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Sidewalk probe in hands of AG office

by Mary Drier
Special for the Chronicle

The Michigan State Police has concluded its investigation into allegations stemming from construction of a small sidewalk in the village of Ubly.

The results of that probe have not yet been released, but it's possible that a former Ubly official could face criminal charges.

Investigation of the sidewalk issue started with the Ubly Police Department and was then turned over to the Michigan State Police, explained MSP Special First Lieutenant David Kaiser, public information officer, MSP Third District Headquarters, Flint.

"The investigation involves (the alleged) unauthorized use of (public) funds or inappropriate use of

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Owendale man angry with repo man fires shots

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Deputies say an Owendale man wasn't going to let his pickup truck go to a repossession agent without a fight.

Unfortunately, the suspect accentuated his displeasure with a loaded handgun, landing him in jail following the incident last Wednesday night.

No one was injured during the man's confrontation with the individual sent to repossess his truck, according to Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson, who said the suspect pointed his weapon at the driver and fired two rounds, including one in front of the repossession tow truck.

Deputies were dispatched to a residence on Sebawaing Road in

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CASS CITY Junior-Senior High School students exit the gymnasium last Wednesday morning after participating in a nationwide student "walkout" organized to protest gun violence in schools. Roughly 87 local students participated in the event, which lasted 17 minutes – one minute for each victim of the deadly shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla.

87 local students take part in walkout

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

About 87 students – less than a quarter of the Cass City Junior-Senior High School enrollment — participated in last week's nationwide student "walkout", designed to protest gun violence in schools.

Similar demonstrations also took place in other Thumb school districts, including Bad Axe, Caseville, Deckerville, Lakers and Harbor Beach.

"Declaring "enough is enough", tens of thousands of young people from Maine to Alaska walked out of their classrooms last Wednesday. Organizers reported students in more than 3,100 schools participated nationwide.

Women's March officials encouraged students, teachers and others to walk out of schools on the one-month anniversary of the deadly shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglass High School in Parkland, Fla., where a 19-year-old former student of the district returned to the school and slaughtered 17 students and adults with a military-style AR-15 rifle he had legally purchased. Another 15 people were injured.

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

Last week's protest, generally scheduled to start at 10 a.m. and lasting about 17 minutes – one minute for each of the victims in the Florida murders, forced school officials across the country to perform a delicate balancing act of sorts – allowing students to exercise their First Amendment rights while at the same time maintaining order in school and avoiding turning the walkouts into a raging debate over other issues, including gun control.

In Cass City, officials opted to allow an organized walkout – without students having to fear discipline – after consulting with the district's law firm.

"We want to make a learning/teaching moment for all of our students, but it must be done in an orderly manner," Cass City Schools Supt. Jeff Hartel said prior to the demonstration, noting no student would be forced to participate.

"It allows the kids to participate, but yet we're keeping them in a safe environment," he added. "It allows them to have their voice and honor the victims (of school violence)."

Ensuring safety prompted school officials to later determine that students interested in taking part would be directed to gather in the junior-senior high school gymnasium please turn to page 7.

No sale School board will pass on purchase of Baker campus

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The Cass City Board of Education unanimously voted in favor of turning down an offer to purchase Baker College's Cass City campus during a rescheduled monthly meeting Monday night.

"It's a beautiful building...but with no real plan in mind, I hesitate to take this on," school Supt. Jeff Hartel commented before asking

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Arrest made in drug bust

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Sanilac County Drug Task Force officers questioned two adults and arrested one of them Saturday morning after serving a search warrant at a residence in Moore Township in northwest Sanilac County.

The home, located in the 2000 block of Bulgrien Road, Snover, has been the target of what Sanilac County Drug Task Force Director Jim Johnson described as "many

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THE FIRST OF many loads of new equipment arrived last week at the former Erla's Food Center in Cass City as crews prepare to transform the grocery – closed for more than three years now — into a new Ben's Supercenter Inc. location over the next few months. (See story, page 4)

Suspect in break-in, double homicide faces court dates

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The criminal case against the remaining suspect in a home invasion-double homicide in Sanilac County in November will proceed now following completion of a forensic psychiatric evaluation that determined he is competent to stand trial.

The next court appearance for Preston Jack, 30, of Flint, is a preliminary examination slated for Tuesday, March 27 in Sanilac County District Court.

Jack was previously arraigned on a host of felony charges following the Nov. 19 crime in Greenleaf Township that left two other Flint men dead from gunshot wounds.

The double homicide investigation unfolded after the man targeted in the home invasion placed a 911 call to Sanilac Central Dispatch at about 5 a.m., according to Sanilac County Sheriff Garry Biniecki, who reported the call came from a residence in the 4300 block of Holbrook Road.

Investigators said the motive behind the break-in was the planned robbery of a medical marijuana growing operation at the residence.

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

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Preston Jack



BOB BATTEL describes the sap collection process while guiding a tour at the Battel Sugar Bush northeast of Cass City during the family's annual Maple Syrup Saturday public open house Saturday. An estimated 220 people visited during the event, which featured free pancakes with pure maple syrup and sausage. "We went through 15 pounds of pancake mix and 20 pounds of sausage," Sue Stuever Battel noted.

News briefs

Tire collection slated in May

BAD AXE – Huron County residents interested in ridding themselves of unwanted tires have an opportunity to do so during a collection planned for Friday and Saturday, May 11 and 12, at the Huron Expo Center in Bad Axe.

An appointment is necessary. More information is available by calling (989) 269-9540 (ext. 3).

Library will host blood drive

CASS CITY — Rawson Memorial District Library will host a Hills and Dales General Hospital Blood Drive Wednesday, April 4, from 2 to 7 p.m.

Bad art fun on tap at library

CASS CITY — Rawson Memorial District Library will host a creative night of “bad art” Monday, April 16, at 7 p.m.

The event gives patrons an opportunity to create a sculpture, painting, structure, mobile, book or necklace, without any worry about being perfect, during an evening of fun and creativity. The program, open to those ages 12 and older, is free, and no registration required.

Ubly considering hockey club

UBLY — Ubly School District officials are interested trying to develop a hockey club in Huron and Sanilac counties if there is enough support.

Organizers would like to see participation by the Lakers, Bad Axe, Deckerville, Sandusky, Crosswell-Lexington and Marlette school districts.

Watercraft registration easy

MICHIGAN — With nearly 250,000 watercraft registration renewal notices in the mail this month, boat owners are reminded of the ease and convenience of renewing online at ExpressSOS.com.

In 2017, about 53,500 watercraft renewals were submitted online.

Watercraft renewals also may be completed by mail or at a Secretary of State office. Renewals involving a change in name or watercraft information must be completed at an office.

In Michigan, there are nearly 940,000 watercraft on file with the Secretary of State's Office. Registrations are issued for three years and expire on March 31 of the third year.

A boating safety certificate is required to operate a personal watercraft for anyone born after Dec. 31, 1978. Personal watercraft operators must be at least age 16. Children ages 14 or 15 may operate one if they are accompanied by a parent, guardian or designated adult age 21 or older, or if they are operating one within 100 feet of a parent, legal guardian or designated adult age 21 or older.

Easter egg hunt scheduled

CASS CITY – The Cass City Missionary Church will be sponsoring a community Easter egg hunt Saturday, March 24, starting at 1 p.m. at the Cass City High School.

More information is available by contact the church at (989) 872-2729.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery

Man arrested during drug bust

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hours of surveillance and investigation” stemming from multiple tips and complaints.

“Investigators made contact with a 27-year-old female and her eight- and two-year old children that were living at the home,” Johnson reported. “During the investigation, a 26-year-old male showed up, driving to the residence under the influence of suspected drugs. He is the main principal of the home at this time and not related to the woman or children.”

Johnson said drug task officers located and seized illegal drugs and evidence related to sales and use of cocaine and crack cocaine, acid and marijuana. “These items were located in several locations throughout the home,” he noted.

“The 27-year-old female adult with her two children was released after being interviewed. Charges are pending on her until lab results are known and additional follow-up is conducted,” Johnson said.

“The 26-year-old male was arrested for operating while under the influence of drugs and transported to the Sanilac County Jail, where he was lodged and later interviewed by investigators. Additional charges that are expected to be requested include possession with intent to deliver acid, possession of acid, maintaining a drug house, (and) possession of marijuana. The male also faces the charges related to the suspected cocaine,” he added.

Johnson said the drug task force was at the same residence previously, in April 2017, regarding illegal drugs as an assisting agency to the department of health and human services.

“DHS has been contacted concerning the current issue with children in the residence and their exposure to the drug issues found — these were not the same children or mother as the 2017 incident,” he said.

“The investigation is ongoing and the additional drug charges are pending lab results. The Drug Task Force was assisted by the Sanilac County Sheriff's Uniform Division and the St. Clair County K-9 Unit.”



SIXTH GRADE students Justin MacAlpine (in back, far right) and Abe Mack (next to MacAlpine) demonstrated their robotic skills during Monday night's rescheduled monthly meeting of the Cass City Board of Education. Three of Coach Ron Woloshen's teams reached this year's VEX IQ state robotics finals.

Board members pass on Baker campus

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ing board members for their input.

“We don't have a plan, we don't have the funds for it,” agreed board member Janie Meeker.

Board members last month toured the Main Street campus, which is scheduled to close due to a decline in enrollment. School officials agreed the facility is in good shape and would be a bargain — Baker officials offered to sell the building to the district for \$1.

However, the structure also came with a financial liability in the form of ongoing utility expenses of roughly \$20,000 a year — about the same amount school officials spent annually over three or four years on the former Campbell Elementary School building after closing the school and before finally selling the property to Thumb Area Psychological Services for \$51,000 in late 2015.

After he was initially contacted by Baker officials in January, Hartel said he contacted intermediate school officials in Tuscola and Huron counties to discuss possible uses for the local college campus, including possibly establishing a combination robotics facility/ alternative (GED) education center.

While a cooperative agreement might have been reached in time, Hartel indicated local school officials have already identified other priorities to focus on, including an upcoming special election in which voters will be asked to approve a bond extension.

BOND CAMPAIGN

Turning to that election, scheduled for Tuesday, May 8, Hartel presented the board with a list of planned presentations to explain the bond proposal to the public.

Community forums have been slated for Monday, April 9, and Thursday, April 19, both at 6 p.m. in the high school cafeteria; Wednesday, April 25, at 4:30 p.m. at the elementary school; and Monday, May 7, at 6 p.m. at Rolling Hills Golf Course. Presentations will also be made to the Cass City Gavel Club (April 10), Cass City Lions Club (April 16), and Cass City Rotary Club (April 17).

Voters are being asked to support an extension of an existing three-mill tax that originally generated funding for a host of capital improvement projects at what is now Cass City Elementary School.

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

In preparation for the upcoming vote, school board members conducted a walk-through of district buildings and have been working on prioritizing needed repairs and upgrades they hope to pay for with the bond extension money.

At stake is the condition of two aging buildings, including the high school, which was built in 1966. The district's newest building — the former middle school, now Cass City Elementary School — was constructed about 20 years ago.

If approved, the millage extension would provide funding for projects ranging from school building security, climate control and electrical service upgrades, to boiler replacement, school bus purchases, technology upgrades, science and STEM lab renova-

tions, and parking lot paving.

School officials are emphasizing that the bond funding cannot be used for salaries, general operating expenses, classroom supplies, administration, building maintenance/repairs, or service contracts/installment purchase contracts.

In other business Monday, the board:

*Learned the district's next kindergarten round-up will be Wednesday, April 25, from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

*Authorized Cass City Junior-Senior High School musicians to participate in a jazz festival Sunday, April 22, at Bad Axe High School.

*Watched a robotics demonstration presented by sixth graders Justin MacAlpine and Abe Mack, accompanied by teacher and elementary school robotics Coach Ron Woloshen. Three of Woloshen's teams who competed in the VEX IQ robotics competition reached this year's state finals.

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In Our OPINION...

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Editor

Raising poultry can be a risky business

Displays of live chicks in farm supply stores is a welcome harbinger of spring for many Thumb area residents, especially those who raise or plan to start raising their own poultry at home.

However, the hobby can present some health risks.

Experts at the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) are warning Michiganders about the potential for baby poultry to carry Salmonella. A common bacteria found in the droppings of poultry, Salmonella usually doesn't make the birds sick, but can cause illness in people.

"Washing your hands thoroughly before and after handling chicks and other poultry protects both you and your family from the risk of Salmonella, and helps keep the birds healthy," says MDHHS Chief Medical Executive Dr. Eden Wells. "Even handling baby birds displayed in stores can result in a Salmonella infection."

In 2017, there were 10 nationwide outbreaks of Salmonella illness linked to contact with live poultry, causing illness in 1,120 people in 48 states, including Michigan. This was the largest number of illnesses linked to contact with backyard poultry to-date.

Michigan reported 35 cases, nearly half involving children.

Raising backyard birds has grown in popularity over the last several years. However, certain groups have a greater chance of illness from handling live poultry or contact with areas where the birds live.

Health experts recommend that children younger than five years old, older adults and people with weak immune systems not handle or touch live poultry because they are more likely to become severely ill.

Salmonella can cause diarrhea, vomiting, fever and/or abdominal cramps lasting four to seven days or more. Salmonella infections can be especially serious for the very young, the very old and those with weak immune systems.

Although baby poultry have special requirements for warmth and protection, they should never be housed indoors, particularly in areas where food or drink are prepared.

Follow these simple steps to help protect your family and others:

**Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water after touching birds or anything in their environment. Adults should supervise hand washing for young children.*

**Use hand sanitizer after touching birds or their environment until you can wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water.*

**Do not kiss or snuggle birds, touch your mouth or eat or drink around live poultry.*

**Do not bring live baby poultry into schools, child-care centers or nursing homes.*

**Do not keep live poultry inside the house where people live, eat or sleep.*

**Keep live poultry away from areas where food or drink is prepared, served or stored, such as kitchens or outdoor patios.*

**Clean any equipment associated with raising or caring for poultry outdoors*

**Set aside a pair of shoes to wear while caring for poultry and keep those shoes outside the home.*

Area residents can learn more by visiting the website Cdc.gov/features/salmonellapoultry/index.html.

Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

Power to the people



For this column, I'm jumping on my soapbox. For the whippersnappers who read this, it's also known as a rant.

I was taken aback by the negative reaction about schools participating in the "March for Our Lives" demonstration against the violence of school shootings, and many districts' blessing to allow it.

I'm a child of the 60s. I view the national movement and local participation of students and school districts that supported the event as encouraging. In fact, I find the 17-minute long demonstration, which was designed to equal one minute for each of the 17 who were killed during the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting in Parkland, Fla., commendable.

There were 87 students in the Cass City School District who participated peacefully and respectfully in the national event.

When Cass City School leaders posted information about the March for Our Lives movement, they explained the rationale and legal aspects of it.

The district didn't use the event as a political platform, but rather as a learning experience and a demonstration of the constitutionally-protected right to free speech. I personally commend Cass City School leaders and students.

Those who criticized the movement have apparently forgotten history and the positive outcome that can happen from demonstrating to have your voice heard.

Demonstrations — like throwing tea into the water to take a stance — heralded the end of British rule over what would become the United States, and demonstrations in India and Africa resulted in changes in those countries.

Closer to home, youths speaking up, standing up to the government, and marching have also helped to change the course of the United States. It was that action that helped end segregation, and demonstrations helped sway the Vietnam War.

Those who criticize the walkout have probably never been shot at, or had to worry about the person sitting next to them day after day using a gun to end their life. Back when I was a security guard, I worked in some pretty rough areas and had grave concerns. I was shot at, and soon found a different profession.

Students don't have that option. I've seen numerous newspaper accounts detailing the various school shootings that have happened over the years. One of the most moving images I have seen — that underscores the impact of gun violence in schools — was the site of 7,000 pairs of shoes displayed on the lawn at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., last week.

Since the Sandy Hook shooting in Newtown, Conn., six years ago, 7,000 youths have lost their lives to gun violence in schools.

For those who think such a thing can't happen here. They are wrong. It can happen anywhere at any time. Within the last month and a half, there have been six alleged threats of terrorism in Tuscola County's nine school districts, which resulted in five youths facing criminal charges. Fortunately, none of the threats materialized.

I wholeheartedly support and applaud students who participated in the recent demonstration and the school districts that supported them.

American's government is of the people, by the people, for the people...no matter the person's age.



Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

This isn't your typical science fair.

Area residents are sure to be impressed with the demonstrations they'll find at this year's annual STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) Fair at Cass City Junior-Senior High School, according to local science and STEM teacher T.C. Gruber, one of the event organizers.

The popular event, now in its four year, is slated for today (Wednesday) from 6 to 8 p.m. in the high school gymnasium.

"Last year we had over 70 student projects and we are hoping for even more this year," Gruber noted. "There will be activities for the whole family to enjoy."

Hills and Dales Foundation Director Danielle Blaine reports their recently held 19th annual winter fundraiser was a huge success and raised over \$14,000.

The money that is raised is used each year to purchase new equipment, update technology, or any other needs that departments have in the hospital, according to Blaine, adding, Last year, the foundation was able to assist with over \$23,000 worth of new items for the hospital.

"It is because of the support of events such as this that we are able to contribute in such a significant way each year," she said.

I was able to spend family time in downtown Detroit Friday with my sisters Lynn and BJ. We gathered mostly to support the Michigan State University (MSU) basketball team, but also to experience metro life.

Our visit was short. We stayed only one night — at the Double Tree Suites — which was only a short shuttle ride to the Little Caesars Area, where the NCAA Tournament was in progress.

Actually, we didn't attend the Spartans opening game win. But that didn't mean we weren't able to cheer on the Big10 champs.

It started at a MSU pep rally at The Fillmore Theatre. A spectacular setting that opened in 1925 and was known as The State Theatre. Like many downtown Detroit movie houses, it has gone through incarnations. Today the interior boasts a dozen bars, white marble staircase, crystal chandeliers, Corinthian columns and a high tech video wall.

Playing on center stage was an 8-piece band led by a female vocalist. When the group took a break, the MSU cheerleaders, Sparty and the university's pep band took the spotlight.

Although the weekend ended poorly for MSU basketball fans, pizza lovers should feel pretty good about another upset in the NCAA tournament.

Little Caesars said it would offer a free lunch if the impossible happened. And it happened Friday night in Charlotte, N.C.

No. 16 seed University of Maryland-Baltimore County made history by demolishing No. 1 seed Virginia, 74-54, the first-time a No. 16 seed knocked off a top seed in the NCAA tournament.

Before the tournament, the pizza company promised every family that enters a participating store between 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. (local time) on April 2 and mentions the offer at the check-out counter would receive one free HOT-N-READY lunch combo.

The lunch combo includes four slices of Detroit-style deep dish pizza with pepperoni and one 20-ounce Pepsi-Cola product drink; the offer is said to be available while supplies last, and not redeemable for orders placed after 1:00 p.m.

Bird watcher Al Proowski was the first to report a Robin sighting, a long-time Chronicle tradition originally signaling the start of spring is near.

He spotted the state bird last week in the parking lot of Cole Carbide, where he is employed.

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Wednesday, March 21

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

Thursday, March 22

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

Saturday, March 24

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

Monday, March 26

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

Tuesday, March 27

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

STANDING COMMUNITY CALENDAR ITEMS

First Sunday:

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

First Monday:

•Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.
•Shabbona Outreach Baby Pantry, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Shabbona Outreach 5448 Shabbona Rd. Decker, MI. Gently used clothing and equipment, diapers, bottles, toys, formula, baby food. For more information contact Judy Doerr (989) 658-8625.

First Saturday:

•Suicide Survivor Grief Support Group, 1 p.m., Thumb Area Psychological Services 6627 Rose St., Cass City. For more information Lisa Schoettle, MA LPC NCC at 989-872-1800.

Second Monday:

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

Second Tuesday:

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

Second Wednesday:

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

Second Thursday:

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

Third Monday:

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

Third Tuesday:

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

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

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

Third Thursday:

•Sanilac County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, 3 p.m., HDC Adult Day Services Building, 227 N. Elk St., Sandusky. For more information, contact Kim at (989) 673-4121 or Amanda at (810) 648-4497.

•Grief Support meetings, "Healing Together." Heritage Hill, 1430 Cleaver Rd., Caro, 7- 8:30 p.m. For questions or to register to attend please call the office at (989) 872-5852 or toll free (877) 872-5852. These sessions are open to anyone dealing with a grief or loss. Sponsored by Hospice Advantage, Cass City.

•Caregiver Support Group, 11:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Bullard-Sanford Memorial Library, 520 W. Huron Ave., Vassar. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

Third Friday:

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

Third Saturday:

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

Fourth Monday:

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

Fourth Wednesday:

•Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
•Huron County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, Huron Behavioral Health, Bad Axe. For more information, contact Rhonda Quinn at (989) 269-9293.

•Sanilac County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, Sanilac County Medical Care Facility. Noon to 2 p.m. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

Fourth Thursday:

•Community Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.

Last Monday:

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

Last Wednesday:

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

Every Monday:

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

Every Tuesday:

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

Every Wednesday:

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

Every Thursday:

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

Every Saturday

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

Ben's owner: new Cass City grocery to open late this year

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A pair of semi-trailer trucks arrived at the former Erla's Food Center building in Cass City last Wednesday morning. And the drivers weren't simply looking for a place to park.

In fact, the trailers were filled with the first batch of new equipment slated for installation inside the former store at 6233 Church St., which is expected to be transformed into what is expected to be named "Ben's Fresh Neighborhood Market" over the next few months.

"We've got around 17 truckloads of equipment coming that way," Jim Zyrowski, owner of the Marlette-based Ben's Supercenter Inc., commented last week. Zyrowski owns the former Erla's property and expects to open the newest Ben's location in town sometime this fall.

Zyrowski originally planned to build a grocery store just north of M-81 on the west end of Cass City on the site of the former Croft Clara lumber yard, but later opted to use the Erla's building — which he purchased in the fall of

2015 — saying it would be far less expensive to renovate than to build from scratch.

Part of Zyrowski's plan is to house a branch of Frankenmuth Credit Union inside the new store, a move made possible last year when he secured a zoning variance allowing a bank drive-through feature to be constructed along the north side of Church Street, within less than the 60-foot setback requirement in the village's zoning ordinance.

Zyrowski said last week that crews will be assembling new equipment and at the same time renovating the interior of the store over the next several weeks.

"It's a lot of work for us," Zyrowski acknowledged. For example, he said, nearly 20 roof-top units will be removed from the existing building and will be replaced by a state-of-the-art, energy-efficient compressor system that will be housed on the ground level. Extensive roof work will follow.

In spite of the challenges, Zyrowski indicated he's confident everything will fall into place for a grand opening later this year. "We're committed, for sure," he

said.

That's good — and long awaited — news for local residents.

Cass City has been without a grocery store for more than three years. In September 2014, former Erla's Food Center owner Venu Ganga closed the business after owning and operating the store for about 2 1/2 years. Ganga originally purchased the business in February 2011, marking the end of a 57-year business tradition established by the Erla family.

Zyrowski has said the Ben's location in Cass City will feature fresh produce and meats along with a deli and bakery.

When the project is complete, he said, the store will actually yield one-third more space than when Erla's was open because the area previously devoted to meat processing will now be used for the grocery/deli/bakery sections of the new store.

Ben's Supercenter is family owned and operated. Founded in 1965, the company currently has three locations; Ben's Supercenter in Brown City, Ben's Supercenter in Marlette and Ben's Contractor Center/Ben's Great Outdoors, also in Marlette.

Trio face drug-related charges

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Huron County Sheriff's deputies arrested a trio of Thumb residents on drug-related charges Thursday night.

The arrests came thanks, in part, to a cooperative effort involving law enforcement officials in Sanilac County, according to Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson.

"Our deputies acted on information from the Sanilac County Drug Task Force about illegal drug activity in our county, which was related to investigations that Sanilac was working on in their county. This led to our deputies

obtaining a search warrant for a residence and vehicles in the 3800 block of Eppenbrock Road in Sherman Township," Hanson said.

"With the assistance of Sanilac (officers), the search warrant was served, which resulted in a 24-year-old Ubyly woman and a 37-year-old Snover man being arrested for felony possession of cocaine," he said. "Both apparently had been taken off guard by the entry of the deputies, as both loaded and spent syringes used to inject cocaine were located and seized."

Deputies seized drug paraphernalia along with cell phones and roughly \$300 in cash.

Both suspects were transported to the Huron County Jail and were being held on bonds of \$400 and \$1,000.

"A third person who had just left the residence in his vehicle and was about a mile away as the deputies were arriving was also arrested," noted Hanson, who identified the suspect as a 46-year-old Harbor Beach resident charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of drugs.

"He posted his \$350 bond... and has since been released. Other charges involving all may be considered at another time," the sheriff said.

Tuscola deputies assist in pursuit

Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies assisted Flint police in the apprehension of an armed robbery suspect last week.

Sheriff Glen Skrent reported deputies were notified of an ongoing pursuit of the suspect, originating from the city of Flint, at about 2 a.m. Wednesday.

"The chase entered into our

county in Arbel Township. Several attempts were initiated to stop the subject with spike strips, but (they were) unsuccessful," Skrent reported.

"The chase went into Watertown Township and headed towards Lapeer County," he said. "Lapeer County deputies deployed a spike

strip which was successful in deflating several tires, but the suspect kept going. Tuscola deputies were successful in deploying spike strips again, which ended the chase at Castle and Boucher roads."

Officers then arrested the 35-year-old male suspect without incident.

Circuit court proceedings

Several appear on felony charges

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

*Thomas L. Fuller, 54, Vassar, pleaded guilty to a charge of possession of marijuana, subsequent offense, April 6 in Vassar Township, and to possession of a controlled substance, subsequent offense, Nov. 6 in Indianfields Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at a combined \$15,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Brent W. Geesey, 26, Millington, pleaded no contest to armed robbery involving serious injury to the victim July 12, 2016, in Millington. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered for the defendant, and his bond was revoked by the court. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Jenna E. Gould, 31, Deford, pleaded guilty to charges of possession of a controlled substance and retail fraud, third degree (involving merchandise valued at less than \$200) Dec. 24 in Caro. She was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior

felony conviction).

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

*Raymond J. Crittenden, 57, Deford, pleaded no contest to operat-

ing a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Dec. 3 in Dayton Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$1,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

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Reporter's notebook

Grandkids are simply the best

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



A recent visit by a couple of our granddaughters made a Sunday afternoon something special.

Grandchildren have a way of doing that without even trying, you know?

They arrived with a gift in hand for grandpa — a bag of circus peanuts (one of my favorite candies) — although the bag evidently had spontaneously opened in the car en route to our place. Sort of like when my wife occasionally arrives home with a few groceries and I note that, once again, she has brought home a partially consumed box of cookies, etc.

Oh, well, no matter.

The girls' visit included a rousing game of bean bag toss, during which my accuracy was chided by a granddaughter who made it clear I was winning too many points, and that I needed to throw the bean bags over the target.

And, of course, the girls rifled through boxes of puzzles and other toys, conveniently located within their reach. They played and, every once in a while, argued over who had what.

The visit reminded me that when it comes to grandparenting, the learning curve is smooth and easy, probably because there are very few rules (except for the ones grandchildren make up when you're playing a game).

The other exception involves sweets. Sweets are always okay.

My wife and I have been blessed with nine grandkids — all living nearby and each as different from the other as they can be, but every one of them special in their own way. And they all enjoy visits to our home.

I suspect grandma and grandpa's house is a popular destination for several reasons, starting with the fact that grandparents are old and have interesting features; some have no hair, or only hair growing out of weird places like their ears. Some can even take their teeth out.

Many of us — myself included — do share a common joy, however; we really savor opportunities to let the kids do all the things they're not supposed to at home. We usually revel in telling the little munchkins that, yes, they may in fact, have one (or three) of those.

And why not? We have time and a few more dollars in our pockets compared to our child-rearing years, and we have all sorts of cool "stuff" in nearly every cupboard and cabinet, just waiting to be explored by tiny fingers.

Of course, we know that when all the fun is over, the little ones are going to take all of that sugar-fueled energy back home with mom and dad, just in time for bed.

I don't know about you, but I particularly enjoy ignoring my daughters' glares when I offer the kids an extra chocolate cookie just as they're climbing into the old minivan.

No bib? No problem, daughter, that's why they invented soap, water and the washing machine (not to mention sleeves). Duh!

Don't get me wrong — our grandchildren love fruit and often go for the bananas and apples first (one of the little oddballs even has a passion for olives). And in the summer they're always on the lookout for a fresh cucumber or tomato out of grandpa's garden. But they aren't about to turn down a handful of Skittles on the side.

Grandparents are special because we have the luxury of taking the time to give each youngster some special attention, whether it's heading outside to search for bugs, cut a few flowers, climb a tree or catch a fish.

We're also reasonably easy to manipulate. I mean, even if grandpa say's "no", grandma will probably say "yes" (and have a word with grandpa later).

I imagine when our kids were young, we looked a great deal like my daughters and their broods — always rushing around, especially when it came time to gather the youngsters along with their toys, shoes, jackets, etc., for the journey back home from wherever. Meal times were frequently hectic, and getting everyone ready and off to school was a fascinating study in multitasking.

No wonder we look old and tired these days.

And happy, because there's nothing that compares to having a little one — with bright eyes and a big smile — running up to you and wrapping their little arms around your neck for a big hug.

Now that's sweet.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2013)

Donna Hopper has been named Owendale-Gagetown School's "Senior Student of the Month". Hopper has been a member of the varsity softball team all throughout high school, along with playing volleyball in her junior year and basketball in her senior year. She has been a member of the Owen-Gage Band all 4 years, playing percussion. Hopper is the daughter of Joe and Danille Hopper of Carsonville. She plans to attend North Western Michigan Community College to major in alternative energy.

Cass City Schools fifth grade teacher Andrea Ross and her husband ran the St. Patrick's Day 5k race in Bay City, finishing with times of 27.01 and 23.20, respectively. One of Andrea's students, Evan Neff, also completed the race, with a time of 25.52, and student Brayden Wilson also participated in the event, finishing in 32.06.

10 YEARS AGO (2008)

Addison Elizabeth Frederick was born Feb. 28, 2008 at 4:43 p.m. at Huron Medical Center, Bad Axe. She weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces and was 22 1/2 inches long. Addison is the daughter of Kati R. Hill and Gavin J. Frederick, both of Cass City. She is the granddaughter of Kim and Dorothy Hill, and Steve and Julie Frederick, all of Cass City. Great-grandparents are Margie Muegge and the late Edward Schwartz, Howard and Bonnie Hill, Jim and Beth Lefler, Bill and Char Slaughter and Sherlock and Teresa Frederick, all of Cass City. Addison's godparents are Dave Rabideau and Jen Ostrowski, both of Cass City.

Cass City High School students who recently participated in the District 3 MSBOA Solo and Ensemble District Festival are Scarlett Helland, Jenny Manwell, Evan Bushong, Sarah Reed, Ariel Veneziano and Lauren Halcomb-Hudson. Bushong and Manwell went on to compete at the state solo and ensemble event.

25 YEARS AGO (1993)

Pat Smith of the Cass City AAUW presents a \$50 savings bond to Cass City Middle School eighth grader Rachel Peters, local winner of an essay contest held in honor of Women's History Month.

Christine and Duane Hickey of Fairgrove announce the engagement of their daughter, Robin Ann, to Brad Joseph Hebert, son of Gail and Bernard Hebert, also of Fairgrove. The bride-elect is attending Michigan State University and the groom attends Central Michigan University.

Five area residents are among the students who have been named to the fall semester honors list at Michigan State University. The local students, who earned grade point averages of 3.5 or better, are Kelly L. Polega and Timothy J. Rutkoski, both of Cass City; James M. Green of Kingston, Debbie M. Timmons of Owendale, and Jill A. Kubacki of Ubyly.

Donald J. Smith of Decker was among 34 Michigan dairy farmers honored for 35 years of Michigan Milk Producers Association membership during MMPA's 77th State Annual Meeting March 16 in Lansing.

35 YEARS AGO (1983)

Lori Langley, a junior at Kingston High School, has been selected to compete in the 1983 Michigan Miss Teen pageant. The 16-year-old is the daughter of Dennis and Linda Langley of Caro.

Monica Gale is the name of the daughter born March 6 in Hills and Dales General Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Tim Dorland of Deford. She weighed six pounds and 13 ounces and joins a three-year-old brother, Trent.

Mrs. Clark Helwig entertained five women Tuesday afternoon, March 8, at a party celebrating the birthdays of Mrs. Richard McClorey, Mrs. Don Finkbeiner

and Mrs. Cecil Barrigar. Other guests were Mrs. Stanley Walters and Mrs. Wayne Peddie.

Sheri Spencer, 10, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Spencer of Englehart Road, Deford, has been selected as a finalist in the 1983 Miss Michigan National Pre-teen Pageant at the Ford Field House, Grand Rapids, Saturday, Sept. 10. Miss Spencer is sponsored by four businesses and Mr. and Mrs. Mason Spencer. Her hobbies include reading, ice-skating, and singing.

Spelling champs at Cass City Intermediate School are Chris Klco, second overall, and Becky Smerdon, who holds the winning word, Shannon Lowry, sixth grade; Lisa Britt, seventh, and Shannon McIntosh, eighth.

Navy Seaman Apprentice Lori M. Kitchen, daughter of James B. and Collen E. Kitchen of 5949 E. Gilford Road, Deford, has reported for duty aboard the destroyer tender ship USS Yosemite, homeported in Mayport, Fla.

40 YEARS AGO (1978)

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Clarke of Cass City announce the engagements of their daughters, Sharon Elaine to Randall Lynn Ground, son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Ground of Dallas, Texas, and Kathy Diane to Mark Leslie Dillard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dillard of Lake Orion, Mich. Sharon and Randy are 1977 graduates of Abilene Christian University, Abilene, Texas. Kathy and Mark will graduate in May from Michigan Christian Junior College in Rochester. A double wedding is being planned for Aug. 12 at the Clarke home.

Owendale-Gagetown High School has announced that Brian A. Prich and Dawn E. Erickson have been named valedictorian and salutatorian respectively, for the 1977-78 school year. Brian is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Prich, Bach Road, Owendale. He carries a grade point average of 3.84 out of a possible 4.00.

Marine Lance Corporal John F. Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne L. Anderson of Ritter Road, Cass City, has reported for duty with the 2nd Marine Division. Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C. He joined the Marine Corps in September 1975.

50 YEARS AGO (1968)

Top ranking students in Cass City High School's Class of 1968 were announced by school authorities this week. Valedictorian distinction was achieved this year by Joan Lynn Maleck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Maleck, Cass City. Miss Maleck has earned an honor point average of 3.548. Her activities during the years have included Band, French Club, two years as student teacher, and the president of her class during its junior year. Her scholarship and leadership were recognized by election first to the Junior Honor Society and later to the Senior Society. Salutatorian for 1968 is Kathy Lynn Mark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Mark, of rural Cass City. Her grade point average is 3.457. Her club memberships have included the Spanish Club, Future Teachers, and Future Homemakers. She has been a student council member and is now acting as that group's secretary. Kathy, too, has been both a Junior and Senior member of the National Honor Society. Her fellow students elected her homecoming queen in the fall of 1967.

Clark MacKenzie Knapp, Kalamazoo, is the president of the Clark W. MacKenzie 33 degree of the Masons of Scottish Rite Masons, it was revealed in the Scottish Rite News. The class is named after Knapp's uncle, the late Clark W. MacKenzie of Kalamazoo and a Cass City native.

Tom Fulcher, a junior at Cass City High School, has been selected to compete in the Sound of Youth USA program in Flint in Whiting Auditorium Saturday, Mar. 30. Fulcher, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Fulcher of Cass

City, was selected for the competition after he was auditioned by show authorities. The top four acts in each of three categories made it to the finals Saturday. Fulcher qualified as a male vocalist. Other categories are female vocalist and groups. Fulcher will sing "Green, Green Grass of Home" and accompany himself on the guitar. If he wins he will receive cash prizes and be eligible for the State finals Saturday, April 27, in Flint. State winners compete in the national show June 24. National winners will get a big boost towards a professional career with TV and recording contracts and cash awards.

75 YEARS AGO (1943)

Miss Shirley E. Beardsley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Beardsley, of Cass City, has joined the Woman's Auxiliary of the Marines and expects to leave Detroit March 26 for Hunter Girls' College, New York City, for her training. Miss Beardsley has been employed in the office of the Cadillac Motor Co. since her graduation from the Detroit Business Institute two years ago. Her brother, Clinton, is a Marine stationed somewhere overseas.

Guy W. Landon, known to local bowlers as "Grandpappy" Landon, with an average of 186, leads the Community League of 70 players with the highest average for the series of games just completed.

Harold M. Ferguson, son of Mrs. Phebe Ferguson, has been promoted from private to private first class. He has been transferred to Springfield, Mo.

Pfc. Thomas Downing graduated from the radio school at Scott Field, Ill., Tuesday. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Downing of Gagetown.

Pvt. Andrew Woiden, with the Signal Corps stationed at Tampa, Florida, is spending an 18-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Woiden.

After a 15-day furlough spent with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Creguer, here, Pvt. Harold Creguer left last Wednesday to return to Camp Cooke, California.

Miss Mary Lou McCoy, daughter of Mrs. Ethel McCoy of Cass City, who has enlisted in the WAACs, left Chicago Tuesday, Mar. 16, for Daytona Beach, Fla., where she will be stationed to receive her first training.

100 YEARS AGO (1918)

Dear Mr. Lenzner: I have been thinking of writing to the Chronicle for some time to let the Cass City people know that I have not forgotten them. I am in the field artillery: I like it, I think as well as I would any other branch of the army. I am gaining in weight, so you see that they take good care of us down here. There were nineteen of us who came down from Tuscola county the same time that I did, and ten of them are in the same barracks that I am in and eight in the battery next to ours, and the other was sick so he was sent home. It makes it nice for us to be together. I have not been down to see Meredith Auten and Hugh Gardner yet, but am going to soon. I have been spending the most of my spare time in Battle Creek since Mrs. Vickers came down. I read the Chronicle here at the "Y". The Y. M. C. A. gives a free entertainment every night and they are very good. There are orchestra concerts, glee clubs, speaking or moving picture shows. It sure is a good place to spend the evening when a fellow has not anything else to do. I would be glad to hear from any of my friends at any time. HARRY J. VICKERS, Battery B, 329 F. A.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bunker were agreeably surprised Saturday evening when their children, Walter, from Pt. Huron; Arthur, Andrew and Addie from Detroit; and David from Flint, came to spend a few days with them. Mr. and Mrs. Rodgers and daughter, Mrs. Horace Wyman, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Bartlett.

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BOYS' BASEBALL (VARSITY)

DATE	OPPONENT
3/22	Capac
4/5	Caro
4/10	Brown City
4/12	Ubly
4/14	Tuscola Tourny @ Millington.....TBA
4/16	Sandusky
4/19	Bad Axe
4/23	Memphis
4/26	USA
4/30	Marlette
5/3	Reese
5/10	Vassar
5/12	Saginaw Nouvel Tourny.....9:30 a.m.
5/14	Harbor Beach
5/17	EPBP Lakers
5/29-6/1	Districts @ TBA.....TBA

All games begin at 4 p.m. unless noted

GIRLS' SOFTBALL (VARSITY)

DATE	OPPONENT
3/22	Capac
4/5	Caro
4/10	Brown City
4/12	Ubly
4/14	Tuscola Tourny @ Millington.....TBA
4/16	Sandusky
4/19	Bad Axe
4/23	Memphis
4/26	USA
4/30	Marlette
5/3	Reese
5/10	Vassar
5/12	Brown City Tourny.....TBA
5/14	Harbor Beach
5/17	EPBP Lakers
5/23	Cros-Lex (Varsity & JV)
5/29-6/1	Districts @ TBA.....TBA

All games begin at 4 p.m. unless noted

TRACK

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
3/21	Reese/USA/Marlette	4:30 p.m.
4/5	Reese/Vassar	4:30 p.m.
4/10	Bad Axe/EPBP Lakers/USA	4:30 p.m.
4/13	Brown City Invite	4:00 p.m.
4/17	Brown City/EPBP Lakers/Reese	4:30 p.m.
4/18	Bad Axe 9/10 Invite	TBA
4/20	Marlette Invite	4:00 p.m.
4/24	USA Invite	4:00 p.m.
4/27	Vassar Invite	4:00 p.m.
5/1	Ubly Invite	4:00 p.m.
5/4	Reese Invite	3:30 p.m.
5/8	EPBP Lakers Invite	4:00 p.m.
5/9	Reese 9/10 Invite	TBA
5/11	Bad Axe Invite	4:00 p.m.
5/15	GTW League Meet @ EPBP Lakers	4:00 p.m.
5/18	Regionals @ Marlette	TBA
5/22	Tribune Meet of Champs @ Bad Axe	TBA
5/29	Thumb Meet of Champs @ Caro	TBA
6/2	State Finals	TBA

GOLF

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
4/5	Caro	4:00 p.m.
4/19	Caro	4:00 p.m.
4/23	GTC Jamboree @ Vassar	3:30 p.m.
4/24	GTC Jamboree @ USA	4:00 p.m.
4/25	North Huron Invite - Bird Creek	TBA
4/27	Ubly Invite	8:15 a.m.
4/29	GTC Jamboree @ Bad Axe	4:00 p.m.
5/3	GTC Jamboree @ Cass City	4:00 p.m.
5/9	Brown City Invite	8:00 a.m.
5/11	GTC Jamboree @ Lakers	4:00 p.m.
5/14	Millington Quad	1:00 p.m.
5/16	Owen-Gage Invite	9:30 a.m.
5/18	Warner Memorial Invite @ Vassar	TBA
5/21	GTC League Meet @ Ubly	TBA
5/22	Bad Axe @ Verona	4:00 p.m.
5/23	Mayville Invite	TBA
5/30	Regionals @ Scenic	TBA

JUNIOR HIGH TRACK

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
4/11	USA/Vassar	4:30 p.m.
4/16	Sandusky/Vassar	4:30 p.m.
4/18	Bad Axe	4:30 p.m.
4/23	Reese/Sandusky	4:30 p.m.
4/25	Brown City/Sandusky	4:30 p.m.
5/2	Vassar/Reese	4:30 p.m.
5/7	Vassar/USA/Reese/EPBP Lakers	4:30 p.m.
5/9	Harbor Beach	4:30 p.m.
5/16	GTC West League Meet	TBA

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Cass City students take part in national walkout

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sium, rather than in a designated area outside the building. The walkout was also scheduled at the beginning of the school day, from 8:05 to 8:22 a.m.

Administrators were on hand throughout the gathering, as were two Cass City Police officers.

Both Hartel and junior-senior high school Principal Chad Daniels addressed the students, first briefly discussing the purpose of the walkout.

"It's all about anti-school violence. It's not about a political platform, it's not a social platform," Daniels told the students.

Daniels engaged the student by asking for their input on ways to keep students safe in school. He also urged them to take an active role by immediately reporting any information that might be relevant to a possible threat, and by not taking anything – or anyone – for granted. An example, he said, would be letting someone in the building via a locked door.

"The number one thing is to keep your eyes open," Daniels said. "You're part of the whole (school safety) thing."

"We are going to continue to have these conversations about what we can do to keep you safe," Hartel commented after the gathering, which he said fulfilled its purpose. "We're not here to make a political stand," he added. "We're here to put a stop to school violence. That's all. Period."



CASS CITY High School Principal Chad Daniels addresses students who took part in last week's student walkout, which was held one month after a 19-year-old entered his former school in Florida and used a semi-automatic rifle to gun down 17 students and adults in one of this nation's deadliest incidents of gun violence in a school.



Homicide suspect due in court

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idence deceased and the other suspects fled on foot.

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

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

Jack and a co-defendant, Stephen V. Shimmel, 47, also of Flint, were subsequently arrested and charged with assault with intent to commit murder (two counts), conspiracy to commit assault with intent to murder, armed robbery – causing serious injury, two counts of assault with intent to rob while armed, conspiracy to commit armed robbery, first degree home invasion, possession of a firearm by a felon, receiving and concealing a stolen motor vehicle, and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony.

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

Ugly sidewalk probe in hands of AG office

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funds," said Kaiser.

MSP Detective Jeff Hook completed the investigation and turned it over to the Huron County Prosecutor's office early last week.

The investigation stems from a disagreement last fall involving David Jaroch, former village president, allegedly spending money on sidewalk construction without council approval.

"In October, someone questioned that sidewalk. It went from questioning to a police investigation within a very short time. I don't know who made that decision. It was not discussed at a council meeting, but it had to have been discussed somewhere outside of a meeting," said Jaroch.

The sidewalk in question, which is less than half a block in length, is located along Garfield Street between Main and Bingham streets. There is a sidewalk in front of the bank and its parking lot, and to the north there is a driveway. From that driveway to the corner is the new sidewalk.

That new section benefits people walking back and forth from the park so they don't have to walk in the street.

Huron County Prosecutor Tim

Rutkowski has recused himself from the legal proceedings in the case.

"I'm turning the issue over to the attorney general's office because of my relationship to someone on the council," Rutkowski said. "From there, the attorney general's office will then assign the case to a county prosecutor (in our district)."

While the issue started with a council member questioning the expenditure of roughly \$224 on sidewalk, that amount was for sand used in conjunction with the project. The actual construction cost of the sidewalk is estimated at about \$4,000.

As a result of the brouhaha over the sidewalk, Jaroch resigned March 1. In addition, trustees Larry Gornowicz and Larry Western turned in their resignations.

"I think those on the council should have questioned why so many were quitting all at once," said Jaroch, who alleges that, before he and the others resigned, there were people sitting in the audience who were waiting to be appointed to the council.

The council filled the vacancies on the same day Jaroch and the two trustees quit, appointing Gabriel Turner, Jeffrey Rubin and Brandon Zdrojewski to serve on the council.

Jaroch says he told the Ugly Department of Public Works supervisor a sidewalk would be "nice" to have along Garfield Street, and that his suggestion was apparently taken literally, because the sidewalk was subsequently built. That is the issue under legal review.

Council changes

Following the resignation of council members and appointments to fill vacancies, the newly-

organized council recently met to iron out other details.

Because of the personnel changes, Trustee Lola Brown was appointed acting president until after the November election, and Susan Schrader was appointed president pro tem.

Also, the council approved new committee appointments. Serving on the public safety committee are Susan Schrader and Brandon Zdrojewski, named to the planning and zoning committee was Jason Nicol, and appointed to the village's parks and recreation committee was Gabe Turner.

Also appointed were Victoria Rutkowski (intergovernmental issues), Brandon Zdrojewski (public works), Jason Nicol and Jeff Rubin (budget and finance), and Jeff Rubin (water). And, Jason Nicol was named liaison to the Bingham Township Board, while Jeff Rubin will serve in that capacity in Nicol's absence.

In other business, the council approved two-percent wage increases for the clerk and treasurer, effective immediately.

Council members also expressed concerns regarding who has keys to the village office. Because of uncertainty, the council approved changing the locks on the office door.

Police Chief David Rothe suggested installing an electronic keypad rather than going with a key-lock access. By using an electronic keypad, only the door's access code would have to be changed, rather than constantly replacing the entire door mechanism when there is a turnover of council members.

In addition, the council approved soliciting bids for a drone for use by the village DPW and police department.

Owendale man fires shots, arrested

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Huron County's Grant Township at about 11:30 p.m.

"A Saginaw area vehicle repossession driver in his marked flatbed tow truck had advised dispatch that he was being threatened with a gun," Hanson reported. "Two of our deputies then responded with the assistance of the Elkton Police. While en route and then on scene, they learned that the home owner had become disgruntled while finding out that his pickup was being repossessed.

"His alleged actions included pointing a 9mm pistol at the driver and firing a shot into the air, as well as one in front of the tow truck," Hanson said. "He eventually then attempted to leave with his young child while the pickup was hooked to the tow truck, which wasn't successful."

Deputies took the 37-year-old man into custody without further incident, the sheriff said.

"He was then lodged in our jail (on charges of) felonious assault, reckless weapon discharge and child endangerment. Formal charges will be forthcoming," Hanson noted.

Bond for the suspect, whose name was not immediately released, was set at \$10,000 and he remained lodged in jail.

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The appointment will be made at a special meeting being held on **March 31, 2018** at the Cass City Gun Club.

Ubly students embrace mechatronics, robotics

by Mary Drier
Special for the Chronicle

A wide range of classes are offered now in high schools to keep pace with today's changing career demands.

"One of the classes in the Ubly School District is 'mechatronics', which is a term for combining mechanical engineering and electronics fields. It is an elective course in Ubly that was introduced three years ago," said Stew Kieliszewski, who teaches that class along with media courses, earth science and biology.

The mechatronics course along with an after-school robotics program came about thanks, in part, from a growing emphasis by the state as well as education and industry officials on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). The focus on those programs nationwide is due to a rising deficit in collegiate and vocational enrollment in STEM and manufacturing fields, and an increase in careers demanding such knowledge and skills.

Ubly students have embraced the class offering —and excelled in robotics.

In fact, the Ubly FIRST robotics team recently turned in a strong performance at Waterford-Mott High School. During the alliance part of the competition, Ubly's

5155 Bearcats won the quarterfinals and the semi-finals, and moved on to the finals. Although the team didn't go all the way, members of the Ubly contingent received finalist medals and a plaque, and they are now ranked 29th out of 508 teams in the state.

Their next challenge is a district contest slated for April 5-7 in Marysville.

Mechatronics

"Mechatronics is the primary class that ties into robotics. A robot is an example of a mechatronic system," Kieliszewski explained. "Most robots, including the VEX and FIRST robots that we build (for competitions), integrate software, electronics and mechanical designs to produce a machine that performs a series of desired tasks either automatically or by remote control."

Mechatronics is a hands-on and project-based class. Next to the classroom is a shop equipped with tools and equipment that students learn to operate.

"Some projects in the class include reading precision tools like micrometers and calipers, and conducting tap and die processes, and soldering," he said. "Many of the class projects allow for developing skills that are then extrapolated to the building of our robots."

Kieliszewski's classes involve much more than students just sitting at desks while he lectures.

"Mechatronics and robotics are very much hands-on. Students are up and move around. There is active engagement going on with researching, rationalizing, designing, mock-ups, building, and testing," said Kieliszewski, noting mistakes are not unusual. "There is no established or rigid manual on how to build some of the projects, especially the robot."

Mistakes are all part of the learning process of trial and error before achieving success.

During the annual robot construction and competitions, students are told the type of task the robot needs to achieve and are then given parts and building stipulations.

"As a team, we then work to achieve the outcome within the parameters given. There are several paths that can be taken," Kieliszewski said. "No two robots in competition are ever the same, and every year the theme for competition changes along with the robot's purpose in the competition."

It takes a lot of time and effort to build a robot. During the construction process, students learn and identify strong skill sets that they possess and use those skills to reach their goal.

"There is a big life lesson in synergy and identifying what an individual is gifted at and using that talent along with seeking others out that have gifts we don't (have) or need yet to improve," Kieliszewski explained, adding the work is a team effort. "No one person has all the skills and attributes needed to build and compete with the robot, but together as a team, we have the ability to both build a robot and be competitive."

Building a robot is a learning experience for not only students, but also for Kieliszewski.

"Fortunately, or unfortunately, I am an individual that jumps on board with projects before I clearly think of all that is involved. Robotics was one of those projects," he said. "At my first meeting about the program, I sat in a class for several hours that was in a language I did not understand, and questioned what I had been thinking, and how I was going to pull off building a robot."

Much support

As a result, the teacher had to turn to others for help.

"Over time, I have found or had adult mentors step forward with skills beyond mine to assist. I can irrefutably state that I have been blessed with knowledgeable, giving associates who have provided both enormous amounts of time and talents to assist with robotics," Kieliszewski said. "Without them, Ubly's robotics accolades and program would not exist."

"Some of these individuals have had students in the program that are now in college, and these adults continue to be a strong part of our program."

In order to teach robotics, Kieliszewski has had to take classes and expand his knowledge as well.

"I have taken summer classes. One even involved an internship in a factory with time spent in several departments, and also students teach you much, too," he added. "I have given students the tasks of figuring how to code, use software, and also how put a machine together or operate it. Then, I have them teach me."

Kieliszewski has found robotics to be trying and challenging, as well as rewarding.

"Robotics hasn't been easy. There have been numerous times I've said, 'I'm done. I won't do this next year.' Obviously, I changed my mind and am still here," he said.

As a young adult, Kieliszewski's first interest was not in education. He worked for four years in retail following high school. It was while attending college to earn an associate degree to build on that career, that his interest in becoming a teacher was sparked.

"I wasn't sure how well I would do in college and started with basic classes, including a basic math class. I found the math class easy and thus dropped the class to take a harder math class," he recalled. "The instructor noticed that I was strong at math and asked me to help tutor other college students. Tutoring other students was my first experience in teaching others, and that gave me the idea of becoming a teacher. I had excellent biology teachers in both high school and college, and thus my focus became teaching science."

And, as the saying goes, the rest is history.

"What I like about teaching is the young people and their energy, and the challenge," he said.

Along the way, Kieliszewski has run into some obstacles, including the cost involved in building and programming a robot.

The annual FIRST robotic challenge is expensive, he noted. Each year, there is a \$5,000 register fee for the robot kit and to enter the team into two district competitions. Then there is the additional cost of other robotic parts that have to be purchased along with travel, food and accommodations at out-of-town competitions, and winning a competition means advancement to state and then world competitions that bring costly entrance fees.

To help offset those expenses, business sponsors are needed.

"We need sponsors to subsidize our endeavor. We do fundraisers, but they do not cover the costs of this technological program," Kieliszewski said. "We compete with schools from urban areas, with access to many industries — and highly profitable ones at that who do financially support their local robotic programs."

"Though Gemini has provided money and staff to aid our program, and we are most grateful, we still need a corporate sponsor, and (we're) looking for financial support from industries outside of our county that are willing to help," he added. "Ultimately, mechatronics and robotics have great potential to support our local economy."



BUILDING A robot is a learning experience for the teacher as well as students. Working on a robot in the Ubly School District are (above, from left) Haley Krueger, Evan Franzel, teacher Stew Kieliszewski and Lily Kieliszewski.

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2017-18 Greater Thumb East Boys Basketball All Conference

First Team

Calvin Cook	Brown City	Senior
Andrew Geiger	Brown City	Junior
Matt Maikrzek	Uby	Senior
Bryce George	Marlette	Sophomore
Sean Quade	Marlette	Junior
Josh Sauer	Sandusky	Senior
Ryan Siemen	Harbor Beach	Senior

Second Team

Jared McPhail	Brown City	Senior
Anthony Sweeney	Uby	Senior
Ethan Lemke	Uby	Junior
Jared Bender	Sandusky	Senior
Trenton Lee	Sandusky	Junior
James Schelke	Harbor Beach	Senior
Grant Hanson	Harbor Beach	Senior

Honorable Mention

Mason Jahn	Harbor Beach	Junior
Matt Calabro	Brown City	Senior
Zen Lisiewski	Brown City	Senior
Jake Uhl	Uby	Senior
Marcus Armstrong	Marlette	Senior
Alex Heussner	Marlette	Junior
Peyton Dale	Marlette	Sophomore
Dawson Stier	Memphis	Junior
Dylan Ayers	Memphis	Junior
Ben Blanco	Memphis	Junior
Cody Hoag	Sandusky	Senior

2017-18 Greater Thumb East Girls Basketball All-Conference

First Team

Carleigh Randolph	Brown City	Junior
Janelle White	Uby	Senior
Lexi Rutkowski	Harbor Beach	Senior
Emily Schaub	Marlette	Senior
Sydney Parker	Marlette	Senior
Haley Nelson	Sandusky	Senior
Gabby Gough	Sandusky	Junior

Second Team

Alexis Wiltse	Brown City	Junior
Kara Peruski	Uby	Senior
Katelyn Sweeney	Uby	Sophomore
Mae Woodke	Harbor Beach	Senior
Sydney Ladd	Marlette	Senior
Ceirra Phillips	Sandusky	Senior

Honorable Mention

Josie Gusa	Uby	Freshman
Emelia Rodriguez	Uby	Senior
Jessica Weber	Harbor Beach	Junior
Megan Pawlowski	Harbor Beach	Junior
Haylie Essenschacher	Harbor Beach	Junior
Brianna Sartin	Marlette	Senior
Halle Reed	Marlette	Senior
Hannah Ruth	Sandusky	Senior
Callie Jacobson	Sandusky	Senior
Katie Koch	Memphis	Freshman
Gabby Koveck	Memphis	Sophomore
Miki Frey	Brown City	Junior

2017-18 NCTL Stripes Division All League Girls Basketball

First Team

- 1.) Sydeny Stephens – BCAS 12th grade
- 2.) Madison Wagner – Akron 12th grade
- 3.) Katelyn Smith – Akron 12th grade
- 4.) Heidi Ewald – Caseville 12th grade
- 5.) Abbey Bullis – Peck 11th Grade
- 6.) Samantha Bissett – Peck 10th grade

Defensive Specialist

Morgan Winiarski – Peck 10th grade

Second Team

- 1.) Emily Judd – BCAS 11th grade
- 2.) Caitlyn McDonell – BCAS 11th grade
- 3.) Allyson Witzke – Owengage 12th grade
- 4.) Carly Simmons – Caseville 12th grade
- 5.) Jenna Davis – CPS 12th grade
- 6.) Kaylee Ureel – Peck 12th grade

Honorable Mention

- 1.) Ellie Debo – BCAS 12th grade
- 2.) Megan Fritz – Owengage 11th grade
- 3.) Oliva Grates – Caseville 12th grade
- 4.) Morgan Winiarski – Peck 11th grade
- 5.) Emma Engler – Peck 10th grade

Tournament trails end for Kingston Cardinals

By Clarke Haire
 Publisher

For only the fourth time in school history, Kingston came up short in a Class D quarterfinal matchup.

After winning 23 straight games, Coach Jay Green's Lady Cardinals stumbled against Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes at Burton Bendle High School.

The 42-28 loss was the third to the Lakers in quarterfinal action since 2015.

Kingston fell behind 10-2 early and never seriously challenged the Lakers on the night, as they were unable to slice into the double digit gap.

"Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes is a great team with length and athleticism. We had a lot of nights this year where a lot of things went our way, tonight wasn't one of them. We battled hard, but had our poorest shooting night of the year. This team is a special group of girls who made history with an undefeated regular season and a third regional title in four years," said Green.

Ending their Cardinal basketball career with the loss were seniors Grace Dinsmore and Kaisa Giddings.

Turning to the Kingston boys' team, after getting blown out in the regular season by Flint International Academy, Coach Dave Lester's Cardinals gave the NCTL Stripes champs all they could handle before bowing 65-62 in a Class D regional semifinal affair.

"Our team fought so hard. We overcame numerous double digit deficits and had a chance to tie the game at the end. I couldn't be more proud of our team. They played with so much heart," said Lester.

Junior Nathan Cloyd led Kingston with 25 points and 10 rebounds. Sophomore Evan Neff added 23 points, while senior Austin Ahern added nine points and eight rebounds.

Gerrius Williams led the academy (22-2) with 18 points, while Greg Bradley added 15 and Larry McLean 11.

Kingston finishes 20-4 overall, but return their entire roster except for seniors Gabe Hall, Dez Carter, Garrett Green and Chase Whitfield.



KINGSTON'S Gerilyn Carpenter (25) and Laker Tiffany Senerius hit the floor in Class D quarterfinal play.

GTW names all-conference choices

by Clarke Haire
 Publisher

Unionville-Sebewaing Area and Reese provided every player on the Greater Thumb West boys' basketball dream team except one.

Unionville-Sebewaing Area (USA) was unblemished in league play during the 2017-18 campaign and was represented on the fictitious squad by senior Isaiah Williamson, senior Hunter Bohn and junior Tyler Heckroth.

Named to the Greater Thumb West (GTW) all-conference first team from runner-up Reese are junior Gabe Robinson and senior Kyle Stockmeyer.

Senior Brennan Wissner, Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port (EPBP), completes the elite squad, according to the vote of GTW coaches.

Closer to home, Cass City had a trio of honorees in Sandyn Cuthrell, Nick Perry and Mike Ziegler.

Sophomore Cuthrell landed on the GTW all-conference second team for a second straight year. He led the Red Hawks in scoring, averaging 12 points per game, and dished out a team-high 55 assists on the season. Defensively, Cuthrell recorded 41 steals and 11

blocks.

"Sandyn accepted a leadership role more as the season went on. He is a naturally gifted basketball player that should be 1st team all-conference the next two years. Good shooter and his rebounding skills are a bit underrated. He can jump and has long arms. Very nice kid to coach. Defense needs works and that conversation has already taken place," said Cass City Coach Jeff Hartel.

The GTW all-conference second team also included Bad Axe sophomore Jack Clancy and senior Joe Messing, Reese sophomore Isaac Johnson and USA senior Zach Fritz and junior Micah Cramer.

A dozen players in the GTW, including seniors Perry and Ziegler, received all-conference honorable mention honors.

Perry tallied 152 points on the season and 51 assists.

"Nick is a three year varsity player and our team captain. Very good kid to have on our team and other players looked up to him. Not an overly gifted basketball player, but had a heart of a lion and wanted to win and encouraged others to do their best when times got tough. Improved his offensive skills as the year went on. I'm glad that his body held up as

a dual sport athlete. Going to miss his leadership and personality on the team," Hartel said.

Zeigler returned to the hardwood for his senior year and led the Red Hawks in rebounding, with 166 rebounds. He was the team's second leading scorer at nine points per game.

"Mike is a kid that hasn't played basketball since Jr. High. Great effort at all times. Not naturally gifted as a basketball player, but his hustle and effort made him a player other teams needed to locate inside," Hartel said, adding.

"Wasn't afraid to mix it up or to play with the ball facing the rim even though he was our post player. At only a bit over six foot tall, he was over matched most nights size wise, but his effort and physicality made up for other shortcomings. A great kid to have on the team. I will miss his competitive spirit and spirited personality."

The complete listing of honorable mention players included Cody Talaski – Bad Axe; Tyler Terbush and Adam Fisher – Reese; Andrew Siegfried, Nick Siegfried, Brayden Smith and Mason Pasek – EPBP; Landin Zimmer – USA; and Jackson Noel and Dylan Hubbard – Vassar.

Cardinal girls dominate all-star hoop picks

by Clarke Haire
 Publisher

Kingston dominated the NCTL Stars Division 2017-18 all-conference first team selections, landing four Lady Cardinals on the fantasy squad.

Camryn MacGuire, Lily Lyons, Jillyan Dinsmore and Carley Smith represent the league champs on the NCTL Stars dream team. Accompanying the four Kingston juniors on the all-conference first team were North Huron senior Ellie Preston and Deckerville senior Madisyn Guza.

Kingston Coach Jay Green had nothing but praises for his all-star choices.

"Camryn improved in all aspects of the game. Camryn has great vision and was relied on to run our offense. She is also a tenacious defender. She was our top 3-point shooter and set a school record with 12 assists in a game. Camryn led us in 3-point makes, free throw percentage, assists and steals," said Green, noting MacGuire was also voted the NCTL Stars Defensive Specialist.

She averaged 8.4 points and five assists per game.

Lyons averaged nine points per game and 2.5 rebounds per contest, despite playing guard.

"Lily is an athletic playmaker who finishes well around the basket. Lily increased her number of assists this year and was disruptive to the other team in our half-court defense. Lily also shot 46 percent from the field," said Green.

Dinsmore scored a season-high 14 points against Caseville, and a season-high 12 rebounds against Deckerville.

"Jillyan is a strong post presence offensively and defensively. She gets good position and finishes well around the basket. Jillyan has good instincts and is a great rebounder. Jillyan led us in field goal percentage and rebounding," Green said, adding, "Carley (Smith) made a lot of improvement from last year and was our leading scorer and shot blocker. Carley can score inside or outside and became a consistent outside shooting threat for us. Carley is physically strong and helped con-

trol the paint with her shot blocking and rebounding."

Smith averaged nearly 11 points and six rebounds per game.

The NCTL Stars all-conference second team consisted of Kingston junior Gerilyn Carpenter, Mayville senior Lauryn Frenzel, North Huron senior Paige Woodke, Deckerville seniors Kylee Colesa and Emma Morningstar, and Dryden junior Hannah Peyerck.

"Gerilyn is a hard worker who loves basketball. She can be counted on to make the important hustle play or pull down the timely rebound. Gerilyn reads the floor well and makes plays for her teammates both offensively and defensively," Green said.

The NCTL Stars honorable mention picks were Hannah James – Kingston freshman, Ally Sobek – Dryden junior and Ella Kage – Dryden freshman.

"Hannah had a great freshman year. She is versatile and can play multiple positions effectively. Hannah is a good shooter and improved her defense throughout the year," said Green.



2018 Spring HOME IMPROVEMENT

Treat your home to a smart upgrade

From smart thermostats to remotely controlled showers, connected homes are all the rage for today's homeowners and those looking to make a purchase, providing easy opportunities to boost the value of your home.

Over half of Millennials (57 percent) believe that smart home technology is a good investment in their home, according to a recent survey by "Better Homes and Gardens."

Here are some of the latest and greatest smart home upgrades to have on your radar.

Climate Control

Your thermostat is responsible for half your energy bill -- more than appliances and electronics -- so make sure to choose one wisely. Consider installing a smart thermostat, which learns your temperature preferences, and can save energy by turning heating and cooling on and off, based on the weather outside, your home's energy profile and

more. Potential homebuyers will love the energy savings, as well as the ability to control the thermostat from anywhere with their devices.

A Hands-Free Faucet

Imagine the convenience of having a kitchen faucet turn water on or off, without a touch. Faucets with hands-free technology, such as Moen's MotionSense Wave single-sensor models, allow users to easily activate the faucet with the wave of a hand. Great for when your hands are too full or messy to turn on the faucet, the technology also minimizes the spread of dirt and germs, since there's no need to touch the faucet to start the flow of water. It's just the type of smart upgrade to attract house hunters of all ages -- and easy on the wallet, with options available for under \$300.

Bright Lighting

Smart lighting dimmer and sensor sys-

tems allow you to turn lights on and off remotely with a smartphone, and can be customized to perform certain actions, such as slowly growing brighter as you wake up or turning off automatically when you leave your home -- providing added convenience and customization for prospective buyers.

These systems are especially useful when you're traveling-- allowing you to turn your lights on and off remotely, so your home doesn't look empty while you're away. Picture showing potential buyers how they can control all of the lights in the home with one device, or turn off the lights after they're snuggled up in bed -- and get ready for the offers to roll in.

A Digital Shower

An updated bathroom is a huge selling point for potential buyers. If you're planning a renovation, enhancing your

space with a digital shower can make a big difference for your family now and

for future homebuyers. To provide the ultimate in personalization, select a system such as U by Moen, the first Wi-Fi/cloud-based digital shower on the market, which allows users to precisely set shower temperature and flow with an in-shower digital controller, or from the smartphone app. Plus, it can be voice activated with products like Amazon Alexa, for a connected home experience.

By swapping just one or two items -- like your thermostat or a builder-grade kitchen faucet -- you can achieve a sleeker, smarter home. And while the return on investment varies for each product, they're all sure to appeal to tech-loving homebuyers whenever you choose to sell. (StatePoint)

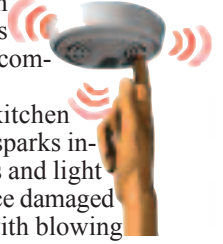


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Tips to protect your home from house fires

In 2016, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 365,500 home structure fires. These fires caused 2,560 deaths, 11,075 civilian injuries, and \$7 billion in direct damage. "Fires can be prevented and the deaths and injuries associated with them avoided," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of communications, National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

Here are some NFPA tips to preventing home fires: Stay in the kitchen when frying. If you must leave, turn off the stove. Screens can keep sparks inside fireplaces. Keep flammable items at least three feet from heaters and light fixtures. Have heating equipment cleaned and inspected yearly. Replace damaged electrical cords. Call an electrician if you have recurring problems with blowing fuses or tripping circuit breakers. Install smoke alarms in every bedroom on every level of the home.



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2018 Spring HOME IMPROVEMENT

Keeping to your budget by repurposing old items

The warmer temperatures make it a great time to tackle much needed home improvement projects. And contrary to popular belief, these adjustments don't need to be expensive or exhausting. There are many cost-effective, ecofriendly design and renovation projects you can undertake that will spruce up your home and positively impact the environment. "Simply put, environmentally friendly home renovation projects create a healthy home and save energy and money," says Tove Anderson, principal of Tove Anderson Architecture and the past chair of The American Institute of Architects Committee on the Environment DC Chapter. "Whether it is reusing what is in your home or incorporating new materials, there are a variety of environmentally-friendly design options that can fit anyone's taste and budget." To start, consider the following practices: Find Hidden Gems Before shopping for costly new pieces of furniture, take a

second look at unused pieces in your basement, garage or guest rooms. In many cases, long-ignored decor can be refurbished with a new coat of paint, reupholstering or another creative makeover.

If you can't fight the urge to splurge, shop locally first or visit a high-end, second-hand store. This eliminates manufacturing and transportation costs and is a more sustainable approach to furnishing your home. You might also browse online stores for environmentally friendly furniture, paint or artwork.

Use What You Have Enlist an architect to help you reconfigure existing space in your home, rather than make costly structural modifications or additions on your own. These professionals can help you assess how you can create

the home of your dreams by working with already existing space. For example, if you've always wanted more sunlight or an open floor plan, an architect can help you make the needed adjustments — such as new window treatments, adding windows and skylights, or knocking down walls. To find an architect in your area, visit architectfinder.aia.org. Say It With Color A new coat of paint can do wonders in changing a room's look. Make sure to choose low-VOC (volatile organic chemicals) paint, which uses water instead of oil, thereby reducing toxins and limiting the impact on your home and the environment.

Be Energy Efficient Insulation leaks and cracks can exist in both new and old homes, leading to energy waste and inflated bills. A free home energy audit

can provide ways to save money and energy. Your local energy provider usually can assist in setting up an appointment. Reseal windows, walls, ceilings and attic to start making a sizable, positive impact. Additionally, if you are looking to purchase a new appliance, consider Energy-Star qualified appliances, which use 25-40 percent less energy than conventional options and can result in savings of up to \$100 (or more) a year on energy bills. If your water heater is more than 10 years old, it might be time to purchase a new one. If that's not possible, cover your old one with a water heater jacket, which can eliminate heat loss by 25-40 percent. And remember to shut off and unplug electrical devices when not in use.

"By making the decision to adopt sustainable renovation practices that are eco-friendly, homeowners will help the environment and be rewarded with extra money savings, in the short and long term," says Anderson. (StatePoint)



3 major home renovations that are worth the effort

Building a new home? Overhauling an existing one? Here are three renovation ideas that will add beauty and value.

Expand Your Living Space

Don't let that basement sit unfinished and unused. Substantially expand your home's livable areas by turning your attention to the bottom floor. Finishing a basement is an involved project, potentially requiring electrical and plumbing work, insulation, drywall and more -- but the end result is worth the effort and expense. What's more, some of the less technical aspects of this renovation could even be DIY-ed.

Before getting started, consider what type of space would most benefit your household long-term. You may even be able to recoup some cost of the investment. For example, turning your basement into an at-home fitness center means ditching the costly gym membership. Want to reduce time and money on your commute? Your basement may just make an ideal home office.

Add a Focal Point

Is your interior design in need of a little something? The right eye-catching elements can make a room pop while adding vitality to your living spaces. A fireplace, for example, adds ambiance and comfort while also creating a natural gathering space.

What's more, new models pair the charm of a traditional open-front fireplace with the design flexibility of gas models. The Phoenix TrueView from Heat & Glo offers the convenience of gas without the glass, giving homeowners an unobscured view of the flames against the traditional brick or fade-resistant reflective black glass liner. An optional Bluetooth speaker system allows one to hear the fire as well as see it -- making it a focal point for the ears as well as the eyes.

Boost the Backyard

If you find that your household spends very little time in the backyard, figure out why. Is there a lack of shade? Are there not enough places to sit? Take a poll so you can diagnose the problem and take steps to correct it. Consider also how to make this space usable for a larger portion of the year, such as adding a fire pit or an enclosed, heated patio. Lastly, consider aesthetics. A bit of landscaping can make your backyard as visually appealing as your home's interiors.

This season, consider the renovations that will go furthest to boost your home's livability, beauty and value. (StatePoint)

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Obituaries

Robert Lash

Robert Henry Lash, 91, of Cass City, died Sunday, March 11, 2018 following a lengthy illness in Prestige Pointe of Grand Blanc.

He was born April 11, 1926 in Elmwood to Chester Orion and Belle Zelle (Anker) Lash.

He married Mary Jane May Magee March 5, 1947 in Royal Oak. She died July 4, 1988. He later married Donna Kathleen (Zapfe) Holm December 11, 1988 in Cass City. She died August 2, 1999. He married Audrey Vilas May 21, 2000. She died January 10, 2018.

Bob graduated from Clawson High School and in later years donated an airplane that he had built to the school. He worked for Consumers Power of Royal Oak as a mechanic and supervisor. During his employment, he invented the on-board power washers that are found on some of the utility trucks. Bob built experimental airplanes and propane powered cars. A two-time bronze star recipient, he served in the U.S. Army during WWII, where he worked on tanks in the 748th Tank Battalion under General George S. Patton. He was a member of the Cass City VFW Post #3466.

Bob is survived by his daughter, Mary Anne (Harold) Brandenburg of Cass City; granddaughter, Melissa (Larry) Craig of Hadley; grandson, Michael Robert (Leslee) Brandenburg of Las Vegas, NV; Great-grandchildren: Jenifer Craig, Lillian Brandenburg, Liam Brandenburg and Khalil Brandenburg; granddaughter-in-law, Tracy McComb-Brandenburg of Grand Blanc.

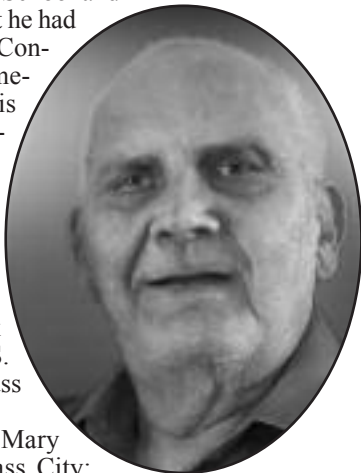
He was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Karen Lash; grandsons: Eric Brandenburg and Wayne Brandenburg; and a sister, Joyce Merryweather.

A funeral service was held Friday, March 16, in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City with Brad Speirs of Novesta Church of Christ officiating. Interment will take place in Novesta Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association. Military honors conducted by Cass City VFW Post #3466 and the United States Army.

Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.



Dorothy Taylor

Dorothy Jean Taylor, 92, of Deford, passed away Mon., March 12, 2018 at her home.

She was born in Cass City, March 9, 1926, daughter of the late Arthur and Phoebe (Fisher) Klinkman.

She married Maurice F. Taylor on Sept. 12, 1942 in South Carolina. Maurice passed away in 2002.

Dorothy worked for many years at Parsch's clothing store in Cass City, was a former member of the Business and Professional Women's Association, worked as a dietitian at Cass City Hospital, was a charter member of the Deford Community Church and held meetings in their basement to discuss plans for the building of the church.

She served on the kitchen committee for many years, provided many meals for many people in need, also served as president and treasurer of the Women's Missionary Society.

Dorothy enjoyed feeding and watching birds, the Detroit Tigers, traveling and spending time with family at their cabin.

She loved her family, especially spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Dorothy is survived by her children, John (Jeanne) Shagena of Kingston, Lynn (Bernard) Babich of Deford and Pastor Lee (Kathy) Taylor of Whitmore Lake, son-in-law, Harvey Linderman of Cass City, daughter-in-law, Suzanne Humpert of Essexville, 13 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and 1 great great-grandchild, due in April and a brother, Kenneth (Jean) Klinkman of Deford.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by a son, Larry Shagena, a daughter, Linda Sue (Taylor) Linderman, grandson, Ted Lee Linderman and great-grandchildren, Riches and Treasure Thomas.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service was held March 16, 2018 at Deford Community Church, 1392 Kingston Rd., Deford.

Memorials may be made to Deford Community Church for Missionary Support. Please share condolences at www.thabetfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home of Cass City.



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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
 Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made Leo A. Heineman, as Mortgagor, to Northstar Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation, whose principal office is in Bad Axe, Michigan, as Mortgagee, dated April 10, 2008 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan on April 22, 2008 in Liber 1147, page 806 ("Mortgage"), and on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of One Hundred Seventy Four Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Five and 07/100 (\$174,675.07) Dollars including interest at 5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said Mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the Circuit Court within the County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, at 10:00 o'clock A.M. on Thursday March 29, 2018.

Said premises described as follows:
 Land situated in the Township of Fremont, Tuscola County, Michigan
 Commencing at a point on the Section line, 848 feet West of the South quarter corner of Section 25, Town 11 North, Range 9 East; thence West 120 feet; thence North 20 rods; thence East 120 feet; thence South to the point of beginning. Being part of the Southwest quarter of Section 25, Town 11 North, Range 9 East. Commonly known as: 218 W. Main Street, Mayville, MI 48744

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

Dated: February 28, 2018
NORTHSTAR BANK, Mortgagee
 Zachary J. Eskau, Attorney at Law
 175 Thompson Rd., Bad Axe, MI 48413
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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 MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

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

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

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to MCL 600.3212, that the following will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on April 5, 2018:

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 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).

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: March 7, 2018
 Trott Law, P.C.

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3-7-4

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 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 North Range 10 East.

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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This notice is from a debt collector.
 Date of notice: March 7, 2018
 Trott Law, P.C.
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MORTGAGE SALE
 THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Keith Johnson and Vicki Johnson, husband and wife, mortgagors, to Independent Mortgage Co. Central MI, which became Independent Mortgage Co., a dissolved Michigan corporation, as assigned to Independent Bank, a Michigan banking corporation, mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated August 30, 2002, and was recorded on September 4, 2002, in Liber 892, on page 641 of the Tuscola County records, subject to a Modification Agreement recorded at Liber 1151, Page 408, further subject to a Modification Agreement recorded at Liber 1245, Page 1152, and further subject to an Assignment of Mortgage recorded at 1302, Page 1126. The balance owing on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is \$43,746.14, including interest at 5.50% per year variable. The Mortgage contains a power of sale clause and no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owing.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on April 19, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the Tuscola County Court Facility, Caro, Michigan, that being the place of holding Circuit Court for Tuscola County, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in the Township of Indianfields, County of Tuscola, Michigan and is described as:

Beginning at a point 1515.26 ft W of the NE corner of Section 31, T12N, R9E; thence W 140 ft; thence S 327.88 ft; thence E 140 ft; thence N 327.88 ft to the Point of Beginning.

The structure residing on the above described premises, consisting of a 1985 Schult M207813 is considered real estate and is also collateral for this loan.

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If the property described in this notice is sold at a foreclosure sale, then under MCL 600.3278, the Mortgagor(s) will be held responsible to the buyer of the property at the foreclosure sale, or to the Mortgage holder, for damage done to the property during the redemption period.

The redemption period will expire six (6) months after the date of the foreclosure sale, unless the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will expire 30 days after the date of the foreclosure sale, or when the time to provide notice under MCL 600.3241a(c) expires, whichever is later.

SMITH, MARTIN, POWERS & KNIER, P.C.
 Dated: March 13, 2018

Henry L. Knier, Jr. (P46393)
 Attorney for Independent Bank, Mortgagee
 900 Washington Ave., P.O. Box 219
 Bay City, MI 48707 - (989) 892-4574

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was recorded on October 9, 2009, in Liber 1185, on page 321 of the Tuscola County records, and subject to an Assignment of Mortgage recorded at Liber 1260, Page 594. The balance owing on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is \$18,100.72, including interest at 5.625% per year variable. The Mortgage contains a power of sale clause and no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owing.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on April 19, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the Tuscola County Court Facility, 440 N. State Street, Caro, Michigan, that being the place of holding Circuit Court for Tuscola County, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in the Township of Elkland, County of Tuscola, Michigan and is described as:

Commencing 870.04 ft N of the E 1/4 corner of Section 7, T14N, R11E, Elkland Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; thence continuing N 434.01 ft; thence S 88°00'50" W 419.12 ft; thence S 0°17'20" E, 404.61 ft; thence S 87°57'20" E 417.09 ft to the POB.

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Phyllis Fagan and Jordan Fagan, Wife and Husband Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Nationstar Mortgage LLC, its successors and assigns Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Nationstar Mortgage LLC dba Mr. Cooper Date of Mortgage: September 21, 2015 Date of Mortgage Recording: September 30, 2015 Amount claimed due on mortgage on the date of notice: \$123,525.47

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in the Township of Tuscola, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: A parcel of land in the West one-half of Section 23, Town 11 North, Range 7 East, described as: To Fix The Point Of Beginning Commence at the East one-quarter corner of said Section 23; thence North 89 degrees 31 minutes 12 seconds West, on the East and West one-quarter line of said Section, 3,759.29 feet to the Point of Intersection of said one-quarter line with the centerline of Relocated Buell Lake Road; thence South 52 degrees 03 minutes 00 seconds West, on said centerline, 157.67 feet to the Point Of Beginning of this description; thence South 52 degrees 03 minutes 00 seconds West, on said centerline, 109.24 feet to the intersection of said centerline and the West one-eighth line of Section 23;

thence South 52 degrees 03 minutes 00 seconds West, continuing on said centerline, 16.87 feet; thence North 30 degrees 20 minutes 27 seconds West, 219.22 feet to a Point which is approximately 7 feet, South 30 degrees 20 minutes 27 seconds East, from the water's edge at the South-easterly Bank of the Cass River, thence North 37 degrees 51 minutes 28 seconds East, on a transit line which is approximately parallel to said water's edge, said transit line is for surveying and description purposes only and it is the intention of this description to include all land to the water's edge of the Cass River, 134.63 feet to a Point which is approximately 15 feet, South 30 degrees 20 minutes 27 seconds East, from said water's edge; thence South 30 degrees 20 minutes 27 seconds East, 252.53 feet to the Point Of Beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(16) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: 03/21/2018
Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 111057

Date of Mortgage Recording: March 1, 2007
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$114,223.81

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Arbela, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: The East 1/2 of the North 10 acres of the West 3/4 of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 33, Township 10 North, Range 7 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: March 21, 2018
Trott Law, P.C.

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 April 19, 2018:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Paul David Richey and Dawn M. Richey, Husband and Wife

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK as successor in interest to JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. as Indenture Trustee for Newcastle Mortgage Securities Trust 2006-1

Date of Mortgage: December 8, 2005
Date of Mortgage Recording: December 20, 2005

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$127,084.47

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 34, Township 11 North, Range 8 East, described as; Beginning at the South 1/4 corner of said Section 34; thence along the South line of said Section, South 89 Degrees 10 Minutes 25 Seconds West, 263.00 Feet; thence North 01 Degrees 02 Minutes 00 Seconds West, 1339.76 Feet; thence along the North line of said Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 North 89 Degrees 21 Minutes 55 Seconds East, 242.55 Feet; thence along the North-South 1/4 line, South 01 Degrees 54 Minutes 30 Seconds East 1339.18 Feet to the South 1/4 corner of Section 34 and the Point of Beginning. Except an undivided 1/2 interest in and to all the oil, gas and other minerals with right of ingress and egress at all times given to L. H. Gilman as set forth in Mineral deed; as recorded in Liber 211 of Deeds, at pages 83 and 84 (according to the survey recorded in Liber 608, Pages 1145 and 1146, 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).

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Date of notice: March 21, 2018
Trott Law, P.C.
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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Stacy L. Alexander, A Married Woman and Terry G. Alexander, Her Husband

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae"), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America

Date of Mortgage: December 14, 2006

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Notice

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING
Greenleaf Township, Sanilac County
Annual Meeting will be held
March 31, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

Position	Current	Proposed
Supervisor	\$6,000 Yearly	\$6,000 Yearly
Treasurer	\$7,500 Yearly	\$7,500 Yearly
Deputy Tr.	\$0.00	\$0.00
Clerk	\$6,000 Yearly	\$7,500 Yearly
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Per Diem per meeting	\$30	\$30
FOIA Coordinator	\$12 per hour	\$15 per hour
Election Inspectors	\$12 per hour	\$15 per hour
Meal Allowance	\$15.00 per day	\$15.00 per day
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123-18-0007

Measles rears ugly head in Michigan for first time in '18

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has confirmed a case of measles in Washtenaw County; the first case in the state in 2018. The individual was hospitalized, and is currently recovering.

The patient returned from travel abroad March 6 at Detroit Metropolitan Airport, and he was contagious upon returning to Michigan, MDHHS officials said, adding anyone who was in customs or baggage claim in the airport's north terminal between 2 and 5 p.m. that day should seek medical attention from their primary care provider if they develop symptoms of the disease.

Measles is a vaccine-preventable respiratory infection that can result in hospitalization, pneumonia, encephalitis and death. The illness has a 10- to 12-day incubation period and initially presents with a high fever, red eyes, cough, runny nose, and photophobia and is followed by a red, raised body rash starting on the head and face that then progresses to the rest of the body.

Individuals may be contagious for a few days before they present with symptoms, which increases the potential of exposing others to the infection.

"This case underscores the importance of following vaccine recommendations and being up-to-date on vaccines," said Dr. Eden Wells, MDHHS chief medical executive.

"Immunizations are the best way to protect our families and communities from the harmful, sometimes deadly consequences of vaccine-preventable diseases like measles," he noted. "If you have questions about a child's vaccination status or your own vaccination history, talk to your doctor right away to ensure your family has optimal protection."

Because measles is easily spread, vaccination is the best protection against the disease. Successful prevention and control of measles requires high levels of immunity in all communities.

From 2001 to 2012, the average number of measles cases reported nationally per year was about 60. But in recent years there have been more, which is of great concern to public health authorities.

In 2017, there were 118 cases in the United States, including two cases in Michigan; the majority of people who contracted measles were not vaccinated.

The measles vaccine is highly effective and very safe, according to the MDHHS.

"Adults who do not have evidence of immunity against measles should get at least one dose of the vaccine," Wells said. "The first of two routine childhood measles vaccine doses is given at 12 months of age. A second vaccine dose is given before the start of kindergarten."

For international travel, infants as young as six months should be vaccinated against measles. Measles vaccine, or other acceptable documentation of immunity to measles, is recommended for all persons travelling internationally.

In an effort to help parents protect their children from serious vaccine-preventable diseases, MDHHS is participating in the "I Vaccinate" campaign. I Vaccinate provides the facts parents need to make informed decisions about vaccinations.

For more information about immunizations and the I Vaccinate campaign, visit Ivaccinate.org.



FIVE EXCHANGE students attending Cass City High School recently planned, organized and ran a "Giving Back" fundraiser at Nick's Country Oven, where they raised \$275 and donated the proceeds to Revive Ministries, Cass City. Pictured above are (from left) Artur "Archie" Bakytbekov of Kyrgyzstan, Pavel Gordok of Kazakhstan, Gail Tuckey of Revive Ministries, Daler Qosimov of Tajikistan and Nina Petrushkova of Tajikistan. Missing from photo is Diana Bizhanova of Kazakhstan.

Giving something back

Exchange students hold fundraiser, donate to Revive

A group of foreign exchange students who are attending Cass City High School recently showed their appreciation for the community that has temporarily "adopted" them.

In a nutshell, the students – Pavel

Gordok and Diana Bizhanova, both of Kazakhstan; Artur "Archie" Bakytbekov, Kyrgyzstan; and Daler Qosimov and Nina Petrushkova, both of Tajikistan – decided to give something back.

"These five Cass City high school seniors planned, organized and executed a fundraising event, 'giving back' to their host community," said Gail Smith, a Cass City resident and veteran area representative for the ASSE International exchange program.

"With the help of Pavel Gordok's host family, Josefina and Artur Nika — who own and operate Nick's Country Kitchen, a family dining establishment in Cass City — their event was held Saturday, March 10," Smith explained. "The

students assisted Nick's wait staff while mingling and visiting with the guests.

"They told their guests about their respective countries, how this year in America has affected them and how they wanted to show appreciation to the village by supporting Revive Ministries, a local food, clothing and furniture downtown storefront ministry," she said. "For each person who donated during their four-hour shift, the restaurant sweetened the experience with a free dessert."

Smith added, "These awesome kids raised (\$275) to give Revive. I might add the restaurant/public response was something to see. This town loves these kids!"





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TUSCOLA COUNTY Sheriff Glen Skrent recently swore in Thomas Peterson as a road patrol deputy. Peterson will fill the second of five positions that were created with a millage increase approved by voters last year. "Peterson grew up in the area and graduated with honors from Caro High School. He is a graduate of Ferris State University and a recent graduate of LERTA (Law Enforcement Regional Training Academy)," said Skrent, who noted the deputy is completing a 12-week FTO (Field Training Officer) program.