



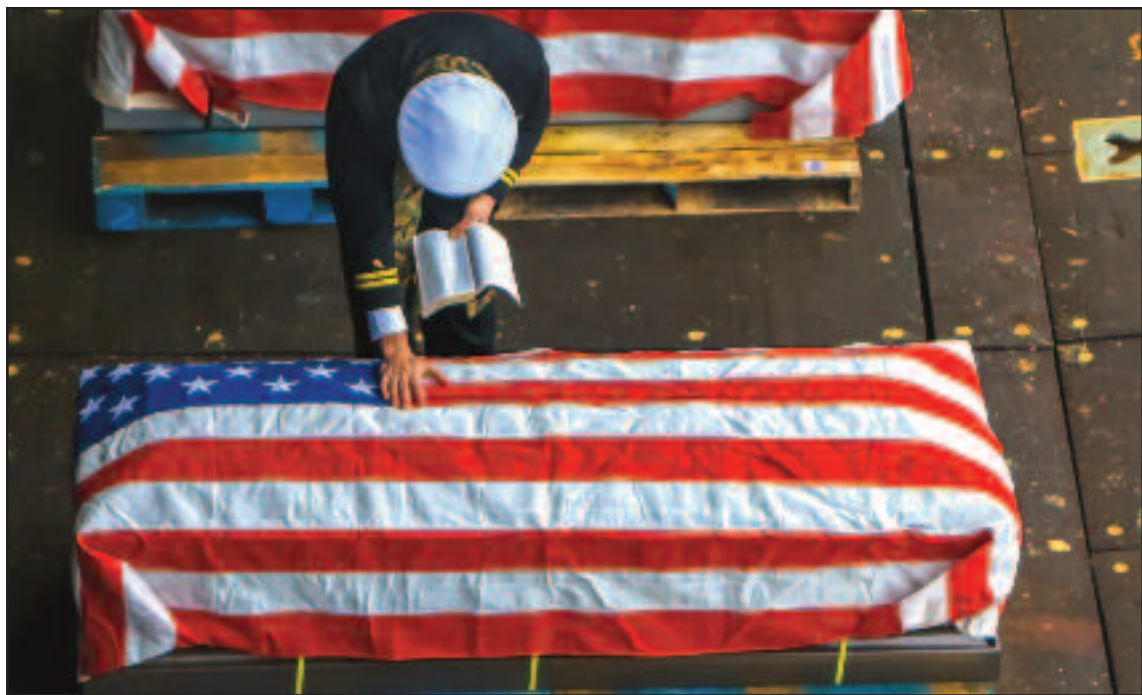
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U.S. NAVY Chaplain Nathan N. Rice presided over the religious ceremony and the committal during Brown's burial at sea service last month. (Photos courtesy of the U.S. Navy)

FINAL FAREWELL

Cass City veteran Brown committed to the deep

by Tom Montgomery Editor

It was a fitting farewell for a Cass City woman who prided herself on having dedicated years of service to the U.S. Navy.

Dagmar Martinek-Brown, who passed away at her home Jan. 3, 2017, at the age of 94, was laid to rest in the nautical tradition of burial at sea last month in accordance with her wishes.

The Cass City native served in the U.S. Navy during WWII and Korean Wars, earning

her LPN credentials and retiring as a dental technician chief.

Dwight Thabet, owner of Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City, took care of the details involving Brown's final journey to the Atlantic Ocean, which included completing various documents and arranging for transportation of her remains to a funeral home in Norfolk, Va.

According to the Naval History and Heritage Command, the tradition of burial at sea is one that dates back to ancient times and has been a practice for as long as people have gone to sea. Today, active duty service members, honorably discharged retirees, veterans, U.S. civilian marine personnel of the Military Sealift Command, and dependent family

members of active duty, retirees and veterans are eligible for at sea disposition.

Burial at sea can involve either cremated remains for full body burial, although there are specific regulations governing the process.

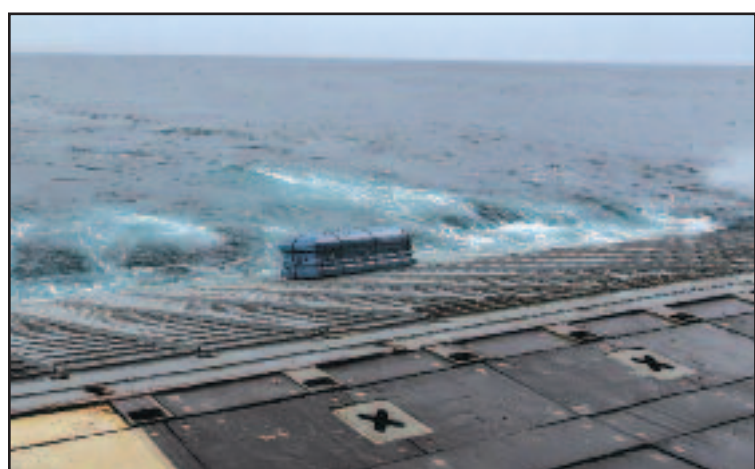
For example, non-cremated remains must be committed in locations that are at least three nautical miles from land and in ocean waters at least 600 feet deep. Preparations include placing the body in either a special body covering or casket that is weighted and designed for sea burial.

The ceremony conducted by the U.S. Navy for burial at sea is done in a similar manner to that of

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THE U.S. FLAG that draped Brown's casket was returned to local funeral director Dwight Thabet along with a map showing where her remains were committed in the Atlantic Ocean, a letter from the ship's commander, and a CD containing several photos of the ceremony. Thabet said the materials will be passed on to Brown's sister in Arizona.



THE CASKET holding Brown's remains was one of five "committed to the deep" during a recent burial at sea ceremony conducted aboard the U.S.S. Gunston Hall.

Village enters into CBA with union officials Monday

by Clarke Haire, Publisher

Village workers in Cass City have never been part of a labor union. That is until this week.

After meeting behind closed doors for 15 minutes Monday night, Trustee Marilyn Bieffer's motion to enter into a collective bargaining agreement (CBA) with Teamsters Local 214 was unanimously approved during a regular monthly meeting of the local village council.

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More cash on the way for Thumb area roads

More money is on the way to help repave roads and fill potholes in Huron and Tuscola counties, according to state Rep. Dr. Edward J. Canfield (R-Sebewaing).

Canfield supported an additional \$175 million in statewide transportation funding signed into law last week. Much of the money is headed directly to counties, cities and villages for road preservation and construction – and it comes without additional taxes or fees, he said.

"We all know the road repair program is not where it needs to be, and that's why it was important to take advantage of this chance to accelerate spending," Canfield said. "This was a good process to get some

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School names honor grads

Cass City School officials recently announced the honors graduates in the district's Class of 2018, including Claire Kausch, valedictorian, and Lauren Dickinson and Megan L. Graham, who will share salutatorian honors.

Kausch, the daughter of Laura and Kevin Kausch, has earned a cumulative grade point average of 4.19.

An honor roll student throughout her high school career, she is a member of the National Honor Society and has received academic pins in chemistry and in advanced placement literature and language. She was a member of first-place Academic Games English teams in 2017 and 2015.

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Choose kindness

Students spreading a positive message: acceptance for all

by Tom Montgomery Editor

"Courage. Kindness. Friendship. Character. These are the qualities that define us as human beings, and propel us, on occasion, to greatness."
—From the book, Wonder, by R.J. Palacio.

Kindness is the new cool. Just ask Maia Estrella, 11, and Romina Basanez-Gastelum, 10, a pair of Cass City Elementary School fifth graders who have been busy spreading kindness, one act at a time, after forming what they call the Choose Kindness Club.

"The Choose Kindness Club mainly is focused on teaching kids how to be kind," explained Estrella, the daughter of Marco Estrella and Karla Felix of Cass City. "During the last few meetings, we have talked about ways to be kind. We let them (other students) demonstrate ways to be kind. 'Most kids gave 'high fives' to each other, but we are trying

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MAIA ESTRELLA, 11 (right), and Romina Basanez-Gastelum, 10, a pair of Cass City Elementary School fifth graders, formed what they call the Choose Kindness Club in school – in an effort to encourage their peers to embrace kind acts and reject bullying — after reading the book, Wonder. Maia is wearing a T-shirt that she designed and was among eight chosen out of 10,000 entries nationwide for T-shirts now available for purchase through GapKids.



THE UBLY HIGH School Drama Department recently performed the classic drama Twelve Angry Jurors over the weekend under the direction of Tony O'Neil. In the critically acclaimed drama, a 19-year-old man has just stood trial for murder. It looks like an open-and-shut case — until one of the jurors begins opening the others' eyes to the facts. Tempers get short, arguments grow heated, and the group becomes 12 angry jurors.

Ubyly officials announce semester honor students

Ubyly Junior/Senior High School officials recently announced the 2017-2018 Honor Roll for the first semester.

Grade 12

Levi Block, Danielle Briolat*, Justin Briolat*, Chantelle Burk, Delanie Candela*, Rachel Cook*, Dylan Crickon, Krysta Forbing, Evan Franzel, Kendra Franzel,

Shelby Fulton*, Andrew Gilbert*, Lauren Gillig*, Emily Gosdzinski*, Alex Grifka, Jacob Halifax, Emma Hembrough, Erin Inbody, Ariana Kaczor, Macy Knoblock*, Emily Kubacki, Ashton Lemke*, Skyler Lesoski, Matthew Maikrzek, Josilynn McCoy, Peyton McLellan, Jason Mierop*, Jordon Monzo, Tori Osantowski, Trent Osantowski, Brent Osen-

toski*, Mary-Christine Osentoski, Katelyn Palmer*, Kara Peruski, Bryce Queen, Shaquala Rich*, Emelia Rodriguez*, Izabel Rodriguez*, Kacie Roggenbuck, Joseph Sieradzki, Madelyn Smalley, Katrina Stevenson, Nicholas Swanson*, Anthony Sweeney, Brett Sweeney, Ryan Sweeney, Samantha Sweeney, Jacob Uhl*, Madeline Ulfig, Savannah Walker*, Zackary Walker, Janelle White, Todd Wollin* and Amber Wolschleger.

Grade 11

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

Grade 10

Olivia Brown, Austin Cregeur, Kali Dutcher, Grant Geiger*, Andrea Grifka, Rachel Leppek*, Hannah Melnik, Ellie Peruski, Lacey Pionk, Caleb Powers, Isle Roggenbuck, Hannah Schroeder, Jaiden Schulte*, Abigail Sorenson, Katelyn Sweeney*, Jaclyn Toth, Danielle Tschirhart, Alexia Vogel, Kylie Vogel, Sierra Walker and Jazmyn Warchuck.

Grade 9

Andrew Becker, Alivia Bischer*, Leonard Booms, Kylee Brandt, Kendra Glaza, Josephine Gusa*, Cole Hagen, Katie Heilig*, Amanda Hill, Kalli House, Markus Howard, Haley Klama*, Haley Krueger*, Shelby Kuntze*, Allison Lautner, Dajnae Leipprandt, Erin McCarty*, Reese McLellan, Cole Messing, Shelby Messing*, Madison Michalski, Sarah Peplinski*, Levi Peruski, Dawson Schumacher, Samantha Souva*, Gabriel Sweeney, Nolan Van Erp*, Elizabeth Weber* and Hally Ziehm.

Grade 8

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

Grade 7

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

*Denotes all A's

It's a girl!



Reagan Kemp

John and Lori Kemp of Sebewaing are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Reagan Elise. Reagan was born January 22, 2018 at Covenant Health Care, Saginaw. She weighed 8 pounds 11 ounces and was 19.5 inches long.

Reagan was welcomed home by her big sisters, McKenna, Madison and Kennedy.

Grandparents are Jim and Judy Brown of Cass City and Ed and Lori Kemp of Sebewaing. Great-grandparents are Fay Ballagh of Cass City, Duane and LoAnn Rieman of Sebewaing, and John and Norma Kemp of Sebewaing.



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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
Deputy Cl.	\$0.00	\$0.00
Trustee	\$150 per Meeting	\$150 per Meeting
Planning Comm.	\$75 per Meeting	\$75 per Meeting
Zoning Admin Interim	\$200 per Month	\$300 per Month
Zoning Admin Fulltime	To be determined	
Board of Review	\$12 per hour	\$15 per hour
Per Diem per meeting	\$30	\$30
FIOA 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
Work at Dump	\$12 per hour	\$15 per hour
Mileage Per Mile	.53 per mile	.54 per mile

Supervisor: Robert Delong ~ Clerk: Judy Keller
Treasurer: Rosie Quinn ~ Trustees: Ken Brown & Randy Schuette

The Annual Meeting will be held at:

**Greenleaf Township Hall
6435 Bay City Forestville Rd.
Cass City, MI 48726**

Judy Keller
Greenleaf Clerk

Everyone Is Invited

Taste of The Thumb

Food & Business Expo

Thursday, April 5, 2018

5 PM TO 8 PM

Cass City High School

- Discover more about local businesses
- Literature, brochures and giveaways
- Learn about pet adoption
- Sample food from local restaurants and caterers
- Learn about community programs
- A great networking opportunity



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In Our OPINION...

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Editor

A little discomfort is worth beating cancer

It isn't a topic most of us are interested in bringing up in conversation, but a little discomfort now could save your life or the life of someone you love.

We're talking about colorectal cancer, and National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in March offers a perfect opportunity to talk to your doctor and ask yourself, as well as family and friends, if it's time for colorectal cancer screening.

While colorectal cancer remains the nation's third-leading cause of cancer-related deaths for men and women, the good news is that it can be prevented and found at an early stage.

The American Cancer Society estimates there will be 4,510 new cases of colorectal cancer and 1,670 deaths due to the disease in Michigan this year. Through colorectal cancer screening, doctors can find and remove hidden growths — called "polyps" — in the colon before they become cancerous. Removing polyps can prevent cancer altogether.

"Adults age 50 and older should be regularly screened for colorectal cancer," said Dr. Eden Wells, MDHHS chief medical executive. "Unfortunately, many people aren't getting tested because they don't believe they are at risk or they aren't aware of the different testing or screening options."

"The importance of early detection cannot be overstated," Wells added. "Make it a priority to discuss the different testing options, including at-home tests, with your provider."

Black people suffer disproportionately from colorectal cancer.

In 2014 in Michigan, the rate of new cases was 44.54 per 100,000 for black residents compared to 35.3 per 100,000 for white residents. In 2015, the death rate from colorectal cancer was 19.3 per 100,000 for black residents compared to 13.2 per 100,000 for white residents.

Colorectal cancer risk increases after age 50. However, if you have a family history of colorectal cancer or polyps, talk with your doctor about starting testing before age 50.

Many cases of colorectal cancer have no symptoms, especially early on when it can be more effectively treated.

There are several screening options available, including colonoscopy and simple take-home tests. Many health insurance plans, including the Healthy Michigan Plan, cover lifesaving preventive tests. Check with your health plan to find out the details of what colorectal cancer screening is covered.

For resources for uninsured residents, and for more information about testing and prevention, visit the MDHHS's cancer prevention and control website.


The Michigan Colorectal Cancer Early Detection Program (MCRCEDP) provides colorectal cancer screening services to eligible men and women who: are ages 50-64 years, low income (equal to or under 250% of the federal poverty level), have no symptoms, and are underinsured or uninsured.

In the Thumb (Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties), enrollment information is available by contacting the Huron County Health Department at (989) 269-3323.

Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

Speech freedom and guns



I received some negative and positive feedback about my opinion on supporting students who participated in a "walkout" demonstration to bring attention to concerns about gun violence in schools across the nation.

First off, the "March for Our Lives" was a demonstration against the violence of school shootings.

Second, I am a gun owner and have been for many years. In my family, when you were a full head taller than a shotgun and could steadily hold a single-barrel shotgun, you were taught to shoot. And, I was.

My mother was the one who taught me. That was no easy task. I tried and tried but I couldn't hit the broad side of a barn — literally — until I figured out that I was left eye dominant. I guess that is rather rare in a person who is primarily right-handed.

I shoot a shotgun and rifle left-handed, but I shoot a handgun right handed. Go figure.

However, I do not feel positive about just anyone owning an assault rifle, and do feel that more thorough background checks are needed.

A close friend of mine was a victim of a shooting that happened at her school a few years ago, before I met her. Her former boyfriend shot her several times in the front of the high school she was attending and then turned the gun on himself, taking his own life.

She is very lucky to have survived the point-blank shooting.

I remember seeing the incident reported on a news broadcast. As a reporter, I've watch a lot of televised news. For some reason, that shooting really hit home for me, I think because it happened here rather than in another state.

A few years after the shooting, she and I met. We became friends. She is an amazing young lady with a very big heart.


Anyway, I believe in gun ownership and the amendment that supports it.

And, I also believe in the amendment guaranteeing the right to free speech.

For those who didn't like my column/opinion, I refer

you to this quote:

"I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it!"



Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Tuscola County Central Dispatch's 2017 annual report is out, and the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department recently shared a few of the highlights. They include:

*There were a total of 40,057 calls for service in 2017, compared to 33,226 calls in 2012 — an increase of 6,831.

*In 2017, law enforcement units were dispatched 26,343 times, compared to 19,440 in 2012 — an increase of 6,903.

*In 2017, fire department units were dispatched a total of 924 times, compared to 672 in 2012 — an increase of 252.

*79 percent of calls to central dispatch are now made from cell phones instead of landlines. In 2008, the ratio was nearly 50-50.

The sixty-eighth annual Sanilac County Band Festival for junior high school bands will be held on Tuesday, April 17th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Croswell-Lexington Middle School gymnasium.

The band festival will begin with an individual performance of two selections by each of the seven participating junior high school bands. The evening of fine band music will be highlighted by a performance of the 2018 Sanilac County Junior High Schools Combined Band under the direction of Dr. Wendy K. Matthews, Assistant Professor Instrumental Music Education, Wayne State University. The bands participating in the festival will be representing the communities of Brown City, Carsonville-Port Sanilac, Croswell-Lexington, Deckerville, Marlette, Peck, and Sandusky.

The public is cordially invited to attend. Donations to the performance is \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children.

The Tuscola County 4H Horse Leaders are proud to announce their 21st Annual Benefit Basketball Game featuring the group's all-stars team verses members of the Detroit Lions. The game is Thursday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the Caro High School gymnasium.

The theme of the game is to "Help Make Our Streets Safe." Tuscola County 4H Horse Leaders would like to help raise awareness in schools regarding bullying, cyber-bullying, vandalism, drugs, graffiti, bomb threats, weapons and cries against fellow students.

Organizers stress this is strictly a local project with all proceeds from the game staying here in Tuscola County.

To help support the cause, tickets and more information call (989) 673-3360, (989) 391-5083 or (800) 205-7174.

Secretary of State Ruth Johnson recently applauded law makers for legislation that gives millions of Michigan motorists a 30-day grace period to affix their tab after renewing their vehicle's registration.

"Thanks to this new law (Public Act 64 of 2018), if you renew online or by mail at the last minute, you don't have to worry about getting a ticket for not having received your tab yet," Johnson said. "The grace period means you can renew from home up to the deadline. So hop online, not in line, to Express-SOS.com with Print'N Go technology. It's painless!"

Motorists who renew online receive a receipt that can be shown to law enforcement officers to prove they have renewed their vehicle registration. Additionally, most law enforcement agencies can verify electronically if the vehicle's plate has been renewed or is expired.

House Bill 4535 is perfect for procrastinators like me.

The Good Shepherd Altar Society is hosting a Winter Euchre Party on Sunday, April 22 at St. Joseph Hall in Argyle.

The action starts at 1:00 p.m. sharp, say organizations, adding, money prizes will be awarded and a light lunch served. Cost to enter is just \$6.00.

The Greater Thumb Lodge #148 Fraternal Order of Police invites you to attend the Law Enforcement Memorial service for Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties on Wednesday, May 2 at 6:00 p.m.

The service will be held at Indianfields Township Cemetery, located on Ellington Street, just south of M-81, in Caro, where the memorial will list the names of the four fallen police officers from the Thumb area.

Letters to the Editor

Consider contributing towards park upgrades

Dear editor,

Hope your readers read my letter two weeks ago. Now that I've planted the seed about the needs of the park and the pool, I'd like to suggest some ways to make these improvements happen. That takes money, of course.

Consider a donation. This could be directly to the village, designated for the park, or to the Friends of Cass City Parks and Recreation. This fund was started several years ago by Nancy Barrios, a council member. The fund has a board of directors and donations are tax deductible. The organization's address is: P.O. Box 534, Caro, MI 48723. Checks should be made out to "Tuscola County Community Foundation" with the designation, Friends of Cass City Parks and Recreation.

The village is developing a list of pool and park projects and their estimated costs. You and/or your family could adopt one of the projects. This could be done in honor of, or in memory of, one of your family members.

Also, consider the clubs and organizations you belong to. Talk to them about sponsoring one of the projects. Discussion about these needs would be a good club program.

Ms. Powell, village manager, and Tom Heron and Bob Piaskowski, councilmen, are researching grants for recreation. April 1 is the deadline for 2019 grants, so we're looking at two or more years for any help from the state. Grants also need matching funds...thus the need to raise money.

Please think about a donation or a two- to three-year pledge to get these projects started.

I'd like future generations to have the great memories of the pool and park that my family has!

Geraldine Prieskorn
Cass City

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Wednesday, March 28

- Spoonfuls of Plenty Free Community Meal, 4-6 p.m., LeeRoy Clark Building, 435 Green St., Caro. Open to anyone wanting a hot, home-style meal.
- Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
- Huron County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, Huron Behavioral Health, Bad Axe. For more information, contact Rhonda Quinn at (989) 269-9293.
- Sanilac County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, Sanilac County Medical Care Facility. Noon to 2 p.m. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.
- Cass City Chamber meeting, 8 a.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.

Thursday, March 29

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

Saturday, March 31

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

Sunday, April 1

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

Monday, April 2

- Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubyly. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.
- AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.
- Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- Shabbona Outreach Baby Pantry, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Shabbona Outreach 5448 Shabbona Rd. Decker, MI. Gently used clothing and equipment, diapers, bottles, toys, formula, baby food. For more information contact Judy Doerr (989) 658-8625.

Tuesday, April 3

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

Second Wednesday:

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

Second Thursday:

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

Third Monday:

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

Third Tuesday:

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

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

- 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 Wednesday:

- Spaghetti Dinner at Cass City VFW Hall from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Take out available. For more information call (989) 872-4933.

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.

Tuscola man charged with child abuse

A Tuscola County man was arrested early last week on charges of child abuse in connection with the discovery of a youngster wandering outdoors alone in a Vassar area neighborhood.

Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies reported residents in the Byron Drive Subdivision just outside Vassar reported finding a boy, about two years of age, alone and not dressed for the weather at about 12:45 p.m.

Neighbors and deputies searched but were unable to find the boy's family, according to a post on the department's Facebook page, which noted department of health and human services officials responded to the scene.

"In the meantime, Facebook had posted some information, and a woman came forward to say it was her child. She had left the child in the custody of her boyfriend while she was at work. By that time approximately three hours had passed," the post stated. "Deputies noted they observed a subject driving slowly past them while looking for the child, and (they) later learned it was the boyfriend. The deputies also noted the subject made no attempt to contact them about the missing child. After further investigation and interviews the 21-year-old male subject from Vassar was arrested for second degree child abuse and lodged at the jail.

"He has posted bond and is awaiting arraignment," the post stated.



MICHIGAN Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Conservation Officer Robert Hobkirk, a 17-year veteran serving in Huron County, has been named Michigan's 2017 Wildlife Officer of the Year by Shikar-Safari Club International. The award is presented to officers who display exemplary conduct and initiative while performing their duties.

Novesta Township Board set to tackle host of issues this month

by Mary Drier
Special for the Chronicle

When Novesta Township officials meet at the end of the month, they will be acting on a variety of items.

"There will be our annual meeting that we do each year, the garbage budget, and then we will be addressing getting a new clerk," said township Supervisor Chad Daniels.

The township board is scheduled to review the township's waste

collection budget Saturday, March 31, at 8:45 a.m., followed by the annual meeting and then discussion regarding selection of a new clerk at about 9:45 a.m.

Clerk Joann Peters announced her resignation, effective April 1, at the board's February meeting.

According to Peters, her work schedule is being more demanding, and she feels, "It is time to move on."

Letters of interest for the clerk's job can be mailed to P.O. Box 40, Deford, MI 48729.

Peters has served as township

clerk since 2009.

"She (Peters) is the most senior member on the board. We've had a couple of people call and express interest in the clerk's position," said Daniels. "We hope to select a clerk at the meeting so the person will be in place for our next meeting without missing a beat.

"At the annual meeting there is usually a lot of people (in attendance), so we will try to appoint a clerk then so people know what is going on."

The next regular township board meeting is slated for 7:30 p.m., Monday, April 2.

Sanilac County joins drug suit, Huron may be next

by Mary Drier
Special for the Chronicle

Two Thumb area counties have now joined a nationwide lawsuit against opioid manufacturers and distributors to address the growing opioid crisis, and a third county in the region may join next month.

"I've talked to the Huron County administrator about setting up a meeting with commissioners there. I will be doing a presentation to them at their 9 a.m. meeting April 17," said Attorney Michael Behm, who is helping spearheading the lawsuit.

Sanilac County Commissioners approved joining the lawsuit last week, and Tuscola County commissioners authorized participation in the legal action in February.

The lawsuit stems from the financial burden placed on counties by what is being called an opioid epidemic, and the number of deaths the potent drugs are causing. Statistics show that 44 people die in the United States every day from an overdose of prescription painkillers — eight more than cocaine and heroin combined.

The impact of the opioid epidemic is being felt in small towns and rural areas as well cities, with a number of opioid-related overdoses and deaths reported in the Thumb.

The costs associated with the opioid crisis were estimated at more than \$500 billion in 2017, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) noted more than 60,000 deaths are attributed to opioid overdoses.

In addition, there are other costs

related to Narcan, an antidote used to treat opioid overdoses; the cost of incarceration; foster care for addicts' children; the expense tied to operating specialized drug courts; and more.

Governmental units that join the lawsuit will not have any out-of-pocket costs except for prep time in compiling information for the legal action, counties could get about 70 percent incurred costs.

"Between our last regular meeting, budget and the special meetings/hearing we have coming up, there will be several (sets) of minutes that will be reviewed (and) approved," Daniels noted.

The Novesta Township Board meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Monday of the month, unless it falls on a holiday. Meetings are held at the Cass City Gun Club, 2676 Englehart Rd., Cass City.

"We have a strong focused board on accountability and follow-through, and visions on moving forward," Daniels said.

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Reporter's notebook

How do we protect kids?

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



I've been giving the school shooting tragedies much thought in recent weeks, as we all have, I suppose because I'm driven to try and figure out what's behind the senseless and all-too-frequent loss of innocent lives.

Problem is, there are no simple solutions, in spite of the folks on either side of the raging gun control debate whose one-dimensional thinking will probably never let them get beyond their absolutes.

We're told there's no room for banning semi-automatic weapons, because obviously if we do that, Big Brother will come and take all of our guns away and it will be Nazi Germany all over again.

Besides, guns don't kill people, people kill people... blah, blah, blah. On the other side, we're told strict gun control measures will go a long way toward ending gun violence in schools, because everyone knows killers always purchase their weapons of choice legally. And if they can't, they would give up on their mission rather than break the law by obtaining a firearm illegally. And, of course, the thought of driving into a crowd of people or assembling a homemade bomb would never enter their minds.

Really?

I'm not saying gun laws don't play a part in this mass murder formula; I'm just saying access to firearms is only one piece in a puzzle that is far more complicated than most of us are probably willing to acknowledge.

I mean, what about increasing our efforts to expand access to mental health services? How about implementing more effective anti-bullying programs in schools?

Those are all legitimate goals. At the same time, back when I was in school, bullying was prevalent and frequently ignored in school (at least that was my experience) unless someone ended up with a broken bone or worse. Guns in homes were plentiful, too.

And, yet, we didn't worry about a classmate coming to school with a semi-automatic rifle – or any other rifle or handgun for that matter – with the intent of randomly killing anyone in sight.

So what's changed?

My guess is, people have changed. We have a society in which far too many adults have proven they're more interested in making babies than in putting the time and effort into raising those babies to be adults who fully understand respect, take responsibility for their own actions, and accept the consequences for their actions rather than pointing a finger of blame at anyone (or thing) other than themselves.

Responsibility and discipline have gone out of style, dismissed by too many sheep singing the praises of "experts" telling us that we're abusing our children if we whack their behinds when they deserve it.

How do you fix that in time to prevent another school shooting?

You don't.

Personally, I've come to support the idea of having an armed presence in our schools.

I'm not talking about teachers here – we already depend on our educators for far more than we have a right to, as far as I'm concerned. I'm talking about, perhaps, a retired law enforcement officer or other qualified individual charged with protecting our kids to the best of their ability in the event of a shooting.

The idea of allowing anyone to be armed in a school building is enough to set many folks off, which I find a bit ironic when it comes to protecting one of the softest targets imaginable for a nut bent on getting revenge.

I'll admit it isn't the perfect solution, but neither is spending hours on social networking sites arguing and name-calling over whether gun control is (or isn't) the cure-all for a tragedy that we all know is very likely going to repeat itself.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2013)

Army National Guard Private Theron Bogart recently graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. During the 9 weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, basic first aid, foot marches and field training exercises. Bogart is the son of Larry and Deb Bogart of Cass City.

The Deford Dazzlers 4-H Rocketry Team is gearing up for another run at the national Team America Rocketry Challenge finals this spring. Team members are Catherine Gordon, Caroline Gordon, Alexander Hansen, Peter Hansen, William Webster, Christopher Hansen, Dustyn Parrish and Chrysler Parrish.

Ed and Carol Pasant of Essexville announce the engagement of their daughter, Alissa Ann Pasant, to Matthew Meisell, son of Nanette and Kipp Meisel of Bay City. Alissa is employed at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak as an occupational therapist. Matt is employed with the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department in Caro. An April 27, 2013 wedding is currently being planned.

10 YEARS AGO (2008)

Air Force Airman Brent R. Taylor-Wooster has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. During the 6 weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies, performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations. Taylor-Wooster earned distinction as an honor graduate. He is the nephew of Marcia Meredith of Snover.

Named this year's "Knight of the Year" by the Knights of Columbus, Central Thumb Council 8892, was Richard Little. A retired school counselor, he was also recognized for his dedication to the local council, St. Pancratius Catholic Church and the community.

25 YEARS AGO (1993)

Cass City High School Principal Russell Bieffer recently announced this year's valedictorians and salutatorian. Three senior girls will graduate with a perfect 4.0 grade point average for 4 years in high school. They are Lida Blue, Kristy Gnagey and Tamara Mearns. Salutatorian Roxanne Rutkoski finishes her high school career with a 3.979 grade point average.

Kenneth James Micklash was one of a total of 1,023 students at the University of Michigan College of Engineering named to the dean's list for the fall 1992 term. To qualify, a student must maintain a 3.5 or better grade-point average (out of a possible 4.0) for the term.

Two students from Cass City are among a total of 1,185 students who achieved placement on the winter quarter dean's list at Michigan Technological University by earning a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. The students are Steven N. Bills, who earned a perfect 4-point, and Michael T. Bills. Both are seniors.

The Hills and Dales General Hospital Employee of the Month is Andrea Frederick. Andrea has been an employee at the hospital for almost 3 years. She works in the Laboratory as a Lab Phlebotomist, and is being recognized for her great dedication to her work, the hospital, and the wellness of the community. Andrea is enthusiastic and efficient, relating well to co-workers and patients. Her great initiative always lifts her above and beyond the call of duty.

35 YEARS AGO (1983)

Mr. and Mrs. Art Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. George Fisher Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hartwick and Mr. and Mrs. John Shagena and children were dinner guests Monday evening, March 14, at the Scott Fisher home at Elkton, celebrating the third birthday of their son Scott.

Kay Loomis, a senior at Cass City High School, will present a free piano recital for the public, starting at 3 p.m. Sunday at Salem United Methodist Church at the corner of Ale and Pine streets. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Loomis of Cedar Run Road studies piano with Kathy Bieber of Saginaw.

Donald E. Hendrick, 11, son of Donald E. and Barbra A. Hendrick of Green Road, Cass City, has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of airman first class. Hendrick is a turbo-prop propulsion mechanic at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark., with the 314th Field Maintenance Squadron. His wife, Sharolyn, is the daughter of Dale A. and Sharon R. Penny of Empire. The airman is a 1980 graduate of Cass City High School.

Eric R. Mavis, son of Russell L. and Louise G. Mavis of Moore Road, Snover, has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of staff sergeant. Mavis is an aircraft maintenance specialist at Luke Air Force Base, Ariz., with the 405th Aircraft Generation Squadron. His wife, Nancy, is the daughter of Bobby R. Sims of Grand Prairie, Texas. The sergeant is a 1972 graduate of Sandusky High School.

40 YEARS AGO (1978)

Wesley's Quaker Maid President Thomas V. Angott was presented with the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources Distinguished Service Award at a Farmers' Week luncheon March 23 at Michigan State University. In addition to Quaker Maid, which has a plant in Cass City, Angott is president of Detroit Milk, Michigan Beverage, and Modern Foto, all headquartered in Detroit. He lives in Orchard Lake.

Airman First Class Thomas D. Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Moore of Caro Road, Cass City, has been named Outstanding Airman of the Quarter at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. A television equipment repairman, Airman Moore was selected for professional skill, duty performance and exemplary conduct. He is assigned to the 2046th Communications Installation Group, a part of the Air Force Communications Service. The airman, a 1970 graduate of Cass City High School, attended Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio. His wife, Rebecca, is the daughter of James D. Massingale of Middlesboro, Ky.

50 YEARS AGO (1968)

Fresh from a first place finish in the area contest and \$100 richer because of his victory, Tom Fulcher, Cass City High School junior, is ready to go on to greater things in the Sound of Youth USA program. Competing Saturday, Fulcher was judged the best in the male vocalist class. The young artist sang Green, Green Grass of Home and accompanied himself on the guitar. Next stop will be the State finals Saturday, April 27. The finals are also at Whiting Auditorium in Flint. Fulcher is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Fulcher of Cass City.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Starr announce the engagement of their daughter, Constance Jean, to John Bradley Fox son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Fox of Snover. A June wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Beardsley returned home March 24 from visiting for a few days their daughters, Rev. and Mrs. Richard Beach at Alto and Mr. and Mrs. Lorn Bigelow at Ashley. En route home they called at the Charles Collins home at Mt. Morris. Mr. Collins, Mrs. Beardsley's brother-in-law, is a patient in the

hospital with a broken shoulder.

Dean Stine, son of the Garrison Stines, is at his home this week and will spend the next two weeks in Milwaukee, Wis., for on-the-job training with an airline. He will then go to Grand Rapids where he will be employed with North Central Airlines. He returned home Saturday from Kansas City, Mo., where he was graduated Friday after a four weeks' training course.

Seaman Apprentice Randon S. Doerr, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Doerr of Huron St., Cass City, has graduated from nine weeks of Navy basic training at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, HI. In the first weeks of his Naval service he studied military subjects and lived and worked under conditions similar to those he will encounter on his first ship or first shore station. In making the transition from civilian life to Naval service, he studied seamanship, as well as survival techniques, military drill and other subjects. He is a 1967 graduate of Cass City High School and is a member of the Naval Reserves.

DIVISION I Junior High Solo and Ensemble awards were won by these students: Debbie Spencer, Susan Koepfgen and Becky Loomis, Sheryl Thane and Jean Turner.

75 YEARS AGO (1943)

Pvt. Arthur (Tommy) Dewey returned to a camp in Florida, the first of the week after a 14-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dewey, here.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bigham have received word from their son, Pvt. Basil Bigham, that he had arrived at New Orleans, La., on his return trip to Trinidad.

Stephen Knyzewski, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Knyzewski, of Route 1, Cass City, has been promoted to the rank of sergeant. He is stationed at Camp Gordon at Augusta, Ga.

Rev. Fr. John G. McCullough performed the ceremony which united in marriage Miss Helen Marie Lenhard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Lenhard, of Gagetown and Lieut. Robert M. Cartwright, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Cartwright, of Unionville. Vows were spoken in St. Agatha's Rectory at Gagetown on Tuesday, Mar. 30, at 2:30 p.m. The couple was attended by Miss Marie J. Kelly and Kenneth L. Bell, both of Bay City.

100 YEARS AGO (1918)

Dear Folks at Home: Just a short note. Expect to go to London tonight; so you see I have had the day and an evening's visit with Liverpool. Myself and two other aviators, friends of mine, have been making the town, and incidentally, I have laughed myself sick at some of the ludicrous incidents. I have had 5 o'clock English tea with a small cake, all that one is allowed between meals, sugar was brought to us on a little plate, in fact, we did not know what it was until we were told, for they look like indigestion tablets two of them for each cup. I finally persuaded the boys to use them. The streets are dark, made so by war orders; blinds are drawn, all on account of air raids. Purchased a trench rain coat, 5 pounds; a set of chess men, for my leisure time; a French dictionary; a map of Europe. Had \$50 changed into English money. Enjoying myself immensely. Wish you all were along. With love, LESLIE. Lt. L. P. Koepfgen, R C A S American Expeditionary Forces, France.

Miss Laura McConnell, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grant McConnell, of Greenleaf became the bride of Jacob Hiller of Detroit Wednesday noon in the presence of only the immediate relatives. Rev. J. D. Young of the M. E. Church of Cass City performed the marriage ceremony, the couple being unattended. The bride wore a becoming gown of blue silk. Mr. and Mrs. Hiller expect to make their home with the bride's parents for the summer.

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Elkland Township Board pledges to support park, pool

Continued from page one.

"The three-year agreement is effective today," explained Cass City Village Manager Debbie Powell, noting the agreement is limited to employees of the Cass City Department of Public Works and Parks Department.

"I don't think it will have much of an impact economically. It effects less than 10 employees," she said.

Union representation will provide members with overtime and holiday pay guidelines, insurance coverage, deferred compensation, paid time off, and grievance procedures, to name just a few topics covered under the arrangement.

Some of the new teamsters say union representation was needed partly because of what they allege was mismanagement under former village manager Peter Cristiano, involving raises for top level employees only, while allowing other employees to "come and go" as they pleased without penalty, and finally, most recently creating a new employee handbook without input from the department heads.

In other matters, the council approved the village's annual Tuscola Area Airport Authority (TAAA) allocation payment and the refinancing of three Downtown Development Authority (DDA) properties during the hour-long meeting.

On a 4-2 roll call vote, the council approved a 2017-18 allocation of \$9,688 for the TAAA. Casting the dissenting votes were council members Tom Herron and Ray Piaskowski.

Turning to the DDA properties – located at 6544 Main St., 4453 Leach St. and 4452 West St. – Powell reported that combining the separate financed properties into one loan of \$121,000, with monthly payments for seven years at a fixed rate of 4.95 percent, will save the DDA debt service approximately \$300 per month.

In addition to the cost saving measures, new rates for the village's 2018 Day Camp were discussed and approved. It was determined necessary to increase the fee for non-village residents from \$14 to \$16 daily per child, and the seasonal per-child fee from \$280 to \$300. The increased fees are needed despite the generosity of the Elkland Township Board, which recently voted to donate \$5,000 this year and for five years total towards maintenance of the Cass City Park and Helen Stevens Memorial Pool.

"We hope other adjacent and surrounding communities will be receptive to donating to the cause," Powell said.

In other financial matters, the council learned it will have to invest more than \$135,000 at the village's wastewater treatment plant to replace the original grit system designed to remove mineral matter that will not decompose or break down. That equipment was installed in 1981.

Approved was the purchase of a Walker Process Grit System from DuBois-Cooper for \$126,300. Platinum Mechanical was hired to remove the old grit system and install the new grit system for \$11,600, and Maurer electric will unhook the old leads and hook up the new leads for an amount not to exceed \$2,800.

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Sunday Evening Service & Youth Group 6:30 p.m. • Wednesday Family Night 6:30 p.m.

Pastor: Phil Burkett • Associate Pastor: Joel Schwendinger • www.casscitymc.org



Cass City United Methodist Church

5100 Cemetery Rd., P.O. Box 125, Cass City, MI 48726 • 872-3422

Worship: 11:00 a.m. (Summer 9:30 a.m.) • Sunday School - Sept.-May 9:30 a.m.

Community Dinner - Monthly (2nd Wed. at noon)

Pastor: Rev. Jackie Roe



Community Baptist Church (Independent Fundamental)

4446 Ale St., Cass City, MI 48726 • 989-872-4088

Sunday School 9:45 a.m. • Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Evening Service 6:00 p.m. • Wednesday - Pray/Bible Study & Youth Group 6:00 p.m.

Deford Community Church

1392 N. Kingston Rd.

(1/4 mile south of Deford on Kingston Rd.)

Sundays - 10 a.m. | Wednesday - 7 p.m.

Pastor: David Cooper | 872-4055

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Local students form Choose Kindness Club

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to teach them it's not about giving people high fives, it's about what's in the inside," she added.

"We gave surveys out to the people who join, and one of the questions was, 'What do you think kindness is?' And this is what someone wrote: 'Kindness is a gift not seen but felt in the heart'."

Fifth grade teacher Andrea Ross explained the girls' outreach was sparked by a nationwide campaign to encourage youngsters to emulate acceptance of others, regardless of their physical appearance.

"Our fifth grade classes participated in a program put on by Lionsgate and GapKids, called the Wonder Project, in the beginning of the school year," Ross said. "Kids could create a poster about 'What Kindness Means to You'. Maia's entry was selected as a winning entry and she received a \$150 GapKids gift card."

In fact, Estrella's design was one of just eight selected from among some 10,000 entries across the country. All eight designs were placed on T-shirts available for purchase online at the GapKids website, with the proceeds going to the Cranial Facial Foundation to help kids like Auggie Pullman — portrayed in the movie, Wonder.

Based on the best-selling novel by R.J. Palacio, Wonder follows the inspiring story of the Pullman family, whose youngest child, Auggie, is a boy born with a rare craniofacial condition, or facial deformity. When Auggie enters mainstream elementary school for the first time, "his extraordinary journey unites his family, his school, and his community, and proves that you can't blend in when you were born to stand out." The film stars Oscar winner Julia Roberts, Owen Wilson, and Jacob Tremblay.

Inspired by the film, Estrella designed a T-shirt featuring several crayons — side by side, each different from the others — and a single word, "Together".

Aside from having her design placed on T-shirts, Estrella's winning entry netted free T-shirts for all of her homeroom classmates, according to Ross.

"The entire fifth grade also won

a free pre-screening to the movie, Wonder, but were unable to attend due to bussing and time issues. The Lionsgate Corporation sent free movie passes to all fifth graders since they couldn't attend the pre-screening," she said.

While Estrella and Basanez-Gastelum have been busy building membership in their Choose Kindness Club — membership has grown from about four students to more than two-thirds of Cass City's 74 fifth graders — Ross indicated the girls' have gone about their work quietly.

"The club was discovered by accident one day in the computer lab during writing class," Ross recalled. "I noticed that three girls were looking at the same document. When I looked closer, I read what appeared to be an informational flyer about the club that was being started. I was touched by the description I read."

"A couple of weeks prior to this was the Florida school shooting. There had been so much negativity in the press and such, that I felt our school counselors and administrators needed to see that there are wonderful, caring students within our district that were trying very hard to do their part to spread the message of 'choosing kindness'. I was hoping we could recognize them in some way," she continued. "Mr. (Cass City School Supt. Jeff) Hartel jumped on board right away and met with the girls a few days later to find out more."

"By the time I discovered the club, they had already met a couple of times during their lunch recess," Ross said. "I do not believe they were looking for any sort of recognition as they had not mentioned it to any of us teachers."

Both students come from very supportive families, according to Ross. "Maia is not shy at all and is very outgoing, where Romina, on the other hand, is a little more quiet. (But) they are both friendly and encouraging to others," she said.

Both Estrella and Basanez-Gastelum agreed their motivation for starting the club grew out of reading the book, Wonder, which has become a staple for local fifth graders.

"We have been using this book

for at least five years and feel very strongly in the message it sends to kids. We promote and facilitate discussions about being kind to others no matter what they think others are like based on their outward appearance," Ross noted.

"When I was little, I actually felt like Auggie Pullman," said Estrella, who began attending Cass City Schools as a kindergarten student after leaving her native Mexico. "I didn't have (many) friends because I came from another country. I was struggling to talk English," she added.

These days, Estrella and Basanez-Gastelum, who is also originally from Mexico, are encouraging their classmates to look at their peers in a different way — by trying to get to know them before making any judgments. Meetings are spent talking about different ways members have found to spread their message throughout the school.

Aside from weekly meetings during their lunch/recess, the members of the Choose Kindness Club spend time talking about ways to make everyone feel like they're part of the group.

For example, they jot down positive messages — "Have a good day", "You're awesome!", "You can do great things", etc. — on pieces of paper and place them on other students' lockers, according to Basanez-Gastelum, the daughter of Ernesto Basanez and Yessenia Gastelum, Cass City.

The girls, who credit their success, in part, to the support of their teachers, would both like to see bullying become a thing of the past, although they acknowledge that goal is a tall order.

On the other hand, even some students who may have been unkind to their peers in the past have shown an interest in the club by attending meetings. "I know they want to learn to be kind and learn how to be kind, too," Estrella said.

The club has generated plenty of smiles not only from students, but also among the teaching staff.

"Maia and Romina are both very respectful, responsible and especially kind young ladies. They are hardworking and motivated and, obviously by their recent actions, positive role-models for their peers," Ross said.

News briefs

Retirees are invited to school

OWENDALE — Retirees living in the Owendale-Gagetown School District are invited to enjoy a free lunch, view elementary school projects and take home a special surprise this week.

The event will be in the school library/cafeteria Thursday, March 29. Those interested in attending are asked to arrive at 11 a.m. so they can view the elementary school reading fair projects, followed by lunch.

Easter basket giveaway set

UBLY — The Uibly Lioness Club is trying something new. There will be no Easter egg hunt this year. In its place they will be doing an Easter basket drawing.

To enter the drawing, children must be between one and 13 years of age. There will be one boy and one girl basket given away along with a stuffed animal. To enter, go to Sleeper Public Library in Uibly to enter one ticket per visit per day.

The drawing is scheduled for Thursday, March 29, at noon.

State okays tab grace period

MICHIGAN — Gov. Rick Snyder has signed legislation authorizing a 30-day grace period for motorists to affix their license tabs after renewing their vehicles' registrations.

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Spoonfuls of Plenty available

CARO — The Human Development Commission (HDC) hosts Spoonfuls of Plenty, which is a free community meal, from 3:30 to 6 p.m. each Wednesday at the LeeRoy Clark Center, 435 Green St., Caro.

For more information, call (989) 673-4121.

Basketball camp set in June

CASS CITY — There will be a Thumb Pride Basketball Camp June 18 through June 21 at Cass City Junior-Senior High School.

More information is available by logging on to the website www.cramerbasketball.com.

School board elects officers

OWENDALE — During the Owendale-Gagetown Board of Education's annual reorganization meeting, school officials conducted elections for the various positions on the board.

Dan Warack was named president, Matt Roemer was selected as vice president, Sarah Ondrajka as secretary and Terry Fahrner as treasurer.

In addition, the following committee appointments were approved: negotiations — Julie Good, Matt Roemer and Dan Warack; budget and finance — Julie Good, Terry Fahrner and Dan Warack; policy and by-laws — Julie Good, Katie Wood and Sarah Ondrajka; transportation/buildings and grounds — Tom Jeffery, Matt Roemer and Dan Warack; grievance — Tom Jeffery, Katie Wood and Matt Roemer; personnel — Terry Fahrner, Sarah Ondrajka and Dan Warack; and athletics — Sarah Ondrajka, Terry Fahrner and Katie Wood.

Also, Nicholas Gibbard was hired as head football coach, and Rebecca McKnight was named the district's nomination for this year's Friend of the Youth honor at the Thumb Meet of Champions, scheduled for May.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery

More cash coming for roads

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available money to the forefront of the effort right away."

Huron County will receive an estimated \$536,739 in additional road funds for immediate use this construction season, while Tuscola County will receive an estimated additional \$618,811.

Cities and villages will get extra money on top of those allocations, with Cass City slated to receive \$21,850.

Estimated amounts for other area communities are: Akron (\$4,261), Bad Axe (\$23,718), Caro (\$31,210), Caseville (\$7,605), Elkton (\$6,429), Fairgrove (\$4,645), Gagetown (\$5,115), Harbor Beach (\$13,792), Kinde (\$4,475), Kingston (\$3,613), Mayville (\$8,405), Millington (\$7,777), Owendale (\$3,463), Pigeon (\$9,768), Port Austin (\$6,255), Port Hope (\$3,185), Reese (\$12,075), Sebawaing (\$15,169), Uibly (\$7,005), Unionville (\$4,598) and Vassar (\$22,327).

Sanilac County, meanwhile, will receive \$711,036.

The following is a breakdown of allocations by local government unit:

Applegate (\$3,632), Brown City (\$10,479), Carsonville (\$4,995), Crosswell (\$21,601), Deckerville (\$9,102), Forestville (\$2,816), Lexington (\$8,055), Marlette (\$15,917), Melvin (\$3,214), Minden City (\$3,031), Peck (\$4,546), Port Sanilac (\$5,566), Sandusky (\$22,082), and the Sanilac County Road Commission, (\$596,000).

The money is already available because various state departments did not spend as much as originally projected during a previous budget cycle, Canfield noted, adding that's why no budget cuts or additional fees or taxes are required for the investment.

"The extra money comes in addition to record-level road funding provided by previous long-term reforms," he said. "The state also has strengthened its warranty system designed to make sure new and refurbished roads will last longer."



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Cass City officials announce honors grads

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She served as class secretary in 2017-18 and as secretary of the executive board of student council. Kausch is a co-section leader in the marching band and symphony band as well as being a member of the jazz band. She has participated in the all-school play and the annual STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) fair.

Kausch has also been involved in athletics, including serving as captain of the swim team, earning first team and second team all-conference honors in the 100-meter breaststroke. She was a member of the gymnastics and soccer teams as well.

A Cass City Junior Citizen of the Year Award nominee this year, her honors have also included being an NRECA (National Rural Electric Cooperative Association) Youth Leadership Tour elected participant.

Her future plans include attending Syracuse University in New York.

Dickinson, the daughter of Janelle and Dan Dickinson, boasts a grade point average of 4.11.

Aside from being an honor roll student and National Honor Society member, Dickinson has served on the student council. She has also been involved in Academic Games (math team), the STEM fair and mentoring other students.

She has been active in athletics as a member of the volleyball, basketball and softball teams,

earning multiple scholar athlete accolades in all three sports along with all-conference second team honors in volleyball and honorable mention in volleyball and softball.

Outside of the classroom, Dickinson has volunteered for a host of activities, including highway clean-ups, citizen of the year dinner, softball and basketball clinics, delivering meals to church shut-ins, passing out water in Flint, blood drives, Lions Club dinner, Bike to School Day and the annual Cass City Freedom Festival Parade.

Following graduation, Dickinson plans to study engineering at Michigan State University or Western Michigan University.

Graham, the daughter of Erica Hunt and Bill and Carolyn Graham, also earned a grade point average of 4.11.

An honor roll student, Graham is a National Honor Society member and has served on the student council. She is also a member of the Tuscola County Community Foundation's Future Youth Involvement (FYI) Fund Board.

She has also participated in Academic Games (English and math teams) and earned academic honors in Spanish, geometry, algebra, chemistry and advanced placement chemistry. She is a member of the marching band and symphony band.

A Cass City Junior Citizen of the Year Award nominee, Graham has also been involved in athletics. She has been a member of the

bowling, gymnastics, softball and volleyball teams.

Her future plans include studying nursing at Grand Valley State University (GVSU), where she has been awarded a GVSU Award of Excellence (\$5,000) and GVSU Presidential Scholarship (\$7,000). Graham is also the recipient of a \$5,000 Thompson Working Family Scholarship.

Honors graduates

Also graduating with honors this year are the following students who earned a grade point average of 3.5 or higher:

Travis Albrecht, Jamison Biskner-Kruse, Dakota Cook, Sayge Cuthrell, Errianna Hoyt, Darren Hutchinson, Riley Klein, Danielle Kopah, Katelyn Kuenzli, Baylee Murphy, McKenna Nye, Jaclyn Palmer, Nicholas Perry, Eric Peters, Alyssa Sangster, Joseph Skiles, Samantha Stern, CarLee Stimpfel, Konnar Warren, Robert Weaver, Rylie Weiler and Reed White.

Honors graduates earning grade point averages of 3.0 to 3.49 are:

Kelsey Bouverette, Kalean Boynton, Kristen Bradley, Garrett Deitering, Lauren Fernald, Brendan Hamilton, Heaven Hartwick, Haley Leppert, Samantha London, Madison Mandich, Shaylee Ponder, Seth Roggenbuck, Bailee Ross, Connor Sines, Brittany Stilson, Brooklyn Stilson, Brittany Swiderski, Kaitlin Witherspoon, Brandon Wright and Nicolette Younglove.



Claire Kausch



Lauren Dickinson



Megan Graham

Online voter registration coming soon

by Mary Drier
Special for the Chronicle

Area residents may soon have an easier way to become registered voters.

The Michigan Senate passed legislation that will provide residents with the accurate and secure option of online voter registration.

Secretary of State Ruth Johnson has worked with legislators to make online voter registration a reality.

"Michigan has the ability to accurately and securely receive registration applications online and authenticate voters against their driver or state ID information on file," Johnson said.

Tuscola County Clerk Jodi Fetting supports the proposed change.

"Personally, I support the opportunity that Secretary Johnson is working to provide to residents to become registered to vote. Also, the Michigan Association of County Clerks supports the passage of this bill," said Fetting, Tuscola County's chief election officer.

"The right to vote is important, and if registering to vote can become easier in this day of technology, I feel that it is a benefit to the residents of the Tuscola County and the state of Michigan," Fetting added. "I have reached out to Senator Mike Green and Rep. Edward Canfield and asked for their support also."

The legislation now goes to the House for consideration.

Also, the online services at ExpressSOS.com allow customers to complete just about any transaction online. Launched in 2011, the site offers such conveniences as change of address, duplicate vehicle titles, and vehicle registration and driver's license renewals over the internet.

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NCTL names all-stars

by Clarke Haire
 Publisher

A pair of Kingston underclassmen were named to the North Central Thumb League - Stars 2017-18 all-conference dream team to the delight of Coach Dave Lester.



Evan Neff

Cardinal junior Nathan Cloyd and sophomore Evan Neff both landed on the all-conference first team decided by the votes of coaches in the 5-school association.

Cloyd averaged 13.3 points, 6.3 rebounds and 2.1 assists. The 6' shooting guard shot 52 percent from the field.

"Nathan had an outstanding year for us. He shoots the ball well and



Nathan Cloyd

has the ability to create his own shot off the dribble, while making other players better. He is probably the best rebounding guard I have ever coached. He had four double doubles, including a 25 point, 20 rebound effort in the season-ending defeat to International Academy of Flint in the regional semifinals. I expect Nathan to have a great 2018-19 season," said Lester.

Neff, also a 6' shooting guard, averaged 14.8 points and 3.9 re-

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THE 2018 Cass City Red Hawk baseball team members are: (front, l-r) Collen Wruble, Kenton Wiseman, Joey Krol, Tristan Swiderski, Braden Rosenstangel (back) Asst. Coach Jim Baker, Sandyn Cuthrell, Zack Beecher, Hunter Vaughan, Luke Stern, Kendall Anthes and Coach Josh Stern.

Cass City baseball team looks to build on last year's success despite numbers

by Clarke Haire
 Publisher

It appears to be a mixed bag for Cass City Coach Josh Stern as he enters his fourth year in charge of the Red Hawk baseball team.

Missing from the Red Hawks' break out season in 2017 - Cass City went 16-14 overall last year after recording just two wins in 2016 - are several players sure to be missed this spring including graduates Brent Baker, Brad Baker, Chase Winter, Brandy Warford, Kyle Schmotzer, Eric Guinther and Chase Denniston, along with seniors Nick Perry and Brenden Hamilton who opted to sit out their final Red Hawk seasons on the ball diamonds. Instead of chasing baseballs, Perry will chase golf balls, while Hamilton hopes to be a state qualifier in the

long jump to wrap up a stellar athletic career.

From that list, Greater Thumb West all-conference second team pitcher Brent Baker may be the hardest for Stern to replace. Baker batted .330 in his final season and drove in 11 RBIs. He was solid toeing the rubber, highlighted by a no-hit outing against Brown City.

On the other side of the coin, Stern has six letter winners back from a year ago to help mold this year's team into a conference contender.

Topping that list is sophomore Kendall Anthes. In his rookie season, Anthes batted .316 at the

plate, but it was his work on the hill that stood out. He struck out 32 batters in 23 innings pitched and held a 1.215 ERA in mostly relief appearances.

Other returnees for Cass City include 2017 GTW all-conference honorable mention picks Joey Krol, Sandyn Cuthrell and Luke Stern.

Krol supplies power from the left side both at the plate and on the mound. The senior southpaw held a 1.964 ERA last year on the mound and a .269 average at the plate that included 12 RBIs. Sophomore Cuthrell batted for an average of .374 in his rookie season, that included a team best seven

doubles. Stern batted for a .281 average in 2017 and the sidearm throwing starter held a 3.97 ERA.

Also back are senior Hunter Vaughan and junior Zackary Beecher. Vaughan was best at the plate with runners on base and slugged for a .328 average a year ago. Beecher held a 2.710 ERA in 31 innings pitched during last season.

New to this year's team are freshman Kenton Wiseman, sophomore Tristan Swiderski and senior Braden Rosenstangel. They are sure to see plenty of playing time on the 10-player roster that includes one freshman and four sophomores.

2017-18 NCTL Stripes Division All League Boys' Basketball

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- 1.) Ean Sell - Peck 12th grade
- 2.) Sawyer Kozfkay - Caseville 9th grade
- 3.) Zac Dudley - Peck 11th grade
- 4.) J.P. Szcypka - BCAS 12th grade
- 5.) Ben Short - BCAS 12th grade
- 6.) Brad Nugent - CPS 11th grade

Defensive Specialist

J.P. Szcypka - BCAS 12th grade

Second Team

- 1.) CJ Samborn - BCAS 11th grade
- 2.) Cole Hendley - Peck 12th grade
- 3.) Luke Retford - Owengage 12th grade
- 4.) Devyn Taylor - CPS 11th grade
- 5.) Michael Kelly - Caseville 11th grade
- 6.) Aaron Fahrner - Owengage 12th grade

Honorable Mention

- 1.) Lee Raetz - CPS 12th grade
- 2.) Landon Emerson - CPS 11th grade
- 3.) Brandon Lecznar - Caseville 12th grade
- 4.) Grant Gehringer - BCAS 10th grade
- 5.) Nick Kontes - BCAS 10th grade
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NCTL stars included 4 Cardinals in 2017-18

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bounds per game. "Evan had a great year for us. He was our leading scorer who could hit the perimeter shot, while expanding his overall game by creating his own shot off the dribble. Evan is a great passer and handles the ball extremely well. He finished the season on a positive note, scoring a career-high 23 points in a season-ending loss to International Academy of Flint in the Regional semifinals. I expect Evan to take another big step this offseason. He should be a fun player to watch in 2018-19," Lester said.

Rounding out the North Central Thumb League (NCTL) – Stars all-conference first team choices are Dryden senior John Delcampo, Flint IAF senior Steven Floyd II, senior Gregory Bradley, and Deckerville senior Wyatt Janowiak.

Named all-conference defensive specialist were Dryden senior Jared Czape and senior Kenton Bowerman.

Landing on the NCTL- Stars all-conference second team were Czape, Bowerman, Jack Koplan – Dryden, Larry McLean Jr. – Flint IAF, Gerrius Williams – Flint IAF and Jeffrey Frost – Mayville.

The NCTL – Stars honorable mention picks included Dryden's Brady Czape, Deckerville's Cole Romzek, Kington's Austin Ahern and Hunter James, Mayville's Nathan Dawson, and North Huron's Brandon Berry and Ty Knoblock.



THE 2018 Cass City Red Hawk softball team members are: (front, l-r) Baylee Murphy, Lauren Dickinson, Jalene Krol, Kacey Haire, Bailee Ross, Brittany Hamilton (middle) DeeDee Haley, Kate Stimpfel, Konnar Warren, Riley Klein, Dawson Klein, Brianna Mester (back) Asst. Coach Ken Martin and Coach John Hacker.

Hacker returns for 8th season as leader of Cass City softball hopes

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

The Cass City Lady Red Hawk softball team's chances of winning Greater Thumb West or district championships in 2018 suffered a huge blow with the unexpected loss of senior Sayge Cuthrell.

Cuthrell, a standout 3-year letter winner, is expected to miss her senior season due to a back/hip injury. As a junior, the Greater Thumb West (GTW) all-conference second team performer was mighty on the mound and at the plate. The Lady Red Hawk ace threw 125 innings during the campaign and won 10 times. She struck out 166 with an ERA of 2.8. At the plate, Cuthrell held a .388 average that included seven doubles.

Adding salt to the wound for 8th year Coach John Hacker, also missing from last year's roster, that compiled a 16-15 overall record, is Megan Graham. She was a GTW all-conference honorable mention selection in 2017, who has decided to devote more time to school work in her senior year.

"We haven't ruled Sayge out yet," said Hacker, adding, "She was going to see a doctor over spring break and get a shot. I don't know how she finished the basketball seasons the last two years."

Without Cuthrell, seniors Riley Klein and Konnar Warren will have to lead the way for Cass City. Both were named to the GTW all-conference second team as juniors.

Klein, the Red Hawks' third baseman, batted .325 and was clutch with runners in scoring position. She hammered in 23 RBIs last year.

Warren, a junior gold glove candidate in center field, had an OBP

of .481 and batted for a .386 average.

Also back after earning all-conference praises in 2017 are seniors Baylee Murphy, Lauren Dickinson, Bailee Ross and junior Kacey Haire.

Murphy will handle most of the team's duties behind the plate, while Dickinson will anchor the infield at shortstop. Haire, a multipurpose athlete, will see action behind the plate, in the infield and in the outfield. Hacker says Haire is pegged as the team's leadoff hitter entering the season.

Still, it's Ross who must play a major role if Cass City is to be successful, as she is now considered the Red Hawk ace. The trio of Ross, Murphy and Dickinson give the Red Hawks plenty of power in the middle of the lineup.

Rounding out the returning letter winners for Cass City are senior Kate Stimpfel and juniors Brittany Hamilton and Brianna Mester. Stimpfel and Hamilton should be much improved with a year of varsity experience under their belts, while Mester, who missed the 2017 season with an injury, returns after a promising freshman year.

Juniors DeeDee Haley and Jalene Krol and freshman Dawson Klein round out the Cass City roster.

"Jalene pitched for the junior varsity last year and Dawson will log some innings," Hacker said of his rookie hurlers.

Cass City finished 5-5 in the GTW last year, third in the league standings.

"USA is the heavy favorite in the league. They have both of their pitchers back," Hacker said, adding, "We led late in both games against the Patriots last year, but couldn't put them away. We need to put teams away."

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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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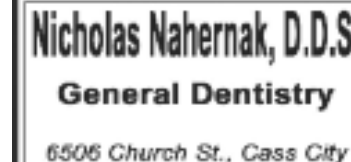
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Legal Notices

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.

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

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

2-28-5

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 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 7, 2018
Trott Law, P.C.

1343755

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 SUB-DIVISION, 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 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 7, 2018
Trott Law, P.C.
1343881

3-7-4

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
3-21-4

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 John Willerton, a married man, Loretta Willerton, his wife, and Robert Rolston, a married man, and Nancy Rolston, his wife, mortgagors, to Independent Mortgage Company, a dissolved Michigan corporation, as assigned to Independent Bank, a Michigan banking corporation, mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated September 29, 2009, and 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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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
By: Henry L. Knier, Jr. (P46393)
Attorney for Independent Bank, Mortgagee
900 Washington Ave., P.O. Box 219
Bay City, MI 48707-(989) 892-4574
3-21-4

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement
ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee for any reason. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest, and the purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney. Notice is hereby given that the below mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00 am on April 19, 2018.

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 Southeastly 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
3-21-4

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 19, 2018:

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
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 North-west 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.

3-21-4

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 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).

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

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Legal Notices

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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Default has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage made by PETER ZECHMEISTER, a single man ("Mortgagor"), to GREENSTONE FARM CREDIT SERVICES, FLCA, a federally chartered corporation, having an office at 3515 West Road, East Lansing, Michigan 48823 (the "Mortgage"), dated December 7, 2007, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Tuscola County, Michigan on December 17, 2007, as Instrument No. 200700902940 or Liber 1137, Page 287 (the "Mortgage"). By reason of such default, the Mortgagee elects to declare and hereby declares the entire unpaid amount of the Mortgage due and payable forthwith. Mortgagee is the owner of the indebtedness secured by the Mortgage.

As of the date of this Notice there is claimed to be due for principal and interest on the Mortgage the sum of Twenty-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Eighteen and 23/100 Dollars (\$22,718.23). No suit or proceeding at law has been instituted to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage or any part thereof.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in the Mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, and to pay the above amount, with interest, as provided in the Mortgage, and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fee allowed by law, and all taxes and insurance premiums paid by the undersigned before sale, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises at public venue to the highest bidder at the Tuscola County Courthouse in Caro, Michigan on Thursday the 3rd day of May, 2018, at ten o'clock in the forenoon. The premises covered by the Mortgage are situated in the Township of Almer, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, and are described as follows:

Parcel 1: Commencing at the Southwest corner of Section 36; thence North 88 degrees 41 minutes 37 seconds East 58 feet along South Section line to the Northwest corner of Section 1, Town 12 North, Range 9 East; thence North 88 degrees 41 minutes 37 seconds East 937.46 feet along South Section line to point of beginning; thence North 1309.06 feet to the South 1/8 line; thence East 331.21 feet along the South 1/8 line to West 1/8 line; thence South 1303.59 feet along West 1/8 line to South Section line; thence South 88 degrees 41 minutes 37 seconds West 331.82 feet along South Section line to point of beginning, containing 10 acres more or less. All being in Section 36, Town 13 North, Range 9 East, Township of Almer, Tuscola County, Michigan.

Parcel 2: The West 10 acres of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4, Section 36, Town 13 North, Range 9 East, Township of Almer, Tuscola County, Michigan.

Together with all fixtures, tenements, hereditaments, and appurtenances belonging or in any way appertaining to the premises.

Commonly known as: 1708 Orr Road, Caro, Michigan 48723 (Parcel 2) and vacant land on Orr Road, Caro, Michigan 48723 (Parcel 1)
P.P. #79-002-036-000-3950-00 (Parcel 1) and 79-002-036-000-4000-02 (Parcel 2)

Notice is further given that the length of the redemption period will be six (6) months from the date of sale, unless the premises are abandoned. If the premises are abandoned, the redemption period will be the later of thirty (30) days from the date of the sale or upon expiration of fifteen (15) days after the Mortgagor is given notice pursuant to MCLA §600.3241a(b) that the premises are considered abandoned and Mortgagor, Mortgagor's heirs, executor, or administrator, or a person lawfully claiming from or under one (1) of them has not given the written notice required by MCLA §600.3241a(c) stating that the premises are not abandoned.

If the premises are sold at a foreclosure sale, under MCLA §600.3278 the Mortgagor will be held responsible to the person who buys the premises at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the Mortgagee for damaging the premises during the redemption period.

Dated: March 28, 2018
GREENSTONE FARM CREDIT SERVICES, FLCA
Mortgagee
Timothy Hillemonds
WARNER NORCROSS & JUDD LLP
900 Fifth Third Center
111 Lyon Street, N.W.
Grand Rapids, MI 49503-2487
(616) 752-2000
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3-28-4

MORTGAGE SALE
THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OB-

TAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Robert Sholes, a/k/a Robert P. Sholes and Amie Sholes, husband and wife, mortgagors, to Independent Bank East Michigan, n/k/a Independent Bank, mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated November 15, 2002, and was recorded on December 6, 2002, in Liber 906, on page 110 of the Tuscola County records, and subject to a Subordination Agreement recorded at Liber 1005, Page 467. The balance owing on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is \$10,618.15, including interest at 8.5% 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. This Mortgage is a junior mortgage.

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 May 3, 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 Wells, County of Tuscola, Michigan and is described as:

Commencing at the SW corner of the N 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of Section 26, T12N, R10E, thence N 188 ft to the POB; thence E 338 ft; thence N 270 ft; thence W 338 ft; thence S 270 ft to POB.

commonly known as 2595 S. Plain Road, Caro, MI 48723
tax i.d. 022-026-000-0425-00

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 23, 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

3-28-4

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mike Koblinski single man, as his sole & separate property to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Flagstar Bank, FSB dated August 19, 2004 and recorded August 29, 2005 in Liber 1051, Page 1459, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by assignment.

In pursuance and by virtue of a Default Judgment of Foreclosure of Mortgage entered for Plaintiff, Federal National Mortgage Association, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America against Defendant(s), The Estate of Mike Koblinski, Jr., Tuscola County Decedent Estate No. 12-034116-DE, a Michigan decedent estate in Case No. 17-029907-CH of Tuscola County Circuit Court, the below premises shall be foreclosed and sold by public auction. Default Judgment of Foreclosure of Mortgage was entered on the 20th day of February, 2018, wherein there is claimed to be due on said date the sum of One Hundred One Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars and Thirty Cents (\$101,575.30), which includes interest from October 20, 2017 at a rate of 5.75% plus sums advanced for taxes, insurance and other fees incurred and allowed by said mortgage.

Under the Default Judgment of Foreclosure of Mortgage and related statutes, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgage premises pursuant to the Default Judgment of Foreclosure of Mortgage and that the sale shall be at public auction to the highest bidder, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, on the 17th day of May, 2018 at 10:00 AM, Eastern Standard Time, the following described property, viz:

All certain piece or parcel of land situated in the city of Fairgrove, County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, described as follows:
Commencing at a point 313.2 feet South of the East quarter corner of Section 29,

Township 14 North, Range 7 East, and running thence South 181.5 feet; thence West 162.7 feet, thence North 181.5 feet, thence 162.7 feet to the place of beginning, reserving an easement of one rod in width on the South side for road purposes.

Commonly Known As: 4215 Quanicasee Road, Fairgrove, MI, 48733
Tax ID: 023-029-000-7400-00
This property may be redeemed during the six (6) months following the sale.
Dated: March 20, 2018
Orlans PC
/s/Christian K. Mullett
Attorney Name
Attorneys for Plaintiff
File No. 17-005829

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Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C., is attempting to collect a debt, any information obtained will be used for that purpose. MORTGAGE SALE –IS-ABLE DELACRUZ, AN UNMARRIED MAN, granted a mortgage to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 6, 2007, and recorded on June 12, 2007, in Liber 1122, on Page 151, and assigned by said mortgagee to Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixteen Thousand One Hundred Sixty Dollars and Eleven Cents (\$16,160.11).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on April 26, 2018 Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as: LOT 2, COUNTRY MANOR SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 3, PAGE 52, TUSCOLA COUNTY RECORDS.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241, in which case the redemption period shall be 1 month, or under MCL 600.3241a 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later, or extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper Mortgage/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335
1346031

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

MORTGAGE SALE –Scott W. Kirby, A Single Person and Kathy A. Pletcher, A Single Person, granted a mortgage to Standard Federal Bank, Mortgagee, dated March 25, 1996, and recorded on April 16, 1996, in Liber 688, on Page 1191, and assigned by said mortgagee to Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae"), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twenty-Four Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-One Dollars and Eighty-Five Cents (\$24,621.85). Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on April 26, 2018 Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as:

The East 125.3 feet of South 327 feet of West 290.3 feet of Southeast 1/4 of Southeast 1/4 of Section 33, Township 11 North, Range 8 East. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241, in which case the redemption period shall be 1 month, or under MCL 600.3241a 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is

later, or extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238.

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

aging the property during the redemption period. Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae"), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America Mortgage/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335

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Fairgrove Township Summary of Meeting Minutes February 26, 2018 7:34 PM

Roll Call: Trustee Mike Day, Treasurer John McQuillan, Clerk Katie Gebhardt, Supervisor Keith Aeder, and Zoning Admin Bruce Turner were all present. Visitors Present: Mike Staudacher – Edward Jones, Matt Simerson – Akron Police, Doug Young – Fairgrove Fire.

Call to order. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Aeder moved and McQuillan supported to approve January minutes with corrections. Passed. Day moved and McQuillan supported to approve February agenda. Passed. Aeder moved Day supported to pay \$800 survey fee to stake Fenner Rd between Gilford Rd and Van Geisen Rd. Passed. McQuillan moved Aeder supported a resolution to tentatively increase police protection from 10 hours to 15 hours pending the Village of Akron match the increase in hours. Passed. Aeder moved McQuillan supported to accept Pyramids bid of \$182,743.25 to do the three road projects totaling 2.5 miles of road work under supervision by Tuscola County Road Commission. Passed. Accepted Sexton report in his absence. McQuillan moved Aeder supported to hold public hearing on the 2018-2019 budget on 3/8/2018 at 7 PM. Passed. Day moved Aeder supported to accept financial report as presented. Passed. Day moved McQuillan supported to pay bills as presented including Smith-Bovil bill. Passed. Day moved McQuillan supported to adjourn. Passed

Adjourned 11:14 PM
Respectfully Submitted,
Katie Gebhardt
Fairgrove Township Clerk

NOTICE FOR GILFORD TOWNSHIP March 8, 2018

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting called to order at 7:30 P.M., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present: D. Strasz, Treasurer; R. Haines, Clerk; J. Stockmeyer, Supervisor; A. Goss, Trustee; K. Houghtaling, Trustee.

BUDGET HEARING

Budget discussion: Discussion on garbage rate.

Public Comment: Should Deputy Clerk/Treasurer be paid for attending meetings in the absence of the Clerk/Treasurer. Added to salary line, \$50.00 per meeting for Deputy Clerk/Treasurer in absence of Clerk/Treasurer.

Motion by J. Stockmeyer, second by D. Strasz to adjourn Budget Meeting at 7:47 P.M. Meeting adjourned.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Meeting called to order at 7:48 P.M. Order of agenda approved.

Public Comment: None.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Clarification regarding who is leading committee for address signs. N. Keyes and A. Goss are co-chairs. The word Spot changed to Stop regarding street signs. Residents are encouraged to use the garbage carts. Motion by A. Goss, second by K. Houghtaling to approve minutes with corrections. Motion approved.

Treasurers Report: Motion by J. Stockmeyer, second by K. Houghtaling to approve Treasurers Report. Motion approved. Motion by J. Stockmeyer, second by D. Strasz to move \$500.00 from MISC. to Other Boards. Motion approved.

REPORTS:

Supervisor: J. Stockmeyer presented, D. Strasz second to adopt the 2018-2019 Budget. Roll call vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Resolution adopted. D. Strasz presented, A. Goss second to adopt Supervisor salary. Roll call vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Resolution adopted. J. Stockmeyer presented, A. Goss second to adopt Assessor salary. Roll call vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Resolution adopted. J. Stockmeyer presented, D. Strasz second to adopt Clerk salary. Roll call vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Resolution adopted. K. Houghtaling presented, R. Haines second to adopt Treasurer salary. Roll call vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Resolution adopted. R. Haines presented, J. Stockmeyer second to adopt Trustee salaries. Roll call vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Resolution adopted. D. Strasz presented, J. Stockmeyer second to adopt Banking Institutions, Chemical Bank, North Star Bank, and Frankenmuth Credit Union. Roll call vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Resolution adopted. R. Haines presented, D. Strasz second to approve Board meeting dates for 2018-2019. Roll call vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Resolution adopted. Motion by K. Houghtaling, second by D. Strasz to approve John McQuillan as Township Attorney. Motion approved.

Reese/ Fairgrove runs. Reese, 2 runs. Fairgrove, 1 run. Bids for road work 2018. Parent Rd. from Reese Rd. Easterly; Van Geisen Rd. from Bradford to Bradleyville Rd.; and Darbee Rd. from Bradleyville Rd. to Garner Rd. Discussion concerning quality of Pyramid Paving. Motion by A. Goss, second by K. Houghtaling to approve bids from Pyramid paving for said roads. Motion approved.

Clerk: New Grant applications available starting in April, will apply for security system for Township Hall. Proposed garage update. Will look into a pre-fab building. Renewal of Ambulance contract and Reese Fire contract. Will renew at April meeting. Refrigerator problem, will schedule electrician to test GFCI's. Motion by K. Houghtaling, second by D. Strasz to approve payment of the bills. Motion approved. B. Wagner appointed to Board of Review as an alternate. Treasurer: Taxes are done. Drains at Large payment to be made, settle with County Treasurer on March 9th.

Land Plan: Discussed dates for Blue Print meeting. Motion by K. Houghtaling, second by D. Strasz to adopt the Planning Commission Ordinance. Roll call vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion approved.

Clerk: Motion by K. Houghtaling, second by D. Strasz to approve payment of the bills. Motion approved.

Trustees: After discussion on residential address signs, agreed to purchase 50 sign kits and announce in next newsletter that signs will be available to residents.

Ambulance Representative: 12 runs in Gilford Twp. Waiting on grant for AED's.

Fire Department Representative: Fairgrove; Fish fries, testing phone app called Converge to assist during calls, flower sales. Reese applying for grant for turnout gear and requests Gilford TWP. write letter of support for grant.

Zoning Administrator: None.

Public Comment: Kevin Daily fund raiser.

Motion by J. Stockmeyer, second by D. Strasz. to adjourn at 10:09 P.M. Motion approved.

Respectfully Submitted: Robert L. Haines, Gilford Township Clerk

Obituaries

David Barrios

David Joseph Barrios, 70, of Cass City, formerly of North Branch, died Wednesday, March 21, 2018 in Covenant Medical Center Cooper Campus, Saginaw, following an extended illness.

He was born October 27, 1947 in New Orleans, Louisiana to Clayton Joseph and Doris Annette (Martinez) Barrios. He married Nancy Kay Adamczyk June 21, 1969 in St. Michael Catholic Church, Wilmot.

David attended Catholic school, was an altar server and graduated from Immaculata High School in Marrero, Louisiana in 1966. He was an avid athlete and received All State and All West Bank (New Orleans) recognition as a baseball player in high school and was the only high school pitcher to strike out Rusty Staub during competition high school baseball in the New Orleans area. David enrolled in the U.S. Air Force in 1966 and was stationed at Wurtsmith Air Force Base in Oscoda, where he met the love of his life, Nancy.



He received an Associate Degree in Business from Detroit College of Business, a BA in Business Management and a MSA in Business from Central Michigan University. David was employed by General Motors - V-8 Engine Plant in Flint for many years, and served in a variety of positions including Supervisor, Training and Development Supervisor and Quality Systems Engineer. He later transferred to GM Powertrain Headquarters in Pontiac where he worked as Senior Supplier Quality Engineer until his retirement in 2002. After retirement, he worked as a consultant for Fast-Tech Industries in Saginaw, Grede Foundries in Vassar and Ford Motor Company. Since 2012, David served as a licensed Property and Casualty team member for his son, Chris at the Chris Barrios - State Farm Agency in Caro. David enjoyed baseball, bowling, golf, Blooper Ball and was a skilled Texas Hold 'em Poker player. He was also an avid LSU Tigers and New Orleans Saints fan. David was a longstanding member of the North Branch American Legion Post 457, and a Third-Degree Knight in the Knights of Columbus - Central Thumb Council #8892, where he was recently honored as Knight of the Year.

David is survived by his wife, Nancy and their children: Kelly (Tom Mitchell) Barrios Ross of Lapeer, Michael Barrios of North Branch, Kerry (Todd) Rose of Otter Lake and Christopher (Stephanie Johnson) Barrios of Caro; grandchildren: Jalen Ross, Jordyn Ross, Gabriel Rose, Grant Rose, Garet Rose and Rodney Barrios; great-grandson, Alexander Ross; sister, Darlene (Brent) Tomlinson of Kingwood, TX; special aunt, Rosalie (Paul) Rodrigue of Marrero, LA; brothers-in-law: John Adamczyk of Caro, Ron (Lawanda) Adamczyk of Kingston, Don (Diane) Adamczyk of Marlette, Lenny Adamczyk of Kingston, Larry Adamczyk of Kingston and Randall Adamczyk of Kingston. Many nieces, nephews, clients and special friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Donald Joseph Barrios.

A funeral service was held Monday, March 26, in Our Lady Consolata Parish, St. Pancratius Catholic Church, Cass City with the Rev. Christian Tabares officiating.

Interment will be in St. Michael Cemetery, Wilmot. Military honors conducted by the North Branch American Legion Post #457 and the United States Air Force. Knights of Columbus Central Thumb Council #8892 prayed the rosary on Sunday. Memorials may be made to Knights of Columbus Central Thumb Council #8892 or North Branch American Legion Post #457.

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.

Martha Emmons

Martha Evelyn Emmons, 94, of Gagetown, passed away suddenly Tuesday, March 22, 2018 at Covenant Healthcare - Cooper, Saginaw.

She was born in Vassar, Sept. 8, 1923, to the late Arthur and Mary (Pe'cure) Whidden.

She married Norman Emmons on Nov. 12, 1940 in the Grant Township Hall.

He passed away Jan. 1, 1979. Martha retired from Summer's Bakery, she volunteered as a Foster Grandparent. She enjoyed bird watching, especially hummingbirds, which were her favorite, gardening, cooking and loved the outdoors and loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Martha is survived by her children, Richard (Joyce) Emmons of Gagetown, Ruth Ann (Noel) Lloyd of Millington, Leonard (Linda) Emmons of Oklahoma, Eileen (Dennis) Rievert of Gagetown, John Emmons of Arizona and Betty Lou Mayberry of Caro; 20 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Shirley; sons, Bernard and Norman, Jr.; siblings, Abbie Ackerman, Leane Shantz, Hazel Nitz, Lillian Henderson, John Whidden, Arthur Whidden, Herbert Whidden and Dorothy Whidden; son-in-law, Steven Mayberry; and daughter-in-law, Carol Emmons.

Funeral services were held Tues., March 27, at Gagetown Church of the Nazarene, 6609 Lincoln St., Gagetown. Pastor Rob Lewis officiating.

Burial will be in the spring in Grant Township Cemetery. Pastor Kyle Boils will officiate the committal service. Memorials may be made to Martha's family.

Please share condolences at www.thabetfuneralhome.com

Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home of Cass City.

Jennie Osentoski

Jennie Mary Osentoski, 88, of Cass City, died Monday, March 19, 2018 following a brief illness at the Huron Medical Center, Bad Axe.

She was born January 28, 1930 in Kingston to Peter and Mariana (Swierzbins) Zajac.

She married Vincent John Osentoski on January 14, 1961. He later died August 16, 1975.

Jennie graduated from Kingston High School in 1948 and attended Tuscola County Normal to earn her teaching certificate. She then went on to earn her Bachelor's Degree from Central Michigan University. She was proud of her career as a teacher, especially teaching at the one room Bruisee School in Caro. Jennie later taught at the Connor School in Caro. She then went on to retire from Brunkow Elementary of the Buena Vista School District. Jennie was skilled in embroidery and took pleasure in tending her flowers. She enjoyed watching and feeding the birds, especially cardinals and hummingbirds. Jennie was a fan of the Detroit Tigers, watching the games on television. She also enjoyed visiting with her sister-in-law Carmelle, in Port Austin.

Jennie is survived by her children: Anna Osentoski of Bay City, David (Teri) Osentoski of Cass City and James Osentoski of Cass City; grandchildren: Alicia Osentoski of Cass City, Adam (friend, Lindsay) Osentoski of Cass City and Austin (friend, Mandi) Osentoski of Cass City; sister, Sophia Bialkowski of Dearborn; sister-in-law, Elizabeth Zajac; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by brothers: Walter Zajac and Edward Zajac; sister, Frances (Mike) Kotora; and brother-in-law, John Bialkowski.

Funeral Mass was held Saturday, March 23, in Our Lady Consolata Parish, St. Pancratius Catholic Church, Cass City with the Rev. Matthew Joseph officiating.

Interment will be in St. John Cemetery, Ubyly.

Memorials may be made to Family Discretionary Fund. 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.

Patricia Viney

Patricia Dorothy Viney, 94, of Cass City, died following a short illness Sunday, March 25, 2018 in Medilodge Nursing Facility, Cass City.

She was born October 7, 1923 in Pontiac, to William and Minnie (Sorensen) Jones.

She married Albert Eugene Viney November 29, 1944 in Lucas, OH. He died November 1, 1972.

Pat's work history includes Hamill Manufacturing in Bad Axe, Walbro Manufacturing in Cass City and Quaker Maid in Cass City, where she worked as a sales clerk. Pat was known for her tasty pies and once supplied Pizza Villa with pies for dessert offerings. She enjoyed crocheting, making afghans for family members. Pat was very artistic and enjoyed drawing, and painting with oil and watercolors. She enjoyed sending greeting cards for every special occasion. Pat also enjoyed attending and having garage sales. She loved to drive and it was a sad day when she couldn't drive anymore. Pat enjoyed helping others, she loved to babysit her grandchildren, and donate to charities. She loved to feel needed. Pat was very stubborn, but especially sweet.

Pat is survived by her children: Bernard Viney of Perry, FL, Robert (Mary Ann Laster) Viney of Kissimmee, FL, Garry (Maria) Viney of Kissimmee, FL, and Cheryl (Stephen) Osentoski of Cass City; grandchildren: Richard Woods, Bernard Viney, Kendra Viney, Jamie Viney, Trisha Viney, Nicholas (Autumn) Osentoski, Christina (Jason Spencer) Osentoski, Jason (Vicki) Barthel, Patsy Viney, Shandy Viney and Brandy Viney; 14 great-grandchildren; her first great-great-grandchild due soon.

She was preceded in death by her sons: Joseph Viney and Terry Viney; granddaughters: Tracie Viney and Mandy Viney; grandsons: Joseph Viney and Lee Viney; stepdaughters: Jeanette Malone and Bonnie Havens; brothers: Howard Jones, Russell Jones and Bernard Jones.

Visitation was held from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, March 27, and from 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 28, in Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City. A funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 28, in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City with Pastor Jim Fader of White Cloud Church of God officiating.

Interment will be in Ellington Township Cemetery. Pallbearers for Pat will be: Christina Osentoski, Nicholas Osentoski, Bernard Viney, Jr., Jason Barthel, Jason Spencer and Kareem Khoury.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund. 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.

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2-1-24-ff

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5' x 10'
to
12' x 40'



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Notice

WANTED - Old Magazines - Mary Jones Farm, Mother Earth News and Women's World. Also Retro Furniture. Call Marilyn Erla at 872-5683. 5-3-14-3

Cass City Gun Club



**Friday, March 30
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Lovely home with the convenience of in town living. 2 car detached garage. Just waiting for your special touches to make it yours.

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Cass City native, veteran Dagmar Brown buried at sea

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shore funerals, with three volleys fired, the sounding of taps, and the closing of colors. The casket or urn is slid overboard into the sea after the committal is read, or, if requested, the cremated remains are scattered into the sea.

Because the committal ceremony is performed while a ship is deployed, family members are not permitted to attend burials at sea. However, within 10 days after committal, the commanding officer of the ship will mail a letter giving the date and time of committal and include any photographs or video of the ceremony, a commemorative flag, and a chart showing where the burial took place.

Brown's casket was taken to the U.S.S. Gunston Hall while the ship was in port at Little Creek,

Va., according to the letter F. C. Halbritter, commanding officer, U.S. Navy, recently sent to Thabet.

"We departed at 1500 (3 p.m.) on 09 February 2018 to conduct our routine pre-deployment operations. Your client spent many years in service to our country, and it was a fitting choice that she be committed from the deck of this proud ship," Halbritter wrote.

"The burial at sea ceremony took place on the stern gate on 10 February 2018, at 1400 hours (2 p.m.). Conforming to naval tradition, the ship was stopped, colors displayed at half-mast, and the participating officers and crew were paraded in full dress uniform. The morning was brisk with a 57-degree temperature and a slight wind and seas. Under these favorable conditions, at Latitude

36 22.0 degrees North and Longitude 074 46.5 degrees West, her casket was committed to the deep.

"The religious and military aspects of the ceremony were conducted with dignity and solemnity. The ship's Executive Officer Kevin D. Culver, CDR, U.S. Navy, was the military commander of the ceremony. Our chaplain, Nathan N. Rice, LT, U.S. Navy, presided over the religious ceremony and the committal.

"Honors were rendered by the U.S.S. Gunston Hall crew members to include: a seven-person rifle squad with an officer in charge, a flag detail, a six-member pall bear crew with an officer in charge, and a 14-member honor platoon. Many other sailors were on hand to view the ceremony from above.

"The officers and crew of the U.S.S. Gunston Hall are proud to

have rendered this honor to your client. Please accept my personal warm regards and sincerest sympathy for your great loss."

F. C. HALBRITTER, CDR, USN
Commanding Officer
USS GUNSTON HALL (LSD-44)

Thabet said Brown was the first person in his more than 40 years as a funeral director to ask him to arrange for a burial at sea. He recalled she approached him with the request and the necessary paperwork about five years before her death.

"She wanted it because she had been in the Navy, and that's what she was going to do," he said. "I knew you could do cremation (and then burial at sea), but I didn't know you could do full body burial.

"This is available to any veteran or their spouse, but it can take a year, year and half. In her (Brown's) case, it took 13 months," he added, noting the U.S. Navy covers the cost of the burial and ceremony. Preparation, storage and transportation of the remains is the responsibility of the customer.

Brown, a life member of Caro VFW Post 4164, requested no formal funeral service following her death, but a number of area residents remembered her fondly.

Brown's claim to local fame was walking. She walked every day whenever possible, and she completed the annual Labor Day Mackinac Bridge Walk and the Tuscola County Human Development's Walk for Warmth several times.

"She was always proud of her service in the Navy as well as the many bridge walks which resulted in meeting many Michigan governors," Tuscola County Commissioner Thom Bardwell told veteran Thumb journalist Mary Drier for a story published in the Chronicle shortly after her death.

Brown completed her 56th Mackinac Bridge walk over the 2016 Labor Day holiday weekend, even though she was legally blind and had to use a walker.

Brown missed the first two bridge walks because she couldn't find a ride. However, she completed the bridge walk with each governor since the event was founded by Governor G. Mennen "Soapy" Williams in the late 1950s.

Until age started slowing her down, Brown kept track and prided herself on how fast she could walk the five-mile length of the bridge.

In addition to being an avid walker, Brown was a true patriot.

"I've known Dagmar Brown my entire life. She was always a very kind and gracious lady, a hard worker, very independent and a good neighbor. There was no doubt Dagmar was fiercely proud of being a World War II veteran and was a true American patriot — she could get feisty when required," commented Cass City area resident and outdoors columnist Tom Lounsbury.

"Dagmar will certainly be missed and truly never forgotten. They broke the mold in her regard... a very special lady."

Although Brown was quiet and reserved, she touched the hearts of many people in the Thumb.

"I met Dagmar at my first walk as a newer employee of HDC, 27 years ago. I remember being so impressed by the local group of VFW women, all handsomely attired in their military uniforms (doing the walk for warmth)," recalled Tuscola County Human Development Commission Director Lori Offenbecher. "In the beginning, her and a group of committed women from the local VFW would raise pledges and come to the walk. As the years passed, she continued to support her local community by raising pledges and walking."

Dagmar walked in 25 out of the 27 HDC Walk for Warmth events to support the needs of people in Tuscola County by assisting them with their utility bills.

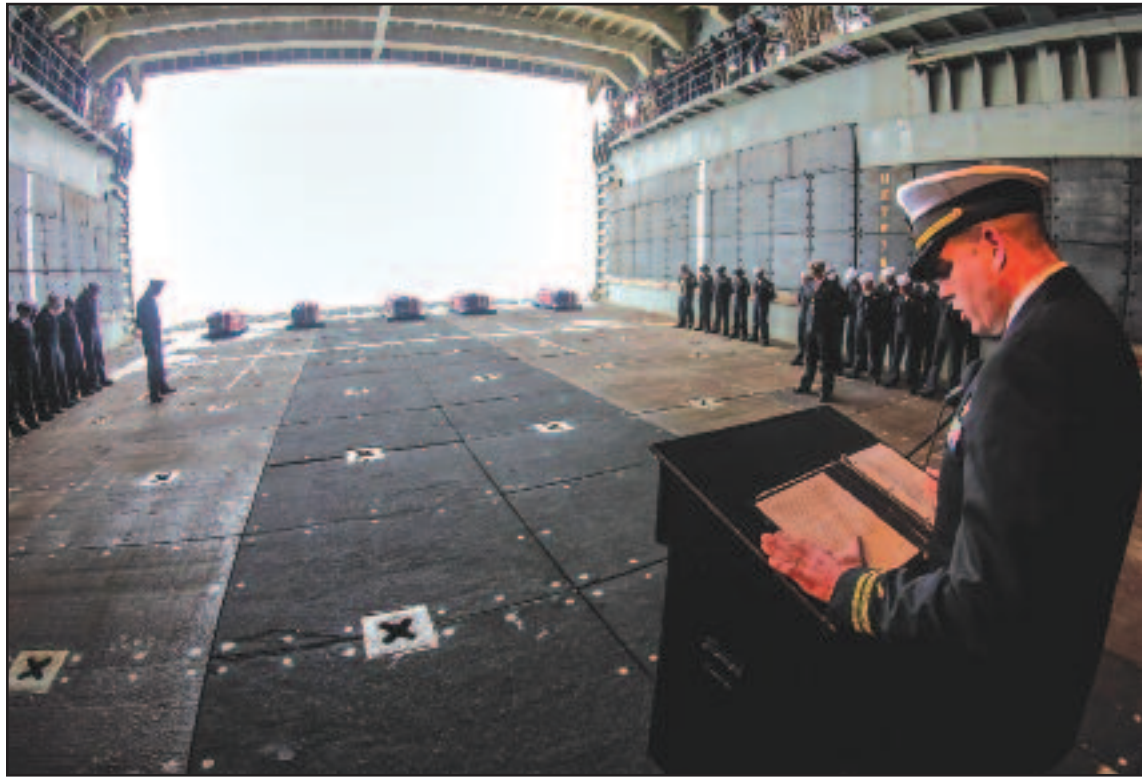
"I remember the year she had to use her walker. She completed the entire Chippewa Landing walk, and even though it took her longer than everyone else, she persevered and did the entire thing!" Offenbecher said.

In addition to passion for walking, Brown's indomitable spirit touched many.

"Every time I talked with Dagmar, she made me laugh, and I always walked away learning something from her. She taught me how to be more patient, caring and a more compassionate person," said HDC staff member Tammy Ewald.

"I loved listening to her stories, and when she gave you advice, you knew it came from her heart and her wisdom. There is always a handful of people that you meet in your life and you're a better person for having known them, and she is one of them," Ewald added.

"She lived life on her own terms and her way."



CASS CITY NATIVE and U.S. Navy veteran Dagmar Martinek-Brown, who passed away at her home Jan. 3, 2017, at the age of 94, was laid to rest in the nautical tradition of burial at sea last month in accordance with her wishes. The ceremony took place Feb. 10 aboard the U.S.S. Gunston Hall off the coast of Virginia.

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THE CEREMONY conducted by the U.S. Navy for burial at sea is done in a similar manner to that of shore funerals, with three volleys fired, the sounding of taps, and the closing of colors.

