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## Village officials in Ubly appoint trio after three resign

by Mary Drier  
Special for the Chronicle

Ubly officials were forced to navigate some rough waters last week when the village president and two trustees abruptly turned in their resignations with little explanation.

Three days later, it was “out with the old and in with the new” in a matter of minutes as the Ubly Village Council appointed three individuals to fill those vacancies.

During a budget meeting Feb. 26, Ubly Village President David Jaroch and trustees Larry Gornowicz and Larry Western each submitted resignations effective Thursday, March 1. The officials all cited personal reasons for leaving the council.

There was a brouhaha last October that remains over a disagreement involving Jaroch allegedly authorizing the expenditure of \$224 on sidewalk construction without council approval, and officials have indicated the issue could lead to potential legal action.

During Thursday’s council session, the remaining trustees accepted the resignations and then immediately filled the vacated seats.

“The newly-appointed council members are Gabriel Turner, Jeffrey Rubin and Brandon Zdrojewski,” reported Lola Brown, who was ap-

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CASS CITY Elementary robotics students (above) comprised three teams that earned spots in Saturday’s VEX IQ Challenge Ringmaster State Tournament Saturday at Charlotte Middle School. All three teams reached the final round, finishing ninth, 17th and 22nd among two dozen squads. At left, Braden Murdoch (left) is pictured at the controls in the final round, while his Killer Hawks teammate, Justin MacAlpine studies the playing field.

## Voters facing a busy election year in ‘18

by Mary Drier  
Special for the Chronicle

This is an election year for some counties, villages and school districts, and voters will be asked to fill a number of seats. There will be regular elections on both Tuesday, Aug. 7, and Tuesday, Nov. 6.

### Cass City Village

In the village of Cass City, a two-year term being completed by President Carl Palmateer will be expiring. In addition, the seats held by trustees Nancy Barrios, Robert Piaskowski and Marilyn Biefer will be up for grabs.

The election for those seats will be in November.

### Gagetown Village

In the village of Gagetown, the four-year term of village President Dave Abbe, and the four-year terms of trustees Walt Swiastyn, Don Montrieul and William Ehrlich will be expiring. The election for those seats will be in November.

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## Robo Hawks

### Three Cass City Elementary teams reach final round at state tourney, one could sneak into world contest

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

It’s been another whirlwind season for the fledgling robotics program at Cass City Elementary School, with three local sixth grade teams reaching the final round during Saturday’s state finals at Charlotte Middle School.

And it may not be over yet, as one of those teams – named the Killer Hawks – still has a shot at receiving an invitation to the world championships this spring in Louisville, Ky.

Not bad, considering this just the second year of competition for the local elementary school robotics program.

“This has been a great season. These teams earned five first-place trophies at various events, including taking the top four places at the event in Bad Axe, but it has also been a fantastic opportunity for them to create, collaborate and solve problems while working together as a team,” Coach Ron Woloshen commented following the VEX IQ Challenge Ringmaster State Finals Saturday.

Cass City’s Killer Hawks, composed of Abe Mack, Justin

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## Spring brings sweet open houses at Battels’

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Spring typically brings plenty of ups and downs when it comes to weather in the Thumb, and the Battel family wouldn’t have it any other way.

In fact, spring’s pattern of cold nights followed by mild days is a big part of their secret to a sweet family legacy spanning well over a century that is still producing a Michigan specialty – pure maple syrup.

The Battels, whose sugar bush has been churning out the sap used to create their trademark fresh, pure maple syrup for

more than 135 years, are gearing up to welcome spring the way they have for the past several years — by inviting area residents to once again take part in a rite of the season during Maple Syrup Saturday.

And with a little luck of the Irish, this year’s event promises to be as sweet as ever.

“This will be our 10th annual Maple Syrup Saturday. We have a handful of families who have never missed a single one, and we look forward to seeing them every year,” said Sue Battel, who noted the 2018 event falls on St. Patrick’s Day, Saturday, March 17.

“We invite people to stop by and celebrate St. Patty’s Day with us in the woods at our family friendly open house from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.,” Battel explained.

“People can snap a photo with one of our two leprechauns and find the rainbow (Battel’s husband, Bob, and oldest daughter, Addy, will be dressed as leprechauns, while youngest daughter, Dori, will be the rainbow). We’ll have a little activity for kids and, as always, give everyone a complimentary pancake with fresh syrup — shamrock sprinkles

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THE BATTEL FAMILY hosted some 175 visitors during its ninth annual Maple Syrup Saturday at the family sugarbush a few miles northeast of Cass City. Above, Sue Battel shows an exchange student from Thailand how syrup is checked for density using a hydrometer.

## County joins suit against drug firms across the nation

by Mary Drier  
Special for the Chronicle

Tuscola County has joined the effort to address the growing opioid crisis in a nationwide lawsuit against drug manufacturers and distributors.

“The Opioid epidemic is creating a real and unprecedented financial burden on counties across Michigan and our country,” was the pitch made by Attorney Michael Behm for the county to join the lawsuit sweeping across the country.

“The costs incurred by municipalities due to people becoming addicted to opioid pain medication has pushed many counties’ resources past their budgetary limits. The cost of first responders, addiction and rehabilitation services, incarceration, health care and lost productivity is staggering.”

According to the Council of Economic Advisors, costs associated with the opioid crisis topped \$500 billion last year.

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## Haldane's named local winner in essay contest

Madelyn Haldane, an eighth grade student at Owen-Gage Schools, has been named a local winner in the 49th annual America and Me Essay Contest, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance.

Haldane will receive an award certificate for the achievement and her name will be engraved on a plaque for permanent display at the school.

In addition, her first-place essay now advances to state-level competition, from which the top 10 essays in Michigan will be selected. Those finalists, who will be announced in April, will each receive a plaque, a medallion and a cash award of \$1,000.

The top 10 essayists will also be honored during a banquet in Lansing, meet with Michigan's top government leaders, and be the

featured guests at a Lansing Lugnuts minor league baseball game dedicated in their honor.

A team of finalist judges that includes a top Michigan govern-



Madelyn Haldane

ment official and the sponsoring teachers of last year's top two statewide winners will determine the ranking of this year's finalists.

Several thousand eighth grade students from more than 350 Michigan schools participated in the 2017-18 America and Me Essay Contest, which was conducted with the help of Farm Bureau Insurance agents across the state. The topic of this year's competition was "My Personal Michigan Hero."

Founded in 1968 and open to all Michigan eighth grade students, the contest encourages Michigan youngsters to explore the greatness of America and its people. As sponsor of the contest, Farm Bureau Insurance has earned 11 national awards from the Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge.

## Tuscola County joins nationwide opioid suit

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billion in 2017. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) officials, meanwhile, say more than 60,000 deaths have been attributed to opioid overdoses.

Some of the other costs associated with opioids include the cost of Narcan, which is the antidote medication used to treat an opioid overdose; incarceration; foster care for addicts' children; and the cost of operating specialized drug courts.

"We won't have any out-of-pocket costs except for prep time in getting the information together for our county for this lawsuit. We stand to gain about 70 percent of what we show as our damages," said Tuscola County Controller Mike Hoagland. "It will take a few years to play out in the courts."

So far, Behm's legal team has been retained by several counties and cities throughout Michigan,

including the cities of Detroit and Lansing, Grand Traverse County, Saginaw County, Genesee County, and Macomb County.

The legal movement against opioids was initiated by Michael Moore, who was also behind a lawsuit against tobacco companies in 1994 that won the largest litigation settlement in U.S. history — more than \$240 billion.

The lawsuit against opioid manufacturers and distributors was initiated in 2016. Since then, over 60 counties and municipalities have joined the litigation in Michigan. Overall, 15 states have joined in the lawsuit, involving hundreds of cities and counties.

"Although several counties and states are involved in this legal action, it is not a class-action lawsuit. It is a multi-district litigation. It is being done differently, with several attorneys involved who are working together," explained Hoagland.

The Behm and Behm Law Firm of Flint will act as local counsel

with direct contact with municipal clients throughout mid-Michigan.

According to Behm, the legal approach being utilized, involving a combination of local knowledge, regional organization and national expertise, is unprecedented in litigation.

Mark Bernstein of the Sam Bernstein Law Firm will act as regional counsel in coordinating not only the local efforts of Behm and Behm, but also other law firms strategically positioned throughout Michigan.

The impact of the opioid epidemic is being felt in small towns and rural areas, with opioid-related deaths reported in Tuscola and Huron counties.

According to the CDC, the rates of drug overdose deaths are rising in rural areas, and those have surpassed rates in urban areas.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture launched a webpage — [www.usda.gov/opioid](http://www.usda.gov/opioid) — featuring resources for rural communities to respond to the opioid crisis.

## Owen-Gage announces honor roll students

Owendale-Gagetown school officials recently announced second marking period honor roll students.

3rd Grade: Jessica Bowers, Steven Hicks, Hunter Hoppe, Rylin LaCroix, Mya McCreedy\*, Ava Sheufelt\*, Ellen Tyler.

4th Grade: McKenzie Baker\*, Eli Dubs-Peterson\*, Chloe Fritz, Aubrey Hellebuyck\*, Brooklyn Hunt\*, Izabela Matuszak, Logan Mihacsi, Alan Sagash\*, Kennedy Selden\*, Anastacia Torrez\*.

5th Grade: JoAnn Baker, Emalee Engelhardt, Danielle Hunt\*, Lucas McKnight\*, Sophia Siens, Lucio Torrez, Lily Willerton, Natalie Wood.

6th Grade: Shelby Bowers,

Karsyn Gruehn\*, Isaac Miller, Hannah Wood.

7th Grade: Cristal Crandall, Allison Haldane\*, Amber Haldane\*, Dagon LaCroix, Erin Morrish, Emily Schultz.

8th Grade: Haden Gruehn, Madelyn Haldane\*, Monee Schember.

9th Grade: Boyd Evans, Clay Evans\*, Jameson McKnight\*, Libby Ondrajka\*, Alivia Roehrig.

10th Grade: Carley Haldane, Chase Howard, Kaitlyn LaCroix\*, Sierra Mascorro, Andrew Roemer, Hailey Schave.

11th Grade: Jade Androl\*, Cordell Clarkson\*, Austin Coryell, Matthew Fritz\*, Megan Fritz\*, Keyan Gruehn, Carlee

Rievert\*.

12th Grade: Emalee Bach, Natasha Dubs\*, Aaron Fahrner\*, Madyson Fuerst\*, Morgan Ondrajka\*, Sara Orzel, Michael Ray, Luke Retford\*, Kaitlynn Ross\*, Zane Schember, Benjamin Schultz, Alyson Witzke\*.  
\*Denotes all A's

### Semester Honor Students

The following student have been announced to the first semester honor roll for Owendale-Gagetown Schools.

6th Grade: Shelby Bowers, Karsyn Gruehn\*, Isaac Miller\*, Conner Snear, Hannah Wood.

7th Grade: Allison Haldane\*, Amber Haldane\*, Dagon LaCroix, Erin Morrish, Emily Schultz.

8th Grade: Haden Gruehn, Madelyn Haldane\*, Dana Morrish, Monee Schember, Cydnee Waske.  
9th Grade: Boyd Evans, Clay Evans\*, Jameson McKnight\*, Hunter Meier, Libby Ondrajka\*, Alivia Roehrig.

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# In Our OPINION...

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## Youth concussion injuries a priority

The risk of concussion young athletes face on the field, court and diamond may not dominate the headlines every other week, but it's an issue state officials are continuing to monitor – and address.

A good example are some recent changes to Michigan's Sports Concussion Law requiring more frequent training and review of materials for coaches and others involved in youth sports.

The law now requires coaches and other adults involved in youth sports to complete online concussion awareness training every three years, according to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS).

Repeated concussions pose a higher risk for young people, and in rare cases, can result in severe brain injury or even death, which is why state officials took action to protect them via legislation in June 2013, making Michigan the 39th state to enact a law regulating sports concussions and return to athletic activity. The law was amended in October 2017 via Public Act 137 of 2017.

Changes to the law require MDHHS to periodically review its concussion awareness training program and make recommendations regarding its frequency. It also amends the definition of "youth athlete" to exclude a 17-year-old who is enrolled solely in a college, university or other institution of higher education.

"There is ongoing research on concussions and their effects on youth athletes," said Dr. Eden Wells, chief medical executive with MDHHS. "Requiring the online training be completed every three years instead of just once ensures everyone involved in youth sports has the most current information about the signs/symptoms and consequences of concussions."

A concussion is a serious brain injury caused by a blow, bump or jolt to the head. It can occur in any sport or recreational activity.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), each year emergency departments in the United States treat more than 173,000 sports and recreation-related concussions among children and adolescents.

Michigan's Sports Concussion Law requires all coaches, employees, volunteers and other adults involved with youth athletics to complete an online training program. In addition, the organizing entity must provide educational materials on the signs/symptoms and consequences of concussions to every youth athlete and their parents/guardians, and obtain a signed statement acknowledging receipt of the information.

The law also requires immediate removal of an athlete from physical participation in an athletic activity who is suspected of sustaining a concussion. The student athlete must then receive written clearance from a health professional before he or she can return to physical activity.

In addition, sponsoring organizations must maintain training program records for coaches and other adults assisting with athletic activities. Organizations must keep the signed educational material statements as well as written clearance to return to play from health professionals, and all records must be maintained for as long as an athlete is involved with the program or until he or she turns 18 years of age.

## Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

Ants and shrunken heads



A recent conversation about ants with my granddaughter brought back a childhood memory of my mother talking about the differences between city cousins and country cousins.

I didn't understand what she was talking about until one visit to a cousin's house who lived in Bay City when I was about six years old. It was then that I started to notice that going to visit them was like traveling to another dimension.

I remember marveling at some of the differences between our homes. They had an indoor toilet and heat that moved through tunnels to every part of the house. I remember when a room was added to our farmhouse to create a bathroom. It was great! And, our house had a space heater that didn't heat the house all that great.

Those were only minor differences. The difference between city life and country life really hit home for me when my cousin Rob got an "ant farm." When we visited, he would sit for hours watching the ants burrow in the sand in a glass box.

I could not understand what the big deal was for him. On the farm, we had ants crawling all over the place. He paid real money for a bunch of ants in a glass box! Like, how lame is that?!

I pointed that out to my mother. She just laughed at my observation and said there was "no accounting for some people's taste."

Anyway, with my discussion about ant farms with my granddaughter, I looked them up on the internet. I learned ant farms were invented by mail-order entrepreneur Milton Levine in 1956, and the correct name for them is formicarium.

I also learned the farm's ants were the Pogonomyrmex californicus species found in deserts, and that those who collected the ants for Levine were paid a penny per ant. An industrious collector could make a couple of thousand dollars a week.

Some of the information I found had me respecting Levine, but not for the hoarders like my cousin. I still could not see the fascination of an ant for him. Thousands of ants can still be found just walking down my driveway, but apparently there was a market for them.

According to the information I found, more than two million ant farms were sold between 1957 and 1958. There is no accounting for some people's tastes.

The articles explained that, before Levine started selling ant farms, his mail-order business sold novelties via advertisements in back of comic books. He sold toy soldiers, spud guns and shrunken heads, for example.

I never knew there was a connection between the ant farm guy and the shrunken head seller until I read that article. In thinking about my cousin's ant farm, I remembered my brother bought one of the shrunken heads.

At age six, I thought my brother's shrunken head was

like the coolest. It had a little bone in its nose. Its long black hair was pulled back in a ponytail so it could be carried or hung on a nail. It was awesome!

After recalling that, I guess there really is no accounting for some people's taste after all.



## Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Here's your chance to do something that you most likely haven't done before and feel good about doing it.

Leatha Lineweber, a member of St. Peters Lutheran Church in Bach, is celebrating her 102nd birthday. A card shower is in the process, according to the family.

If you would like to help make her day a special one, send a birthday wish to: Leatha Lineweber, 6823 McGregory Rd, Gagetown MI 48735.

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As many area animal lovers already know, the President of the Humane Society of Tuscola County (HSTC) – Judy Murphy – passed away in early Feb. following a brief illness.

Murphy was a founding member of the Caro area Humane Society, and she spent much of her life making sure that dogs, cats and other animals were being cared for. Murphy was the driving force behind many projects, such as her favorite event, the Pet Expo.

HSTC club members vow that they will find a way to make sure Murphy's legacy lives on. If you would like to help, call 989-672-7387.

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A picture is worth a thousand words. Chuck Hendrick, the dad of 2006 Red Hawk grad Ashley Hendrick, dropped off the above photo after it was reported to the Chronicle that Sayge Cuthrell became just the second player in Cass City High School girls basketball history to record 1,000 career points or more, with Cass City's all-time leading scorer – Shelly Ulfig (1,223 points) – being the other.

That was incorrect and others sports fans have contacted the Chronicle office to say former Lady Red Hawk star Padgett Randall also scored over 1000 career points for Cass City. Stay tuned, I talked to Padgett at last week's girls' basketball district final and she says that her career point total is also on a ball in her house that she'll pass along at a later date.

Officials at our local school say records weren't kept very well for girls basketball over the years. Accordingly, if you can help to set the history straight, contact athletic director Don Markel at 989-872-2148.

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I'll take the heat for this blunder. Last week, I wrote: 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.

My slip-up, the sunken car fundraiser, and Weiler for that matter, belong to the Cass City Lions Club.

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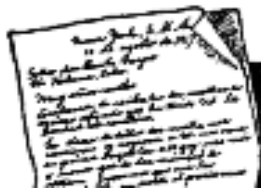
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## Wednesday, March 7

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

## Thursday, March 8

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

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

## Saturday, March 10

•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.

## Monday, March 12

•Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubyly. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.

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

•Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.

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

## Tuesday, March 13

•Al-anon meeting, 7 p.m., St. Francis Parrish, Pigeon.

•AA Meeting, 7-8 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 4960 N. Argyle Rd. (Meeting will be held in the hall next to the little stone church.)

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

•Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7 p.m., fire hall in Gagetown.

•Tuscola County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., HDC Intergenerational Building, 430 Montague Ave., Caro. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

•Kedron OES #33 of Caro meeting, 7 p.m.

•Huron County Family Caregiver Support Group, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Human Development Commission, 150 Nugent Rd., Bad Axe. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

### STANDING COMMUNITY CALENDAR ITEMS

#### First Sunday:

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

#### First Monday:

•Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.

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

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•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.

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•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.



Have you seen this man in the Cass City area?

THE CASS City Police Department is requesting assistance with an ongoing investigation in identifying the person in this picture. Anyone with information is asked to call the department at (989) 872-2911 or contact Officer Ken Miller via email [ccpdmiller@casscity.org](mailto:ccpdmiller@casscity.org).

## ATV crash claims life in Huron

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Huron County Sheriff's deputies say a man died in an ATV accident over the weekend in Huron County's Hume Township.

Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson identified the victim as Curtis D. Thrift, 54, of Cottrellville.

"Early (Saturday) evening at 5:17 p.m., deputies from our office responded to a single rider ATV accident on Sand Road, about a half-mile east of Oak Beach Road," Hanson said. "It ap-

pears (the victim) was riding with a friend, who was on another ATV, and Curtis accelerated off on his 2013 Polaris. The friend then came across Curtis, who had apparently impacted with a driveway abutment on a curve and had been ejected off.

"A neighbor in the area heard the accident and rushed to the scene. He and the friend then began life saving efforts. However, they unfortunately were unsuccessful and Curtis was pronounced dead at the scene," Hanson said. "Among other factors of the ac-

cident, not wearing a helmet is likely to be a major one," the sheriff noted.

"Accident reconstruction deputies from our office responded and processed the scene. The Huron County Medical Examiner's Office has also ordered an autopsy."

The investigation is continuing, according to the sheriff, who said the Port Austin Fire Department and Central Huron Ambulance Service units assisted officers at the scene.

## Circuit court proceedings

### Several appear on felony charges

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

\*Amanda L. DASHO, 29, Caro, pleaded no contest to a charge of carrying a concealed weapon (knife) Dec. 26, 2016, in Caro.

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

\*Heath A. Holmes, 39, Vassar, received a six-month delayed sentence following his plea of no contest to malicious use of a telecommunications device between June 5 and Sept. 25 in Vassar Township.

He was ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$785.

\*Richard D. Jeffrey, 50, Deford, received a one-year delayed sentence following his plea of guilty to careless discharge of a weapon - causing injury or death April 16 in Novesta Township.

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

\*Joseph R. Bailey, 39, Vassar, received a one-year delayed sentence following his plea of no contest to child abuse, second degree, between Jan. 1, 2016, and June 10, 2016, in Vassar Town-

ship.

He was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$258 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

\*Tyler J. Terbush, 25, Cass City, was sentenced to 365 days in the county jail following his plea of guilty to conspiracy to delivery/manufacture a controlled substance Aug. 15 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to jail time, he was placed on probation for three years and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,008.

\*Bradley W. Chinoski, 48, Hamtramck, was sentenced to five years to 20 years in prison following his plea of no contest to home invasion, second degree, June 17 in Koylton Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to prison time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$258. Restitution in the case is to be determined.

\*Brandon P. Hutchinson, 34, Caro, was sentenced to 210 days in jail, with worksite privileges, following his pleas of no contest to two counts of violating the Sex Offenders Registration Act by

failing to report a change in residence May 28 in the village of Fairgrove and Feb. 24 in Indianfields Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

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

\*Charles J. Parsell, 54, Vassar, was sentenced to 180 days in jail following his plea of guilty to carrying a dangerous weapon with unlawful intent Sept. 11 in Vassar. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

In addition to jail time, he was placed on 24 months probation and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$758.

\*Jacob A. Smith, 37, Cass City, was sentenced to 90 days in jail following his pleas of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under influence of liquor and no contest to domestic violence, third offense, Sept. 30 in Elkland Township.

In addition to jail time, he was placed on 24 months probation and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,158 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

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## Reporter's notebook

### Youtube saves the day (again)

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor



I'll be the first to tell you I'm about as mechanically inclined as they come. Not.

But I've learned to get by, thanks to Youtube, after seeing my wife utilize this Internet gem over the years to obtain tips on do-it-yourself projects ranging from patching holes in drywall to laying a laminate floor to ripping out and replacing a vanity.

There's a big difference in our approaches to these challenges, however. She goes to Youtube first, while I try to tackle a project first utilizing only my common sense and a box filled with tools, most of them unsuited for the task at hand.

Hey, some jobs are so simple, I can't help but laugh at the thought of looking up directions. Well, until my efforts fail and nothing is funny anymore.

Such was the case recently when I attempted to change the battery in my old 2006 Impala, a former NYPD detective's car that has since seen its fair share of wear and tear on Thumb area roadways.

I disconnected the battery, but quickly realized it wasn't going to simply slip out of the engine compartment. I was muttering under my breath in no time. "Who designs these compartments without thinking about the reality that someone, somewhere, might need to replace the battery? I mean, seriously — how did they fit that thing into that tiny space in the first place?"

Yeah, okay, I can hear some of you mechanically-incline geniuses snickering at my expense. But let's see you conjugate a verb on the fly, recite AP editing rules by memory or crank out 20 inches of (relatively) clean news or feature copy in a matter of minutes.

That's what I thought.

Actually, I really envy the guys that can listen to a car, diagnose the problem, run to the nearest auto parts store and, 15 minutes later, have fixed the problem and are on their way.

I just don't appreciate the way experts look at me after pushing me into a discussion about cars and then forcing my hand by asking me a technical question about adjusting the carburetor or troubleshooting a clunker that won't start.

Granted, I'm sure it must be painful for a mechanic to listen to me try to describe what might be wrong with my vehicle. I imagine it's probably like those moments — which always make me cringe a bit — when I hear someone tell me "They don't have nothing", or a server asks, "What would you like today?" Or when I hear someone say, "I see this or that", etc.

I could go on, but I won't, because I hate to digress.

Anyway, I tried to force the battery out (from every possible angle), but no luck. So, I snuck into the house, fired up the old computer and searched for "How to replace a battery in a 2006 Impala."

Yup, sure enough, a Youtube video came up and, without nary a snicker, the guy featured in the video demonstrated the need to loosen a fuse box thingy and a brace before removing the battery. I watched it twice (don't judge) and was on my way back out to the driveway to put my newfound knowledge to the test.

Mission. Accomplished.

I had a similar experience some years ago when I first attempted to remove the mowing deck from my tractor. Youtube saved the day then, too.

Now, if someone would just post a few how-to videos targeting husbands who occasionally say something snarky to their wives after already having ticked them off, I'd really be in business.

# Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



## 5 YEARS AGO (2013)

Angela Braun has been named to the dean's list for the 2012 fall term at Northwestern Michigan University. She is a freshman majoring in business. Braun is a 2012 graduate of Cass City High School. She is the daughter of Nancy Braun of Cass City.

Chuck and Kelli Hendrick of Decker announce the engagement of their daughter, Ashley Jo, to Jonathan Derek Horton, son of Steve and Sheila Kimball of Houston, Texas, and the late John Horton. Ashley received her Master of Science Degree in occupational therapy from Saginaw Valley State University. Jonathan received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in sociology from Saginaw Valley State University. A June 2013 wedding is currently being planned.

## 10 YEARS AGO (2008)

The Cass City School District has a reputation for turning out valedictorians en masse. It's a well-earned reputation, with the district boasting as many as a dozen valedictorians and 2 salutatorians in some years. Not anymore. In fact, a revised scale for determining grade point averages that kicked in with this year's graduating class resulted in last week's announcement of one valedictorian and one salutatorian for the Cass City Class of 2008. They are Derek Weidman, who earned valedictorian honors with a grade point average of 3.954, and salutatorian Danielle Delamarter, whose boasts a 3.946 grade point average. Weidman, the son of Dale and Maryke Weidman, has been a member of the National Honor Society for 2 years and has participated in a number of community service projects and activities. He has been a member of Cass City's soccer team for 4 years, serving as co-captain as a senior and earning several honors, including second team all-conference selection and "Defensive Player of the Year". He has also been an academic all-conference selection every year. Delamarter, the daughter of Dan and Sharon Delamarter, is also a member of the National Honor Society and has been active in the all-school play, student council and pom squad. She played varsity soccer 4 years, earning scholar-athlete, honorable mention and all-conference honors.

Jami Anderson of Elkton, formerly of Fremont, and Richard Kubacki of Elkton, formerly of Cass City, announce their engagement. Jami is the daughter of Thomas Anderson of Nawaygo, and Sherry Patterson of Fremont. She graduated from Ohio State University with a BA in communications, and is currently employed by Michigan Farm Bureau in Bay City. Richard is the son of Anthony and Mary Ann Kubacki of Cass City. He is a graduate of ITT, and is currently employed by Tower Automotive in Elkton. The couple is planning an April 26, 2008 wedding at St. Pancratius Catholic Church in Cass City.

## 25 YEARS AGO (1993)

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

Jeffrey M. Love, vice president for Academics at Baker College of Flint, has announced that Janet Kubacki of Cass City has been recognized for academic achievement for the Fall quarter of 1992. She is one of 435 students who has been cited on the full-time Dean's List.

Ron McCormick of People's Oil and Gas congratulates Teri Wilson after she received a special recognition award at the company's recent annual awards banquet honoring Employees of the Year for 1992. Wilson, who has been employed at the People's Choice Market in Cass City for 2 years, was honored for her work in all

job-related areas with special emphasis on customer service.

Jason D. Hales, the son of Janet Hales of Deford and Donald Vogler of Saginaw, recently enlisted in the United States Army for 3-year tour of duty as a Vulcan crew member. He is scheduled to report for active duty March 9 to receive training at Fort Jackson, S.C.

## 35 YEARS AGO (1983)

Tammy Zurek, a senior at Ubyly High School and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Zurek of Ubyly, has been named a finalist in the 1983 National Merit Scholarship Program. Tammy achieved this recognition by her high academic standing and excellent scores on the PSAT-NMSQT and SAT national testing. Finalists represent less than one-half of 1 percent of all American high school seniors and includes 13,000 students nationally. Miss Zurek will now compete for one of the 5,300 Merit Scholarships that will be awarded for college study.

Barry Lapp scored 10 points and pulled down 12 rebounds to help Cass City to a win over the North Branch Broncos Friday.

Winners in the America and Me essay contest from Cass City Intermediate School were, from left, Carolyn Tuckey, first; Meg Brown, second, and Mark Kappen, third. Miss Tuckey's essay will now be entered in the state competition and her name will be engraved on a plaque at the school. Each received a certificate. Farm Bureau Insurance Group sponsors the annual contest for eighth graders. Topic for this year's contest was "Why I am important to America's future."

## 40 YEARS AGO (1978)

Hills and Dales General Hospital births: Feb. 23, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Westerby of Cass City, a boy, Michael Robert. And, Feb. 26, to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Whitaker of Cass City, a boy, Jeffery Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Doerr of Cass City announce the engagement of their daughter, Cynthia Susan, to Tim Brinkman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Brinkman of Cass City. The bride-elect is a 1974 graduate of Cass City High School and is currently completing prerequisites for the Hurley Medical School of Nursing. The prospective bride - groom is a 1972 graduate of Cass City High School. Wedding plans are indefinite.

Morris Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Brown of Cass City, graduated in December 1975 with a bachelor's degree in history and a minor in business administration and sociology from Saginaw Valley State College. He is presently employed at Arjay Manufacturing. He is a 1966 graduate of Cass City High School. He served in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968 and is married to the former Sharon Matlack who is a 1973 grad of SVSC. She is employed at Dow Chemical as an executive secretary. The couple resides in Cass City.

Mrs. Phyllis Root of Gageton and Mrs. Liz Taylor of Kingston have been honored by the Michigan Cystic Fibrosis Chapter for their efforts on behalf of lung-damaged children. The C-F Foundation annually presents such awards to their key volunteers throughout Michigan who have dedicated thousands of hours to organizing and conducting programs of public education and fund-raising. State Campaign Chairman Gene Riley said.

Grover Laurie, Gageton, has been named to the Southern Michigan Marketing Committee of the Michigan Milk Producers Association. Laurie was chosen during recent elections held in the 11 geographic districts of MMPA. Serving with Laurie from district nine is Howard Ritter of Bad Axe.

## 50 YEARS AGO (1968)

Army Private Kenneth D. Stoll Jr., 20, whose parents are of Cass City, was assigned as a seaman specialist with the 1097th Transportation Company in Vietnam, Feb. 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Linderman or Decker announce the engagement of their daughter Marian B. to Ronald J. Badgley, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Badgley of Harbor Beach. She is a 1965 graduate of Cass City High School and is presently employed by Clements Co. in Deckerville. He is a 1963 graduate of Harbor Beach High School and is presently employed by Fisher Body in Grand Blanc. An April wedding is being planned.

Ernest G. Schwaderer of Cass City was one of 370 who received a master's degree from Michigan State University at the end of winter term. Dr. Logan Wilson, president of the American Council on Education, spoke at the degree awarding ceremonies where 1,172 pupils received degrees. Schwaderer received his masters in English. He had been teaching at Bad Axe for eight years before quitting for a year to attend MSU. Prior to teaching he earned his BS at MSU and his education certificate at U-of-M in 1959. He is a 1950 graduate of Cass City High School. Schwaderer said that he plans to remain in teaching, but has not yet decided where he will work. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Schwaderer of Cass City.

John Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wilson of rural Cass City, has completed boot training at Great Lakes, Ill. He graduated March 1 and is spending two weeks leave in Cass City. He will report for duty at Norfolk, Va., March 18 on the USS Sierra. He entered Naval duty in December.

## 75 YEARS AGO (1943)

Miss Mary Lou McCoy, daughter of Mrs. Ethel McCoy, of Cass City, is first to join the WAAQs from this city. She is also the first to join from the Ford Highland Park plant, where she has been employed. Miss McCoy has passed all examinations and is subject to call at any time.

Saturday afternoon, Feb. 27, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Cross of Cass City, their daughter, Miss Doris Elizabeth, became the bride of Adelbert Hurd, also of Cass City, son of Mrs. Wallace Brown, of Flint.

Miss Dorothy LaGina, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew LaGina, of Unionville and Wilfred J. Bedore, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Bedore, also of Unionville, were united in marriage on Feb. 27, 1943, at 9 a.m., at St. Agatha's Church in Gageton by Fr. John McCullough. They were attended by Miss Ruby LaGina of Detroit and Thomas Rabideau of Unionville.

## 100 YEARS AGO (1918)

Dr. I. A. Fritz of Cass City has been appointed Director of Free Dental Activities in Tuscola county and is authorized to secure the co-operation of the draft board in this county. The appointment comes from G. F. Burke, state director. The free dental service is for selective service men from Tuscola county.

The Chronicle received a letter Monday from Jacob C. Anthes, now in France, He writes in part as follows: "I am glad to see that the condensary is going fine as I helped to start it going. I broke ground on something that is some big over here as I was the first of the workers to get on the job and can say I got the first stone and the first poles for the first cook house in this camp and helped to Build the first five cook houses here. "I am sending you a dipping from the New York Herald (Paris edition) containing an account of the sinking of the Tuseania. This is the ship I came over here on. She was the last of the Anchor line. "The Y. M. C. A. and the Red Cross are a great help to us boys and everyone should help them to help. The weather is very warm here now.

Temporary suspension of the meatless meal and of the special restrictions against the use of pork on Saturday was announced by the federal food administration at Washington on Sunday. Increased meat production and the necessity for still greater savings in wheat, it was declared, make the suspension advisable. The suspension will last probably three months.

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# News briefs

## MADD program scheduled

CARO — Tuscola County Victim Services will host a presentation from Mothers Against Drunk Driving of Michigan (MADD), entitled "No More Victims", Monday, March 12, from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Tuscola County Medical Care Facility — Business Annex, 1301 Cleaver Rd., Caro.

MADD is available to help victims and/or survivors of drunken and/or drugged driving crashes. The upcoming presentation will focus on the organization and the services it offers.

More information is available by calling Nancy Almberg at (989) 673-8161 (ext. 2).

## Farmers continue check-off

MICHIGAN — Michigan corn producers have voted to continue the Corn Marketing Program of Michigan (CMPM) — the state's corn check-off program — for another five years.

The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development conducted the referendum early this year. For the program to continue, the referendum had to pass by both the majority of corn farmers and the majority of corn production voted. The referendum passed with 81 percent of farmers voting in favor, representing 83 percent of the production voted.

"We're pleased that Michigan's corn growers have voted so overwhelmingly to continue the program," said Tom Durand, president of the Corn Marketing Program of Michigan. "The work of the check-off program is more important than ever as we're facing low corn prices and other tough challenges in the farm economy. We will continue to work hard on behalf of Michigan's growers by investing in market development activities, educational programs and research that will improve the economic position of Michigan's farm families."

Headquartered in Lansing, the CMPM is a farmer-funded, legislatively-established, statewide program that invests in research, education and market development to enhance the economic position of Michigan corn farmers.

## Babysitting classes on tap

CASS CITY — Hills and Dales General Hospital will host a safe sitter course Tuesday, March 27.

The Safe Sitter Course is designed to prepare students in sixth to eighth to be safe when they're home alone, watching younger siblings, or babysitting. The instructor-led class is filled with fun games and role-playing exercises.

The class fee is \$25, which includes lunch and a Safe Sitter Handbook. Partial scholarships are available for students who qualify for free or reduced school lunch.

Pre-registration is required by Tuesday, March 20. More information is available by calling Kathy at (989) 912-6365.

## Hospital planning health fair

CASS CITY — Hills and Dales General Hospital will host its annual spring health fair from 7 to 11 a.m. Saturday, April 14.

There will be discounted labs, health screenings, vendors, and refreshments. For more information, call 989-872-2121 or email healthfair@hdghmi.org.

## Weather spotter class slated

CARO — There will be a free severe weather-tornado spotter workshop Tuesday, March 20, starting at 7 p.m. at the Tuscola County Medical Care Facility on Cleaver Road in Caro.

People who successfully complete the class will be "informed weather spotters" with the National Weather Service. The National Weather Service SkyWarn Training is being sponsored by the Tuscola County Emergency Management Office.

To register, call (989) 673-5181 or email tcemanderson@tuscolacounty.org.

## Wildlife focus of workshops

UBLY — Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) along with several other agencies is sponsoring workshops targeting landowners who want to attract wildlife to their property.

The programs focus on how to plant, manage, and fund grassland habitats on private land. Grassland habitats provide food for wildlife, and grasslands filter water.

The workshops include one planned for Tuesday, March 13, at 7 p.m. at the Rooster Ranch on Germania Road in Ubyly.

## "Great start" fundraiser set

CARO — The Great Start Tuscola Imagination Library will be hosting its annual fundraiser Thursday, March 8, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 903 Ryan Rd., Caro.

The program is part of the nationwide Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, a book gifting program that mails free, high-quality books to children from birth until they begin school, no matter their family's income.

The fundraiser will support the Tuscola County effort via silent and live auctions and raffles, and will feature dinner and drinks. Purchasing one \$30 ticket to the event provides enough funding to purchase books for one child for an entire year, according to event organizers.

Tickets are available by contacting Rachael Koepf at (989) 673-2144 (ext. 30325) or by emailing greatstarttuscola@gmail.com.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery



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**BUDGET MEETING**  
*for*  
**ELKLAND TOWNSHIP**  
*will be before the Regular Meeting*  
**Monday, March 12 at 6:30 p.m.**  
*at the Elkland Township Fire Hall*  
 6691 Church St., Cass City  
*Ed LaBelle*  
*Elkland Township Clerk*



**Cardinals state tourney bound...**

**THE KINGSTON** Elementary Destination Imagination Team recently earned first place at the regional tournament in Clare. They will now be headed to the state tournament in East Lansing April 14. Team members are (from left) Heidi Williams, Nikki Lynn Lloyd, Heidi Matheny and Ashlyn Walker. Destination Imagination is an after-school activity in which students work in teams to solve challenges and present their solutions at tournaments. It's the world's largest creative problem-solving program and includes kindergarten through college-aged students who are challenged to develop life skills while solving challenges through unique hands-on experiences in the sciences, technology, mechanics, engineering, theater, improvisation, goal setting, time and budget management, team building and leadership.

**ANNUAL MEETING**  
*for*  
**ELKLAND TOWNSHIP**  
*will be held*  
**Monday, March 12**  
**Following the regular meeting.**  
*at the Elkland Township Fire Hall*  
 6691 Church St., Cass City  
*Ed LaBelle*  
*Elkland Township Clerk*

**Celebrate St. Patty's Day at Battels**

*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     |
| Personal     | 50.00 | 1.0000     |

**Elkland Township Fire Hall**  
 at 6691 Church St., Cass City  
 Dave McArthur - Accessor

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for the kids!"

The day also offers visitors the opportunity to learn the ins and outs of maple syrup production as they see first-hand how the sap is gathered and boiled, and take a guided tour.

The family also annually hosts a special Homeschool Maple Syrup Day: History Walk – slated for Thursday, March 29, starting at 10 a.m. There's no charge for homeschool families for this educational tour, which will invite participants to step back in time to "meet" Geogie and Annie Battel in 1882, Bessie Battel in 1928, Art Battel in 1982, and other costumed presenters who share the stories of their lives and how real rural families lived at different points in American history, along with the history of maple sugaring.

Both tours will be held rain or shine, and everyone planning to attend is encouraged to dress for the weather and plan to be outdoors for a couple hours (it can be 10 degrees colder in the shaded woods). The ground is uneven with tree roots and can be quite muddy or snowy. Layers and boots are recommended.

The Battels' sugaring operation is located just a few miles northeast of Cass City at 7964 Daus Rd., also known as Ritter Road (1.25 miles west of M-53 – look for the white sugar shack in the woods to the west of the brick farmhouse).

The Battel family, including Mark and Diane Battel and their son and daughter-in-law, Bob and Sue Battel, and their children, has been producing high-quality, wood-fired, pure maple syrup in the same woods near Cass City since 1882.

While some things have changed since the Battel ancestors of the 19th century boiled sap in an open kettle, the basic process is still the

same – and nearly as quaint.

In the spring, as the sun begins to warm the sugar maple trees – yet winter's grip still brings freezing temperatures at night – family members start the annual tradition of tapping trees. Sap is coaxed from the sugar maples and boiled for hours over a rolling fire until nothing remains but pure syrup.

It takes about 40 gallons of sap to produce one gallon of syrup.

The Great Fires of 1871 and 1881 that swept across the Midwest managed to miss the family's stand of more than 300 sugar maple trees, although much of the surrounding Thumb was devastated.

These days, the Battel sugarbush continues to produce a bounty of sap, and while spring weather in any given year is unpredictable in Michigan, the family is reporting the prospects are good for a bountiful season.

"So far we canned almost 14 gallons of syrup on one day, Feb. 28," Sue Battel reported Friday. "The season is just beginning, so we hope that tops 200 gallons by the time we're done."

"It's (sap) not likely to run today with it being cold after the snow, but the season looks pretty much perfect for the next 25 days, which is as long as my Accuweather forecast shows," she added.

"The syrup season definitely is running earlier and earlier every year. I have old diaries kept by a great uncle who farmed near Capac, and he talks about making

syrup in mid-April," Battel said. "These days the season is starting in late February and running through late May, and scientists who have studied sugar maple trees say this earlier and earlier trend will continue."

"This year we put out 920 taps altogether. That includes the 217 taps put out by Addy and Ethan (Healy) for their County Line Kids Pure Maple Syrup (business)," said Battel, who noted the family business is continuing to branch out.

"This year our 12-year-old, Dori, is starting her own business, 'Dori's Sweets'," she added. "She will make candy treats. At our open house she'll be serving up warm maple-cinnamon candied almonds."

And, of course, visitors to the upcoming open houses will have the opportunity to take home some pure maple syrup.

"Our customers primarily buy pints, quarts, half-gallons and gallons (of syrup)," Battel said. "The kids fill some of those larger containers, but mostly specialize in smaller, pretty syrup jars that make nice gifts."

*Editor's note: Additional information on the open houses can be found by visiting the family's website at [battelsyrup.weebly.com](http://battelsyrup.weebly.com), their Facebook page at Battel's Sugar Bush Pure Maple Syrup, or via email at [BattelSyrup@gmail.com](mailto:BattelSyrup@gmail.com).*

*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

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pointed president pro-tem during the meeting. "They will serve until the next election."

Others on the council include Treasurer Kelly Pearce and

trustees Victoria Rutkowski, Susan Schrader and Jason Nicol.

At its February meeting, the council approved sending a certified letter to Trustee Larry Gomowicz that his village seat was terminated due to non-attendance of village meetings.

"He (Gomowicz) had (technically) quit. He hadn't attended any meetings for some time, but had not sent an official letter resigning," Brown said of why the letter was sent.

In other matters, the council approved the village's parks and recreation plan, opening the door to begin the process of applying for Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) grants. Among the improvements under consideration are upgrades to the park pavilion, a walking trail and handicap accessible restrooms.

The Spicer Group has been hired to help the village write and submit grants.

Also, there will be a planning commission meeting Monday, March 19, at 7 p.m. at the senior center, and there will be a recreation plan funding meeting the same day at 6 p.m. at the village hall.

**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

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

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

*The 2018 tentative ratios and multipliers are:*

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

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



## Robo Hawks make it to state finals

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MacAlpine, Braden Murdoch and Drake Smith, finished in ninth place over all among 24 teams in the final round.

In addition, the Robo Wild Wings (team members are Braden Bailey, Trysten Gruber, Cameron Owen, Sage Sanders and Ethan Schrader) finished in 17th place, while the Havoc Hawks – Lance Britt, Ethan Hall, Isaak Keyser and Ethan Westendorf – placed 22nd.

There are still a few spots (up for grabs) at world finals to be determined by tiebreaker criteria,” Woloshen said. “We will know by Wednesday if the Killer Hawks are offered a spot.”

The elementary robotics program is called VEX IQ, a snap-together robotics system designed to offer young students a challenging introduction to the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) skills through hands-on, student-centered learning.

“The robotics kits are built and modified by students,” Woloshen explained. “There is a basic model, and students decide how to modify it to best suit the challenge. They use a snap-together construction of assorted pieces.”

The goal is for the students to create robots that will efficiently perform tasks.

The VEX IQ Challenge, presented by the Robotics Education and Competition (REC) Foundation fosters students’ development of the teamwork, critical thinking, project management, and communication skills required to prepare young people to become the next generation of innovators and problem solvers.

This year’s challenge was named the VEX IQ Challenge Ringmaster, which was played on a four-foot by eight-foot rectangular

field.

In a nutshell, two robots would compete together as an “alliance” in 60-second-long teamwork matches, working collaboratively to score points. The object of the game was to attain the highest score by moving, manipulating and organizing plastic rings within the competition area.

Woloshen, a veteran Cass City educator of more than 20 years, was first approached to head up Cass City’s then-new elementary robotics program during the 2016-17 school year.

During that inaugural season, in a matter of about three weeks, Woloshen’s students – a girls’ team and boys’ team – learned what it takes to compete, built robots, practiced and then competed in Bad Axe, where the boys’ team placed first, earning a trip to the state finals.

Woloshen, who pointed out that Larry and Bunny Keyser along with the Mack family have been

faithful sponsors of the elementary robotics teams, says he’s always looking for other individuals and businesses who might be willing to join the program as sponsors in order to further build the program.

Following Saturday’s competition, he was quick to credit his teams’ success, in part, to the assistance of Lyle Severance and Reed Keyser, who are both part of the Cass City Public Schools’ information technology department, and who both serve as coaches for the Cass City High School robotics program.

At the same time, Woloshen added, the kids deserve a great deal of credit.

“This is about the kids. They built these robots and fix them when something goes wrong with them – I don’t think I have touched a robot, and that’s the way this program is supposed to be,” he said.



### Hawks in action...

**BRADEN Bailey (center) and Trysten Gruber of Cass City’s Robo Wild Wings team confer with a judge to verify their score during Saturday VEX IQ Challenge Ringmaster State Tournament in Charlotte.**



**HAVOC HAWKS team members Lance Britt (left) and Ethan Westendorf (center) discuss strategy with an “alliance” partner Saturday.**

## Busy election year on tap

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### Kingston Village

In the village of Kingston, the two-year term of President Robin LaFond is expiring along with the four-year terms now held by trustees Corry Skinner and Roger Warrington. Also, a partial term being completed by Trustee Robert Phagen is expiring, and one vacant seat will be filled.

The election for those seats will be in November.

### Cass City Schools

In the Cass City School District, the four-year terms now held by school board President Alice Zaleski, Treasurer Dave Osentoski and Trustee Stacey Bliss are expiring.

### Kingston Schools

In the Kingston School District, the terms of trustees Dave Kolacz, Anthony Goss, L. Jeffery Phillips, Mark Huggett and Janet Mutch are all expiring.

### Owen-Gage Schools

In the Owendale-Gagetown School District, the four-year terms of Matt Roemer, Sarah Ondrajka, Terry Fahrner and Tom Jeffery are expiring.

### County seats

The six-year term of Tuscola County Probate Judge Nancy Thane will be expiring, as will the two-year terms of all Tuscola County commissioners.

Voters will be filling the seats held by the following board members:

\*District One Commissioner Tom Young, who serves Akron, Columbia, Elmwood, Elkland, Fairgrove, Gilford and Wisner townships.

\*District Two Commissioner Thomas Bardwell, who serves Almer, Kingston, Novesta, and part of the city of Caro.

\*District Three Commissioner Kim Vaughn, who serves Dayton, Fremont, Indianfields and Koylton townships.

\*District Four Commissioner Craig Kirkpatrick, who serves Arbela, Millington, Tuscola and Watertown townships.

\*District Five Commissioner Matthew Bierlein, who serves Denmark, Juniata and Vassar townships, and the city of Vassar.

In addition, the six-year terms of Tuscola County road commissioners Gary Parsell and Pat Sheridan are expiring.

### Townships

Voters in Ellington, Elmwood and Koylton townships will all be electing individuals to serve partial terms as clerk.

For some residents heading to the polls, the coming elections will be the first time they get to use new voting machines — Dominion Voting Systems — that were put into use toward the end of 2017. The new equipment includes ballot tabulators, accessible devices for use by voters with disabilities and election management and reporting software.

According to Tuscola County Clerk Jodi Fetting, the new voting machines will use digital optical scan technology which will increase ease of use for voters and election officials as well as offering speed and convenience of the latest ballot scanning and election night reporting technology while at the same time featuring a paper ballot that can be gone back and looked at if necessary.

So far, only voters in the Kingston School District and Dayton Township have used the new machines, during last year’s November elections.

Voters in Huron County used the new voting machines last year to fill council seats in Bad Axe and Caseville, and to decide a bond issue in the North Huron School District. In Sanilac County, meanwhile, voters have not had the opportunity yet to use the new equipment.

### Deadlines



Filing deadlines for the August primary election are April 24 at 4 p.m. for partisan candidates, and May 8 at 4 p.m. for precinct delegates.

For those running in November, the filing deadlines are:  
\*July 19 at 4 p.m. for district library candidates and candidates without a political party affiliation.

\*July 24 at 4 p.m. for board of education and village council candidates.

\*Aug. 7 at 5 p.m. for city council candidates.

Filing packets are available at county clerks offices.

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**SENIOR Hunter Vaughan heads to the rim for Cass City in Class C district action Monday at Bad Axe High School.**



**CARDINAL Carley Smith eyes a rebound between a pair of Deckerville players during the Class D district final at Kingston High School.**

## Lady Cards add district title

As expected, Kingston added a district championship to the Lady Cardinals' long list of accomplishments Friday, claiming Class D honors on their own floor in a rout of North Central Thumb League Stripes foe Deckerville.

The 57-29 victory upped the North Central Thumb League Stripes champs' record to 21-0 on the season entering regional play at the Mayville regional. Hoping to upset the Cardinals in the quarterfinal rounds are Burton St. Thomas More Academy, Bay

City All Saints (BCAS) and Fulton. The winners of Tuesday's matchups – Kingston vs. Burton (6:00 p.m.) and BCAS vs. Fulton (7:30 p.m.) – square off Thursday starting at 7:00 p.m.

Kingston's matchup with Deckerville in the post season was the third of the season between the league rivals. And although the Cardinals were easy winners in all three, they struggled to a 10-8 lead after one quarter of district action.

"We made a nice run in the third

quarter. Deckerville put up a good fight early, but our defense created some easy looks for us and allowed us to create some separation," said Coach Jay Green.

For Kingston, Carley Smith had a game-high 16 points, while Lily Lyons added 11 points. The winners also had Jillyan Dinsmore with eight tallies, Camryn MacGuire, seven and Hannah James, seven.

Madisyn Guza had nine points for Deckerville.

## Cass City grapplers earn all-state honors Saturday

Cass City sent three wrestlers to the Division 4 Individual State Finals Meet over the weekend at Ford Field and returned home with a pair of all-state grapplers.

Senior Nick Perry placed third in the 215-weight class to cap a remarkable rookie season for Coach Don Markel, while senior Wyatt Dickson placed 6th in the 160-weight class to collect all-state honors for the third straight year.

Perry went 5-1 during Friday and Saturday matches and finishes with a lofty 42-8 record on the season.

"Nick decided to give wrestling a try in his senior year after having played basketball throughout his high school career including this season" said Markel noting Perry

is a dual sport athlete. "Nick lost his first match in the state finals by a close 6-4 score and then proceeded to reel off five straight victories - a feat that you rarely see at the State Finals - to place third."

In the consolation final match, Perry defeated Manchester's Charlie Depp 5-4 in an exciting double overtime match."

Perry had been pinned by Depp two weeks prior at individual regionals.

Dickson, meanwhile, was 3-3 in his weekend matches and finishes his final season with a 52-8 record.

"Wyatt's career record was 184-48 which ranks him second only to Josh Jensen in total career victories at Cass City. Wyatt's career

record ties him for fourth – he is tied with T. J. Moore -in overall win/loss percentage. Only Josh Jensen, Walt Laming, and Roy Davis had better overall win/loss records. Wyatt is the only wrestler in Cass City history to be a three time state medalist, finishing 8th in his sophomore season, 6th last season, and 6th again this season," Markel said.

Completing the results for Cass City at the individual state finals was senior Eric Peters, who suffered a pair of defeats in the 160-weight class according to Markel.

"Eric did achieve a career milestone 100th career victory this season to join the ranks of elite Cass City wrestlers to do so," he said.

## District action on tap in area

*Pirates, Patriots and Cardinals collect wins on opening night*

by Clarke Haire  
 Publisher

It was the Isaiah Williamson show at the Bad Axe Class C District Monday, where the USA power forward turned in a player-of-the-year effort to lead the undefeated Patriots past Cass City 84-44 in a quarterfinal matchup.

After a Hunter Vaughan bucket gave Cass City its only lead on the night, 10 straight points – including two treys – by Williamson had the Greater Thumb West champions in front 10-3. USA then closed the opening eight minutes on a 14-2 run and never looked back.

The two-time defending district champs would settle for a 43-24 edge at the break, before entering the final frame with a comfortable 65-33 cushion.

Williamson led all-scorers with 27 points, while Micah Cramer added 14 points and Landin Zimmerman a dozen for USA.

Cuthrell was the only double figure scorer for Cass City with 14 markers.

Ending their Cass City basketball careers on the night were seniors Vaughan, Nick Perry, Brendan Hamilton, Joey Krol, Garrett Deitering and Mike Zeigler.

In other quarterfinal action Monday in Bad Axe, Harbor Beach surprised Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port

57-36.

The Lakers owned wins of 55-46 and 68-49 over the Pirates during the regular season, but were no match in the final eight minutes as the winners closed out the contest on a 24-11 run.

In Wednesday's semifinal contest at Bad Axe, USA faces Ubyly in the early game, while Harbor Beach takes on hosts Bad Axe in the nightcap. Friday's championship game is slated for a 7:00 p.m. tipoff.

Over in Kingston, the host Cardinals pounded Carsonville-Port Sanilac (CPS) 62-26 to move into tonight's semis to take on Mayville, following the Deckerville/Peck semifinal contest. Wednesday's action starts at 6:00 p.m. The winners meet Friday for district championship at 7:00 p.m.

Kingston removed most doubt from their district opener's outcome with a 22-4 start.

"We got off to a good start and were able to put them away shortly after halftime," said Coach Dave Lester.

Evan Neff led Kingston with 21 points, five rebounds and four steals. Nathan Cloyd added 13 points, five rebounds, four steals and three assists, while Austin Ahern added eight points and eight rebounds.

Peyton Mooney led CPS with eight points.

## O-G hosting Class D District

Despite bowing in its regular season finale to Bay City All Saints, 68-56, the Owen-Gage boys' basketball team should take something positive away from the North Central Thumb League – Stripes defeat as they enter Class D District play in Owendale.

A terrible start had the Bulldogs trailing 17-4 early in last Tuesday's affair, only to see the visitors outscore Bay City All Saints 19-16 to the break.

However, another fast start to open the final half had the hosts in control 50-33 with eight minutes remaining.

"We had an encouraging fourth quarter with 23 points. It's also a good sign to have four players in double figures as we tune up for districts," said Coach Brian Wright.

CJ Samborn had a game-high 24 points to lead Bay City All Saints.

For Owen-Gage, Luke Retford's 16 points were tops, while Branden Binder added 13 points, Matt Fritz, 12 and Aaron Fahrner, 10.

Owen-Gage finishes 3-17 overall and will face Caseville tonight in a district semifinal match scheduled to tipoff at 6:00 p.m. The two teams traded decisions in their regular season meetings.

In Wednesday's other semifinal contest, North Huron takes on Bay City All Saints, with the winners advancing into Friday's championship game. Game time to decide

district honors in Owendale is 7:00 p.m.

### Boys' Basketball Final Regular Season Standings

| Greater Thumb West |    |   |    |    |
|--------------------|----|---|----|----|
|                    | W  | L | W  | L  |
| USA                | 10 | 0 | 20 | 0  |
| Reese              | 8  | 2 | 13 | 6  |
| EPBP               | 6  | 4 | 12 | 8  |
| Cass City          | 3  | 7 | 8  | 12 |
| Vassar             | 2  | 7 | 3  | 14 |
| Bad Axe            | 1  | 9 | 5  | 14 |

| Greater Thumb East |   |   |    |    |
|--------------------|---|---|----|----|
|                    | W | L | W  | L  |
| Brown City         | 8 | 2 | 13 | 6  |
| Marlette           | 7 | 3 | 10 | 10 |
| Harbor Beach       | 6 | 4 | 9  | 11 |
| Sandusky           | 4 | 5 | 9  | 10 |
| Ubyly              | 4 | 6 | 11 | 8  |
| Memphis            | 0 | 9 | 2  | 17 |

| NCTL Stripes |    |    |    |    |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|
|              | W  | L  | W  | L  |
| Peck         | 10 | 0  | 15 | 4  |
| BCAS         | 8  | 2  | 9  | 9  |
| CPS          | 6  | 4  | 6  | 12 |
| Caseville    | 3  | 7  | 4  | 13 |
| Owen-Gage    | 3  | 7  | 3  | 12 |
| Akron-Fair.  | 0  | 10 | 0  | 15 |

| NCTL Stars  |   |   |    |    |
|-------------|---|---|----|----|
|             | W | L | W  | L  |
| Flint Int.  | 8 | 1 | 17 | 2  |
| Dryden      | 8 | 2 | 13 | 6  |
| Kingston    | 7 | 3 | 16 | 3  |
| Deckerville | 3 | 7 | 11 | 7  |
| North Huron | 2 | 7 | 8  | 12 |
| Mayville    | 1 | 9 | 7  | 11 |



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**TIGHT D.** Cass City's Kacey Haire gets in the face of USA's Reigen Ryan during the Class C district championship game at Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port High School.

## USA wins Class C district championship in overtime

Four quarters wasn't enough to settle the Class C district championship Friday at Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port High School.

But when the final buzzer sounded, Unionville-Sebewaing Area (USA) claimed district honors with a thrilling 52-48 overtime decision against Cass City.

Both teams traded points in the early going as the Patriots grabbed a slim 16-15 advantage after eight minutes and extended the gap to 26-21 by the intermission.

Lauren Adam led USA in the opening half with a pair of old fashioned 3-point plays and 10 first half points.

After the break, Cass City went to a box-and-one defense to limit Adam's penetration. The strategy worked as Cass City held USA to a Rylee Zimmer field goal in the third frame that ended with the Red Hawks up 36-28.

As has been the case many times throughout her 3-year varsity career, senior Lauren Fernald sparked Cass City's comeback bid with a pair of treys from the top of the key. Back-to-back shots from behind the 3-point arc by the Red Hawk sharpshooter had Cass City enjoying a 30-28 spread midway thru the third.

USA used a trey of their own from Katie Engelhardt to tie the game at 44-44 with just over two minutes remaining in regulation.

Reigan Ryan gave USA a 46-44 lead late, but solo free throws by Sayge Cuthrell and Brittany Hamilton in the closing seconds sent the game into the extra session.

There, USA outscored Cass City 6-2 to advance into the Sandusky regional, where they face Michigan Lutheran Seminary.

Zimmer and Cuthrell both finished with a double-double to pace their respective teams. For USA, Zimmer tossed in 16 points and 10 rebounds, while for Cass City, Cuthrell scored a game high 18 points and snagged 10 rebounds.

Playing in their final Cass City High School basketball game were Fernald, Cuthrell, Rylie Weiler, Lauren Dickinson and Kelsey Bouverette.

### Girls' Basketball Final Regular Season 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 |

## Gymnastic season ends for Cass City

Cass City advanced seven gymnasts to the Walled Lake Central High School regional over the weekend, where the Lady Red Hawks' 2018 season ended.

"Although nobody advanced on to states, everyone had good performances to represent the Red Hawks," said Coach Kathy Bouverette.

On vault, Madison Michalski recorded Cass City's best showing with a score of 8.45, while Riley Copeland, Lauren Peters and Hailey Schmotzer all tied with scores of 7.9. Brittany Swiderski completed the scoring for the Red Hawks with a mark of 7.8.

On bars, was Schmotzer, followed by Makena Nulph, with scores of 7.0 and 6.925, respectively.

On beam, Copeland was tops for Cass City with a score of 7.475. Swiderski turned in a score of 6.525 and Michalski a score of 6.425, while on the floor, Michalski had a 7.825, Peters had a 7.175 and Olivia Schuette 7.05 to complete the scoring for Cass City.

"It was a good way to end the season. I am very proud of the season we had this year. The girls worked hard and really advanced in their skills. Looking forward to next year," Bouverette said.



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# Cass City Jr./Sr. High School

## 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 73, CC 39             |
| 3/1   | Lakers 65, CC 60            |
| 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

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 AN-GELA RUFF, a single woman, Mortgages, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc. (MERS) as nominee for BLG Holdings, INC dba Simple Mortgage, Mortgagee, dated the 8th day of May, 2015 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 21st day of May, 2015 in Liber 1330 of Tuscola County Records, page 46, said Mortgage having been assigned to The Money Source, Inc. on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of One Hundred Two Thousand Eight Hundred Six and 34/100 (\$102806.34), by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that on the 15th day of March, 2018 at 10:00 AM o'clock Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in Village of Caro, Tuscola Cty MI, of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, with interest thereon at 4.500 per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

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

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

Dated: 02/14/2018  
The Money Source, Inc. Mort-

gagee 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**  
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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. Heine-man, 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 damaging 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

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.

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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 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.

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notice: \$64,792.29  
 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Village of Kingston, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 7, Block 2 of the Plat of Newberry (now Kingston) according to the Plat thereof recorded in Liber 24 of Plats, Page 304 of Tuscola County Records.

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

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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 April 5, 2018:  
 Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Scott B Walther, an unmarried man

Original Mortgagee: Independent Mortgage Co. East MI  
 Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Independent Bank

Date of Mortgage: November 12, 2004

Date of Mortgage Recording: December 3, 2004

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$76,108.14  
 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Dayton, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Lot(s) 17, CAT LAKE HILLS SUBDIVISION, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 18. Section 7 Town 11

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Barbara A. Teal, a married woman

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation its successors and assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): MidFirst Bank, a Federally Chartered Savings Association  
 Date of Mortgage: June 12, 2006  
 Date of Mortgage Recording: June 28, 2006  
 Amount claimed due on date of



# Obituaries

## Beatrice Bujak

Beatrice Celia Bujak, 82, of Cass City, passed away at her home with family at her side, Sunday, February 25, 2018.

She was born April 16, 1935, in Grosse Pointe, the daughter of the late Henry and Emilia (Chesney) Georges.

She married Joseph A. Bujak May 29, 1954, at St. Martin's Catholic Church, Detroit. He passed away January 17, 2008.

Beatrice was a wonderful cook, enjoyed birds, gardening and flowers. She loved time with friends and family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Most of all, she loved her faith in God and was a member at Our Lady Consolata Parish, St. Pancratius Church.

Beatrice will be remembered and cherished by her children, Robert (Sharon A.) Bujak of Cass City, Andrew (Sharon L.) Bujak of Estero, FL, Deanna M. (Paul) Brown of Rose City and Joseph M. (Christina) Bujak of Fenton; grandchildren, Shilah, Brandon, Eric, Amanda, Lauren, Ashley, Christine, Alicia, Joseph, Chelsea and Zachary; great-grandchildren, Broxten, Morgan, Emily, Nolan, Savannah, Julia, Natalie, Haedyn, Brodie and Hudson; a brother, Peter (Audrey) Georges of FL; a sister, Johanna (Don) Wurmlinger of Croswell; and special friend, Mary Lou Mico of St. Clair Shores.

She was predeceased by a brother, Henry Georges and a sister, Anna Komatz.

Cremation has taken place and a Memorial Mass will be held at Our Lady Consolata Parish, St. Pancratius Church, Cass City at a later date. Memorials may be made to St. Pancratius Church or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Please share condolences at [www.thabetfuneralhome.com](http://www.thabetfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home of Cass City.

## Valmer Vance

Valmer "Val" Earl Vance, 85, of Cass City, died following a short illness Monday, February 26, 2018 in Covenant Medical Center Cooper Campus, Saginaw.

He was born October 16, 1932 in Pontiac to Earl and Gladys Mae (Glover) Vance.

He married Marjorie Elizabeth Sartell May 3, 1952 in Pontiac.

Val was happiest working with wood, beginning at a young age. His work career began trimming trees for Fred L. Nelson, then worked for Burke Lumber for ten years. Val worked many years for Birmingham School District as maintenance person and then as school bus driver. His greatest love was working as a finish carpenter. He loved creating out of wood, he liked a challenge, loved being in his workshop. He was a gifted wood worker. Each family member has been honored with one of Val's creations. Val took several mission trips to locations such as the Philippines, Trinidad and Tobago, and Mexico. On a recent vacation through Denali National Park, Val and Marjorie took a white-water rafting trip. Val was a member of Living Waters Church, Caro. He was currently restoring a Model A Ford.

Val is survived by his wife, Marjorie; children: Jerold (Teresa) Vance of Gallatin, TN, Nancy (Eric) Oslund of Waterford, Susan (Scott) Pigeon of Grover Beach, CA, Mark (Julie) Vance of Casper, WY; grandchildren: Jennifer Hunt, Steven Oslund, Matthew Pigeon, Andrew Pigeon, Tim Pigeon, Stephen Vance, Jimmy Vance, Abigail Vance, Andrew Vance, Nathan Vance, Catherine Vance; 12 great-grandchildren and the 13th due soon; 1 great great-granddaughter; and sister, Eleanor Price of Lake Worth, FL.

He was preceded in death by his infant brother, Donald; toddler sister, Marion and his parents.

A funeral service was held Saturday, March 3, in Ellington Church of the Nazarene with Mike Bearden of Living Waters Chapel, Caro and Pastor Scott Pigeon officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund. Pallbearers for Mr. Vance: Eric Oslund, Steve Oslund, Larz Oslund, Bryce Oslund, Jimmy Vance, Ronny VanAllen, Scott Pigeon.

Friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at [www.kranzfuneralhome.com](http://www.kranzfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.

## Donna Walsh

Mrs. Donna Jean Walsh, 91 of Austin Township passed away Sunday, March 4, 2018 at Northwood Meadows in Cass City.

Donna was born on June 29, 1926 in Sandusky to the late Ira and Vera (Holstine) Smith. She married Michael J. Walsh on February 18, 1943 in Abilene, TX. He preceded her in death on September 8, 2006.

Donna attended the Freiburg Country School. She worked as a Rosie the Riveter for a few years. She moved to the Ubyly during WWII. Michael joined Donna once the war was over and they raised their children while she worked by Michael's side on their family farm. Donna was a parishioner at St. Ignatius Catholic Church, Good Shepherd Parish where she was a former member of the Altar Society. She enjoyed ceramics, reading, traveling to the Lawrence Welk Resort and visiting with Archie and Penny Guigar.

Donna is survived by her children, Linda (Robert) McClain of Palmetto, FL, James (Cheryl) Walsh of White Lake, Rochelle (Donald) Weber of San Diego, CA, Cindy (Michael) Smith of Tarpon Springs, FL, David (Karen) Walsh of Ubyly, Nancy (Kevin) Walsh Hrabcak of Cass City; 16 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; one great great granddaughter.

Donna was preceded in death by four siblings, Clem, Isma, June and Jay.

Mass of Christian burial will be 11:00 am, Thursday, March 8 at St. Ignatius Catholic Church, Good Shepherd Parish in Freiburg. Rev. Charles Hammond, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery in the spring.

Visitation will be at the Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home in Ubyly on Wednesday from 2-8 pm and Thursday from 10-11 am at St. Ignatius Catholic Church only.

Memorials have been requested to the St. Ignatius Perpetual Cemetery Fund.

Please visit [www.smigielskifuneralhomes.com](http://www.smigielskifuneralhomes.com) to sign the guest book for Donna's family.

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# Ligrow and Halabis latest recipients of the Red Hawk award

The Cass City Board of Education last week recognized the latest recipients of the coveted Red Hawk Award of Excellence.

They are Rylie Ligrow, a fourth grade student and the daughter of Laura and Jon Ligrow, and Abbey Halabis, an eighth grade student and the daughter of Melissa and Marc Halabis.

During the months of October, December, February and April, each school building staff is asked to nominate students for the award in order to recognize students for leadership, service, outstanding behavior, excellent academic performance, being most improved or other accomplishments in or outside of school.

The nominees and their families are then invited to attend a school board meeting, during which teachers, administrators and the board members themselves congratulate each winner and present them with a maroon ribbon and certificate.

The district's fourth grade teaching team of Lisa Green, Cori Gniewek and Robin Beckrow nominated Ligrow for the honor.

"Rylie is an all-A, all-year student at Cass City Elementary School," Green said.

"She is a very responsible student who turns in her work on time and neatly done. She is also the alternate speller for the fourth grade Tuscola County Spelling Bee, which in itself is no small task," Green added. "She loves to read 'girlie' novels. And quite possibly the quality that is most endearing with Rylie is her smile that lets us know she is up to any task - academic or otherwise - that we ask her to do."

Christin Hempton, dean of students at Cass City Junior-Senior High School, nominated Halabis for the Red Hawk Award of Excellence, describing her as the "true definition of a selfless kid."

"She is always kind, caring and truly wants what is best for those around her," Hempton said. "She is a student advocate and stands up for what is right. When new students come to our school, Abbey is wonderful at showing them around and assisting in acclimating them to the building."

"One of the most impressive things about Abbey is her positive 'can-do' attitude," Hempton added. "She always has a smile on her face and is a joy to be around and work with. In addition to those great qualities, Abbey is also a community volunteer; she helped (during) the 'citizen of the year' dinner, and you can always see her at the ball fields as an umpire."

"With her motivation and drive, it is clear that Abbey will be very successful in many aspects of her life," Hempton said. "I look forward to working with her in the next four years to come."



## Winter Olympics, Revive style!

MORE THAN 200 youngsters registered for the "Kids Winter Olympics" event sponsored by Revive Ministries Saturday at Cass City Junior-Senior High School. In keeping with the theme, there was curling, snowball relays, ski jumps, bobsledding, an indoor sledging hill and other simulated winter sports along with face painting. "We served pizza for lunch and Thumb Bank and Trust provided ice cream sandwiches," Revive official Jaime Fritz said. Among the kids who participated were Noah Brown (on slide), Mia Hopper (bottom photo, left) and Riley Ligrow, Kilee Hopper and Ella Ligrow (bottom photo, right).



THE LATEST Red Hawk Award of Excellence recipients are pictured above with Cass City School Supt. Jeff Hartel. They are Rylie Ligrow, fourth grade (left), and Abbey Halabis, eighth grade.

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