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Forte sentenced to 15-40 years in prison

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A Saginaw man was ordered to serve a lengthy term in prison

Monday for his role in the heroin overdose death of a Caro woman nearly a year ago at an Elmwood Township residence. Tuscola County Circuit Court

Judge Amy Grace Gierhart handed down a sentence of 15 to 40 years incarceration to Edward Dontae Forte, 38. She also ordered him to pay court costs and

finest totaling \$326. A Tuscola County Circuit Court jury rendered verdicts of guilty against Forte in February following a four-day trial on charges of

delivery of a controlled substance - causing death, and delivery of a controlled substance (less than 50 grams). Deputies found the victim - Emily Lynn Dennis, 26 - deceased during the early morning hours of April 20 at a home on Dodge Road. Investigators reported Dennis died of drug intoxication. Following the trial, Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark E. Reene made a point of recognizing what he described as the "extraordinary efforts of the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department, which worked with elements of the Please turn to page 8.



Taste of the Thumb...

AN ESTIMATED 300 people visited this year's Taste of the Thumb Food and Business Expo, held Thursday at Cass City Junior-Senior High School and sponsored by the Cass City Chamber of Commerce. Twenty-eight vendors were on hand showcasing their goods and services during the second annual event, which chamber Administrator Judy Keller called a win-win for both local businesses and residents.



On trial

Caro man accused in brutal ax attack on wife faces jury

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The trial for a Caro man accused in the brutal attack of his wife with an ax last year is underway in Tuscola County Circuit Court. William Russell Williams, 60, is expected to be on trial for about four days, according to Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark E. Reene, who noted the proceedings could be extended if necessary.



William Williams

The trial was scheduled to get underway Tuesday with jury selection.

The case was placed on hold late last year after the discovery of what Reene described as "significant" new evidence. He declined to elaborate at the time, saying only that both the prosecution and defense would need additional time to review the information.

Williams allegedly struck his 57-year old wife in the head with a splitting-ax maul during the early morning hours of May 26.

Williams was later arrested, and Reene charged the man with multiple felony counts in connection with the crime, which took place at the couple's home 1850 Mertz (M-24) Rd. in Indianfields Township.

Williams pleaded not guilty to all Please turn to page 6.

USEA: Tilt case a "win" for union members

by Mary Drier
Special for the Chronicle

A legal dispute between a former educator and the Unionville-Sebewaing Area School District ended in the courts siding with the teacher.

In May 2016, the USA Board of Education approved laying off teacher Barbara Merchant Tilt, of Cass City, after 21 years of service. At the time, district officials cited declining student enrollment and finances, as well as Tilt's alleged low performance issues in

meeting the state's Danielson Teacher Evaluation guidelines as the reason for the action.

The Unionville-Sebewaing Education Association (USEA) filed an unfair labor practice charge against the district with the Michigan Employment Relations Commission (MERC), claiming the district violated the Michigan Public Employment Relations Act (PERA). The union also alleged district officials discriminated against Tilt and treated her differently because of her roles as president of the USEA and as a grievance chairperson.



Barbara Tilt

"I believe this was a win for all union members. Mrs. Tilt is my hero! She stood strong for USEA and MEA Teachers. No educator should be discredited, threatened, or treated unfairly for being a

union leader," said retired MEA UniServ Director Ethel Johnson, who drafted the five original unfair labor practice charges in the case.

"In this case a poorly designed evaluation tool in the hands of a vindictive, untrained administrator ended a wonderful career, and the clear message here is our union will use all our resources to defend its members."

A press release issued by the law firm of McKnight, Canzano, Smith, Radtke and Brault, P.C., of Royal Oak, explained that the charge and amended charges: "Listed several allegedly retaliatory actions by the district against

Please turn to page 6.



ELKLAND TOWNSHIP fire fighters responded to a workshop fire at the Delbert Woodward residence, just east of Crawford Road at 7635 E. Deckerville Rd., shortly after noon Friday. They arrived to find the structure fully involved, but no one was injured. The cause was undetermined, it was unclear if Woodward was insured, and there was no estimate on the value of the loss. The Caro and Kingston fire departments assisted at the scene.

Police arrest 2 suspects in Quaker Maid burglaries

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Cass City police arrested a pair of suspects Thursday in the break-in of the Quaker Maid Dairy Store in Cass City in February, and the attempted break-in of the same business a month later.

The Tuscola County Prosecutor's Office authorized warrants for a 45-year-old female and a 43-year-old male, who share the same Cass City address. The suspects' names were being withheld pending their formal arraignments.

Both face a myriad of felony charges, including breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny and conspiracy to commit breaking and entering, which are punishable by up to 10 years imprisonment. The conspiracy charge also carries a fine of up to \$10,000.

They are also charged with possession of burglar's tools, larceny of property valued at \$1,000 to \$20,000, attempted breaking and entering with intent to commit larceny, larceny in a building and Please turn to page 8.

Rawson Library staff gearing up for a host of spring events

If you're feeling a bout of spring fever coming on, you're not alone, and Rawson Memorial District Library officials may just have the cure to keep you busy.

Upcoming events at the Cass City library include the 2018 Rawson Library Bookmark Challenge.

"Draw a colorful bookmark inspired by your library, your love of reading or your favorite book," explained Jesika Struve, special programming librarian. "One winner will be selected from each of the following groups: kindergarten-sixth grade, seventh grade-12th grade, and adult. The three winning bookmarks will be professionally printed and distributed at the circulation desk."

Entry forms, challenge rules and further details are available at the library, and the entry deadline is Friday, April 27, noted Struve, who added all entries will be displayed in the library during the month of May.

Registration is also underway for "Smart Start Storytimes", to be held every Thursday in April at 10 a.m.

"Children 2 1/2 to five years old are welcome with their caregivers," Struve said. "The theme for the month is 'Down on the Farm'. Join us as we read stories,

sing songs, and make a craft. There is no cost to the program, but registration is required. Call or stop by the library to register."

In honor of National Library Week, April 8-14, library officials will be setting up a space in the library for patrons to write a letter to send to the well-loved book character, Curious George.

"Share your thoughts and questions with this lovable library character," Struve said. "National Library Week is an annual celebration of the life-changing work of libraries, librarians and library workers. Libraries aren't just places to borrow books or study; they're also creative and engaging community centers where people can collaborate using new technologies and develop their skills and passions.

"Resources like e-books and technology classes, materials for English-language learners and computer access for job seekers are just a few ways libraries and librarians are transforming to lead their communities," she added. "The library helps advocate for widespread access to crucial services and lifelong learning. Libraries level the playing field for people of any age who seek information and access to technologies to improve their quality of life."

Also next month, the library staff is out to prove that bad art isn't always bad by encouraging patrons to "let your inner artist loose."

"On Monday, April 16th at 7 p.m., join the fun, turn off the self-judgment and enjoy the creative process of making really bad art," Struve said. "Forget about the pressure of making something 'good enough' and join us at Rawson Library for a night of fun and relaxation where you can create your masterpiece or 'disaster-piece'."

Supplies will be provided, according to Struve, who noted participants need only bring their own creativity.

"You'll have one hour to get creative with the art supplies. Make a sculpture, painting, structure, mobile, book, necklace — whatever kind of art you choose. We'll set up an exhibit of 'bad art' at the end of the evening and everyone will get a chance to vote for awards in several categories," she said.

The program, open to anyone ages 12 and older, is free, but registration is required.

More information about programs at Rawson Memorial District Library is available by calling (989) 872-2856.

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Medilodge of Cass City's parent company is Prestige Healthcare Services. Prestige has a long history of providing quality health services to residents in need of short term & long term nursing home placement needs. For a personal tour of our center or additional information on our services, please contact Shawn Mousseau, Resident Advocate at 989-872-2174.



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In Our OPINION...

Clarke Haire
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Editor

Free help available to give up smoking

Thinking about quitting tobacco? The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is expanding its telephone coaching and nicotine replacement therapy (NRT) program to all Michigan residents through May 31.

During this time, the Michigan Tobacco Quitline will offer a free, two-week supply of nicotine gum, patches or lozenges for all new enrollees who want to quit smoking or chewing tobacco.

Tobacco users who would like to quit may call the quitline phone number at 800-QUIT-NOW (800-784-8669). Enrollment is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The quitline serves all ages, however, callers seeking NRT must be over 18 and meet basic health requirements.

Enrollees will receive a coach who will assist them in setting a quit date, choosing a nicotine replacement product that is right for them and making an individualized quit plan. The coach will provide support with up to four telephone coaching sessions scheduled around the caller's quit date.

"Callers using NRT along with coaching, such as through a telephone-based service like 800-QUIT-NOW, can increase their chances of becoming smoke-free by five times the rate of someone quitting cold turkey," said Dr. Eden Wells, MDHHS chief medical executive. "Providing access to free NRT during this promotion might just be the jump start someone needs to quit smoking tobacco for good."

The Michigan Tobacco Quitline is an evidence-based service providing free telephone coaching for the uninsured, pregnant women, residents enrolled in Medicaid and Medicare, veterans, cancer patients and American Indians.

More than 100,000 calls have been received since the service was launched in October 2003.

The quitline offers English, Arabic and Spanish-speaking counselors, as well as interpretive services for a wide variety of languages. For more information, call 800-QUIT-NOW or visit Michigan.gov/tobacco.

Tobacco kills more people in Michigan than AIDS, alcohol, auto accidents, drug overdoses, murders, and suicides combined. The use of cigarettes and other tobacco products is the single, most preventable cause of disease, disability and death, both in Michigan and across the United States.

An estimated 80 to 90 percent of lung cancer cases are linked to tobacco use, according to the CDC.

Cigarettes also increase the risk of heart disease, stroke, diabetes and a long list of other cancers, including cancer of the mouth and throat, esophagus, stomach, colon, rectum, liver, pancreas, voicebox (larynx), trachea, bronchus, kidney and renal pelvis, urinary bladder, and cervix, and acute myeloid leukemia.

But there is some good news.


Even if you've smoked for a long time, quitting has immediate health benefits.

According to the American Cancer Society, when you stop: within 12 hours, the level of poisonous carbon monoxide in the body from cigarettes returns to normal; after one year, your risk of heart attack is half that of a continuing smoker's risk; and after 15 years, your risk of coronary heart disease is that of a nonsmoker's risk.

Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

Saying goodbye to Geoffrey



For several years now, I have thought that today's children grow up way too fast. It is now definitely true, because the last place where a kid got to be a kid is closing.

In March, Toys R Us store officials announced they are closing. I'm saddened by the announcement, and I think my son — even though he is now in his 30s — is in mourning for the loss of a segment of his childhood.

My son and I can still sing the Toys R Us jingle that was popular in the 1980s: "I don't want to grow up. I'm a Toys 'R' Us kid. There's a million toys at Toys 'R' Us that I can play with."

The jingle was written by Linda Kaplan Thaler and was also co-created by James Patterson — yes, the James Patterson who went on to become a premier crime novelist.

I always liked one of the store's advertisements featuring a little girl in braids and Geoffrey the Giraffe in silhouette against a sunset.

It has been years since we have visited a Toys R Us store because my son is a man now, but I have many fond memories of our many visits to the store.

Money received for birthdays and Christmas meant a trip to the store. I can still see the crumpled dollar bills in his little hand as he wandered through the store, trying to make the important decision of his lifetime (at that point) on what toy to buy.

I think a child personally shopping for a toy is a key part of growing up; learning to make decisions and understanding the value of a dollar.

He wanted to get the most toys for his money, which meant making a decision between a Lego building kit, GI Joes, Star Wars toys or He-Man action figures. For the amount of money he had, I explained he could get a small Lego kit, three GI Joes, two He-Man toys or one Star Wars toy.

It's an agonizing decision for someone who is about three-foot tall.

Jason really liked GI Joes. Especially the action figure called "Dusty." The doll was dressed in desert camouflage and had a small piece of cloth attached to his cap. The doll, which was only about three-inches tall at most, had to be hugged when he went to bed.


Because of its small size and the fact that the toy was dragged along wherever Jason went, the action figure was often lost by bedtime.

At bedtime, the missing toy created a lot of drama, tears, frantic searching and such until his nighttime buddy was found. Most of the time it wasn't, so that added to the trauma.

The bedtime scenes were so bad it got to the point that whenever I came across a GI Joe Dusty, I would buy the store out to have backups that could be broken out at bedtime.

The fascination with Dusty, He-Man, Legos and other toys faded as the years went by and my son got older.

Although stepping on a Lego barefoot in the middle of the night hurt like heck, I miss the Toys R Us days of his childhood...even more so than my son does.



Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette announced Thursday that his department's OK2SAY school safety initiative had another record-breaking month. In March alone, OK2SAY received 980 tips, topping last month's record by more than 300.

This brings the total number of tips received through OK2SAY to 12,879. Suicide threats remained one of the top reported tip categories, with 195, surpassed only by tips on bullying at 198. Tips involving alleged planned school attacks totaled 131 in March, making it the third most reported tip category.

"OK2SAY works, it stops violence and suicides before they occur. Now more than ever students need a place to turn and OK2SAY is that place," said Schuette, who also noted it's important that students take the tip line seriously.

"OK2SAY is helping get students the support they need before a situation turns into a tragedy. However, OK2SAY is for serious reports only, and anyone who intentionally pranks the system will face consequences," he said.

OK2SAY is a student safety program that acts as an early warning system in Michigan schools to prevent tragedies before they occur. Launched by Schuette in 2014, the program encourages students to submit confidential tips to trained technicians regarding potential harm or threats 24/7.

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



Revive Ministries, Cass City, hosted a mobile food pantry in conjunction with Thursday's three-hour Taste of the Thumb Food and Business Expo at Cass City Junior-Senior High School. Above, volunteers were kept busy as they distributed a total of 112 boxes of food serving roughly 340 people.

Mike Wilson reports the Cass City Gun Club's all you can eat fish fry's have been a hit. Held twice monthly, on Good Friday, for example, the Englehart Road structure in Tuscola County served more than 300 visitors.

"We could have done more, but we ran out of fish," says Wilson.

Judge for yourself, another opportunity to sample the fare is planned for this Friday. Remember take out orders are available by calling (989) 872-5395.

The unusual cold weather of late, has delay the annual migration of steelhead up the Muskegon River, according to professional guide Chad Schaub.

Originally, scheduled to make my annual journey to the Newaygo area today, Schaub was able to reschedule my visit for April 25.

Stay tuned, I'll report more details later. But until then, if you're looking for a quality experience, call Schaub at (616) 799-4375.

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5 YEARS AGO (2013)

An estimated 150 people attended the 11th annual Celebrating Tuscola's Stars Awards Breakfast Thursday at the Tuscola Technology Center in Caro. This year's winners included Cass City's Tyler Perry. Perry, who received a record 8 nominations and is the youngest recipient of a Tuscola Stars award, was honored in the Individual Category for his various volunteer activities in the community.

Cass City School officials have announced this year's top graduates in the Class of 2013. Leading the way are co-valedictorians Meri Jo Dzielinski, daughter of Carla Cifka and David Dzielinski, and Katelyn R. Michalski, daughter of Greg and Kim Michalski, and salutatorian Lukas Schenk, son of Jim and Kathy Schenk.

10 YEARS AGO (2008)

Carrie M. Hillaker of Cass City, Erin Lorencz of Owendale and Paul E. Longuski of Ubyly were all recently named to the dean's list at Grand Valley State University following the fall 2007 semester. To be named to the list, a student must earn a minimum 3.5 grade point average while enrolled in at least 12 hours of coursework.

As a youth, Scott Stine kept a radio glued to his ear at every opportunity. It's an obsession that has served him well later in life. Today, Stine is program director at 96 WHNN, one of mid-Michigan's most popular radio stations, where he also plays host of the station's afternoon drive show, "The Workday Wrap-up" from 2 to 7 p.m. Stine, 44, says he's enjoying a career sparked by his love of music as a youngster growing up in Cass City. "I was addicted to music and radio at a very young age, I remember being around 10 years old and having a radio to my ear all day long. My mom finally bought a little plug-in ear piece so the whole family wouldn't have to listen to it," recalled the 1981 Cass City High School graduate. "I would listen to radio, any kind of station, for 12 hours a day if I could. "When I entered my junior year in high school, then Cass City basketball Coach Ron Nurnberger helped me get my foot in the door at WKYO/WIDL in Caro, I knew he did a weekend sports show at the station and asked him to introduce me to the program director," Stine said. "It went from there."

25 YEARS AGO (1993)

Mr. and Mrs. Manley McMillen of Deford announce the birth of a daughter, Kelsey Newell, born April 11. She weighed 4 pounds and was 17 3/4" long. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Howard McMillen of Gageton and Mrs. Barbara Benton of Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Marshall announce the engagement of their daughter, Jeanne Marie Marshall, to Dr. Samuel F. Minor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Minor of West Branch. Jeanne is a 1985 graduate of Cass City High School and a 1993 graduate of MSU College of Human Medicine. He is currently finishing the second year of residency in family practice in Saginaw. A June 5 wedding is planned.

Marine Master Sgt. Robert J. Shumacher, a 1970 graduate of Ubyly High School, recently reenlisted for 4 years while serving with 3rd Maintenance Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group, Okinawa, Japan. He joined the Marine Corps in March, 1971.

Two area students have been named to the dean's list for winter term at Northwood University. The announcement was made by Dr. Catherine Chen, dean of the college. The students are Melanie Churchill, a freshman, daughter of Clarence and Thelma Churchill of Cass City, and Darin Gyomory, a senior, son of James and Judith Gyomory of Deford. To achieve dean's list recognition, students must earn a 3.0 grade point on a 4.0 scale.

35 YEARS AGO (1983)

Sgts. Harold and Patricia Houghton announce the birth of their first child March 30 at 7:37 a.m. at the U.S. Army Military Hospital near Bremerhaven, West

Germany, where they are stationed. Kristin Marie weighed seven pounds and one-half ounce and was 21 inches long. She is the 18th grandchild of Alvin Houghton of Cass City and the first of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Schaner of West Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Burt Lester of Kingston announce the birth of a daughter, Jennifer Emily. She was born April 3 at 3:24 a.m. at Hills and Dales General Hospital. She weighed seven pounds and 12 ounces and was 21 inches long. She is the 11th grandchild of Leland Lester of Kingston and the 19th of Alvin Houghton of Cass City. Jennifer joins a brother, David, at home.

Jill Ann Magel has been named a national award winner in leadership by the United States Achievement Academy. She attends Gwinn High School and is the daughter of Leroy and Helen Magel. Her grandparents are Jack and Erma Dunlap of Decker and Jim and Kate Moore of AuGres, formerly of Cass City.

40 YEARS AGO (1978)

Constance Langmaid, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Bartle of Cass City, and Ernest Gilmore Schwaderer, son of Ernest L. Schwaderer of Cass City and the late Mrs. Schwaderer, were married Saturday afternoon, April 8, in a double-ring ceremony, at the Salem United Methodist Church in Cass City. The Reverend Eldred Kelley officiated.

Dave Shaw, a Cass City High School ninth grader, and Belinda Kuenzli, an 11th grader, were commended recently by the "Michigan Youth Arts Festival" council. This is an annual statewide event, with the top finalists being honored during Michigan Week in May at Central Michigan University. It represents the culmination of a year-long search for the finest artistic talent in Michigan high schools. It honors all of the fine arts: drama, music, dance, art, and creative writing. Dave received an honorable mention for his science fiction short story, "A Cosmos of Entities", and Belinda received a similar award for a collection of her poetry. Dave was the only ninth grader among 1,000 Michigan high school entrants to receive an award in writing.

Pvt. John D. Fortson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Lane of Cass City, graduated April 6 from U.S. Army basic combat training at Fort Knox, Ky. During the seven-week training, Fortson received the expert medal, qualifying with an M-16A1 rifle. His platoon received an outstanding platoon award, selected by the company commander, for demonstrating the highest degree of esprit de corps, team work and competitive spirit, and whose performance in all facets of training had been the most outstanding.

Navy Seaman Recruit Terry L. Compo, son of James R. Compo has completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill. During the eight-week training cycle, he studied general military subjects designed to prepare him for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic occupational fields. Included in his studies were seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid. Personnel who complete this course of instruction are eligible for three hours of college credit in physical education and hygiene. A 1977 graduate of Cass City High School, he joined the Navy in January.

50 YEARS AGO (1968)

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Auten and family had as Easter dinner guests, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Auten, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Auten and daughters, Mrs. A. N. Bigelow and Miss Jo Ann Bigelow.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Hutchinson had as Easter guests, Mr. and Mrs. James Hutchinson and family of Freeland, William Hutchinson of Saginaw and his fiancée, Miss Prudence Randall of Ceresco, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hutchinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Herbst and children of Algonac were weekend guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvah Hillman. Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Hillman and their guests

were dinner guests in the Floyd Heronemus home near Decker.

SP/4 Alvin R. Burk II has been accepted for duty with special forces in Vietnam and has been assigned to the "Green Beret" forces at camp headquarters at Nha Trang. Another son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Burk, SP/4 David Burk, is attached to the 36th Signal Corps near Bien Hoa.

Wally Hempton, who is a 1964 graduate of Cass City High School, is one of 19 members of Central Michigan University's baseball team currently in the middle of a 14-game, 10-day southern trip.

75 YEARS AGO (1943)

S. Sgt. Russell Quick has been transferred from Camp Polk, Louisiana, to Los Angeles, Calif.

Pvt. and Mrs. Maitland N. Peterson left Monday evening for Fresno, California, where Pvt. Peterson is stationed.

Clarence Zapfe, who has enlisted in the U.S. Navy, expects to leave today (Friday) for the Great Lakes Training Station. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Zapfe.

Sgt. Stuart Atwell, who has served as an instructor in the R.O.T.C. at Michigan State College, left East Lansing Thursday for Fort Sheridan, Illinois.

Pfc. Clark M. Knapp, who has been stationed at Fort Custer the greater part of the seven months since he was inducted into the Army, was transferred the past week to Camp McCoy, Wis.

Mrs. Zora Day has been informed that her son, John A. Day, had been promoted and is now a First Lieutenant. He has been stationed at Hq. Desert Training Center at Camp Young, Indio, California, since last October.

Pfc. Leo Powers and Mrs. Powers of Camp Blanding, Florida, and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Gifford and son, Raymond, of Wayne spent a few days last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Quick, parents of Mrs. Powers and Mrs. Gifford.

A lovely military wedding took place in Alliance, Nebraska, March 15, when Ada O'Rourke and S-Sgt. Floyd O'Rourke were united in marriage in the Lutheran parsonage by Rev. H. A. Myres, pastor. Their only attendants were Lieut. and Mrs. Leo Hogue.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kilbourn and Mrs. Pearl Creger spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Kilbourn at Vassar. Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Kilbourn have received the news that their son, Albert Kilbourn, was injured in North Africa. They have two other sons in the Service.

100 YEARS AGO (1918)

Quantico, Va., April 10, 1918
Friend Herb Just a few lines to let you know Im still here and enjoying the training. I just finished reading the Chronicle and certainly do enjoy it. There is no paper I appreciate more than I do the Chronicle. The people at home certainly deserve credit for the way they have responded to their country's call especially the Red Cross. "Uncle Sam" takes good care of us and we have everything that we used to get at home. The worst part of the day is in the morning when reveille is blown at 5:30. I think the man who invented the bugle ought to be court martialed. After that comes roll call, then physical exercises, then breakfast at seven, troop at 8:15, then drill until eleven, nothing to do then until 1:15, then drill until 3:30 or 4:00. We go to the range pretty often where we use three-inch guns. We also get our share of digging trenches and dugouts. Got our Regimental colors some time ago and are very proud of them. They will always be protected as long as there is a man in the Eleventh Regime left. We are all anxious to leave for "Somewhere in France" and don't expect to be here much longer. We also have different kinds of entertainments every night, usually put on by Washington players. We get liberty every Saturday from noon until Monday morning and there are a good many places of interest around here envy the boys who live near enough so they can go home over Sunday. Well, Herb, it is setting near taps so will have to come to a conclusion. Your friend,
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STUDENTS AT Owen-Gage Elementary School celebrated March is Reading Month with a host of activities. “Each student was given a calendar with activities to promote reading,” said Mary Ann Minkler, Owen-Gage administrative assistant. “We had a few visitors that came and read to our students. The ‘Cat in the Hat’ read a Dr. Seuss book, Dr. (84th District State Rep. Edward) Canfield came and read, and we had a ‘Shake, Rattle and Roll’ reading assembly. Each student turned in reading logs and earned prizes and our classes decorated the hall in a Dr. Seuss theme. We ended the month with a reading fair and an awards assembly.”

News briefs

Drivers training is available

KINGSTON — The Kingston Board of Education recently approved having Dan Wenzlaff offer drivers training (segments I and II) for a fee totaling \$275 per student starting in the spring.

Cardboard City benefit set

TUSCOLA COUNTY — Since 2001, Future Youth Involvement (FYI), the Youth Advisory Council of the Tuscola County Community Foundation, has organized and hosted a community-wide event called the Cardboard City Sleep-Out to promote awareness of homelessness.

In addition, this year there will be a third annual 5-K city run/walk to raise awareness and funds for the Homelessness Prevention Fund of the Tuscola County Community Foundation. This year’s run will be Saturday, April 21.

Alcoholism focus of meeting

CASS CITY — The Jellinek Chart on the phases and symptoms of alcoholism will be the focus of a meeting slated for Monday, April 23, at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, located at the east end of Cass City at 6820 Cass City Rd. (M-81).

The meeting is open to the public and will begin promptly at 7 p.m. Those planning to attend are encouraged to arrive early and enjoy coffee and doughnuts.

Memorial program planned

CARO — The Greater Tuscola County Chaplain Corps and Thumb Lodge No. 148 Fraternal Order of Police will host a law enforcement memorial service next month.

The service is scheduled for Wednesday, May 2, starting at 6 p.m. at the Indianfields Township Cemetery.

“Day of prayer” event slated

CARO — The Tuscola County Board of Commissioners recently approved the use of the courthouse lawn in Caro for the annual National Day of Prayer event. The event is scheduled for Thursday, May 3, at noon.

Tire collection slated May 12

DEFORD — The Novesta Township Board recently approved a collection of unwanted tires Saturday, May 12, from 9 a.m. to noon at the old township hall in Deford.

The collection is limited to eight tires per resident.

Tax renewal going on ballot

TUSCOLA COUNTY — Tuscola County Commissioners recently approved a motion placing a millage request on the Tuesday, Aug. 7, primary election ballot to continue funding the Tuscola County Medical Care Facility.

The request is for renewal of .25 of a mill for 10 years, from 2019 through 2028.

If approved, the millage would generate an estimated \$434,465 in the first year.

Thumb area farms recognized

THUMB — The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development’s (MDARD) Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP) recently recognized 36 farms in the state, including some in the Thumb area, for implementing pollution prevention practices.

Among the farms recognized were:

*The David Sting Farm (Previously Sting Family Organics, LLC), of Unionville, as a verified farm in Cropping and Farmstead Systems.

*Triple R Farms, of Snover, as a verified farm in Cropping and Farmstead Systems.

*Thomas and Janice Sting Farm, of Sebawaing, as a verified farm in Cropping and Farmstead Systems

The program assists farmers in complying with state and federal environmental regulations and with Right to Farm practices. Technical assistance is provided by local conservation districts.

MAEAP is a collaborative effort of farmers, MDARD, Michigan Farm Bureau, commodity organizations, universities, conservation districts, conservation and environmental groups and state and federal agencies.

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Forte sentenced on drug charges

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Thumb Narcotics Unit and the Michigan State Police to exhaustively investigate this matter.

"This office further wishes to recognize the exemplary dedication of Detective Sgt. James Hook of the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department and Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Eric F. Wanink, who both worked tirelessly to help bring this case to

trial and obtain a verdict that is in accord with justice," Reese said. "This investigation was a model example of a tremendously coordinated operation that involved the investigative skills and resources of multiple police agencies and specialized divisions."

Reese explained the charges in the case stemmed from Forte's involvement in the sale of heroin, which was verified through laboratory testing as having been laced

with fentanyl, a powerful synthetic opioid (painkiller) that is about 100 times more powerful than morphine and between 30 and 50 times stronger than heroin.

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

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

Forte had two co-defendants, and both Cass City area men have already been sentenced.

Adam R. Maxson, 32 — the boyfriend of the victim — and Tyler J. Meffer, 24, were each ordered to serve prison time in connection with Dennis' death.

Maxson, who pleaded no contest to felony charges of delivery/manufacture of cocaine, heroin or another narcotic (less than 50 grams); inducing another person to deliver cocaine, heroin or another narcotic (less than 50 grams); and homicide - involuntary manslaughter, was sentenced to six to 20 years in prison. He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$394.

Meffer, meanwhile, was sentenced to 34 months to 20 years in prison and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$326. He previously pleaded guilty to charges of delivery/manufacture of cocaine, heroin or another narcotic (less than 50 grams), and possession of cocaine, heroin or another narcotic (less than 25 grams).

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



Have you seen this pick-up?

TUSCOLA COUNTY Sheriff's Department detectives are investigating a subject seen driving his pickup truck (above) April 4 and turning on a blue/red light bar inside the vehicle (mounted on the inside of the windshield just above the dashboard), causing other vehicles to pull off from the road in the areas of M-81 to M-15, south on M-15 to M-83, south on M-83 to M-46, and then west into Saginaw. Anyone with information related to the driver is asked to contact Detective Jim Hook at (989) 673-8161 (ext. 2234) or via email at jhook@tuscolacounty.org.

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Village focusing on blight and business

by Mary Drier
Special for the Chronicle

Cass City Village officials are focusing on making the community the best it can be by continuing efforts to attract new businesses and encourage existing businesses to stay put.

In order to accomplish those goals, officials are focusing on strategic planning goals, including eliminating blight.

"Addressing blight is a directive of the council and strategic planning. We have a lot of vacant storefronts in the downtown. They would like to fill them up and will be looking at that as we plan our growth for the future," explained village Manager Debbie Powell. "Blight is a hindrance to economic development and is a hindrance that keeps people out of the community as well as for the tax base.

"Blight has far reaching aspects and we are going to be proactive and innovative as we address it with vacant businesses and residential properties. We are going to be very proactive on this," she added.

Another goal is expansion of the village's redevelopment district and financial incentives for business owners to improve their storefronts.

"The DDA (downtown development authority) is looking at amending the redevelopment district to include more property. That plan is still being developed and has not been brought to the council yet," Powell noted, adding the topic could be on the agenda for the village council's Monday, April 30, regular meeting.

And, the DDA is looking at resurrecting a facade improvement program in which it would reimburse business owners two percent interest on a \$25,000 loan or less that is used to improve a business' facade in the DDA district.

In addition, the local chamber of commerce is interested in organizing window dressings/staging in storefronts of vacant businesses using window films, banners, paintings or artwork produced by local students as enhancements.

Village officials recently addressed the financing of local DDA-owned properties. Two of the properties were financed with loans through Thumb Bank and Trust, and one property is on a land contract with a balloon payment of \$38,780 due in 2019.

The council approved plans to refinance the properties: the Jacob Property/Cass City Antique Mall at 6544 Main St., a residential rental at 4453 Leach St., and a rental at 4452 West St., into one loan totaling \$121,000 through Thumb Bank and Trust for seven years with an interest rate of 4.95 percent.

"Having all of the loans in one payment reduces the monthly payment by about \$300 a month," Powell said.

At the same time, the council approved hiring McKenna of Northville to update Cass City's master plan at a cost of \$22,000, spread out over three annual payments.

"And, as part of our economic development goal, I asked the MEDC (Michigan Economic Development Commission) to come here to meet with businesses in our industrial park. It's been many years since a representative has come and updated businesses on training, grants and programs the MEDC offers," said Powell. "Business retention is an important aspect of growing our community."

Powell met with MEDC officials in March and is scheduled to meet with them again in mid-April to discuss business development in the village's downtown district.

Powell noted securing grants is another aspect being explored. "One of the grants available is for distilleries. My understanding is the EDC had a developer interested in the region at a DDA meeting (and) talked about proposed locations — one was the antique mall," she said. "I have not heard anything further at this point. That is all I know about that."

Police arrest pair in break-ins

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conspiracy to commit larceny in a building.

The investigation unfolded after police were alerted to a "smash and grab" burglary at the local business during the early morning hours of Feb. 26. Police Chief Craig Haynes reported someone had used a blunt object to smash the glass in the front door at Quaker Maid Dairy Store, 6614 Main St., then entered the store, grabbed an unknown amount of cash and fled.

About one month later, during the early morning hours of March 27, business owner Kareem Khoury discovered a second burglary attempt, although the culprits were unable to gain entry through a glass door before fleeing the scene.

"We were happy to get it wrapped up," Haynes said of the case. "This was Officer Ken Miller's case, and he did a good job on the investigation and obtaining digital evidence."



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THE 2018 Owen-Gage Bulldog softball team members are: (front row, l-r) Madelyn Haldane, Libby Ondrajka (middle row) Monee Schember, Sierra Mascorro, Kaitlyn LaCroix, Aaliyah Gonzales, Jessica Partaka, Megan Fritz (back row) Coach Bob Haldane, Carley Haldane, Carlee Rievert, Natasha Dubs, Madyson Menzel, Alyson Witzke, Cydnee Waske and Asst. Coach Alyssa Briolat. Missing is Hailey Schave.

THE 2018 Owen-Gage Bulldog baseball team members are: (front row, l-r) Andrew Partaka, Branden Fritz, Levi Wendland and Cordell Clarkson (back row) Coach Brian Wright, Clay Evans, Luke Retford, Boyd Evans, Aaron Fahrner and Matthew Fritz. Missing is Brandon Binder.



Owen-Gage Bulldog ball teams return to North Central Thumb League play in 2018

by Clarke Haire
 Publisher

teams will return to action in the North Central Thumb League in 2018 and the transition from the Inner States Athletic Conference is expected to be a rough road.

Coach Brain Wright, entering his 7th season as skipper in Owendale, has a handful of returnees from last year's baseball team that captured league honors with a 9-3 record, on their way to a lofty 14-4 overall mark.

However, instead of facing the likes of Landmark Academy, Merritt Academy, Michigan School for the Deaf, St. Thomas More Academy, New Life Christian Academy and Faith Academy in 2018, the Bulldogs will take on tradition rich powerhouses such as Bay City All Saints, North Huron and Mayville this spring.

Making the switch to the North Central Thumb League Stripes Division even more difficult for Owen-Gage is the graduation losses of David Binder and Jacob Warack. Their shoes will be hard to fill, according to Wright.

"(We're) working on replacing two pitchers that were solid and can throw strikes, he said when questioned about his team's weaknesses, adding, "We are rebuilding and will struggle in the NCTL. It seems like North Huron and Bay City All Saints are always quite solid."

For Owen-Gage to be successful, returning letter winners Luke Retford, Aaron Fahrner, Matt Fritz and Andrew Partaka will be counted on to deliver at the plate.

"We have good hitting and the infield will be decent. Luke is a quality infielder who is working hard to be a pitcher and Aaron is a good infielder and leader," Wright said.

Fritz, an all-around player, will see time in both the infield and outfield in 2018, while Partaka – he's just a freshman – is pegged as

the Bulldogs' starting catcher.

Expected to be much improved, after a year of varsity play under their belts in 2017, are returnees Brandon Binder, Boyd Evans, Clay Evans and Cordell Clarkson, while newcomers Branden Fritz and Levi Wendland are sure to see plenty of playing time on the 10-man roster.

On the softball diamond, Coach Bob Haldane returns for a second season at the reins of the Lady Bulldogs with a roster of 15.

The letter winners Haldane will mold this year's team around include Megan Fritz, Carley Haldane, Natasha Dubs, Alyson Witzke, Hailey Schave, Kaitlyn LaCroix and Sierra Mascorro.

Despite the team's solid numbers, expect Owen-Gage to struggle in North Central Thumb League affairs.

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5/10	Caseville
5/14	Kingston
5/17	Peck
5/21	Mayville
5/24	North Huron
5/29-6/01	Districts.....TBA

*All games begin at 4 p.m.
 Home games in bold*

Dorland hopes for more success

by Clarke Haire
 Publisher

Adam Dorland's athletic career at Cass City High School speaks for itself.

Foremost, for many, Dorland established the Red Hawk pole vault record in 2000 after clearing a height of 14 feet one inch. That record still stands today. For oth-

ers, Dorland was an elite wrestler. He is one of five – the others being Wyatt Dickson, Josh Jensen, T.J. Moore and Kyle Sieradzki – to record 100 career pins at Cass City. He was a three time state qualifier in wrestling. His 167 victories ranks him 6th on the all-time list at Cass City. He was a member of four league championship wrestling teams and was a

two time league champion. Dorland was a three sport athlete (football, wrestling, track and field) for all four years of his high school career," says athletic director Don Markel, adding, "He placed at the state finals in pole vault in his sophomore (8th), junior (2nd), and senior (8th) years.

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Lady Red Hawk thinclads look for improvement in 2018

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He won the Paul Smarks (out-standing male athlete) Award in his senior year.”

Now, the Cass City Public Schools P.E./Health Teacher

hopes to leave his mark again, this time as coach of the Lady Red Hawk track team that has had limited success recently. Dorland has nine letter winners returning from 2017, although that team finished last in the Greater Thumb West

standings.

Key letter winners, according to the first year mentor, include Taylor Cumper, Marla Muter, Mary Muter, Kenidee Stanhope, Layna Mathewson, Hailey Schmotzer, Katie Autry, Sarah Coltson and

Brittany Stilson.

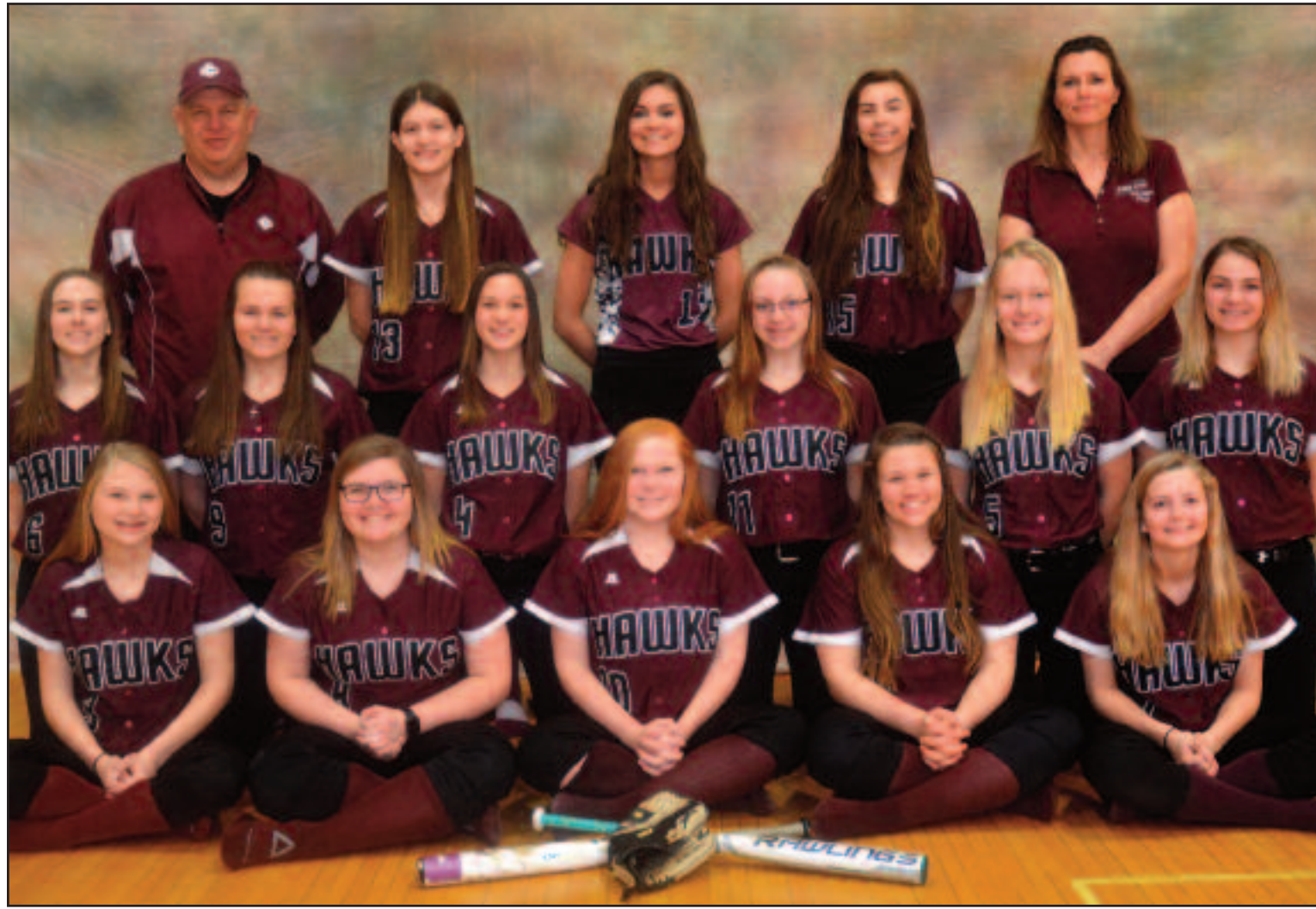
“Our team strength is going to be in the distance events, relays and hurdles. We have to improve in the mid distance & field events to have a shot at the league meet. Our group of first year runners

and returning letter winners should be able to help us in those areas. I look for the Muter girls to be solid in the distance events. Riley Copeland has a great work ethic and a ton of potential. Our hurdler Hailey Schmotzer was all conference athlete last year and was a Meet of Champions qualifier. I see her having a great year. Layna Mathewson is also a returning all-conference athlete and should look to improve on a great sophomore campaign. Brittany Hamilton will be one to watch in the sprint relays and long jump. I also see our sprint relays having success with returnees Taylor Cumper, Kenidee Stanhope, Katie Autry and Brittany Stilson all returning after all-conference performances last year.” he said, adding, “Madison Beckrow holds the junior high school record in the pole vault and should bode well for her at the varsity level. Throwers include Haven Bouverette, Marissa Petiprin-Ball and Tiana and Tiara Tegeson. Foreign exchange student Anna-Lena Domer is a distance runner and high jumper. Alyssa Alvarez, Makaila Horning, Sierra Spry, Kristin Stimpfel, Tiara Anthony, Danika Focken and Harlie Mallory all have great attitudes.”

Dorland feels Reese will be the sure favorites to win the league meet again this year, while Bad Axe also has a good track program and will be among the top schools in the league.

“We are going to have to work extremely hard if we want to compete with these schools on a meet to meet basis. We are young, but much deeper with better numbers than years past and should improve in the league standings,” said Dorland.

First year runners for Dorland include Alyssa Alvarez, Madison Beckrow, Haven Bouverette, Riley Copeland, Makaila Horning, Paige Hudson, Marissa Petiprin-Ball, Sierra Spry, Kristin Stimpfel, Tasha Tegeson, Tiara Anthony, Tian Tegeson, Danika Focken, Brittany Hamilton, Harlie Mallory, and Anna-Lena Domer.



THE CASS CITY 2018 junior varsity softball team members are: (front row, l-r): Shandella Missovich, Olivia Peters, Emma Hunt, Haven Bouverette, Abby Phillips (middle row) Madison Beckrow, Kristin Stimpfel, Hailey Beckrow, Morgan Russell, Autumn Turnbull, Alyssa Alvarez (back row) Coach Mark Halabis, Macey White, Madilyn Tschhart, Sierra Spry and Coach Robin Beckrow. Missing is Abbey Salcido.

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2018 Spring Sports Schedule



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

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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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Legal Notices

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 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.

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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 23, 2018
Henry L. Knier, Jr. (P46393)
Attorney for Independent Bank, Mortgagee
900 Washington Ave., P.O. Box 219
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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 Quanicassie 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

3-28-6

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C., is attempting to collect a debt, any information obtained will be used for that purpose. **MORTGAGE SALE - ISABLE 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 (\$116,160.11).

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 vendue, 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 Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 1346031

3-28-4

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 vendue, 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 damaging 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 Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335

3-28-4

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 A.M. on May 3, 2018. Name(s) of the mortgagor(s):

Annamarie L. Vermeesch, A Single Woman Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for New Executive Mortgage LLC, its successors and assigns Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Flagstar Bank, FSB Date of Mortgage: June 20, 2017 Date of Mortgage Recording: June 30, 2017 Amount claimed due on mortgage on the date of notice: \$36,931.19 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in the Township of Wisner, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are de

scribed as: Beginning at a point 148.50 feet South of the East one-quarter post of Section 29, Town 14 North, Range 7 East; thence West 257.70 feet, South 165.00 feet, East 257.70 feet, North 165.00 feet to Beginning. Reserving the road way now established across the North side of the above described property for road purposes only. 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: 04/04/2018 Potes-tivo & Associates, P.C. 111923

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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to MCL 600.3212, that the follow-

ing 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 May 3, 2018:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Lowell E. Anderson and Elizabeth Roe Anderson, husband and wife

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Quicken Loans Inc. its successors and assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Quicken Loans Inc.

Date of Mortgage: June 6, 2015
Date of Mortgage Recording: June 25, 2015
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$41,701.03

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Gilford, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing 52 rods East of the Northwest corner of Section 35, Town 13 North, Range 7 East; Township of Gilford, Tuscola County, Michigan; thence 34 rods South; thence 7 rods, 1 foot West; thence 34 rods North; thence 7 rods, 1 foot East to the point of beginning.

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

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

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Obituaries

Roy Wagg

Roy Robert Wagg, 83, of Cass City, died following a lengthy battle with cancer Tuesday, April 3, 2018 in Heritage Hill Assisted Living Facility in Caro.

He was born January 29, 1935 in Greenleaf Township to Roy Nelson and Freda Millie (Kelley) Wagg. Roy married Shirley Alice Dorland November 1, 1958 in the old Cass City United Methodist Church in Cass City. She preceded him in death on July 7, 2017.

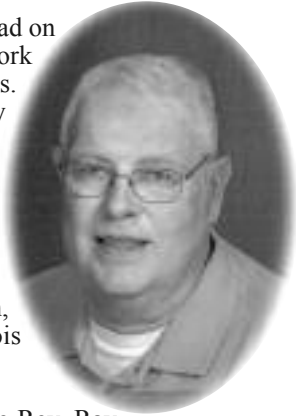
Roy graduated from Cass City High School in 1953. He grew up working alongside his dad on the family dairy farm, continuing to run the operations until 1986. Roy later went on to work and retire from Walbro. He served on the Elkland Township Board of Review for forty years. Roy was an active member of Cass City United Methodist Church, where he served on many committees. He enjoyed bowling, playing euchre and square dancing. Most of all, he loved spending time with his family. Favorite activities included cards, board games, making popcorn balls and frosting sugar cookies. He was also a masterful wood worker and made beautiful furniture.

Roy is survived by his children: Karen (Brian) Brown of Wyoming, Kevin (Karen) Wagg of Brighton, Kimberly (William) Bailey of Redford; grandchildren: Heather, Stephenie, Andrew, Daniel (Nicole), Jeremy, Jennifer, Zachary and Natalie; great-grandchildren: Austin, Cody, Landon, Parker and Preston; sisters-in-law: Donna Dorland of Shabbona and Lois (Newell) Harris of Fountain Hills, AZ; and many nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by his sister, Marilyn Alexander. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 7, in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City with the Rev. Ray Scherbarth of Our Shepherd Lutheran Church of Birmingham, officiating.

Interment in Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City. Pallbearers for Mr. Wagg: grandsons: Daniel, Jeremy and Zachary; sons-in-law: Brian Brown and Bill Bailey; and family friend John Tilt. Memorials may be made to Cass City United Methodist Church. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneral-home.com.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.



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Ubly Quizbowl Team shines

The Ubly High School Quizbowl Team recently turned some heads at the Tournament of Champions in Sandusky, with each of the team's members bringing home one or more trophies.

"Macy Knoblock, senior, took home first place in Class of 2018, first place in language arts, third place in the arts, third place in science and was the overall 'Champion of Champions' winner," said Nikki Tibbits, an English teacher, curriculum director and media center specialist at Ubly. She

added, Knoblock received a \$125 scholarship for her performance. Another Ubly senior, Andrew Gilbert, meanwhile, finished in first place in the math and science competitions, second in the Class of 2018 and was also awarded a \$125 scholarship after tying with Knoblock for the title of Champion of Champions, according to Tibbits.

Other Bearcats winning trophies were:

*Kelsey Knoblock, junior, sec-

ond place in the Class of 2019.

*Rebecca Particka, junior, second place in the arts.

*Joshua Brandel, junior, second place in social studies.

*Cole Messing, freshmen, second place in the Class of 2021.

"The team also won the overall meet, finishing with a 27-2 season," Tibbits said. "All of these students will continue to work hard, studying for the state meet and fundraising for their stay at MSU in April. Excellent work by all."



UBLY HIGH School Quiz Bowl team members are (front row, from left) Kelsey Knoblock and Rebecca Particka, (back row) Cole Messing, Andrew Gilbert, Macy Knoblock and Josh Brandel.

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