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Senior charged in threat allowed to graduate

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A Cass City High School student facing a criminal charge after allegedly making a threat against the district early this year won't be expelled, but he won't be allowed to finish his senior year alongside his classmates, either.

That was the decision of the Cass City Board of Educa-

tion Monday night after meeting in closed session to consider senior Dalton Powell's educational future.

Powell, 17, of Gagetown, was formally charged and was recently bound over to Tuscola County Circuit Court after waiving his preliminary examination in district court on a felony charge alleging he made a threat against the school on a social networking site last month.

He is charged with making a threat of terrorism, which

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

Powell remains free on a \$50,000 bond (10 percent).

Following Monday's executive session, held during the school board's regular monthly meeting, the board ruled Powell's ongoing suspension will continue, but he will be able to complete his remaining academic requirements in order to receive a diploma from the district.

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Evergreen (Water) Park...

RAINFALL TOTALS ranged from one to three inches across mid-Michigan early last week, leaving rivers and drains swollen across the region, including the Cass River in the Thumb. The precipitation left a portion of Sanilac County's Evergreen Park off M-53 (above) under water for a time. At left, flood waters just south of Cass City near River Road rose to within several feet of the Jeff Parsell residence on Cemetery Road.



Village council votes to continue funding for TCAA

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

The Cass City Village Council and its attorney, Jason Bitzer, met behind closed doors Monday to discuss leaving the Tuscola County Airport Authority (TCAA).

After 40 minutes in closed session, the public was invited back into the regular monthly gathering of the council to hear Bitzer's opinion on the long-lasting feud among village trustees, who haven't been able to come to an agreement on whether to continue contributing financially to the Caro airport.

According to Bitzer, if Cass City were to extract from its agreement with the airport, the village would be obligated to pay the TCAA a one-time fee.

"But there are no indications of any other payments owned, except the one-time payment," he said.

Trustee Tom Herron, who strongly opposes being just one of three entities in the TCAA, offered a motion to have Bitzer draw up papers to leave the authority, which is currently supported by Caro, Cass City and Indianfields Township.

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Thumb district: school threat a rumor

by Mary Drier
Special for the Chronicle

Another blow was dealt to a Huron County community last week, just days after law enforcement officials were called to investigate an apparent double murder-suicide involving a Sebawaing family.

Because of a threat to "shoot up" Unionville-Sebawaing Area Schools, district officials implemented a lockdown for about an hour last Wednesday.

"We received a phone call from a relative of one of our students. The individual reported that they had received a text from a student (who) had heard rumors of a gun threat," said USA Schools Supt. George Rierison, who called 911 and implemented a secure mode at the schools. An investigation was initiated, with several students ques-

tioned, and a search of school facilities was conducted. While district officials were doing that, Todd Schember of the Huron County Sheriff's Department responded to assist with the incident.

The investigation by school officials and Schember determined the conversations between students led to a rumor about a possible gun threat that was texted to the individual who made the original phone call.

"It is my understanding the threat was unsubstantiated rumor," said Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson. "We wouldn't want anything to happen, so these situations are taken seriously."

Although the incident was unsubstantiated, it still sent shockwaves through an already devastated community still reeling from the reported double murder-suicide earlier this

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Smash and grab...

QUAKER MAID Dairy Store owner Kareem Khoury cleans up shards of glass following a "smash and grab" burglary at his Main Street business in Cass City early Monday morning. See story, page 8.



Teresa Scollon

Teresa Scollon Moveen Prize winner

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A former Cass City resident who has made a name for herself as a poet, author and educator recently added another honor to her resume: winner of a Moveen Prize.

Teresa Scollon, who resides in Traverse City, is among the latest recipients of Moveen Prizes, which are awarded in different categories and recognize early promise, ongoing excellence and lasting merit in the work of Michigan artists in a variety of genres and pursuits. The prizes are funded by Lynch and Sons Fund for the Arts.

Scollon's prize comes with a travel grant and a month-long artist's residency on the West Clare Peninsula in Ireland, in the townland of Moveen at the ancestral home of writer Thomas Lynch.

"The Moveen Prize is to acknowledge the work of poets who devote much of their time to teaching poetry,

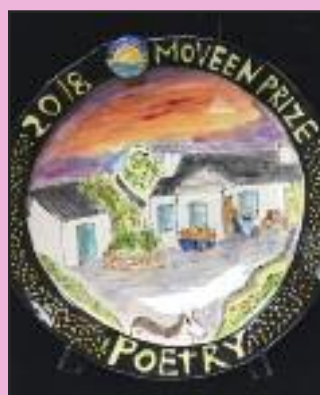
both the reading and writing of it," Lynch explained. "It is a prize of time and space to spend on their own work, away from the classroom, in a place free of obligations and full of inspiration," he said. "It honors the work of writers who have not only produced work of merit, but who have made time to instruct and mentor others to advance the art of poetry in the wider, often underserved community."

Scollon represents exactly that, according to Lynch.

As the instructor of the Front Street Writers writing program at the Traverse Bay Area Career-Tech Center, Scollon works with students from a five-county region (Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska and Leelanau counties) to engage in programs like Poetry Out Loud, a national initiative which encourages memorization and performance of poetry.

For many students from rural communities, this is their first real exposure to creative writing and the

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Kawecki graduates with high honors

Kristen R. Kawecki of Cass City has graduated Saginaw Valley State University with a Bachelor of Science concentrated in nursing in December of 2017. Kawecki graduated with Cum Laude honors. To receive this honor, students must earn a minimum grade point average of 3.40

to 3.59. Kawecki accepted a full-time position and is currently employed at St. Mary's of Michigan in Saginaw. Kawecki is a 2012 high honors graduate of Cass City High School, and is the daughter of Maureen and Mark Kawecki.



Kristen Kawecki

Cass City officials name honor students

Cass City Elementary officials recently announced the second marking period honor students.

4th Grade

Lauren Bartnik*, Justin Bergman, Rylee Bliss*, Carla Cortes*, Addison Frederick*, Owen Hall*, Lauryn Hempton*, Kilee Hopper*, Ashley Jones*, Kaleigh Kubacki*, Ali Learman*, Rylie Ligrow*, Kenton Nicholas, Haven Osentoski*, Brynn Pallas*, Destiny Periso*, Kylie Perkins*, Kaylee Peters, Jeevesh Prabhakaran*, Nickole Shimer, Zoe Speirs*, Alivia Spencer*, Jackson Anthony, Dylan Barrigar, All-Lynn Connolly, Noah Dexter, Sebastian Esqueda-Alba, Chloe Franzel, Gavin Franzel, Richard Gibbons JR, Braylon Gutierrez, Brady Halabis, Madelyn Hicks, Natalie Horning, Madison Kulinski, Breanna Miller, Veedell Moore, Trenton Roberts, Eloisa Ross, Sawyer Ross, Zachery

5th Grade

Romina Basanez-Gastelum*, Mason Brown*, Taryn Burpee, Maia Estrella*, Alysya Fritz*, Mason Gniewek*, Kacee Gray*, Kian Hoppe*, Mackenzie Hudson*, Shelby Ignash*, Mia Myers-Caister*, Madison Radabaugh*, Emily Speirs*, William Steely*, Carson Anthes, Taylor Anthony, Lillian Betts, Elizabeth Binder, Tim Burke, Alexis Champagne, Justin Daniels, Maya Doerr, Landon Dubs, Madysen Elston, Jermiah Harmon, Brooke Hatcher, Mariah Henne, Delayna Kaake, Eric Kester, Kaylee Koch, Rylan Kruse, Gabrielle Laming, Brooklynn Limberger, Jarod Mathewson, Brianna McKee, Kylie McKee, Matthew Mellen-

dorf, Carson Moody, Roman Muter, Trent Patrick, Angelina Periso, Isabelle Phillips, Brayden Pine, Parker Pisarek, Ali Rocheleau, Katelyn Rockwell, Katrina Sarles, Dylan Severance, Trevor Tietjens and Eli Wright.

6th Grade

Zackary Burnette, Diana Cortes*, Hailey Dubs*, Trysten Gruber*, Jocelyn Guerra*, Ethan Hall, MacKenzie Healy, Robert Krueger II, Paula Learman*, Brendan LeValley, Justin MacAlpine, Cooper Mallory, Nolan Medere, Claire Merchant, Hailey Morrish, Braden Murdoch*, Cameron Owen*, Carter Patrick, Ellie Perkins*, Sydney Schefka, Landyn Schott, Ethan Schrader, Cohen Sherman, Drake Smith, Josie Spencer, Lucas Tschirhart and Kennedy Van-Wormer.

Local school announces semester honor students

Officials at Kingston High School recently announced the following students for the first semester honor roll, they are:

7th Grade

Cortney Acker, Logan Cloyd*, Ethan Green*, Ethan Harrington*, Christopher Hoseclaw, Madison LaFond, Lawson Lyons, Emily McGee, Aryanna Miller, Ashley Miller, Brooke Retan, Stefanie Robinson, Conner Seaman*, Wesley Sholes, Rachel St. George, McKenzie Taylor, Hunter Trovillion, James Wilson and Coryn Zyrowski.

8th Grade

Brandon Bombard, Brennen Boyl, Madison Coyer, Joseph Cryderman, Ethan Cumper, Collen Dibble, Gaven Dibble*, John Egan, Kristen Ensign, Carter Geister*, Zachary Hayost, Isabel Hurd, Summer Jenkins, Alex

Kotsch, Madilyn McMaster, Kali Norris, Owen Phillips, Jacob Rayl*, Angel Shiel, Nicholas St. George*, Shayleigh Torrey, Ethan Ulewicz*, Skyler Waite, Brooklyn Walker* and Libbie Whitmore.

9th Grade

Thomas Barrett, Andrew Bitterle, Hailey Bitterle, Jason Dibble, Kealsie Dinsmore, Katelyn Dur-Russell, Elanor Gaiser, Colten Gildner, Morgan Green*, Rayann Harp, Kayla Hobson*, Hannah James*, Paige Klupp*, Lillian LaFave, Ronnie Lemke, Joslyn Lupa, Dustin Peter*, Ella Retan*, Alexandra Sherman, Chelsea Smith, Jessica Stoll, Olivia Ulewicz*, Lynneah VanHorn, Trayton Wenzlaff*, Madison Wieland and Samantha Wood*.

10th Grade

Anna Ahern, Elissa Bicego, Mason Biddle, Quinn Boucard, Danielle Crisman, Jake DeLong, Zoe Easlick, Collin Geister*, Caleb Goss, Jack Green*, Katelyn Iseler, Aaron Koehler, Payton Kolacz, Jalen Little Thunder, Ryan McGarvie*, Braden Mosher, Wren Murdoch, Isaac Muxlow, Evan Neff*, Madison Nickens, Tristen Skinner and Joseph Snover*.

11th Grade

Maisey Bigelow, Gerilyn Carpenter, Nathan Cloyd, Levi Cryderman*, Kendra DeLong, Jamie Dibble, Jillyan Dinsmore, Dakota Distelrath*, Kerra Elling, Connor Henry*, Hunter James, Lily Lyons, Camryn MacGuire*, Carley Smith*, Colton Stadler, Morgan Tallieu*, Gunnar Thompson, Emily Warrington* and Roman Wood.

12th Grade

Mariah Andrews*, Alexis Board, Dezerick Carter, Abigail Chappel, Lauryn Cumper, Grace Dinsmore, Kasia Giddings, Garrett Green*, Emily Hetzer, Noah Hetzer, Riley Kinel, Hailey Kowalski, Juliana Krych, Courtney Mallory, Samantha Moore, Madysen Pennington, Kira Peters, Haley Pohlod, Zachary Rayl, Daniel Schwarck*, Caitlyn Sherman*, Jada Shiel, Quin Western, Alayna Williams* and Cassidy Zyrowski*.

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In Our OPINION...

Clarke Haire
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District's support of walkout right move

Cass City School officials have taken a proactive approach to the prospect of local students participating in an organized nationwide walkout next month to protest school violence.

Women's March organizers are encouraging students, teachers and others to walk out of schools Wednesday, March 14, to protest gun violence and demand that Congress take legislative action on gun control.

The walkout, expected to involve schools across the country, will take place one month after the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglass High School in Parkland, Fla., and is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. and last 17 minutes – one minute for each victim who died at the hands of a former student armed with a semi-automatic rifle.

In Cass City, school officials announced Friday that they are prepared to support students interested in taking part in the walkout in an organized, safe manner.

We applaud that stand, which has already drawn some criticism from a handful of citizens who have expressed fear that allowing students to briefly gather outdoors could make them a target of similar violence.

In spite of those fears, we support the district's decision.

Here's why:

In his announcement regarding local participation in the walkout, school Supt. Jeff Hartel made it clear that everything will be done to ensure students' safety, including notifying local police and arranging for them to be present to help secure the area during the event. And, school staff members will be with students at all times.

"Students will be required to leave and re-enter the building through the front doors only. We want to make this a learning/teaching moment for all of our students, but it must be done in an orderly manner. School violence must stop!" said Hartel, who later noted the walkout will be voluntary – no student will be required to participate.

While school officials could have prohibited students from participating in the demonstration and disciplined those who do, the walkout represents an opportunity for our younger citizens – some of whom will presumably be leaders in this community and others in the future – to take their own stand against school violence and to express their opinions on an issue that concerns us all.

This event gives students the chance to take some form of action, to become advocates for change, rather than remain on the sidelines waiting for their peers in other communities and states take the lead.

Isn't that a characteristic we want to encourage in these young, bright adults?

We believe the walkout could also encourage our students to become more vested in their school and community. In other words, we hope their involvement will further promote a vital awareness among students when it comes to identifying and immediately reporting red flags such as a threat of violence – whether it be in person, overhearing a conversation in a school hallway or on social media websites – no matter how benign or improbable it might seem at the time.

In the end, this is all about making schools safer, and we have an obligation to let our students play a role in helping to turn that mission into reality.

Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

Press power and ice jams



Some of my Facebook friends posted photographs and videos of the break-up of ice and ice jams on the Sebawaing River. Seeing those images brought back memories of the power of the press.

I wrote a story about a handicapped woman who was about to lose her house for back taxes because the brother who took care of her finances passed away and she didn't realize the bill had not been paid.

After reading her heartbreaking story, a man from Bay County stepped forward and paid the tax bill so she could keep her house.

Then, there was an article about a little Millington area boy who was severely injured in a farm accident. His father was backing a wagon up in the barn when the little boy noticed a ladder wasn't hung up on the wall. He ran behind the wagon to put the ladder up where it belonged and his head was crushed between the ladder and the wagon.

The community hosted a benefit dinner to raise money for the family's medical bills. The event was so well attended, they had to turn people away because they ran out of food. Despite that, people still left a donation.

And, the woman who coordinated the fundraiser for the boy stopped by to tell me about other donations. She had a cabin up north and when she went on vacation there, she received substantial donations from those in the area who knew she was trying to help the little boy.

Long story short on that, a great deal of money was raised to help the family. I was shocked that a simple article I had written could have such an impact.

However, there is another side to all of this.

The power of the press really hit home for my youngest son back when he was in high school. I don't remember the reason why, but he was grounded and lost his car privileges for a while.

I was busy covering a meeting when rivers started to flood and ice jams piled up in the Sebawaing River. At one time, I lived in Sebawaing so seeing ice jams was nothing new to me, but they were a novelty to a new reporter.

She took several photographs of the ice jams and people standing on the bridge watching the water rise and ice pile up. Front and center in the picture was my

youngest son, who was supposed to be home under room arrest. He was so BUSTED.

The power of the press can be a wonderful thing, or not — especially for those who have their grounding extended with the car keys taken away.



Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Tired of all the negative press surrounding today's youth? Here's a dose of good news:

The tremendously successful "Meating the Need for Our Village Hunger Project" in Cass City has received another big boost, according to the Cass City FFA, which last week reported the Dairy Farmers of America (DFA) has given the group its single largest donation yet — \$2,400.

"This will go a long way in buying milk for Cass City families," said local FFA member Addy Battel. "Thanks to Country View Bulk Foods for special pricing, this \$2,400 will pay for an entire year's worth of milk for families in Cass City through Revive Ministries.

"Milk is a delicious way to get high-quality, bioavailable protein into your body. This is especially important for senior citizens as calcium can help prevent osteoporosis and provides protein which helps cell regenerate. Milk is also incredibly important for children whose bones and muscles are developing," Battel added.

The "meating the need" campaign came to life in the fall of 2014 as a group of Cass City area youths, including Battel, Pearl Daskam, Ethan Healy and Shane Auten were brainstorming ways to help with hunger locally.

In its first year, the effort yielded distribution of an impressive 600 pounds of beef, another 500 pounds of pork and roughly 1,600 pounds of chicken to area families. The students behind the effort have since continued to expand their donations of hundreds of pounds of meat by adding milk and eggs, all distributed to those in need through the Revive Ministries food pantry in Cass City.

Congratulations are in order for these young people and the adults who have backed their hard work, persistence and compassion.

The Cass City Gavel Club's annual sunken car fundraiser is an easy sell – and more importantly, a big revenue source - according to club member Dave Weiler.

The infamous junk car, that stood on top of lake ice at The Pointe, a local housing development near United Parcel Service, went thru the ice on February 22.

That made Dan Curtis' day as he pocketed \$4,000 as the grand prize winner, while Jim Kranz and Holly/Joe Cooper – they were off one day in each direction – were the runners-up and each won \$750.

Hurray for Cass City native Mason Erla!

The 2016 Red Hawk graduate missed his senior year baseball season due to injury after earning All-State honors three years straight, prior. Still, Erla was able to sign with Michigan State University, but in his rookie season suffered a season-ending injury that required surgery to his pitching arm.

Fast forward to Sunday, red-shirt freshman Erla collected his first college victory as the Spartans blanked Pepperdine in Malibu, Ca.

Erla went five innings and recorded four strikeouts. He allowed just two hits. Mason is the son of Chuck and Michelle Erla.

Letters to the Editor

Growing foundation for Lexi testament to many

Dear editor,

There truly is something to be said for small towns with dirt roads and fields for miles. There is something to be said for the people that live on those roads and near those fields; they are the people that make up our community and the surrounding communities.

If you are one of these people, I, Heidi Hartwick, Lexi's mama, and all of Lexi's family want you to know how much we appreciate your support.

You are the people that helped my family through the life-changing journey we went through with Lexi, from the devastating diagnosis, to the wish trip of her life, the amazing benefit that was put on, her steady decline and, ultimately, her death that took place during the vigil that was taking place just outside our front door.

You are also the people that have made and are still making my daughter's foundation possible. Without your time, donations, participation and hard work, there wouldn't still be the Love for Lexi Paying it Forward Fund.

Lexi was a six-year-old who had a smile that could light up a room, a fashion sense like no other, and a helping hand that never refused. She was a child with a heart of gold. In Nov 2011, shortly after Thanksgiving, we noticed she started losing the use of her right side. We immediately started looking for the answers. On Dec. 3, we received the news that our perfect six-year-old had an inoperable brain tumor called a diffused intrinsic pontine glioma, also known as DIPG.

This cancer has a less than one-percent survival rate. We were told we had a couple weeks with her or we could attempt a treatment that could prolong the inevitable. We opted for the treatment and received seven precious months with her. During that time our family and community was our support system that helped carry us through.

The community came together and put on an unbe-

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- Spoonfuls of Plenty Free Community Meal, 4-6 p.m., LeeRoy Clark Building, 435 Green St., Caro. Open to anyone wanting a hot, home-style meal.
- 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.
- Cass City Chamber meeting, 8 a.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.

Thursday, March 1

- 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, March 3

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

Sunday, March 4

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

Monday, March 5

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

Tuesday, March 6

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

Second Wednesday:

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

Second Thursday:

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

Third Monday:

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

Third Tuesday:

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

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

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

Third Thursday:

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

Third Friday:

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

Third Saturday:

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

Fourth Monday:

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

Fourth Wednesday:

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

Fourth Thursday:

- Community Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.

Last Monday:

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

Last 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., Ubyly. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.
- AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.

Every Tuesday:

- Al-anon meeting, 7 p.m., St. Francis Parrish, Pigeon.
- AA Meeting, 7-8 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 4960 N. Argyle Rd. (Meeting will be held in the hall next to the little stone church.)
- Al-anon meeting, 7 p.m., Cakima Serenity Home, Mayville. Call 989-912-5478 for more information.

Every Wednesday:

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

Every Thursday:

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

Every Saturday

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



NO ONE was injured when the Huron and Eastern train derailed in the village of Akron last week, according to the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department, which reported the incident occurred just before midnight Tuesday. (Drone photo courtesy of the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department)

Sheriff: no injuries reported in derailment in village of Akron

The Tuscola County Sheriff's Department reported there were no injuries in a train derailment last week in the village of Akron.

The incident occurred just before midnight Tuesday when the Huron and Eastern train, which was traveling towards Sebawaing at approximately 10 mph, derailed, according to information posted on the department's Facebook page.

"The lead locomotive, 3034, and the second engine, 2026, both derailed on a switch that had been damaged just prior to the train

passing over it. This damage was not reported," Sheriff Glen Skrent reported. "As a result of the derail, the lead locomotive suffered a puncture to its fuel tank which resulted in the spilling of approximately 850 gallons of diesel fuel.

"Fortunately, there were no injuries and all of the cars...remained on the track. Huron and Eastern was able to bring in another set of locomotives to remove all of the cars."

The Akron fire and police departments initially handled the incident with the assistance of the Tuscola County Office of Emer-

gency Management and several personnel from the Huron and Eastern Railroad. Young's Environmental was also immediately called in to handle the fuel spill clean-up.

"Additional agencies have also been involved in the mitigation of this incident, including the DEQ, Michigan State Police-Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division and the U.S. Coast Guard," Skrent noted.

The Akron Police Department is continuing its investigation into the rail switch damage.

Circuit court proceedings

Several appear on felony charges

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

*James R. Lafayette, 63, Millington, pleaded guilty to a charge of falsely reporting a felony (larceny of property valued at \$1,000 to \$20,000 March 29 in Arbel Township.

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

*Jason L. Elder, 36, Mayville, pleaded no contest to domestic violence, third offense, Nov. 6 in Mayville. 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 \$15,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Brittney Alicia-Kali Ponder, 33, Cass City, pleaded no contest to larceny in a building Aug. 18-20, 2016, in Cass City.

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

*Angie L. Spencer, 30, Caro, was sentenced to 365 days in the county jail, with worksite privileges, following her pleas of guilty to three counts of creation/delivery of a counterfeit substance (hydrocodone), subsequent offense, between April 19 and May 17 in Caro.

She was also placed on 36 months probation and ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$694 plus restitution of \$130.

*Troy D. Hasse, 50, Bad Axe, was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$625 following his plea of no contest to attempted possession of a controlled substance (oxycodone) June 14, 2013, in Caro.

*Morgan M. Burhans, 29, Caro, was sentenced to 365 days in jail, with worksite privileges, following the defendant's plea of guilty

to a charge of uttering and publishing Sept. 7, 2016, in Almer Township. Burhans was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

In addition to jail time, the defendant was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$258 plus restitution of \$20.

*Gorden J. Roy, 55, Caro, was sentenced to 365 days in jail, with worksite privileges, following his plea of guilty to home invasion, second degree, July 24 in Caro. 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 \$1,008 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

*Edward M. Palmer, 40, Vassar, was sentenced to 365 days in jail, with worksite privileges, following his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Sept. 16 in Vassar Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to jail time, he was placed on 60 months probation

and ordered to complete 480 hours of community service and pay costs and fines totaling \$1,258 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

*Josue Montesinos, 36, Bad Axe, received a one-year sentenced following his pleas of guilty to two counts of identity theft. Court records state the crimes involved using another person's personal information to open and use credit card accounts between Oct. 11, 2016, and April 10, 2017, in Elkland Township.

Montesinos was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,326 plus attorneys fees of \$500. Restitution in the case is to be determined.

*Maralee J. Lyzun, 47, Caro, was sentenced to six months probation following her plea of no contest to one count of identity theft between February 2016 and March 2016 in Novesta Township. Court records noted Lyzun was charged with using another person's personal information to access the tax exempt status attached to their account at a Tuscola County business.

In addition to probation, she was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$358.

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Reporter's notebook

Recalling "The Flood" of 1986

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



My wife, Deb, and I nearly turned around while traveling on M-81 towards Cass City en route to my job interview with former Chronicle Publisher the late John Haire back in the fall of 1986.

The scenes of flooded fields left by two days of rainfall last week, along with the melting of the remaining snowpack, sparked memories of our first trip to Michigan's Thumb region.

Frankly, my impression of the "Thumb" wasn't all that glowing in the first place, even before we left our native Grand Rapids.

For starters, after looking at a map of Cass City and surrounding communities, I wondered why anyone would want to live in a region where there are very few inland lakes and trout streams.

At the same time, I had just spent a year working at a newspaper in northern Michigan, in Leelanau County, a region that boasts some outstanding fishing, not to mention the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore Park, Leland's Fishtown, etc.

As we got our first glimpse of Cass City, I had no idea we were arriving in the middle of an historic weather event that is still referred to by many as, simply, "The Flood", although I suppose I should have figured it out while glancing at a front page photo featuring folks crossing Cemetery Road in a canoe, just south of town near the Jeff Parsell home.

If you weren't here at the time, I can tell you last week's rainfall - which caused the Cass River to rise above its banks throughout Tuscola County - was a mere drop in the bucket compared to the precipitation local residents witnessed in 1986.

In fact, the September 1986 flooding was the worst flooding disaster in 50 years, according to National Weather Service (NWS) records, with total damage estimated at \$400 to \$500 million, including around \$120 million in crop damage (the rains came right around harvest time).

The flood covered a 60-mile wide band across the central portion of Lower Michigan, impacting some 14,000 square miles in 22 counties. "Several estimates about the likelihood of such a flood like the one in 1986 were tossed about, such as a '100-year flood' or a '500-year flood'. But to the people of the flood-stricken area, it is known as 'The Flood' a NWS narrative of the disaster reads.

To put the rainfall amounts into perspective, last week's two-day precipitation added up to anywhere from an inch and a half of rain to three inches, depending on where you live in mid-Michigan.

From Sept. 10 through Sept. 12, 1986, the rainfall averaged an incredible six to 12 inches, much of the deluge falling during a 12-hour period Sept. 11. In the Thumb, Cass City recorded nearly 11 inches. Caro received an estimated 11.51 inches, and, to the north, Bad Axe recorded about 8.5 inches.

The Cass River in Vassar, with a flood stage of 14 feet, rose to an unprecedented 24.82 feet, unleashing a nightmare in that community, with all downtown businesses and more than four dozen homes flooded. The river rose so quickly and forcefully, some people barely had enough time to get out.

The storm exacted a huge economic toll on the largely agricultural Thumb, but in the weeks and months that followed, residents responded with the sort of courage and determination I've come to expect here.

In spite of all the water and mud that greeted us on that first trip, Deb and I decided to call the Cass City area our home. We raised a beautiful family and built careers over the past three decades, and we don't have a regret.

Well, I'm still a little ticked over the lack of inland lakes and trout streams.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2013)

Justin Richard Sorenson of Cass City and Lynzie Kay Grimshaw of Davison announce their engagement to be married. Justin is the son of Craig and Carolyn Sorenson of Cass City. Lynzie is the daughter of Jon and Sandy Grimshaw of Davison. The couple is currently planning an April 13, 2013 wedding in Goodrich.

The Owen-Gage 2013 Snowball King & Queen candidates are: Courtney McCreedy, Donna Hopper, Kayla Montreuil, Brittany Guilfoil, Michael Mandich, Dan Jeffery, Brett Stockton and Jeremy Jamieson.

Topping Cass City's 2013 Snowcoming ceremony Friday was the announcement of the Red Hawk royal couple - Queen Taylor Brown and King Cole Israelson.

10 YEARS AGO (2008)

Alyvia Mae Hollis was born Feb. 25, 2008 at 7:44 a.m., at Huron Medical Center, Bad Axe, She weighed 7 pounds, and was 20 inches long. Alyvia's parents are Amber R. Weiss and Eric T. Hollis of Cass City. She is the granddaughter of Dan and Lori Weiss, Rick and Connie Hollis, and Dawn and Mike Karr, all of Cass City. Her great-grandparents are Stephen and Lois Papp, Larry and Carol Hollis, and Tom and Linda Herron, all of Cass City, and Dwayne and Christine Weiss of Brown City. Great-great grandmothers are Anna Papp and Carol "Nanney" Schaufele, both of Cass City, and Lorinda DeLong of Florida.

Mason Erla, 10, of Cass City, recently earned the right to advance to state competition in an annual Knights of Columbus free-throw contest. Erla was among 7 area youth who advanced to regional competition held Feb. 23 at the Bay City Boys and Girls Club. He will now compete at the state level Sunday, March 9, at Mount Pleasant Sacred Heart School. The other local youth who advanced to regionals are Logan Schenk, 9, Bradley Thornton, 11, Lukas Schenk, 12, Anthony House, 13, Jennifer Kelly, 13, and Kyle Hanby, 14.

25 YEARS AGO (1993)

Deford Cub Scout Pack 3593 celebrated its Blue and Gold Banquet Tuesday, March 9. Cubmaster Pennie Rienas passed out many awards. Earning their Arrow of Light, the highest award in the Cub Scouting program, were: Cory Kulinski, Scott Moore, Isaac Parsell, Kaleb Parsell and Scott Rutkoski.

After several hours of competition, Jamie Bodeis from Mayville Schools emerged the winner of the annual Tuscola County Fourth Grade Spelling Bee, held Friday at the Tuscola Area Skill Center in Caro. The winning word was impanel. Cass City Schools were represented by Randy Diebel, Travis Hartwick, Christopher Dorland, Billy Gage and Michelle Derfny. Also attending were alternates Manisha Raythatha, Christine Sheppard, Melissa Schuman, Laura O'Dell and Jeremy Klinkman. All spellers received dictionaries, ribbons and certificates from McDonald's. Alternates also received certificates from McDonald's.

Senior Lorianne S. Ondrajka, Gageton, has been named Owen-Gage High School's "student of the month" for March. The daughter of Clarence and Deb Baker and Fred and Donna Ondrajka, she has served as a tutor, treasurer of the Health Occupation Students of America and member of the Business Professionals of America. A Homecoming and Snowball queen candidate, she has also been active in basketball, volleyball, softball and track, earning most improved honors in track and most valuable player honors in softball. Her future plans include majoring in nursing at St. Clair Community College.

35 YEARS AGO (1983)

Receiving first division ratings Saturday were Yvette Hurd, clarinet, and Jeanne Marshall, clar-

inet, Carol Lockard, piano, Scott Harding, percussion, Annette Stachura, clarinet and Suzy Scolon, piano.

Elmer Brahmmer, retired Bingham Township fire chief, holds the plaque he was presented in appreciation for his 34 years with the department, nine of them as chief. His fellow firemen also voted him "fireman of the year" for 1982.

Terri Summers was student of the week for the week ending Feb. 11 at Cass City Intermediate School. A seventh grader, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Summers of Gageton. Most improved student of the week was Leroy Beecher, a fifth grader, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Beecher of Deford. Student of the week for last week was Mike Britt, an eighth grader, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Britt of Cass City. Most improved student last week was Paul Tuckey, a sixth grader, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tuckey of Cass City.

40 YEARS AGO (1978)

Mr. and Mrs. John Luana and son of Deford, Mr. and Mrs. Vern McConnell and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Speirs and children were dinner guests Monday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Speirs. The birthday of Mrs. Ronald Speirs was celebrated.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hobart of Gageton announce the engagement of her daughter, Karen Jayne Link, to Norman W. Schaeffer of Sturgis. The late Edwin Link of Unionville is the brideelect's father, Miss Link graduated from Unionville-Sebewaing Area Schools and Concordia Lutheran College in Ann Arbor. She is currently attending Cleary College in Ypsilanti. Her fiance is attending Concordia Lutheran College, Ann Arbor. An August wedding is being planned.

Private Duane Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Smith, Deford, recently was assigned as a radio operator with the 84th Field Artillery in Heilbronn, Germany. Pvt. Smith entered the Army in October of last year. He is a 1977 graduate of Kingston Community High School.

Susan Wolak, a Central Michigan University senior from Kingston, was one of 116 students inducted into the Phi Kappa Phi honorary recently. This highest academic honorary on campus includes students and faculty from all areas of study.

Richard Jones, co-chairman, this week announced the winners of the George Washington sale days free prize drawing sponsored by the Retail Division of the Cass City Chamber of Commerce. First prize of \$100 went to Sandy Walter. Second prize of \$50 was won by Mitz Blocher. There were four prizes of \$25 each. They were won by Ruth Wichert, Mary Lee Russell, Rose Quinn and Crystal Forester.

50 YEARS AGO (1968)

On January 8 the new high school opened its doors for the first time to the members of the four senior grades. On Sunday, March 10, the school will open its doors to their parents so that they may look over the new facility - from kitchen to chemistry lab. The Chronicle has taken a look, too.

One of Cass City's older businesses will change hands Friday when Mac & Scotty Drug Store will be sold to Mike Weaver, 27, formerly of Mt. Pleasant. Weaver has been in the drug store since Feb. 20, but the change of ownership will not become effective until Friday, according to the joint announcement made this week by the principals. The business was

purchased from Mrs. J. Glenn McCullough.

Allen A. Witherspoon, local insurance agent, was presented the national quality award for 1967 from the New England Mutual Life Insurance Company which he represents.

75 YEARS AGO (1943)

Robert Riley of Caro left last week for Rhea Custer. Mrs. Riley, the former Rhea Gruber of Cass City, has gone to Ann Arbor where she has employment, and their son, Roger Douglas, is staying with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Gruber.

Corporal Frank McComb, who has been stationed at Camp Davis, North Carolina, and has spent two weeks with relatives here, visited relatives in Detroit a few days last week. He left there Friday night for Kansas City, Missouri, where he will attend a radio school.

Aviation Cadet Robert James Copland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Copland of Detroit and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Sim Bardwell of Cass City, is with the Army Air Corps at Maxwell Field, Alabama, for his pre-flight training as a pilot. Robert has been in the service since September, 1942.

100 YEARS AGO (1918)

Wm. Messner of Detroit was a guest of his brother, Jacob Messner, Tuesday. Roy Messner of the same city and a son of Jacob Messner were here also.

Friend Herb: I have had several request for descriptions of camp life in the few weeks I have been here and take this opportunity of letting you all know how it seems to be one of Uncle Sam's boys. First of all I want to say that our treatment here is fine. We have an ideal bunch of officers and non-commissioned men and if a man tries to do the right thing, he has nothing to fear from anyone. Our meals are fine and our mess sergeant formerly was steward at the D. A. C. of Detroit and we have heard it said that during construction of the camp some of the electricians would walk up two miles or more just to get in on his meals.

We get up at 5:45 a.m. have roll call at 6 a.m. and breakfast at 6:30 a.m. after sick call for anyone who wishes to see the doctor. At 7:00 we all go down to the stables to water horses and it is a regular job as there are over 160 head. After watering, we usually get a grooming kit and get plenty exercise cleaning horses. We have some rather spirited horses and it sometimes takes the combined efforts of three or four of us to do them justice. After grooming we usually get a blanket and bridle and go for a ride. We have lectures on lectures on military topics and physical exercises then we have dinner at 12:00 and after dinner usually have more lectures or exercises and at 3:30 we go back to the stables to water horses again. In regard to feeding, it is usually done by 6 of us who are chosen from day to day and who are known by the title of stable police. They do all of the feeding except hay in the afternoon and we all take a hand at that. After watering and feeding hay we come back to the barracks for retreat at 4:30 and then our day is done. For recreation we have a player piano in the barracks and it is usually very busy. We also have the benefits of the Y. M. C. A., as one of their huts is located just a few steps from the barracks and there we enjoy photo plays, have song fests on some nights. I don't want to take up too much space in the columns of the Chronicle. Very sincerely, ARTHUR LITTLE, Bat B., 329 F. A., Camp Custer, Mich.

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Ubly continues work on park improvements

by Mary Drier
Special for the Chronicle

Ubly Village officials continue to work on their park and recreation plan, village improvements and grant opportunities.

Among the improvements under consideration are upgrades to the park pavilion, a walking trail and handicap accessible restrooms. The village hired the Spicer Group, an engineering, surveying and planning company, to write and submit grants.

Spicer Group representative Steve Rutkowski provided an update on the park and recreation plan, and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) grant timelines during a recent village council meeting. Rutkowski explained that in order to secure grant funding, village officials need to obtain 10 to 15 letters of support along with a letter from a disabilities' group in the area.

The village's next planning commission-master plan meeting will be Monday, March 19, at 7 p.m. at the senior center. The session will focus on the village's park and recreation plan, according to Clerk Barb Butch.

The recreation grant isn't the only funding village officials are pursuing. Village Treasurer Kelly Pearce is also working on a Safe Routes to School Grant and will be working with school officials to review sidewalks that need repair, as well as construction of additional sidewalks.

In other business, the Ubly DPW is looking at connecting the water main and also the storm sewer main on Margie Street to Agnes Street.

And, the council is considering the possibility of razing the Masonic Temple at the corner of Main and Washington streets. Village officials plan to approach the Bingham Township Board regarding assisting with the purchase of the building so it could be torn down to open up that corner. However, before anything is done, an asbestos study should be conducted.

In addition, the council approved sending a certified letter to Trustee Larry Gornowiczue, notifying him that his term on the council was terminated due to non-attendance of village meetings.

Commissioners eye goals for coming year

by Mary Drier
Special for the Chronicle

Tuscola County commissioners are looking ahead to projects they hope to accomplish in the coming year.

"Planning is a critical function of any effective operation both in business and in government. An important part of planning is to develop an annual work program," said Tuscola County Controller Mike Hoagland, who has developed a lengthy list of proposed projects.

"The work program sets the stage by identifying major activities that will be undertaken during the year. "It is an important document because it lists the areas where much of our time and energy will be dedicated," he added.

"Of course, there are new items that will be added during the year. "Many of the items listed in the work program will be agenda items that are discussed and resolved at committee and board meetings during the year."

Among the county's priorities are:

- *Continuing work with the Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation (TEDC) on implementation of the second phase of the Dairy Farmers of America (DFA) plant in Cass City.

- *Completion of the planned relocation of the county's recycling center its new location.

- *Developing a plan to upgrade the county jail and prepare potential financing methods with assistance from a jail planning committee and other jail planning experts.

- *Gathering information and gaining a better understanding of solar energy in terms of land usage, assessing and taxation.

- *Conducting quarterly meetings with senior leaders of the county, judges, state elected representatives and road commissioners in an effort to enhance collaborative partnerships and other opportunities.

- *Determining if the city of Caro will install a new well and water line near M-24 and Deckerville Road.

Attention students: fill out FAFSA application

The Michigan Department of Treasury is reminding students and their families that the very first step to take when applying for scholarships and other forms of financial assistance is completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, commonly referred to as the FAFSA.

Priority consideration for the Michigan Competitive Scholarship (MCS) and the Michigan Tuition Grant (MTG) programs are given to students whose FAFSA is received at the federal processor on March 1 or earlier.

New for the 2018-19 academic year, all students must file the FAFSA to be considered eligible for any state aid program.

"The FAFSA is a federal application and in most cases is the gateway to financial assistance for many students," said Anne Wohlfert, director of Treasury's Student Financial Services Bureau. "Remember the first 'F' in FAFSA means 'Free.' There is no reason to pay to submit the FAFSA."

Prior to completing the online FAFSA, the student and at least one parent must obtain a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID) at www.fafsa.gov. This ID serves as a legal signature and confirms an applicant's identity when accessing financial aid information through certain U.S. Department of Education websites.

To get started with the FAFSA, go to www.fafsa.gov. To learn more about state of Michigan scholarships and other financial assistance programs, go to MI Student Aid's website at www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid or follow @MiStudentAid on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or Snapchat.

School: threat a rumor

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month in the village of Sebewaing.

The bodies of Bob Bonini, 61, Margo Bonini, 60, and their adopted daughter Katelyn Bonini, 21 were discovered Feb. 15 after the Sebewaing Police Department was asked to conduct a welfare check at the family's residence.

Police have indicated it appears Bob Bonini fatally shot his wife and daughter before taking his own life. Few other details have been released. The case remains under investigation.

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Senior charged allowed to graduate

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"He has a long-term suspension (related to) all school property and functions for the remainder of the 2017-18 school year," school Supt. Jeff Hartel said.

"He must follow an educational plan that the school has set up for him to graduate," added Hartel, noting if Powell complies, he will graduate, although he will not be allowed to participate in Cass City's commencement ceremony.

"It's a compromise," said Hartel, who explained the senior will have the opportunity to move on with his educational future without having an expulsion on his record. At the same time, he added, "Hopefully, the message sent is this is serious and not a joke."

School officials in January said they were notified that Powell had allegedly used Snapchat to post a threat — warning students not to attend school on a particular day — with music from the song "Pumped Up Kicks" playing in the background. The song talks about a boy taking his father's gun from his father's closet and warning other kids they better be able to run faster than his bullets.

Powell was removed from a class he was attending at the Tuscola Technology Center in Caro after the threat was discovered by Cass City School officials.

GENEROUS GIFT

Turning to other matters, the board learned that a former local educator is continuing her quest to give back to the district in honor of her mother.

Longtime Cass City teacher Mary Keroson, who retired from the district to care for her mom, Naomi Cross, announced she has set up a fund called "Cross My Heart" in an effort to assist students from families that are struggling financially and find it difficult to keep up with their school lunch accounts. Keroson also presented the school board with a \$1,500 donation.

Keroson said she first contributed anonymously last year after learning from a fellow educator — veteran Cass City elementary teacher Kris Milligan — of a similar effort being promoted on a

social media website. "I told my mom and she immediately started crying," Keroson recalled. "She told me when she was young, she was one of those kids" who didn't eat lunch because she couldn't afford it.

Anyone interested in donating to the Cross My Heart Fund can learn more by contacting Shari Bock, food service director for the Cass City Public Schools, at (989) 872-5729.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

School officials did not continue a discussion started last month regarding an opportunity to purchase the Baker College campus in Cass City, but board members did tour the Main Street facility during a special meeting/walk through just prior to Monday night's monthly meeting.

"The board loved it; it's in great shape," Hartel said. He added, however, "We're just a little nervous about moving forward without a clear path."

That comment echoed the discussion Hartel and board members had last month after the superintendent announced he had received a call from Baker officials, asking if the local district would be interested in purchasing the college's Main Street campus in town, which is slated to close within the next year or two due to a decline in enrollment.

"It's a newer building, the price is right, but I certainly don't expect you to make a decision tonight," he told the board in January, noting the cost involved would include an estimated \$20,000 in utility expenses — about the same amount school officials spent over three or four years on the former Campbell Elementary School building after closing the school and before finally selling the property to Thumb Area Psychological Services for \$51,000 in late 2015.

Hartel said he has contacted intermediate school officials in Tuscola and Huron counties to discuss possible uses for the Baker building, include perhaps establishing a combination robotics facility/ alternative (GED) education center. He suggested the building could even house a gro-

cery store developed as an extension of the school district and incorporated into various academic programs.

"I'm just throwing out ideas," Hartel told the board. "It's not like we need that building. We're in good shape financially, (and) it's scary to take on the \$20,000 (in utility costs) without a clear path."

Board President Alice Zaleski agreed. "I'm not comfortable spending \$20,000 a year if we don't have a plan," she said.

The board agreed to further discuss the offer and requested that Hartel ask Baker officials to give the district time to consider its options.

Also Monday, the board:

*Learned the next bond committee meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 21, at 6 p.m. at Rolling Hills Golf Course. District residents interested in educating the community about the school's upcoming bond extension vote are encouraged to attend.

A special election will be held Tuesday, May 8, with voters being asked to approve an extension of an existing three-mill tax that originally generated funding for a host of capital improvement projects at what is now Cass City Elementary School.

That tax is slated to expire in 2021, but would be levied for additional 16 years if voters approve the extension and would raise an estimated \$8.68 million for repairs and upgrades to the high school as well as the elementary building. While the debt would be extended, district residents would not see an increase in the annual tax amount they currently pay.

*Unanimously approved Athletic Director Don Markel's recommended nomination of Craig Weaver as Cass City's representative for the Friend of Youth honor presented during the annual Thumb Meet of Champs event, held each spring in Caro. Markel described Weaver as a tireless volunteer whose behind-the-scenes contributions have benefitted a host of local athletic programs.

*Heard from students Saylor Cuthrell and Ethan Kampo, who briefly spoke about a recent seventh grade field trip to a Holocaust museum in Farmington Hills.

Cass City rejects sale of village property

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But in a split, 2-5 roll-call vote, the motion failed. Supporting Herron's withdrawal proposal was Trustee Ray Piaskowski.

Another Herron motion requested that wooded land own by the village, including roughly 1,250 feet of Cass River frontage, be sold to long-time local residents Rich and Gayl Patera, who previously offered \$8,500 per acre for the village property located east of their Doerr Road home.

Cass City Wastewater Treatment Plant Supt. Dennis McCabe says the sale would leave nine acres for future expansion at the west end of the property that is mostly wetlands.

Still, despite McCabe's endorsement, the motion failed, this time by a 3-4 split vote. Joining Herron in support of the sale were trustees

Piaskowski and Mick Kim.

Both decisions drew negative comments from the handful of residents in attendance.

"I am extremely upset with the council for taking no action on the airport authority," said Richard Wallace.

Another resident, Don Ball, commented, "I'm with Mr. Wallace. These people have told you we want out and you said 'no'. Explain why this airport is so great for Cass City. I want answers right now, tonight," added Ball, who also scolded the council for rejecting the land sale to the Patera family.

"You had a chance to make some money tonight, but you don't seem to listen."

IN OTHER BUSINESS

In a public services committee matter, the council approved a

contract with Nelson Tank Engineering and Consulting Inc. to perform inspection of the village water tower at a cost of \$2,550.

Committee member Jenny Zawilinski explained the tower will be drained and cleaned on the inside and a report prepared on the condition of the interior and exterior of the tank.

Turning to news from the parks and recreation committee, the village accepted a donation from Northwood Modular Homes for the labor to repair the exterior of the Helen Stevens Memorial Pool.

Weather permitting, a crew will be available to remove the wood siding and replace it with vinyl siding, replace wooden vent louvers with vinyl, complete fascia repairs and paint the medal roof at the recreational Park's crown jewel. The work is expected to be completed by the end of March.

News briefs

DHIA offers scholarships

The Huron County Dairy Herd Improvement Association (DHIA) is offering a scholarship that was set up for graduating seniors who are interested in pursuing a career in the dairy industry.

Applicants must be planning to attend an accredited two- or four-year college or university and must show interest in returning to the dairy industry in some fashion. A minimum of one \$500 scholarship is awarded each year; however, the committee reserves the right to award multiple scholarships based on application merit.

Applicants are evaluated on the basis of scholastic achievement, current and potential leadership and interest in a career in the dairy industry.

Applications can be obtained by contacting the Huron County MSU Extension office by calling (989) 269-9949 (ext. 602), and must be returned by March 30.

Ubyly accepts resignations

UBLY — The Ubyly Board of Education accepted a pair of resignations and approved a purchase during a recent monthly meeting.

The school board accepted "with regret" the resignations of paraprofessionals Rebecca Smith and Tiffany Zurek.

In addition, school officials authorized the purchase of 10 new cafeteria tables and a new outdoor sound system.

Gettel named police chief

SEBEWAING — Branden Gettel, 39, whose law enforcement resume includes having worked for the Cass City Police Department, among others in the Thumb area, will take over as chief of the Sebewaing Police Department July 1.

Gettel replaces Bill Owens, 63, who started at the department in June 2000 and has 44 years of law enforcement experience.

Gettel also works part time for the U.S. Marshal Service and is an instructor at the Delta Police Academy.

Family fun night scheduled

CARO — The Tuscola County Parent Coalition will host a family fun night Thursday, March 1, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Tuscola Technology Center in Caro.

The evening offers families a chance to enjoy a free dinner, receive free books, watch a magic show by Jason Hudy, and listen to a storytelling of the children's book "Pete the Cat and his Magic Sunglasses."

The storytelling time is 6:45 p.m. and will focus on ways parents can make reading to their child fun and interactive. The event will include decorating sunglasses and coloring contests.

To register, call (989) 673-2144 (ext. 30505).

Plates promote awareness

MICHIGAN — The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is encouraging residents to buy and use "pink ribbon" license plates to raise awareness of and access to breast cancer screening.

The additional cost for a pink ribbon Breast Cancer Awareness license plate is \$25 when a plate is first purchased and then \$10 each time it is renewed. The money helps benefit breast and cervical cancer screening programs.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery

Letters to the Editor

Growing foundation a testament

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lievable benefit that, when I think about it, still makes me tear up. When I saw the results of that benefit, I knew that we were loved and that this little girl and her family were going to get through, even though we knew what the outcome was going to be.

The benefit that was put on for our Lexi was unheard of and out of this world. I knew in the back of my head that once Lexi's journey was over, that the fund needed to continue.

Over the last few years this small town and surrounding areas have come together to raise money that we hoped we would never have to spend. But we have had to use the fund and we are so grateful for all the donations given, as it has allowed us to donate thousands of dollars to local families and our inspirational survivors.

In a perfect world there would never be another child stricken with cancer and no more children would become terminally or critically ill. We pray that not another parent, sibling, grandparent, aunt, uncle, cousin or friend would have to watch a child go through the pain and suffering that too many children in our area have faced.

We have been so fortunate to have wonderful events that take place during Cass City's Pinktober celebration that raise money for the Love for Lexi Paying it Forward Fund. The Girls Night Out has become a hit for area women to come together to be catered to, eat great food and enjoy amazing drinks. This event is the foundation's biggest fundraiser of the year.

The foundation is growing and, as Lexi's mama, a committee member and a member of this community, I couldn't be more proud to say that we currently have a year-end balance of \$24,703.49.

Our thoughts for the Fund originally were that we would be helping families in Cass City that have a child fighting cancer, and once we reach the year Lexi would have graduated, the remaining funds would be given as a scholarship in Lexi's name. Now with the growth of the fundraising and with the continued support from our community and the growing support from surrounding communities, the committee has been able to spread Lexi's love even more.

We will continue to support Cass City families with children fighting cancer, but are now blessed enough that we will be helping children in Cass City and the surrounding areas that are fighting cancer and children that are critically or terminally ill.

Please know that I truly appreciate all for your love and support and most of all helping keep Lexi's spirit alive by helping others as she would want us to do. "Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened." -Dr. Seuss

Sincerely,

Heidi Hartwick and Lexi's family
Cass City



A GROUP OF Cass City students recently toured the Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills. Following the tour, the local seventh graders listened to Holocaust survivor Paula Marks Bolton (seated in the center, front row), who shared her horrific journey that began with the Nazi invasion and included surviving several concentration camps and, finally, liberation. (Photo courtesy of teacher Jane Ignash)

Standing order results in 1,830 orders of naloxone dispensed across the state

Six months after a standing order for naloxone was authorized in Michigan, pharmacies have dispensed 1,838 potentially life-saving orders of the medication, 548 orders in the past three months, Lt. Gov. Brian Calley announced last week.

Since May 2017, pharmacies have dispensed 3,854 other orders of naloxone through prescriptions from physicians — 1,040 in the last three months.

“As we continue our fight against opioid addiction, this order makes naloxone more accessible for those most likely to need it,” Calley said. “This is a vital step in reducing deaths related to opioid addiction in Michigan. By allowing for shorter response times in emergency situations, we can help save lives.”

Development of the standing order by MDHHS Chief Medical Executive Dr. Eden Wells is part of the state’s strategy for addressing the opioid epidemic in Michigan.

From October through the end of December, 563 Michigan pharmacies registered online to obtain the standing order, bringing the total of pharmacies registered for the program to 1,525. The standing order allows registered pharmacies to dispense naloxone to those at risk of an opioid-related overdose, as well as family members, friends and other persons who may be able to assist a person at risk of overdose.

There are 2,840 pharmacies with controlled substance licenses in Michigan, so the number registered to dispense naloxone under the standing order represents approximately 54 percent of the pharmacies in the state. Pharmacies are required to track the amount of naloxone dispensed and report these numbers to Michigan Department of Health and Human Services on a quarterly basis.

“Having more than half of our state’s pharmacies registered for the standing order is helping ensure access to naloxone when it is needed most,” Wells said. “However, I encourage all eligible pharmacies in Michigan to participate in this program. Together we can help save lives.”

Michigan has seen a dramatic increase in opioid-related deaths.

From 1999 to 2016, 7,300 people died from an opioid overdose, with more than 60 percent of those deaths occurring since 2010.

Previously, naloxone was available only to individuals who received a prescription from their doctor. In recent years, law enforcement and other first responders have increased their capacity to administer naloxone to address opioid overdoses, the majority which occur due to prescription painkillers, fentanyl and heroin.

Through the state’s standing order, individuals can receive naloxone from a registered pharmacy without a prescription.

People who obtain naloxone from pharmacies receive information on steps for responding to an opioid overdose and important information about where to go for further treatment.

For more information about opioids and the additional steps residents can take to protect themselves and loved ones, visit Michigan.gov/stopoverdoses. For more information about available drug treatment services, visit Michigan.gov/bhrecovery.



THE SWOLLEN Cass River, seen here at the M-53 bridge in Sanilac County’s Evergreen Township, gradually settled down, with weather forecasters calling for a drier, milder string of days this week.

Teresa Scollon named Moveen Prize winner

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imaginative leaps and bounds it encourages. This is in keeping with U.S. Poet Laureate Tracy K. Smith’s endeavor to bring poetry to rural and underserved communities.

“Her work with high school students, in particular,” said Lynch, “assists in the formation of not only lifelong writers of poetry, but lifelong readers of it. It keeps the language and the art alive in the lives of a new generation.”

The author of two books of poems, “Friday Nights the Whole

Town Goes to the Basketball Game” (Michigan Writers Cooperative Press, 2009) and “To Embroider the Ground with Prayer” (Wayne State University Press, 2012), Scollon, a Thumb native, holds a Master of Business Administration Degree from the University of Michigan and a Master of Fine Arts Degree from the University of Southern Maine.

Scollon taught at Interlochen Arts Academy in 2007 as a “writer in residence”, and she studied in Prague for a summer as a poetry fellow through Western Michigan University’s Prague Summer Writing Program.

She is a National Endowment for the Arts Fellow, having been awarded a \$25,000 creative writing fellowship grant in 2011 in the category of “Literature Fellowships: Creative Writing (Poetry)”. The grants are awarded to encourage the production of new works of literature by allowing writers the time and means to write. Scollon was one of 42 poets — two from Michigan — approved for the scholarships from a field of 1,063 eligible applicants.

Scollon is also a former chair of

Michigan Writers, a literary non-profit organization which supports the development of northern Michigan writers. She founded a writing workshop for U.S. veterans, served as book review editor for ForeWord Reviews, and teaches at Northwestern Michigan College. She now teaches the Front Street Writers program.

Scollon, the daughter of Dotty Scollon of Cass City and the late Dr. Ed Scollon, attended Cass City Public Schools. Trained as a classical pianist, she was accepted at the prestigious Interlochen Arts Academy and spent her junior and senior years of high school there.

She later earned a degree in international relations and Japanese at Michigan State University, spent a year abroad, earned her MBA degree and even had her own consulting practice for a while.

Scollon says she will be using her time in Ireland to finish work on a book-length manuscript of poems, “Small Gravities”, and will be meeting with Irish poets and publishers and giving public readings while there.

Thief targets Quaker Maid

Cass City police are looking for the person(s) responsible for a “smash and grab” burglary at a local business early Monday morning.

Police Chief Craig Haynes reported the culprit used a blunt object to smash the glass in the front door at the Quaker Maid Dairy Store, 6614 Main St. The suspect then entered the business, grabbed an unknown amount of cash and fled, Hayne said.

Police believe the crime occurred shortly after 5 a.m., although it wasn’t reported until 7:24 a.m. when a passerby called Tuscola County Central Dispatch to report the damaged door.

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Cuthrell scores 29 points to reach milestone at Cass City High School



BAD AXE'S Sydney McDonald and Cass City's Layna Mathewson battle for position in Greater Thumb West play.

Lady Cardinals make history

Kingston struggled early in the Lady Cardinals' quest for a perfect regular season, but finished strong against visiting Marlette last Tuesday to remain unblemished entering play at their own Class D district this week.

With the 41-27 victory, Coach Jay Green's Cardinals finish the regular season 19-0.

"This is the first undefeated regular season in Kingston girls' basketball history," said Green. Kingston will be the heavy favorite to claim district honors over Mayville, CPS, Deckerville and Peck. The tourney hosts - ranked 2nd in Class D - will take on either CPS or Mayville in semifinal action tonight. Wednesday's time is approximately 7:30 p.m.

Although Kingston actually trailed 11-8 early, the North Central Thumb League - Star champions outscored the visitors 30-11 during the middle quarters to take control. Defense ruled the final eight minutes, as both teams combined for just eight tallies.

"We really increased our intensity in the middle two quarters. The girls played extremely hard on defense and shared the ball well on offense against a good Marlette team led by Emily Schaub," Green said.

For Kingston, Lily Lyons led the way with 11 points, while Carley Smith and Jillyan Dinsmore scored nine points apiece. Rounding out the top scorers for the winners were Hannah James with seven points and Camryn MacGuire with five.

Emily Schaub had 15 points for Marlette.

Seven local gymnasts heading to regional

by Clarke Haire
 Publisher

The Cass City gymnastic team ended their regular season Thursday in Vassar, where Coach Kathy Bouverette's Lady Red Hawks posted a score of 120.825.

"We received our second team qualifier," said Bouverette, noting four team scores of 120 or higher are required to advance into regional play slated for March 3rd at Walled Lake Central High School. "It was a great way to end the season. I may have not made it as a team, but we ended up with seven girls total making it to (individual) regionals."

Cass City's regional-bound gymnasts are, on the vault, senior Britany Swiderski, junior Hailey Schmotzer and freshmen Madison Michalski, Riley Copeland and Lauren Peters.

Regional performers for Cass City on the bars include Schmotzer, while on the beam Makenna Nulph, while on the beam Swiderski, Michalski and Copeland will

all compete for state honors. Rounding out Cass City's regional qualifiers, on the floor, are Michalski, Peters, and sophomore Olivia Schuette.

According to Bouverette, highlights of Cass City's regular season finale include Diana Bizhanova (7.825) and Jozie Chippi (7.9) who received their first qualifier on floor, while Alexis Hull recorded her third qualifying score on the vault and her second (qualifier) on the floor.

"Next year is looking pretty good for my team. I have a young team right now, but they are pulling the scores we need to make it as a team for next year (regional). It is exciting to think about. When you have the respect from the kids by showing respect to them then they really come together as a team and work well together. This was a fun year and the girls worked hard and accomplished many goals that we set for ourselves. I loved working with this great group of girls," she said.

by Clarke Haire
 Publisher

It was a fitting ending to the regular season for the Cass City High School girls' basketball team and their star player senior Sayge Cuthrell.

The Lady Red Hawks cruised to an easy 51-23 triumph Thursday against Greater Thumb West cellar-dweller Bad Axe and will now take a 13-7 mark into tonight's Class C district contest at Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port High School, where they will meet Ubyly in a semifinal contest.

Cass City defeated the Bearcats during the regular season, but missing during the matchup was Bearcat standout Janelle White. She'll be ready for Wednesday's Greater Thumb Conference rematch that is set to tipoff at 6:00 p.m.

Cass City outscored the visiting Hatchets in each quarter of their seniors' night affair. In fact, in the game's opening three frames, Cuthrell alone outscored the visi-

tors on the way to a game-high 29 points.

The high scoring 4-year standout tallied eight points in each of the first half quarters, helping the hosts build advantages of 13-6 and 25-8.

It was more of the same after the break. Cuthrell tossed in eight more points in the third frame and with 3:21 remaining on the clock in the final period - and her team up 42-21 - a lob pass into the post and subsequent basket ended the night for the Greater Thumb West all-conference forward. But not before the all-conference forward became just the second girl in school history to register 1,000 ca-

reer points.

"It has been very impressive to watch Sayge grow into the basketball player she is today. She has played through several injuries over the last two seasons, but always comes to the game ready to go. I believe she has had double figures in points and rebounds in 17 of the 20 games this season. That is a very impressive and hard thing to do night in and night out," said Cass City Coach Aaron Fernald, adding, "Shelly Ulfig (1998) is the only other 1,000 point scorer in Cass City history. She scored 1,223."

Morgan Etzel scored nine points in vain.



HIGHLIGHTING the halftime ceremonies at Kingston High School Friday was the announcement of the Cardinals' 2018 Snowcoming King and Queen. The royal pair are Austin Ahern and Abigail Chappel.

Kingston boys no match for Flint International Academy

Flint International Academy remained alone on top of the North Central Thumb League - Stars standings Friday, after spoiling the Kingston Cardinals' Snowcoming Please turn to page 10.

Girls' Basketball Standings

Greater Thumb West				
	W	L	W	L
Reese	10	0	19	1
USA	8	2	14	6
Cass City	6	4	13	7
EPBP	4	6	8	11
Vassar	1	9	3	15
Bad Axe	1	9	1	19
Greater Thumb East				
	W	L	W	L
Sandusky	8	2	17	3
Marlette	7	3	14	6
Harbor Beach	6	4	15	5
Ubyly	6	4	12	8
Brown City	3	7	9	11
Memphis	0	10	1	19

NCTL Stripes

	W	L	W	L
Peck	9	0	14	5
BCAS	8	2	11	8
Akron-Fair.	5	5	7	12
Caseville	4	6	8	12
CPS	2	7	2	11
Owen-Gage	1	9	2	16

NCTL Stars

	W	L	W	L
Kingston	8	0	19	0
Deckerville	5	3	11	9
Dryden	4	4	10	7
North Huron	3	5	12	7
Mayville	0	8	4	14

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Clio @ USA	Kingston	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach
Kingston @ Harbor Beach	Mayville	Caseville	Caseville	Mayville
Caseville @ Mayville	Faithway	O-G	Faithway	O-G
O-G @ Faithway Christian	Marlette	Marlette	Peck	Marlette
Peck @ Marlette				
THURSDAY, MARCH 1				
Bad Axe @ Vassar	Vassar	Vassar	Vassar	Vassar
EPBP @ Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	EPBP	EPBP
USA @ Reese	USA	Reese	USA	USA
Marlette @ Ubyly	Marlette	Marlette	Marlette	Ubyly
GIRLS' BASKETBALL WEDNESDAY, FEB. 28 (Held at EPBP)	District Play-offs			
Cass City vs. Ubyly	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City
Harbor Beach vs. USA	Harbor Beach	USA	Harbor Beach	USA
(Held at Caseville)				
Akron - Fairgrove vs. Owen-Gage	Akron - Fairgrove	Akron - Fairgrove	Akron - Fairgrove	Akron - Fairgrove
Caseville vs. BCAS*	BCAS	BCAS	BCAS	BCAS
(Held at Kingston)				
Deckerville vs. Peck	Deckerville	Peck	Deckerville	Peck
Kingston vs. CPS*	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
	*Projected winner from Monday night games			
LAST WEEKS' RESULTS	14-2	13-3	12-4	13-3
SEASON RESULTS	114-43 (73%)	119-38 (76%)	101-56 (64%)	123-34 (78%)



CASS CITY'S Mike Zeigler looks for a shot or pass against defense by Bad Axe's Cody Talaski.

Area team shines at state meet

During the winter months high school students from all over the state compete at various colleges – part of the M.I.T.S., Michigan Indoor Series - to keep in shape for the fast approaching spring track season and to compete with some of the best runners in Michigan.

Accordingly, several area runners got together and created the distant medley relay team named the Uby Indoor Track Club (UITC). Team members are Alex Grifka (Uby) 1200 meter, Nicholas Swanson (Uby) 400 meter, Stephen Barker (Deckerville) 800 meter and CarLee Stimpfel (Cass City) 1600 meter.

The UITC qualified to run the distant medley relay at the State

Meet on Saturday with a time of 10:41 placing them 7th out of 27 teams. Only the top eight teams earn medals and All-State honors.

Stimpfel and Grifka also qualified in the 1600 and 3200 over the weekend, but are only allowed to participate in one individual event and one relay. Stimpfel choose to run the 3200 and placed 8th out of 43 elite runners with a time of 9:30, awarding him a medal and two All-State performances for the day.

Stimpfel has been running M.I.T.S. for six years and has qualified to run in the State Meet for the last three years.

This year's State Meet was held at Saginaw Valley State University.



THE UBY Indoor Track Club (UITC) team members are, from the left, CarLee Stimpfel (Cass City) 1600 meter. Alex Grifka (Uby) 1200 meter, Nicholas Swanson (Uby) 400 meter, and Stephen Barker (Deckerville) 800 meter.

Cass City boys sweep Bad Axe in GTW play

Cass City earned a Greater Thumb West sweep Friday, defeating visiting Bad Axe for the second time this year.

Improved guard play sparked the Red Hawks Friday night as sophomore Sandyn Cuthrell led all scorers with a game-high 24 points and backcourt partner senior Nick Perry chipped in 20 points to pace the winners.

Cuthrell poured in 10 quick points, including a pair of treys, to give Cass City a 16-12 edge entering the second quarter. There, Perry used his dribble to get to the baskets and hit on three field goal attempts that increased the hosts' margin to 32-25 at the break. Cuthrell and Perry continued to

attack after the break and combined for a dozen points to stretch the Red Hawk cushion to 49-39 with only eight minutes remaining. A 5-for-7 effort at the stripe by Perry in the closing frame prevented any comeback.

Mike Zeigler, with 11 points, completes the list of double digit scorers.

Jack Clancy's 17 points were tops for Bad Axe.

USA GAME

Earlier in the week, in a preview of Cass City's Class C district matchup, Unionville-Sebewaing Area (USA) cruised to a 66-25 win.

Four double digit efforts had the Patriots enjoying an early 21-9 gap that the visitors expanded to 45-13 at the intermission.

For USA, Isaiah Williamson scored 14 points, Zach Fritz 11, Tyler Heckroth 11, and Hunter Bohn 10.

Zeigler had seven points for Cass City.

Kingston bows in

NCTL showdown

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game with a dominating showing. With the 58-17 whipping, Flint International Academy secured at least a share of the conference crown with an 8-1 mark, while Kingston slips to 7-3.

"We really struggled offensively tonight. Just a game to forget and move on," said Lester after the showdown between North Central Thumb League contenders.

Greg Bradley and Gerrius Williams led Flint International Academy with 13 points apiece, while Larry McLean added 10 points.

Austin Ahern led Kingston with five points and 10 rebounds.

Earlier in the week, Kingston earned its 16th win on the season Monday with a 43-36 decision over Marlette in non-conference action.

The hosts built a 19-13 cushion after two quarters and used a 12-12 run to end the game, to the delight of their veteran mentor.

"Our team really executed our game plan to perfection. This was a big win for us," he said.

Nathan Cloyd paced Kingston with 14 points. Evan Neff and Jack Green added seven points for the Cardinals, while Ahern had six points and eight rebounds.

For Marlette, Sean Quade had 13 points and Bryce George added a dozen.

Boys' Basketball Standings

Greater Thumb West

	W	L	W	L
USA	9	0	18	0
Reese	7	1	12	5
EPBP	4	4	10	8
Cass City	3	5	8	10
Vassar	2	6	3	13
Bad Axe	0	9	4	14

Greater Thumb East

	W	L	W	L
Marlette	7	2	9	9
Brown City	6	2	11	6
Harbor Beach	5	3	9	9
Sandusky	4	5	9	10
Uby	3	5	10	7
Memphis	0	9	2	17

NCTL Stripes

	W	L	W	L
Peck	10	0	15	3
BCAS	6	2	7	9
CPS	6	4	6	11
Caseville	3	7	4	12
Owen-Gage	3	6	3	11
Akron-Fair	0	9	0	14

NCTL Stars

	W	L	W	L
Flint Int.	8	1	17	2
Dryden	7	2	11	6
Kingston	7	3	16	3
North Huron	2	5	8	10
Deckerville	3	6	11	6
Mayville	0	9	5	11

Peck too tough for host Bulldogs

Visiting Peck flexed their muscles Friday in Owendale and cruised to a North Central Thumb League – Stripes victory.

A 14-3 lead by the conference leaders after one quarter, quickly became a 28-11 spread after two.

The Pirates outscored their hosts 32-15 in the final half to record the 60-26 pounding.

Cole Hendley, with 16 points, and Zac Dudley, with 14 points, led Peck.

For Owen-Gage, Aaron Fahrner had seven points, while Matt Fritz, Luke Retford and Michael Ray scored six points apiece.

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2017-18 Winter Sports Schedule

BOYS' BASKETBALL (FRESHMEN/JV/VARSITY)

DATE	OPPONENT
12/6	CC 60, BCAS 21
12/8	CC 61, Memphis 39
12/13	CC 71, Marlette 66
12/15	Harbor Beach 54, CC 34
12/20	CC 46, Mayville 36
1/3	Caro 58, CC 51
1/19	Vassar 53, CC 44
1/24	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
2/21	USA 66, CC 25
2/23	CC 67, Bad Axe 62
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
2/20	Reese 43, CC 22
2/22	CC 51, Bad Axe 23
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

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to MCL 600.3212, that the following will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on March 8, 2018:

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

Original Mortgagee: North American Mortgage Company Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

Date of Mortgage: August 12, 1998

Date of Mortgage Recording: August 27, 1998

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$103,750.70

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Tuscola, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: A Parcel of land in the East part of the South 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Fractional Section 31, Town 11 North, Range 7 East, being a part of the so-called Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Fractional Section, described as follows: commencing on the South line of said Fractional Section 31 at a point 198.00 feet, South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, from the Southeast corner of said Section; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, on Said South Section line, 152.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 197.13 feet; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, parallel to said South Section line 133.48 feet; thence South 05 degrees 22 minutes 00 seconds East parallel to the East Section Line, 198.00 feet to the point of beginning.

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

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

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: February 7, 2018
Trott Law, P.C.

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

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
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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 en-

trance 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

2-14-4

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 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 MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made Leo A. Heineman, as Mortgagor, to Northstar Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation, whose principal office is in Bad Axe, Michigan, as Mortgagee, dated April 10, 2008 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan on April 22, 2008 in Liber 1147, page 806 ("Mortgage"), and on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of One Hundred Seventy Four Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Five and 07/100 (\$174,675.07) Dollars including interest at 5% 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 sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the Circuit Court within the County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, at 10:00 o'clock A.M. on Thursday March 29, 2018.

Said premises described as follows:

Land situated in the Township of Fremont, Tuscola County, Michigan

Commencing at a point on the Section line, 848 feet West of the South quarter corner of Section 25, Town 11 North, Range 9 East; thence West 120 feet; thence North 20 rods; thence East 120 feet; thence South to the point of beginning. Being part of the Southwest quarter of Section 25, Town 11 North, Range 9 East.

Commonly known as: 218 W. Main Street, Mayville, MI 48744

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date at such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

Dated: February 28, 2018
NORTHSTAR BANK, Mortgagee
Zachary J. Eskau, Attorney at Law
175 Thompson Rd., Bad Axe, MI 48413
(989) 269-6272

2-28-5

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 29, 2018:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Andrew J. Burger Jr., a married man

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Cason Home Loans its successors and assigns Foreclosing Assignee (if any): PennyMac Loan Services, LLC

Date of Mortgage: December 15, 2014
Date of Mortgage Recording: January 2, 2015
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$65,968.70

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 13, Miller Subdivision, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 2, Tuscola County Records.

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

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

This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: February 28, 2018
Trott Law, P.C.
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2-28-4

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 29, 2018:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Gary R Miller and Darlene Miller, Husband and Wife

Original Mortgagee: Argent Mortgage Company, LLC
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS

TRUSTEE FOR CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST INC., ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-SHL1

Date of Mortgage: May 19, 2006

Date of Mortgage Recording: June 14, 2006

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$124,692.75

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Indianfields, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing at a point 22 rods South of the Northeast corner of the East 1/2 of the South half of the Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 22, Town 12 North, Range 9 East and continuing South for 10 rods thence West for 20 rods, thence North for 10 rods, thence East for 20 rods to point of beginning.

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

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

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: February 28, 2018

Trott Law, P.C.
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2-28-4

Notice of BOARD OF REVIEW for Elkland Township
will be held

Wednesday, March 14, 2018
2 p.m. - 5 p.m. & 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Thursday, March 15, 2018
9 a.m. - noon & 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

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

The 2018 tentative ratios and multipliers are:

	Ratio	Multiplier
Agricultural	47.37	1.0555
Commercial	49.10	1.0183
Industrial	48.81	1.0244
Residential	50.63	0.9876
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Greenleaf Township 2018 Meeting Dates for Planning Commission

Planning Commission will meet the second Thursday of every other month at 7:00 pm

February 15
April 12
June 14
August 9
October 11
December 13

Meetings are held at the Greenleaf Township Hall, 6435 Bay City Forestville, Cass City

Judy Keller, Clerk
Greenleaf Township

BOARD OF REVIEW for Greenleaf Township
Will Be Held

Tuesday, March 13, 2018
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 15, 2018
2:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real and personal property for 2018 are as follows:

Class	Ratio	Multiplier
Agriculture	31.67%	1.57878
Commercial	49.15%	1.01729
Industrial	49.62%	1.00766
Residential	50.96%	0.98116
Personal	50.00%	1.00000

Greenleaf Township Hall, 6435 Bay City Forestville, Cass City

Judy Keller, Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE NOVESTA TOWNSHIP

The Novesta Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed budgets for the General fund account and Garbage fund account for the fiscal year

April 2018 - March 2019
at the Cass City Gun Club located at 2676 Englehart Road, Cass City,
on **Monday, March 5, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.**

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

A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at 6556 Delong Road, Cass City, 48726.
Contact the Township Treasurer at 989-872-2902.

Joann Peters, Clerk

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
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Obituaries

Delbert Law

His Legacy... Delbert Law, 75, of Hamburg Township, passed away February 22, 2018. He was born March 15, 1942 in Cass City, to Clinton Lewis Law and Margaret (Merchant) Law.

Delbert married the love of his life, Shirley Marie Ross, on October 26, 1968 in Munger. Delbert was a graduate of Cass City High School and received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Michigan. Delbert was an adventurous soul, who enjoyed skydiving, racing cars, sailing, photography, cross country skiing, camping, and boating. He was also an avid U of M sports fan and he attended nearly every home football game since his college days. He was devoted to his community. Delbert helped to grow the Hamburg Community soccer program, and coached their first all-girls team, the Pink Flames. He continued to coach soccer for more than 10 years. He was also active in his neighborhood community and helped organize the annual pig roasts. Above all, he loved his family and will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

His Family... Delbert will be missed by his daughter, Elizabeth Luke; grandson, Nolan; sister, Sherry (Wayne) Dillon; mother-in-law, Loretta Ross; brothers-in-law: Jerry (Deborah) Ross, Richard Ross SJ, Bob (Patti) Ross; sisters-in-law: Sharon (Dan) Delamarer, Mary (Jack) Thacker; and his loving nieces, nephews, and many life-long friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley; mother, Margaret; father, Clinton; and father-in-law, Bernard Ross.

His Farewell... Delbert's family and friends will gather for a memorial service Saturday, March 3, 2018, at 11 a.m., at Kranz Funeral Home in Cass City. A luncheon at Rolling Hills Golf Course in Cass City will follow the service.

Memorial contributions may be given to family for future designation. Please leave a message of comfort for Delbert's family at 989-872-2195, or sign his guestbook at www.kranzfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.

Maynard Stine, Sr.

Maynard Albert Stine, Sr., 92, of Deford, died peacefully Thursday, February 22, 2018 in his home.

He was born September 18, 1925 in Capac to Albert and Josephine (Klann) Stine.

He married Lucille Maxine Underwood December 23, 1950 in Parkland Presbyterian Church of Flint.

Maynard served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. He worked as a dairy farmer and was a board member of the Michigan Milk Producers Association. Maynard was Novesta Township Supervisor and Assessor for twelve years. He was a very active member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, where he served for many years as a trustee, elder and on the church council. Maynard enjoyed polka dancing and camping. He and Lucille loved to travel, especially to Sault Ste. Marie. Their travel destinations included Alaska, Nova Scotia and the Pacific Ocean on one of their many trips out west.

Maynard is survived by his wife, Lucille; children: Maynard (Catherine) Stine, Jr. of Saginaw, David Stine of Ypsilanti, Michael (Denise) Stine of Deford, Diane (Michael) Lowe of Deford, Karen (Peter) Fittante of Durand, Susan Smith of Cass City, Brian (Peggy) Stine of Applegate and Laura (Scott) Dennis of Deford; 19 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; sisters: Irene Kinyon of Fishers, Louise Schwanke of Bay City, Alberta (Norbert) Conrad of Capac and Joann Sholtis of Capac; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by twin infant sons: Mark Stine, Michael Stine; his grandson, Robert Lowe; sister, Alice Ogden; brothers-in-law: Harry Kinyon, Vernon Schwanke, James Sholtis and Les Ogden.

A funeral service was held Monday, February 26, in Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City with the Rev. Steve Bagnall officiating.

Interment will be in Novesta Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church or Compassus Hospice, Cass City. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com.

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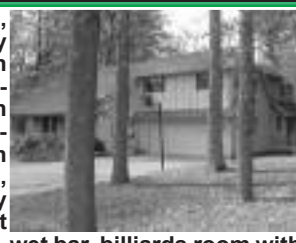


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Bowl-a-thon for Faith Licht

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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