if that makes her an enabler to a lazy husband.

On the other hand, I don't leave my socks on the floor next to the hamper (I do virtually all of the laundry in our household) or leave cabinet doors open for my wife to close - she'll testify to the fact that I suffer from just enough OCD to never let that happen. Don't even get me started when it comes to my compulsion to shut off lights in the house.

I don't want to brag, but I've even been known to put the toilet seat down and install a new roll of toilet paper now and then.

Of course, in the end, Brooke Wilkerson has a good point - wives shouldn't be expected to make phone calls for their husbands, even though many do. Maybe I'll send her a text and tell her so.

Or maybe my wife will.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2013)

James Boyce Jr. and Jennifer Hinkle of Cass City announce the birth of their daughter Aubrey Kay Boyce. Aubrey was born Jan. 23, 2013 Huron Medical Center in Bad Axe. She weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces and was 21 inches long. Aubrey was welcomed home by her older siblings Tyler (age 8), Leah (age 7), Austin (age 4) and Ethan Hinkle (age 3). Aubrey's grandparents are Tom and Deb Montgomery of Cass City and Jim and Judy Boyce of Cass City.

Sarah Nicole Checkley and Bradley Ryan Hanby, together with their parents, announce their engagement. Sarah is the daughter of Jim and Amy Checkley of Elkhart, Ind. She is a 2009 graduate of Jimtown High School, and is pursuing a career in photography. Brad is the son of Jim and Rita Hanby of Cass City. He is a 2009 graduate of Cass City High School, and will graduate from Bethel College of Indiana in May with a bachelor's degree in exercise science. He will be continuing his education in the fall. The couple is currently planning a May 25, 2013 wedding at Redeemer Missionary Church in South Bend, Ind.

10 YEARS AGO (2008)

DUSTIN MALLORY, A 2004 Cass City High School graduate, will be performing with the Saginaw Valley State University Percussion Ensemble Thursday evening at the school's Rhea Miller Recital Hall.

ROYALTY. CHRIS CHILDS and Caitlin Sorenson highlighted Thursday's Snowcoming celebration in Cass City, when they were announced as the school's 2008 king and queen during halftime of the Hawks' home finale with Bad Axe.

STUDENTS WHO recently represented Campbell Elementary School in the Tuscola County Fourth Grade Spelling Bee at Reese High School were Devan Kluger, Maegan LeValley and Tara Nicholas, and alternates Megan Diaz, Carley Stone and Cacealya Horne. Nicholas finished fifth overall, while LeValley finished seventh and Kluger, 15th.

25 YEARS AGO (1993)

Owen-Gage School officials recently announced the top students of the Class of 1993, led by Valedictorian Shane Martindale and Salutatorian Tanya Muntz. Martindale, the son of Roger and Joann Martindale, Hurds Corner Rd., Gagetown, finishes his high school career with a 3.48 grade point average. Martindale has been active in the National Honor Society and the school's 3.0 Club during 3 of the past 4 years, serving as NHS president this year. He has been named student of the month and has participated in Trip Club and homecoming activities as well as track, football and basketball. His future plans include attending Lake Superior State University, where he'll prepare for a career as a mechanical draftsman.

Tim Severance of Houston, Texas, formerly of Decker, recently graduated from Houston Baptist University with a bachelor's degree in business administration. He is employed at Marshall Fields, where he's manager of the men's accessories department. Severance, a 1981 graduate of Cass City High School, is the son of Arthur and Janet Severance of Decker.

35 YEARS AGO (1983)

Mrs. Robert Speirs, Mrs. John Luana and daughter Jamie, Mrs. Vern McConnell and Mrs. Lilah Wilhelmi went to Lansing last Wednesday. They attended "The Resurrection" put on by Great Lakes Bible College. Becky Speirs participated in the presentation, Others from Novesta Church of Christ who attended were Mrs. Vern Lockard, Carol and Sandy, Mrs. Arthur Pratt and daughters, Mrs. Dennis Hendrick and JoEllen and Mrs. Donald Englehart and daughter, Vickie.

Edward Golding was honored as Mason of the year by members of Tyler Lodge No. 317, Free and Accepted Masons, at a dinner

Tuesday evening, Feb. 8, at the Masonic Temple in Cass City. Golding has been a member of the lodge for 44 years and is the first recipient of what will be an annual award.

REGIONAL WINNERS - Cass City High School students Brian Czekai, a junior, and Colleen Janssen, a senior, were winners in the Distributive Education Clubs of America regional competition in Lapeer last Thursday, thus qualifying for the state DECA competition in Dearborn in March. Brian finished in the top eight for food marketing at the master employee level. Colleen finished first in job application-job interview, second in mathematics and was third overall in her division. Both are distributive education students at the Tuscola Area Skill Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Rasmussen of Cass City will welcome a new "son" in August - Carlos Andres Lopez Quintero, a Youth For Understanding (YFU) International Exchange st from Colombia. Carlos, who will be a student at Cass City High School, will live with the Rasmussen family for an academic year.

Airman Max J. Nagey Jr., son of Jean M. Meldrum and stepson of Howard D. Meldrum of 4444 Frieberg, Snover, has completed Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. The airman, who is remaining at Lackland for specialized training in the security police field, studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special instruction in human relations. He is a 1982 graduate of Deckerville High School.

40 YEARS AGO (1978)

The U.S. Air Force has promoted Rodney L. Hanson, whose mother is Mrs. Harriet E. Hanson of 3801 Sebewaing Road, Owendale, to the rank of senior airman. Airman Hanson is serving at Common Defense Installation, Turkey, as a weapons mechanic. He graduated from high school in 1971 in Elkton and attended Macomb County Community College in Warren. His father, Robert J. Hanson, lives in Utica.

Willis (Don) Childs Jr. was named to the dean's list for the fall trimester at Ohio Institute of Technology in Columbus, Ohio. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Childs of S. Seeger Street. He is majoring in electronics and will graduate in June, 1979.

Lori Gaeth has been chosen to represent Owen-Gage High School at Girls State at Olivet College in June. Four candidates were nominated from the junior class. The teaching staff selected one of the four to represent Owen-Gage at Girls State. Lori is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gaeth of Owendale. She has been active in numerous school activities, including class treasurer of her sophomore class, member of the volleyball team, merit chairman for her junior class, and was on the snowball court and the homecoming court. Mark McDonald was chosen to represent Owen-Gage at Boy's State at Michigan State University in June. The selection was made on the same order as the Girl's State candidate. Mark is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood McDonald of Owendale. He has been active in basketball, baseball, football and track during his three years in high school. He has also been on the snowball court and took part in the homecoming court. Qualifications for selection of the representatives were demonstration of leadership, mental alertness, vigor, enthusiasm, and the ability to get along with others.

Floyd Baird of Cass City, central office supervisor for General Telephone, recently completed a course at the company's training center in Muskegon. The 10-day course is designed to enable participants to develop the basic theory and practical knowledge necessary to properly test and maintain voice frequency transmission systems.

50 YEARS AGO (1968)

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn McClorey were overnight guests of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Harold McComb

of Detroit Friday. Saturday they accompanied the McCombs on a two weeks' trip to Florida. They will visit Mr. and Mrs. William Callner at Sarasota and the McCombs will visit their son and family at Palm Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kilbourn of Cass City announce the engagement of their daughter, Arlene, to Tom J. O'Toole, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph O'Toole of Saginaw. Miss Kilbourn is employed at the Fort Saginaw Mall Beauty Salon and Mr. O'Toole is employed at Central Foundry Division, General Motors Corporation, Saginaw. A May wedding is planned.

The engagement of Miss Betty Jane Grigg of Caro to Mr. Darrell Fuller has been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Grigg of Cass City. Her fiancé is the son of Mrs. George Fuller of Saginaw and the late Mr. Fuller. They have set May 4 for the wedding date.

THE LUCKY WINNER in the weekly drawing for a free holiday weekend at an Albert Pick motel last week was Mrs. Janet Christner of Cass City. Mrs. Christner registered at Cass City Oil and Gas Co. She was awarded her prize certificate by Donald Vatter, company employee.

Army Specialist Frank P. Keller, 19, son of Mrs. Eleanor Keller, Route 1, Cass City, was assigned as a heavy equipment operator in Headquarters Company, U. S. Army Garrison Troops, Fort Hood, Tex., Feb. 5.

75 YEARS AGO (1943)

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Delong have received word that their son, Pvt. Leland Delong, is a patient in the hospital at Fort Brady, Sault Ste. Marie, with tonsillitis.

Pfc. Francis M. Eamer of Gagetown has been promoted to the rank of corporal and has been transferred from Fort Bragg, North Carolina, to Camp Hood, Texas. He says Texas is a nice place, but the weather is very changeable.

Superintendent and Mrs. Carl E. DeMeritt of Flushing, Michigan, announce the betrothal of their daughter, Verna May, to Calvin Wm. MacRae, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth MacRae of Cass City. No wedding date has been set.

100 YEARS AGO (1918)

Meredith B. Auten of Cass City, now at Camp Custer as a member of Co. D., 338th Infantry, is among the 27 men who won the highest standing in the first half of the course in the officers training school of the 85th division. Instructors are amazed, says the Detroit News in the article which contains the list of the 27 men who won the honors, that the men who came & o Camp Custer in the draft are beating out the candidates sent there from various universities in the race for commissions. It is true however, that some of the drafted men are college graduates.

The lifting of the nine-hour ban placed on business places a month ago by State Fuel Administrator Prudden has brought about longer periods of daily store-keeping. Because the nine-hour edict failed to make any material difference in the month's receipts, but helped to reduce operating expenses slightly, it has taught merchants that there is no reason or necessity for keeping their business places open for such long hours as once prevailed, essentially at this season of the year. The greater portion of Cass City merchants have decided that an eleven-hour day is sufficiently long in which to transact business this winter and early spring and they have decided to open business places at 7:00 a.m. and close at 6:00 p.m. This schedule is to be in force until May 1.

The north show window of the L. I. Wood & Co.'s store contains a number of X-ray reproductions which are attracting a great deal of attention. The pictures were developed by J. Maier, local photographer, from X-ray plates which were made a-c Pleasant Home Hospital. They show the wonderful work of the Wappler X-ray machine recently installed at the hospital.

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Pastor's Corner

It's time for our nation's fathers to step up

Here we go again — another mass shooting at a public high school in Florida. And here we go again with the same old rhetoric each time one of these pointless tragedies occur. Certainly, the nation has become weary of it, if not calloused to it.

In every case the media agonizes over the seemingly hopeless situation, directing the problem back to the federal government, as if it has the cure for all our national ills. But let me say, it is not a federal government problem — it is a faith problem. It is not a federal government issue — it is a father

issue.

Right after the Parkland high school massacre, a morning cable news show conducted an interview with three specialists, one law enforcement official, one psychiatrist, and one private security professional. The law enforcement official stated we need more surveillance of these kinds of people. The psychiatrist said the problem was not a mental disorder but a personality disorder. But the security professional actually got closer to the cause when he stated: "We have 'contaminated' this generation by violent video

games, media, and broken families. We teach kids that problems are solved with violence, particularly with a gun. We will be doing this again tomorrow."

The security professional declared we have contaminated this generation. Yes, and I would add, more specifically, we have violated the biblical command given in Colossians 3:21 and Ephesians 6:4: "Fathers provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged."

This "contaminated" generation is one that has been provoked to wrath by its fathers. How do fa-

thers provoke children to anger? Statistics, largely taken from the U.S. Census Bureau, state: 43% of children in the United States live without a father; 90% of homeless and runaway children are from fatherless homes as are 71% of high school drop outs. Not surprisingly 85% of youths in prison reported having no fatherly influence. The Parkland shooter fell squarely into these numbers. This 19 year old had been expelled from school for disciplinary reasons, lost his mother three months previous, and had been without his father for 13 years.

If a father leaves a family through death that is one thing, but in the previous statistics abandonment is more often the case. Children are provoked to anger by abandonment — another form of abuse — by their fathers. Men have not shouldered the material, emotional, or spiritual responsibility of raising their own offspring and a whole generation (or two) has now been provoked to wrath.

Being a responsible husband and father is hard work. Believe me, I know. It is a job a lot of men shirk because it is hard. But again, the command to fathers is: "...bring

them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord," Ephesians 6:4.

Yes, being a father is a challenge, especially if you try to do it right. But dads, we are commanded by God to do it. So, commit to the hard work, no excuses. And, if it is not done, we will be viewing the same broadcast again tomorrow.

Blessings.
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Jury returns guilty verdicts

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the exemplary dedication of Detective Sgt. James Hook of the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department and Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Eric F. Wanink, who both worked tirelessly to help bring this case to trial and obtain a verdict that is in accord with justice.

"This investigation was a model example of a tremendously coordinated operation that involved the investigative skills and resources of multiple police agencies and specialized divisions," the prosecutor said.

Reene explained the charges in the case stemming from Forte's involvement in the sale of heroin, which was verified through laboratory testing as having been laced with fentanyl, a powerful synthetic opioid (painkiller) that is about 100 times more powerful than morphine and between 30 and 50 times stronger than heroin.

Doctors prescribe Fentanyl to cancer patients and others experiencing severe pain. But the opioid — which made headlines for causing the overdose deaths of musicians Prince and, more recently, Tom Petty — has become popular on the streets and a driving force behind a sweeping drug epidemic that has claimed thousands of lives.

In the Dennis case, Reene noted, "the delivery of heroin initially occurred on April 19 in the city of Saginaw. The tainted heroin was subsequently used and consumed by (the victim) later that same day. Further investigation revealed that it was the tainted heroin sold to her by Forte earlier in the day that was a significant, contributing factor in her death."

Reene called the Forte conviction "a tremendous accomplishment for public safety in the ongoing battle against the illicit drug trade that is devastating and ravaging our communities. It is also hoped that the efforts of law enforcement in this case, and the resulting convictions, will in some small manner assist the Dennis family in obtaining closure over the loss of Emily, (who) left behind a young daughter of her own."

Forte had two co-defendants and both are awaiting sentencing on convictions last summer, stemming from the same case.

Adam R. Maxson, 22, Cass City — the boyfriend of the victim — pleaded no contest to felony charges of delivery of cocaine, heroin or another narcotic (less than 50 grams), inducing another person to deliver cocaine, heroin or another narcotic (less than 50 grams), and involuntary manslaughter.

The first two offenses each carry maximum penalties of up to 20 years in prison and/or a \$25,000 fine, while involuntary manslaughter is a 15-year felony.

The other defendant, Tyler J. Meffer, 23, Cass City, pleaded guilty to delivery/manufacture of cocaine, heroin or another narcotic (less than 50 grams), which is punishable by up to 20 years in prison and/or a \$25,000 fine, and possession of cocaine, heroin or another narcotic (less than 25 grams), a four-year felony also punishable by a fine of up to \$25,000.

An increasing number of opioid overdoses in the Thumb has law enforcement officials and prosecutors concerned along with health officials, especially with reports of drug investigations involving fentanyl, and the even more powerful drug carfentanyl, surfacing last year in Huron and Sanilac counties, respectively. Both drugs are known to be used to "cut" or mix with heroin before being sold on the street.



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Renovation, expansion project at Hills and Dales progressing

by Mary Drier
Special for the Chronicle

An on-going renovation and expansion project is shaping up at Hills and Dales General Hospital, in spite of some initial concerns regarding water service to the facility.

The issue of water pressure to the hospital was raised during a recent Elkland Township Board meeting.

“At this time, our current water pressure is very good. They are looking at the best options for us with our sprinkler system,” said Danielle Blaine, community relations director at Hills and Dales. “We do not see it as a problem, but more just some of the building things that you have to work through with a building project.”

“We don’t anticipate having any problems or needing to make any corrections at this time.”

Local hospital officials broke ground for the \$6 million expansion and renovation last spring.

The work is being done in three phases. The first was framing of the addition for a new main entrance canopy and lobby area that will allow for more protection from the weather and will create a more attractive seating area in the lobby.

Extensive renovations are being done to both the first and second floors of the existing hospital that was built in 1960. There will be major upgrades to 12 of the patient rooms to make semi-private rooms into private rooms with a bathroom and shower, and they will be larger to make them visitor friendly with enough room to stay overnight with a patient.

Despite bitter temperatures during most of the winter, the project is progressing nicely, according to Blaine.

“Construction is going great. Everything is on schedule and we anticipate a completion date of

December 2018,” she said. “The outside structure is enclosed and the windows on the second floor are going in.”

The addition will allow for the hospital’s after-hours clinic and other specialty clinics to be relocated from across the street to inside the hospital. The project also includes a new gift shop and expanding the existing cafeteria to create more dining options and seating capacity.

“A lot of work is being done with the electrical, plumbing, HV/AC, etc. There are metal studs going up that will eventually form the patient rooms and clinic space,” Blaine noted. “There are a lot of different crews here working, and we are very excited to see the continuous progress.”

The expansion and upgrades will ensure Hills and Dales General Hospital’s status as a state-of-the-art facility, she noted.

News briefs

Weight restrictions in effect

TUSCOLA COUNTY — The Tuscola County Road Commission announced seasonal weight restrictions are in effect as of Monday morning, Feb. 19.

In addition, the Michigan Department of Transportation has imposed weight restrictions on all state trunk line highways from the Michigan/Indiana and Ohio line north to and including M-46 in Muskegon County at the US-31BR intersection in Muskegon east to US-131 North to M-46, then continuing east on M-46 to Port Sanilac, ending at the M-25 intersection.

State trunkline highways typically carry M, I, or US designations. Weight restriction information and updates are available by calling 1-800-787-8960.

Weight restrictions are imposed when roads that have been frozen all winter begin to thaw from the surface downward, and melting snow and ice saturate the softened ground. During spring thaws, the roadbed softened by trapped moisture beneath the pavement makes it more susceptible to damage. It’s also the time of year when potholes begin forming due to the freeze-thaw cycle.

Rep. Canfield opposes fees

MICHIGAN — State Rep. Dr. Edward J. Canfield, D.O. (R-Sebewaing) last week voted in favor of legislation to eliminate driver responsibility fees.

Canfield, who represents the 84th District (Tuscola and Huron counties), voted on a legislative package designed to bring an end to fees that were established by a previous administration 15 years ago and, he says, have caused hardships on Michigan families since then.

The legislation also creates a grace period from enactment of the bill thorough Dec. 31 that enables them to get their driver’s licenses back without paying a \$125 restoration fee. People on monthly payment plans will receive immediate forgiveness, and others may participate in workplace development training programs to regain their driver’s licenses prior to Oct. 1.

Gifts waiting for newborns

TUSCOLA COUNTY — The Tuscola County Health Department has a gift for county babies born in 2018.

Great Start Tuscola has created a special gift pack for mothers and their newborns. After the baby is born, call the health department at (989) 673-1720, and leave your name and phone number to schedule the pick-up of your gift bag filled with diapers, resources, book, sleep sack, baby bath, lotion, pacifier, a toy and more.

HHW collection April 14

HURON COUNTY — Huron County will host a household hazardous waste (HHW) collection Saturday, April 14, for county residents.

Registration by April 2 is required to participate. Call the MSU Extension office at (989) 269-9949, and an appointment time will be assigned.

Among the acceptable hazardous collection items are: automotive fluids, batteries, cleaners, polishes, household cleaners, oil based paints, paint thinners and weed killers. Items that will not be accepted include latex paint, commercial/industrial waste, explosives and ammunition, tires and yard waste.

Grants are supporting jobs

SANILAC COUNTY — The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has awarded two state transportation economic development grants to support 206 jobs, including 18 jobs in Sanilac County.

The Sanilac County Road Commission will reconstruct 850 feet of Mortimer Line Road at M-25 in Worth Township to change the road surface to asphalt. The road will be widened and drainage improved.

The project, estimated at \$263,738, will enable Huron Inc. to proceed with expansion and the addition of 181 full-time jobs over the next three years.

Beware of scams throughout tax season

With a new year underway and the state income tax filing season approaching, Michigan Department of Treasury officials are asking taxpayers to resolve to be ready for tax scams in 2018.

Cybercriminals typically increase their activity in the first part of the year through phone scams and email phishing schemes.

“These scammers try to obtain personal information using different tricks and tactics so they can file income tax returns and claim refunds on behalf of unsuspecting taxpayers,” said Deputy State Treasurer Glenn White, head of the treasury’s Tax Administration Group. “Some scammers may also allege a taxpayer owes taxes and aggressively demand payment for a quick payout.”

“Taxpayers need to be extra alert for possible scams and schemes during this time of year and throughout the income tax filing season,” White added. “When tax-

payers proactively look for scams, they are less likely to be a victim of a tax-related identity theft and other cybercriminal activities.”

White reminds citizens that the treasury department will never:

*Initiate a phone call or email to ask for personal information.

*Call or email to demand immediate payment using a specific payment method, such as a prepaid debit card, gift card or wire transfer. Generally, Treasury will first send a bill through the U.S. mail to any taxpayer who owes taxes.

*Threaten to immediately bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have the taxpayer arrested for not paying.

*Demand that taxes be paid without giving the taxpayer the opportunity to question or appeal the amount owed.

*Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.

Cybercriminals often alter caller ID numbers and emails to make it

look like the Michigan Treasury Department, the Internal Revenue Service or another official agency is contacting a taxpayer. Scammers may use employee titles, a person’s name, address and other personal information to sound official.

Taxpayers who are contacted by a scammer should immediately cease the call or delete the email.

In 2017, the Michigan Treasury Department’s increased security measures protected more than 4,000 taxpayers who confirmed their identity was stolen and used to request state income tax refunds, according to White, who noted those measures prevented more than \$16 million from being distributed to scammers.

Taxpayers who have received a call or email from a scammer should report the case to the IRS through the web or by calling 800-366-4484. To learn more about tax-related identity theft, go to www.michigan.gov/identitytheft.

Cass City School District loses 17 students

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nificance to them,” he added.

Enrollment plays a key role in school funding from the state, which “blends” student counts conducted twice a year by districts; once in February and again the following fall. The state’s blending formula places the greatest emphasis on the fall count, which is worth 90 percent of the total.

The blended enrollment number is multiplied by schools’ foundation allowances to determine how much revenue they will receive for the year. Cass City, for example, is receiving \$7,631 per student for the 2017-18 school year, a \$120-per-student increase compared to 2016-17. The district also received an additional \$25 per high school student this year.

Over the past 15 years or so, Cass City officials have watched local student numbers fall by hundreds of youngsters – losing an

average of 3.7 percent of the district’s student population annually since the 2005-06 school year, when the district boasted 1,500 students. In 2001-02, Cass City had more than 1,600 kids enrolled.

In contrast, school officials two years ago reported the then-latest enrollment dip that left the district with fewer than 1,000 students for the first time in memory.

The latest student count comes in the wake of much improved numbers last fall, when school officials reported no enrollment loss for the first time in a decade. Previously, the district sustained losses averaging three percent or so in each of the past several years.

Schools across the state, including Cass City, will be able to count on more per-pupil funding in the next school year if Gov. Rick Snyder has anything to say about it.

Snyder recently unveiled his proposed budget for fiscal year 2019, which runs from Oct. 1, 2018,

through Sept. 30, 2019.

The state spending plan also calls for a foundation allowance increase for schools of about \$312 million, or roughly \$120 to \$240 more per pupil — the largest increase in the state’s minimum foundation allowance in 15 years, according to the governor’s presentation.

Snyder has also proposed that districts receive an extra \$25 per every high school student enrolled in any career-tech program, and an additional \$25 for those students enrolled in a career-tech program that provides instruction in critical skills and high-demand career fields.

If Snyder’s plan remains intact, the budget would also represent the first time in recent history — and potentially ever — that there has been per-pupil funding aimed at students enrolled in career and technical education programs such as those offered at the Tuscola Technical Center in Caro.

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LOCAL NHS students, including (from left) Seth Roggenbuck, Sayge Cuthrell, Errienne Hoyt and Joseph Skiles, volunteer their time each week to help ensure nearly 50 students in the district have enough to eat on the weekends.

Donations are in demand

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nity has always supported it," she said. In short, Bock added, the project has since quietly operated without as much thought given to pushing for more donations. Until now. "We are out of funds and we have to come up with some to finish up this school year," she said. "I think we're looking at about \$4,000." The program provides children – most of them elementary students whose families are struggling financially – with a backpack filled with food to ensure they have enough to eat on the weekends. Bock explained each backpack includes canned and boxed foods that provide two dinners, two lunches and two breakfasts along with snacks. Each week, members of the Cass City High School National Honor Society chapter fill the backpacks, which are then distributed to students on Fridays. While the number of kids who benefit from the program varies from year to year, the need for this type of effort has not decreased significantly in a school district where more than 50 percent of students in grades K-12 qualify for free and reduced-price meals. "It's been up and down," Bock said. "Last year it (percentage) was a little lower, and this year it's a little higher." At one point, a couple years ago, school officials were sending nearly 100 backpacks home with needy students on the weekends, "but there isn't enough money to keep going at that rate," she added. Anyone interested to donating to the backpack project is asked to contact Bock at the school by calling (989) 872-5729.

More questions than answers in town

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expected to be released in the coming days. In the meantime, residents throughout the Thumb continue to struggle to understand how such a tragedy could occur. "She (Katie Bonini) was so loving, bright, caring and helpful. I just cannot believe what happened," commented Barbara Merchant Tilt of Cass City, a former longtime Unionville-Sebewaing Area School District teacher. "Katie helped me in my classroom. She always had the biggest smile. Whatever she did she was a hard worker. "She was such a beautiful soul," Tilt added. The Boninis' daughter was studying psychology at Saginaw Valley State University. According to Tilt, she was adopted from Russia by the Bonini family when she was a toddler. "She was so thrilled about being an American," Tilt said. "She was just so excited about life. I still cannot believe what happened. It is all so, so sad." Margo Bonini, who was the director of the Sebewaing Township Library, was well respected by those in the community and who knew her. "It's so sad. She was such a nice person. I just can't wrap my head around what happened," said Bad Axe Library Director Mimi Herrington. "We (library directors) were going to meet next week. I can't believe she won't be at the meeting." Bonini was behind a number of innovative events at the Sebewaing Township Library. "She started the chess club for kids, had cookies and coco, and had several winter activities for kids and others in the community also," said Herrington. "The library directors in Huron County coordinated several projects. She was always willing to help be involved in projects."

Walk for Warmth set this weekend

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a pledge sheet sent to you, contact your local HDC office: in Tuscola County, call (989) 673-4121; in Huron County, call (989) 269-9502; and in Sanilac County, the number is (810) 648-4497. Residents can also learn more and make a donation by visiting HDC's website at www.hdccaro.org or the agency's Facebook page.

Bowl-a-thon for Faith Licht

Faith is the daughter of Jessica and Brandon Licht of Deford. Baby Faith was due to come into the world March 18th. But decided she couldn't wait anymore and was born December 16, 2017. Faith has endured many complications since birth including bleeding on the brain, which some have been alleviated by spinal taps, but now she has brain damage. Also as a result of oxygen tubes up her nose, damage was done to her septum. Since then an oxygen mask was placed on her face, which broke her septum. So she is now on a respirator. As a result of bleeding on the brain and the broken septum, Faith will need surgery to fix her nose.

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Gymnasts put on a show in Cass City

by Clarke Haire
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The Cass City gymnastic squad saved their best for the home



RILEY Copeland is steady on the beam for the Cass City gymnastic team.

crowd.

"We had our (only) home meet on Saturday against Vassar and had a great meet," said Cass City Coach Kathy Bouverette.

In fact, the Lady Red Hawks earned their first regional qualifying team score over the weekend with a season best effort of 121.35. Still, it wasn't enough to turn back the Vulcans who posted a winning score of 129.85.

More important than the head-to-head matchup, according to Coach Bouverette, was the team's regional qualifying score. Four are needed to advance into the post season.

"The girls are working hard and it's paying off. It (the meet) was a huge success. We placed on all events," she said.

Cass City's best showings of the day came on the beam where Riley Copeland was the runner-up. The Lady Red Hawks also had Brittany Swiderski place third, Madison Michalski fourth, Alexis Hull 5th and Katie Mendrick 6th on the beam to the delight of their veteran mentor.

On the vault, Michalski placed 5th and Swiderski placed 6th to lead the way for Cass City, while

on the bars, Hailey Schmotzer placed 3rd and Makena Nulph placed 4th. Rounding out the Red Hawks top performances, on the floor, were Lauren Peters with a 3rd place routine, while Michalski placed 5th and Olivia Schuette placed 6th.

Four regional qualifying scores are also needed to move onto the individual regionals.

Posting regional qualifying scores for the hosts on the day (and their number of regional scores) were, on the vault, Schmotzer 8.0 (qualified), Michalski 8.2 (qualified), Swiderski 8.1 (qualified), Copeland - 7.9 (3rd regional score), Nulph 7.9 (2nd regional score), and Hull 7.9 (2nd regional score).

On the bars, Schmotzer qualified for regional competition with a score of 7.275 and Nulph earned a score of 7.15, leaving her one score shy of the regional standard.

On the beam, Copeland was best for the Red Hawks with a score of 8.2, Michalski was next with a score of 7.8 and was followed by Swiderski with a score of 7.9. The trio have all qualified for regional action in the event. Also on the beam, Hull earned her second re-

gional score on the season with a mark of 7.7, while Hanna Dobson with a score of 7.45 and Katie Mendrick with a score of 7.65, each snagged their first regional score.

On the floor, Michalski was 4th

with a score of 8.05 (qualified), Schuette was next for the hosts with a score of 8.025 (3rd regional score) and was followed by Peters 8.425 (2nd regional score) and Copeland 7.8 (first regional score) in the final rankings.



CASS CITY gymnasts, from the right, Lauren Peters, Hanna Dobson and Diana Bizhanova are all smiles over the weekend.



CASS CITY'S Rylie Weiler uses a dribble to avoid Vassar's Lainey Zwerk during the first quarter of Thursday's GTW action.

Red Hawks return to win columns

The Cass City girls and boys basketball teams both returned to the Greater Thumb West win column.

On Thursday, after a brief two-

Girls' Basketball Standings

Greater Thumb West				
	W	L	W	L
Reese	8	0	17	1
USA	7	2	12	5
Cass City	5	3	12	6
EPBP	3	5	7	9
Vassar	1	6	3	12
Bad Axe	0	6	0	17
Greater Thumb East				
	W	L	W	L
Sandusky	7	2	16	3
Marlette	5	2	12	4
Harbor Beach	6	3	15	4
Ubyly	4	4	8	8
Brown City	2	5	9	7
Memphis	0	8	1	17
NCTL Stripes				
	W	L	W	L
Peck	7	0	11	5
BCAS	6	2	8	8
Akron-Fair	5	4	7	11
Caseville	4	5	8	10
CPS	1	6	1	10
Owen-Gage	1	7	2	13
NCTL Stars				
	W	L	W	L
Kingston	8	0	18	0
Deckerville	5	2	11	7
Dryden	3	4	9	7
North Huron	2	5	10	7
Mayville	0	7	4	13

game absence, the Lady Red Hawks used a 62-37 whipping of guest Vassar to return to their winning ways.

A quick 16-1 start - led by senior Sayge Cuthrell - put the game on ice early for the Red Hawks. Cuthrell, who is expected to top 1,000 career points before the end of her 4-year career, poured in seven first quarter points, before the winners settled for a 24-13 edge at the halfway point.

Good ball movement by Cass City in the final half resulted in several open looks that secured

the victory. Lauren Fernald and Kelsey Bouverette combined for three timely treys after the break to remove any comeback thoughts Vassar may have been entertaining.

Cuthrell finished with 20 points to lead all scorers, while Fernald added 10 points and Bouverette nine for Cass City.

On Friday, the Cass City boys traveled to Vassar and halted the Red Hawks' 4-game slide with a 42-38 victory.

Sandyn Cuthrell's four treys in Please turn to page 10.

Kingston wins outright title

The Kingston gals racked up wins over Mayville and Dryden recently to keep the Lady Cardinals' hopes for a perfect regular season alive.

Coach Jay Green's Cardinals disposed of the North Central Thumb League Stars foes Mayville and Dryden in similar fashion last week, securing the Stars Division outright championship in the process.

On Friday, Kingston held host Mayville to six points through three quarters to help produce the lopsided 58-13 decision.

"We scored a lot of points in the paint through good passing and

offensive rebounds," Green said.

Jillyan Dinsmore led the visitors with 14 points, while Lily Lyons added 12, Camryn MacGuire 11, and Carley Smith eight for Kingston. Lauryn Frenzel had 10 points for Mayville.

Earlier in the week, Dryden fell 54-30 to the league champs.

"We had a good start. This was our 6th consecutive outright NCTL title," said Green.

MacGuire and Lyons finished in double figures for Kingston with 18 and 10 points, respectively.

Hannah Peyerker tossed in a dozen markers for Dryden.

Owen-Gage wins Snowball contest

Owen-Gage celebrated its Snowball game with a 44-41 victory Friday night in Owendale.

The Bulldogs led 16-9 after one quarter and 20-17 after two. However, entering the final eight minutes the hosts trailed 30-28.

Luke Retford caught fire in the deciding quarter and refused to surrender. The senior was a force on the boards and tossed in eight points during the Owen-Gage comeback.

"A great win for the boys after being beaten by them in the first game of the year by 27 points," said Coach Brian Wright, adding, "It was also special because it was the Snowball game."

Matt Fritz recorded game-scoring honors to lead Owen-Gage with 13 points, while Andrew Partaka chipped in 11 points. Retford finished with 11 points and 14 rebounds for the bulldogs.

Kaden Geilhart scored nine points for Caseville.

Also last week, on Tuesday, Owen-Gage came up short against host CPS, 55-32.

"We were shorthanded because of some eligibility issues, so other players got to see more playing time. Hopefully, this helps come district playoff time," said Wright.

Devyn Taylor led all scorers with 23 points for Dryden.

Fritz was the lone Bulldog to reach double digits and finished with 17 points.



MEET THE Owen-Gage 2018 Snowball King and Queen. The royal couple are Morgan Ondrajka, daughter of Fred and Sarah Ondrajka and Aaron Fahrner, son of Charlie and Terry Fahrner.

Hawks advance three to state final gathering

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

For three Cass City seniors the journey continues.

Although the Red Hawks were dominated by host New Lothrop earlier last week in their Division 4 regional team final, Coach Don Markel's grapplers Wyatt Dickson, Eric Peters and Nick Perry finished in the top four spots of their weight classes Saturday at the New Lothrop Individual Regional to advance to the Individual State Finals to be held at Ford Field on March 2nd and 3rd.

Dickson placed second in the 160-weight class with a 2-1 mark for the day. He'll enter the state finals with a 49-5 record. Peters placed fourth in the 160-weight class after posting a 2-2 record and will enter the state finals with a 40-20 record and Perry placed third in the 215-weight class going 3-1 for the day. The first year wrestler will enter the state finals with a 37-7 record.

In their Valentine's Day outings, Cass City faced Greater Thumb Conference foe Brown City in the regional semifinal contest and advanced with a 45-22 victory, before falling to perennial power house New Lothrop, 66-3 in the finals.

The complete results of Cass City semifinal bout against Brown City were: 103: Whitley Blake (Brown City) over (Cass City) (For.) 112: Gunner Kroenke (Brown City) over (Cass City) (For.) 119: Drew Markel (Cass City) over Blake Wiltse (Brown City) (Dec 10-4) 125: Lucas Swiderski (Cass City) over (Brown City) (For.) 130: Tristan Swiderski (Cass City) over Louis Treash (Brown City) (Fall 2:31) 135: Hayden Larkin (Cass City) over Logan Treash (Brown City) (Fall 0:42) 140: Double Forfeit 145: Hunter Aldridge (Brown City) over Erri-ann Hoyt (Cass City) (Dec 9-4) 152: Josh Pasco (Brown City) over Matthew Mihalic (Cass City) (MD 14-1) 160: Wyatt Dickson

(Cass City) over Jacob Martus (Brown City) (Fall 3:39) 171: Eric Martus (Brown City) over Eric Peters (Cass City) (Dec 4-2) 189: Hunter Caister (Cass City) over (Brown City) (For.) 215: Nick Perry (Cass City) over (Brown City) (For.) 285: Casen Caister (Cass City) over (Brown City) (For.)

In the regional final, Perry was the lone point winner for Cass City. The complete results were: 112: Jackson Knieper (New Lothrop) over (Cass City) (For.) 119: Tommy Malloy (New Lothrop) over Drew Markel (Cass City) (Fall 3:31) 125: Logan Wolford (New Lothrop) over (Cass City) (For.) 130: Logan Zell (New Lothrop) over Tristan Swiderski (Cass City) (MD 19-9) 135: Will Taylor (New Lothrop) over Hayden Larkin (Cass City) (MD 13-5) 140: Austin Barnette (N New Lothrop) over (Cass City) (For.) 145: Micah Poletti (New Lothrop) over Erri-ann Hoyt (Cass City) (Fall 2:59) 152: Austin Wolford (New Lothrop) over Matthew Mihalic (Cass City) (TF 17-2 0:00) 160: Zackery Riley (New Lothrop) over Wyatt Dickson (Cass City) (Dec 3-1) 171: Justin Carnahan (New Lothrop) over Eric Peters (Cass City) (TF 20-4 0:00) 189: Allan Jamick (New Lothrop) over Hunter Caister (Cass City) (Dec 7-2) 215: Nick Perry (Cass City) over Garrett Birchmeier (New Lothrop) (Dec 7-2) 285: Cameron Dusenberry (New Lothrop) over (Cass City) (For.) 103: Andrew Krupp (New Lothrop) over (Cass City) (For.)

"Considering the fact that we graduated eight seniors from a league and district championship team last year; to repeat as league and district champions this season, and to advance to the Regional final with a relatively young team is a real tribute to the drive and desire put forth by this group of athletes," Markel said.

Cass City finishes the 2017-18 season with a 26-15 dual meet record.

Cardinals remain in the hunt

Kingston improved its season mark to 15-2 Friday with a North Central Thumb League Stars victory at Mayville.

Coach Dave Lester's Cardinals bolted out to a 26-5 advantage and coasted to a 55-20 decision.

"We got off to a great start. Everyone contributed," said Lester

Evan Neff led the winners with 15 points, while Aaron Koehler added 10 points and three steals. Kingston also had Nathan Cloyd add nine points, five rebounds and three assists.

Nathan Dawson led Mayville with 13 points.

Also last week, Kingston defeated Dryden 51-41 in a battle of NCTL contenders. The Cardinals were 12-16 from the free throw line in the final frame.

"We had a great defensive effort from everyone. This was a big win for us. We are still in the hunt for a league championship," said

Lester.

For Kingston, Cloyd led the way with 16 points, eight rebounds and three blocks. Hunter James chipped in a season high 13 points, to compliment six rebounds and three assists, while Neff added 10 points. Austin Ahern and Garrett Green grabbed 11 and nine rebounds, respectively. Kingston was 12-16 from the free throw in the 4th quarter.

For Dryden, John Delcampo and Jared Czape's each registered 16 points.

Boys' Basketball Standings

Greater Thumb West				
	W	L	W	L
USA	6	0	15	0
Reese	5	1	10	5
EPBP	4	3	10	7
Vassar	2	4	3	11
Cass City	2	4	7	9
Bad Axe	0	7	4	12

Greater Thumb East				
	W	L	W	L
Brown City	5	2	10	6
Marlette	5	2	6	8
Harbor Beach	5	2	8	8
Ubyly	3	4	9	6
Sandusky	3	4	8	9
Memphis	0	7	2	15

NCTL Stripes				
	W	L	W	L
Peck	8	0	13	3
BCAS	6	2	7	8
CPS	5	3	5	10
Caseville	3	6	4	11
Owen-Gage	3	5	3	10
Akron-Fair.	0	9	0	14

NCTL Stars				
	W	L	W	L
Flint Int.	6	1	14	2
Kingston	7	2	15	2
Dryden	7	2	11	5
North Huron	2	5	8	9
Deckerville	3	6	11	5
Mayville	0	9	5	11

Cass City wins

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the final quarter lifted the Red Hawks to the Greater Thumb West victory.

After playing to a 7-7 tie in the opening quarter, Cass City wouldn't score again before the break and trailed 15-7 to start the third.

Both teams then traded baskets for most of the third quarter, before Cuthrell took over down the wire. The sophomore dart thrower hit five shots from behind the 3-point arc and finished with 17 points. Nick Perry was next on the Cass City scoring charts with eight points, while Brendon Hamilton had seven and Joey Krol six.

Kingston Cardinals 2018 Snowcoming

Tipoff at 6 p.m. ~ February 23, 2018 ~ vs. Flint International



THE KINGSTON 2018 Snowcoming king and queen candidates are (front, l-r) Riley Kinel, Austin Ahern, Jacob Mc-Daid; (back) Abigail Chappel, Alexis Board & Haley Pohlod



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THE 2018 KINGSTON Snowcoming court representatives are (front, l-r) Michael McNeil, Kendal Geister, Quinn Bocard, Joseph Snover & Cody McCormick; (back) Kealsie Dinsmore, Rayann Harp, Madison Nickens, Lohr Smith & Hannah McSkulin Missing Amanda Velez and Brian Hobson

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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	Ubly 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 76, CC 32
2/14	Sandusky 51, CC 47
2/16	CC 42, Vassar 38
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, Ubly 47
1/25	CC 52, Bad Axe 43
1/30	CC 42, Lakers 38
2/1	Reese 51, CC 47
2/8	USA 61, CC 43
2/13	CC 49, Marlette 40
2/15	CC 62, Vassar 37
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	Ubly/Sandusky @ Home	6:00 p.m.
1/27	Midland Bullock Creek Team Tourney	8:30 a.m.
2/3	GTC League Meet @ Marlette	TBA
2/8	Team Districts @ Bad Axe	TBA
2/10	Individual Districts @ Sandusky	TBA
2/14	Team Regionals	TBA
2/17	Individual Regionals	TBA
2/23-24	Team State Finals @ Kalamazoo	TBA
3/2-3	Individual State Finals @ Ford Field	TBA

GYMNASTICS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
1/9	Vassar	6:30 p.m.
1/13	Fraser Invitational	9:00 a.m.
1/16	Fenton Tri Meet	6:30 p.m.
1/20	Haslett	TBA
1/27	Huron Valley @ Lakeland HS	8:00 a.m.
2/3	St. Johns Invite	10:00 a.m.
2/10	Vassar Invite	10:00 a.m.
2/17	Vassar	10:00 a.m.
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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Legal Notices

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

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 vendue, 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 Re-

vised 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.

1340864

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 JPMorgan 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 vendue, 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 con-

tinuing 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.

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.
JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.
23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335

2-7-4

We are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Notify us at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Pursuant to the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by ANGELA RUFF, a single woman, Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc. (MERS) as nominee for BLG Holdings, INC dba Simple Mortgage, Mortgagee, dated the 8th day of May, 2015 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 21st day of May, 2015 in Liber 1330 of Tuscola County Records, page 46, said Mortgage having been assigned to The Money Source, Inc. on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of One Hundred Two Thousand Eight Hundred Six and 34/100

(\$102806.34), by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that on the 15th day of March, 2018 at 10:00 AM o'clock Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in Village of Caro, Tuscola Cty MI, of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, with interest thereon at 4.500 per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Township of Gilford, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit: Commencing at the Northeast corner of the North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 34, Township 13 North, Range 7 East, thence West 213 feet; thence South 120 feet; thence East 213 feet; thence North 120 feet to the place of beginning





During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed 30 days after the foreclosure sale or when the time to provide the notice required by the statute expires, whichever is later. Pursuant to MCLA 600.3278, the mortgagor(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney

Dated: 02/14/2018
The Money Source, Inc. Mortgagee
FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C. Attorney for Servicer 700 Tower Drive, Ste. 510 Troy, MI 48098 (248) 362-2600 TMS FHA RUFFANGELA

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Fabulous Four's Fearless Forecast

**2018
Basketball
Picks
Feb. 20-23**

	Saylor Cuthrell	Clarke Haire	Geoff Morgan	Doug Hyatt
BOYS' BASKETBALL				
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 21				
USA @ Cass City	USA	USA	USA	USA
FRIDAY, FEB. 23				
Bad Axe @ Cass City	Cass City	Bad Axe	Cass City	Cass City
EPBP @ USA	USA	USA	USA	USA
Vassar @ Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese
Harbor Beach @ Uby	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Uby	Harbor Beach
A. Fairgrove @ BCAS	BCAS	BCAS	BCAS	BCAS
Peck @ Owen-Gage	Peck	Peck	Peck	Peck
Kingston @ Mayville	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
GIRLS' BASKETBALL				
TUESDAY, FEB. 20				
Cass City @ Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese
Marlette @ Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
North Huron @ Owen-Gage	North Huron	North Huron	Owen-Gage	North Huron
THURSDAY, FEB. 22				
Bad Axe @ Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City
EPBP @ USA	USA	USA	USA	USA
Vassar @ Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese
Harbor Beach @ Uby	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach
Peck @ Owen-Gage	Peck	Peck	Peck	Peck
North Huron @ Mayville	North Huron	North Huron	North Huron	Mayville
LAST WEEKS' RESULTS	17-3	18-2	15-5	15-5
SEASON RESULTS	100-41 (71%)	106-35 (75%)	89-52 (63%)	110-31 (78%)

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

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Legal Notices

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 22, 2018: Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Robert L. Smith and Florence Smith, husband and wife

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I Inc. Trust 2006-HE4, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-HE4

Date of Mortgage: March 1, 2006
Date of Mortgage Recording: March 21, 2006

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$71,569.63

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Kingston, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing 653.22 feet West of North 1/4 corner of Section; Thence South 165 feet; thence on curve to right 112.28 feet; thence West 58.64 feet; thence North 270 feet; thence East 95 feet to point of beginning. Section 22 Town 12 North Range 11 East

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 21, 2018
Trott Law, P.C.

2-21-4

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 YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICEMEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY NOW OR IN THE PRIOR NINE MONTHS, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE. Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Estee E LaFave, a single woman to United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture, Mortgagee, dated August 28, 2015, and recorded on August 28, 2015, in Liber 1336, Page 527, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Four and 25/100 (\$58,534.25) including interest at the rate of 3.25000% 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 March 22, 2018 Said premises are situated in the Village of Cass City, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 3, Block 3, Garden Center Subdivision, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in liber 1 of plats, page 42B, Tuscola County Records. Commonly known as: 4224 MAPLE STREET, CASS CITY, MI 48726 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: February 21, 2018 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, (248) 335-9200 Case No. 18MI00069-1

2-21-4

Notice of
BOARD OF REVIEW
for
Novesta Township
will be held
Tuesday, March 13, 2018
3 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Thursday, March 15, 2018
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tentative Equalization Factors:

	Multiplier	Ratio
Agricultural	0.9201	54.34
Commercial	1.0032	49.84
Residential	1.0522	47.52
Personal	1.0000	50.00

Meetings will be held at the
Cass City Gun Club
2676 Englehart Road, Cass City, MI 48726
Joann M. Peters, Clerk

Notice of
BOARD OF REVIEW
for **Evergreen Township**
will be held
March 14, 2018 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
March 15, 2018 3 p.m. - 9 p.m.

The purpose of the March Board of Review is to hear taxpayer appeals regarding valuation determinations, personal property, disabled veteran's exemptions, poverty exemptions, property classifications, and uncapping determinations.

The 2018 tentative ratios and multipliers are:

	Tentative Ratio	Tentative Factor
Agricultural	48.48	1.03135
Commercial	36.96	1.35281
Industrial	50.00	1.00000
Residential	53.24	0.93914
Personal	50.00	1.00000

Evergreen Township Hall,
5514 Shabbona Rd., Decker
David McArthur, Assessor

Fairgrove Township
Summary of Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2018 7:30 PM

Roll Call: Trustees Mike Day and Dennis Hadeway, Treasurer John McQuillan, Clerk Katie Gebhardt, Supervisor Keith Aeder, Zoning Admin Bruce Turner and Sexton Doug Foster were all present. Visitors Present: Carl Childs – Planning Commission Chair, Matt Simerson – Akron Police, Melissa Averill – Deputy Clerk Call to order. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Day moved and Hadeway supported to approve December minutes. Passed. McQuillan moved and Hadeway supported to approve January insurance meeting minutes. Passed. Hadeway moved and Aeder supported to approve January agenda. Passed. Hadeway moved and Day Supported to approve replacement of tube on Ringle Rd. Passed. Aeder moved and Hadeway supported authorizing Supervisor to sign Wilkinson's contract. Passed. Day moved and McQuillan supported to fill septic tank for no more than \$600. Passed. McQuillan moved Hadeway supported to reappoint Childs and Pike to Planning Commission. Passed. Insurance Meeting – McQuillan moved Aeder supported to authorize clerk to sign insurance forms. Passed.

McQuillan moved Hadeway supported to move February 19, 2018 meeting to February 26, 2018 at 7:30PM, due to scheduling conflicts.

Aeder moved Hadeway supported to buy back unused graves from Cardona. Passed. Aeder moved Day supported price changes to current cemetery prices. Passed. Day moved Hadeway supported to approve financial reports. Passed. Hadeway moved and McQuillan supported to pay bills as presented, with the exception of AT&T. Check 11668 voided for \$95.44 AT&T and reissued for \$70. Passed. Day moved and Hadeway supported to adjourn meeting. Passed.

Adjourned 10:20 PM
Respectfully Submitted,
Katie Gebhardt

ELKLAND TOWNSHIP TOWNSHIP BOARD
NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION:
AN ORDINANCE TO IMPOSE A MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS, LICENSES, OR APPROVALS FOR, OR FOR ANY CONSTRUCTION OF SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS
EXHIBIT B

On February 12, 2018, Elkland Township (the "Township") adopted Ordinance No. 2018-2, An Ordinance to Impose a Moratorium on the Issuance of Permits, Licenses, or Approvals for, or for Any Construction of, Solar Energy Systems (the "Ordinance"). The following is a summary of the Ordinance. A true copy of the Ordinance is available at the Office of the Township Clerk, 6793 Third St., Cass City, MI 48726.

Section 1. Definition. This section defines "Solar Energy System."

Section 2. Purpose and Findings. This section describes the purpose and findings of the Ordinance made by the Township Board. This section further states that imposing a moratorium, on a limited temporary basis, is reasonable and necessary in order to allow time for the Township Planning Commission to fully explore, analyze, research and make recommendations to the Elkland Township Board regarding potential zoning regulations applicable to Solar Energy Systems.

Section 3. Moratorium. This section imposes a moratorium upon the issuance of any and all permits, licenses, or approvals for, or for any construction of, any Solar Energy Systems on any property under the jurisdiction of the Township's Zoning Ordinance, so long as this Ordinance is in effect.

Section 4: Term of Moratorium; Renewal. The moratorium imposed by this Ordinance shall remain in effect for one (1) year following the effective date of this Ordinance, or until amendments to the Township Zoning Ordinance regulating Solar Energy Systems take effect, whichever occurs first. Before the moratorium imposed by this Ordinance expires, the Township Board may, by resolution, extend the moratorium for an additional six (6) months, or some lesser period of time as the Township Board deems appropriate.

Section 5. Validity and Severability. This section provides that if any portion of this Ordinance is found invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 6. Repealer Clause. This section provides that any ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give the Ordinance full force and effect. Notwithstanding, this section further provides that the Ordinance should not be construed as a repeal or an amendment to the Township Zoning Ordinance; rather, the Ordinance is a temporary moratorium until such time as the Ordinance expires or amendments to the Township Zoning Ordinance regulating Solar Energy Systems take effect, whichever occurs first.

Section 7: Effective Date. This section provides that the Ordinance shall become effective immediately following publication. 99999:THANG:3510615-3

ELKLAND TOWNSHIP TOWNSHIP BOARD
NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION:
AN ORDINANCE TO IMPOSE A MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS, LICENSES, OR APPROVALS FOR, OR FOR ANY CONSTRUCTION OF, WIND ENERGY SYSTEMS
EXHIBIT B

On February 12, 2018, Elkland Township (the "Township") adopted Ordinance No. 2018-1, An Ordinance to Impose a Moratorium on the Issuance of Permits, Licenses, or Approvals for, or for Any Construction of, Wind Energy Systems (the "Ordinance"). The following is a summary of the Ordinance. A true copy of the Ordinance is available at the Office of the Township Clerk, 6793 Third Street, Cass City, MI 48726.

Section 1. Definition. This section defines "Wind Energy System."

Section 2. Purpose and Findings. This section describes the purpose and findings of the Ordinance made by the Township Board. This section further states that imposing a moratorium, on a limited temporary basis, is reasonable and necessary in order to allow time for the Township Planning Commission to fully explore, analyze, research and make recommendations to the Elkland Township Board regarding potential zoning regulations applicable to Wind Energy Systems.

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Section 7: Effective Date. This section provides that the Ordinance shall become effective immediately following publication. 99999:3507537-3

Obituaries

Donald Erla

Donald J. Erla, age 82, of Cass City died February 17, 2018 at United Hospice in Marlette.

Don was born March 1, 1935 in Hamtramck, Michigan to the late John and Genevieve Erla. He later married Mary Lou Dungey on July 21, 1955 in Imlay City, Michigan. He was a past member of the Cass City Lions Club. Don started work at the Erla's Foods in Cass City, and after leaving the family grocery he opened Don Erla's Foods in Pigeon, retiring in 1994.

He enjoyed going up north to his cottage, golf, woodworking, pheasant hunting, and in his later years taking care of his lawn.

Don is survived by his children: Dave (Rhonda) Erla, Dan (Cathy) Erla, Beth (Guy) Howard, Amy (Scott) Hartel, Bob (Dawn) Erla, and Bill Erla, siblings: Lorraine Klimas, Doris (Tom) Sealand, Marilyn Erla, Don (Marlene) Erla, Chuck (Agnes) Erla, Arnold (Sharon) Erla, Clark (Pat) Erla, 16 grandchildren, and 14 and half great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, siblings: Florence, Gertrude, Richard, Delphine.

Cremation has taken place, and a celebratory mass of Christian burial will be held 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 17, 2018 at St. Pancratius Catholic Church in Cass City. Father Christian Tabares celebrant. Memorial contributions in memory of Don may be made to United Hospice Residence in Marlette.

Arrangements entrusted to Jansen Family Funeral Home - Columbiaville. Share memories, condolences, and photos online with the family at www.jansenfuneralhome.com.



Anthony "A. J." Murray

Anthony "A. J." Murray was born May 21, 1928, in Cass City, MI and passed away February 17, 2018 at the age of 89. A.J. was a resident of Williamston and a member of St. Mary Catholic Church since 1960.

A.J. enjoyed spending time with his family, traveling in his motor home, everything about farming, and was a faithful, active member of the church. A.J. worked the family farm for many years. He then moved to Williamston as a salesman for Surge and then was the automation manager for A. O. Smith Harvester, Michigan Glass Lined Storage.

A.J. loved interacting with others, was a great tease and had a wonderful sense of humor.

He was a loving husband to Dorothy, who was the "Love of his life".

He was an involved, devoted father, grandpa and great-grandpa.

He was preceded in death by Dorothy (2017) his wife of 68 years; parents, Paul A. and Sarah (Ball) Murray; step-mother, Marie; two infant children, Sarah and James and son, Timothy Murray; two brothers, Dr. Alex Murray and Alfred Murray, and sister, Lorraine Mauer and her husband, Norm.

Surviving to cherish his memory are children; Rondy (Dick) Murray-Preston, Sheila (Phil) Roach, Kathy (Scott) Murray-Rice, Marilyn (Jerry) Murray-Phenney; thirteen grandchildren; sixteen great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Patricia Murray and Mary Murray and many nieces and nephews.

A Funeral Mass will be held Thursday, February 22, 11:00 a.m., St. Mary Catholic Church, 157 High Street, Williamston, MI 48895.

Visitation will be at St. Mary Church in St. Joseph Hall, Wednesday, February 21, 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and 1 hour prior to mass at the church. Interment at Freeburg Cemetery, Argyle, MI at a later date.

For those desiring, contributions may be made in memory of A.J. to his granddaughter Julie's home, Georgetown Harmony Homes, P.O. Box 845, Jenison, MI 49429.

The family is being served by Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes Williamston Chapel. On line condolences may be made at www.gwilliamston.com

Cheryl Paladi

Cheryl Ann Paladi, age 73, of Cass City passed away in her home on February 11, 2018. She was surrounded by her loving husband and family. Cheryl was born October 31, 1944 in Cass City, MI to Mac Bryan O'Dell and Marion (Townsend) O'Dell. Cheryl married her sweetheart Eddie Paladi on August 24, 1963 at the Novesta Church of Christ.

Cheryl was a lifelong resident of Cass City and worked a majority of her career at Walbro (TI Automotive). She retired from there after 34 years of service.

Cheri enjoyed the outdoors. She spent many years camping, horseback riding and gardening. Cheri had many talents including various arts and crafts and painting. Her true love was spending time with her family. Her gifts of love, support and laughter will never be forgotten.

Cheri is survived by her husband, Ed Paladi; daughter, Debra Paladi of Bay City; granddaughter, Chelsea (Harry Campbell) of Elberton, GA; great grandson, Chase James; brother, Michael O'Dell of Zebulon, GA; sister, Christina (Merril) Turner of Cass City; brother-in-law, Alex Paladi of Deford; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents Mac and Marion O'Dell and sister-in-law Bobbi O'Dell.

Per her wishes, a Memorial will be held on Friday, February 23, 2018 at 11 a.m. at the Novesta Church of Christ, Cass City Michigan. Pastor Brad Speirs will officiate. To sign online guestbook, visit www.cremationsocietymidmi.com.



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CASS CITY Junior-Senior High School students (top photo, from left) Vaughn Severance, Chloe Russell and Hunter Turnbull recently out-spelled them all during a Knights of Columbus Saginaw Diocese regional spelling bee. Severance placed first among eight finalists, while Russell finished in third place and Turnbull, in sixth place. Severance will now advance to the state spelling bee in March. At right, Diana Cortez represented Cass City Elementary School in the recent local Knights of Columbus Saginaw Diocese Spelling Bee. She finished seventh among 18 spellers, lasting through 26 rounds of words.



Educators urged to plan now for annual Octagon Barn tours

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The 23rd annual school tours at the Thumb Octagon Barn near Gagetown are still about 2 ½ months away, but organizers of the popular field trips are urging educators to register now to ensure their students are signed up for a fun-filled and educational trip into the past.

This year's tours for youngsters in preschool through the eighth grade are scheduled for Wednesday, May 9, Thursday, May 10, and Friday, May 11. The tours' 2018 theme is "The Thumb: Naturally Sweet!"

Educators can sign up on the website thumboctagonbarn.org (click on 2018 School Tours and Registration", then fill out the form), or by contacting Diane Rapson Gabil, Thumb Octagon Barn school tours chairperson, via email at drapsongabil@chartermi.net.

"Students will learn about how products grown/raised in the Thumb of Michigan were used to sweeten foods in the early 1900's and today are continuing to be used to sweeten food production for the world," Rapson Gabil said of the year's event. "(We're) also highlighting how these products figure into complex industries and occupations locally and world-wide."

Rapson Gabil said the theme ties in directly to health, science and social studies curriculums at all area elementary and middle schools.

Representatives of Michigan State University Extension, the Michigan Bean Commission, Michigan Sugar Company, Michigan Agricultural Commodities, Apple Growers Association, Michigan State Bee Association, Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), and other associations will be providing assistance and educational materials on their products/services to enhance student's learning.

This year's guided tours will begin at 8:30 a.m. each day, with the final tours starting at 1 p.m. Admission is a donation of \$2 per person (students and chaperones). Organizers ask that schools send at least one chaperone per eight students. Both children and adults should plan to bring their own lunches and beverages.

"Most guided tours are 4 1/2 hours, but shorter tours can be scheduled to meet the students' ages and scheduling needs," said Rapson Gabil, who noted the tours are limited to 450 students per day and will take place regardless of weather conditions, so everyone should dress appropriately.

The tours will feature more than 25 educational stations for students to visit.

"A month prior to attending, educators will choose stations they wish their students to visit," Rapson Gabil said.

The stations presentations and demonstrations include introduction to the barn/site, a grain elevator, grist mill, live farm animals, children's story, Cora Purdy's diaries, folk music and instruments, live honey bees, milking station, chick/egg hatching, farmhouse tour, energy production at the powerhouse, children's activity area, old time music sing-a-long, one-room school house, school house museum, sugar shack/syrup evaporator, sawmill, vintage cars/trucks and memorabilia, blacksmith shop, cider press, old time medicines and barn loft museum.

In 2017, more than 1,365 students participated in the barn tours from eight counties.

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Historical group buys former township hall

by Mary Drier
Special for the Chronicle

Greenleaf Township officials have been able to put a little extra money in their treasury by selling a former township hall building on Gilbert Road.

The Greenleaf Historical Society purchased the structure with plans to eventually utilize the building to preserve the past.

"They bought the old hall for \$11,000," said Judy Keller, who serves as clerk of the Sanilac County township. "That building

had served its time. We moved to a different hall about two years ago."

The former hall, which is made of slit fieldstone, was built in 1900.

"It will take a couple of years for us (historical society) to pay off the purchase, and then we can start working on the building," said Greenleaf Historical Society member Jerry Cleland. "One day we hope we can make it into a museum for Greenleaf Township history."

"We think it is important for people to know about the township's history."

Greenleaf Township consists of about 36 square miles. The area that would become known as Sanilac County was originally made part of St. Clair County for judicial purposes. The area extended to Saginaw Bay and west to Tuscola County.

In 1848, the Michigan Legislature authorized the separate organization of the county, and Lexington was the county seat until 1879 when it was moved to Sandusky. Political unrest in Ontario, Canada, and the promise of jobs at lumber mills brought many to Sanilac County. The settlers were of Scotch, Irish and English nationality.

In 2016, township operations were relocated from the Gilbert Road hall to 6345 Bay City-Forestville Rd. The decision was based largely on the fact that the former hall had reached its maximum electrical capacity and lacked basic amenities.

"The building doesn't have running water or a bathroom," said Cleland. "It had an outhouse out back, but that fell down a while ago."

The Greenleaf Township Board meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month.

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