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## Security focus of new committee formed at school

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Cass City School officials agreed Monday to form a committee charged with reviewing existing security measures in place in the district, and to look at options that would further ensure student safety now and in the future.

School Supt. Jeff Hartel recommended the action during an hour-long regular monthly meeting, noting he believes the Cass City Schools already offers students a safe learning environment, “but I don’t think, with society the way it is, we can just continue to do what we’ve been doing and expect the same results.”

The goal of the committee, Hartel explained, would be “to talk about what we have in place, what are some of the products out there, what are some of the things (other districts) are doing.”

Hartel will serve on the committee along with fellow administrators Chad Daniels, Aaron Fernald and Don Markel; board members Alice Zaleski, Stacey Bliss and George Batty; a representative of the Cass

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## Fire guts Laming home

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Slowly but surely, Cass City area resident Cheryl Laming is getting back on her feet after a fire ripped through the home she shared with her 10-year-old daughter in northwestern Sanilac County last week.

“It’s getting better day by day. People have been so generous,” Laming commented Friday, referring to donations of toiletries, food and clothing that have poured in since the fire gutted her mobile home Tuesday.



**FIRE GUTTED the mobile home Cheryl Laming shared with her daughter in northwestern Sanilac County last week. Laming was home at the time but escaped unharmed.**

before noon.

Fire Chief Glenn Guilds reported the blaze started near an LP gas furnace, but a specific cause was not determined.

Laming, who was home when the blaze ignited, but escaped unharmed, said she had just brewed a pot of coffee and sat down when she smelled smoke inside the trailer. She walked down a hallway to investigate, and saw flames through a closet door grate in her daughter’s bedroom. She

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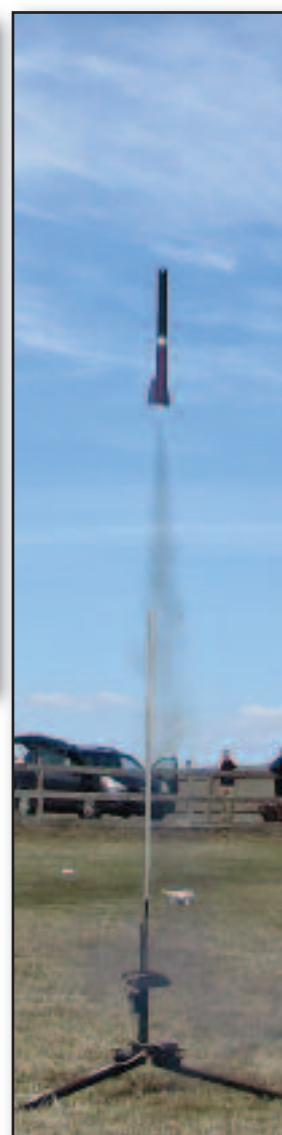
Friends are organizing a bowl-a-thon for Laming and her daughter. The event has been scheduled for Friday, April 27, at the Charmont in Cass City. Details are available by calling (989) 872-4321. Donations can also be dropped off at the Cass City Post Office.

Elkland Township fire fighters were called to Laming’s residence at 7612 VanDyke Rd. (M-53), about a quarter-mile south of Ritter Road, just



## Dazzlers aiming high...

**MEMBERS OF THE Deford Dazzlers 4-H Club Rocketry Team – (from left) Mia Wright, 14, Sam Gordon, 14, Ethan Thane, 14, Alexander Hansen, 17, and Teresa Tomasino, 16 – prepare to test launch one of their rockets at Jim and Sue Baughman’s White Creek Farm on Dodge Road Saturday in preparation for this year’s national Team America Rocketry Challenge, May 12 in The Plains, Va.**



## Two thumbs up

### Class “hosts” soldier who was in Benghazi

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

If any students figured teacher Bill Hartzell might have run out of interesting ideas to incorporate into his popular History-Based Movies Class at Cass City Junior-Senior High School, they probably found themselves re-thinking that idea last week.

Who could blame them after spending more than an hour conversing with Kris “Tanto” Paronto – one of the security team contractors who was involved in the Benghazi fight — via monitor in their classroom?

The Skype meeting took place Tuesday, leaving both the students and their teacher feeling is if they had really taken an in-depth look into what happened in Benghazi back in 2012.

“The students at the end of last year and the beginning of this year wanted to watch the movie ‘13

Hours: The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi’. I told them at that time I would get the movie and we would try to do something special with this film,” Hartzell explained.

“For months I (had) been working on trying to get a guest speaker,” he said. “I finally got in touch with one of the members of the security team in Benghazi, Kris ‘Tanto’ Paronto. His schedule was swamped with events and lectures and he was traveling all around the country. Finally, we got a commitment from him to do a Skype with my classes on April 17 for 90 minutes during our third- and fourth-hour classes.”

Paronto is a former Army Ranger from the 2nd Battalion 75th Ranger Regiment and a private security contractor who has deployed throughout South America, Central America, the Middle East and North Africa. He also worked with the U.S. government’s global

response staff, conducting low-profile security in high-threat environments throughout the world.

Paronto was part of the CIA annex security team that responded to the terrorist attack on the U.S. Special Mission in Benghazi, Libya, Sept. 11, 2012, helping to save more than 20 lives while fighting off terrorists from the CIA Annex for over 13 hours.

As part of the Benghazi study unit, each of Hartzell’s students received an autographed copy of the book, “13 Hours: The Inside Account of What Really Happened in Benghazi”, from Paronto.

“This book was a New York Times Best Seller that he helped create,” said Hartzell, who noted students read the book, authored

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## Lounsbury plans canoe expedition of the Cass

by Mary Drier  
Special for the Chronicle

Well-known outdoor writer Thomas Lounsbury is planning to document his canoe trips down the Cass River to showcase the waterway’s beauty and the accomplishments of a grassroots group dedicated to its water quality and recreational opportunities.

The Cass River Greenway (CRG) Committee was formed in 2007 by a group of local citizens who were assisted with professional resources and by municipal leaders, all working to enhance recreational and water quality to create the Cass River Water Trail.

Lounsbury plans to launch his canoeing expedition Saturday, April 28, at about 8 a.m.

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## Stars shine brightly in Tuscola Co.

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

*“This is the celebration of belonging, being part of something beyond ourselves – family, friends, our neighborhood, and the larger community. Shared values and faith bolster the feeling of belonging and reinforce the solid relationships that define our lives. Community makes us part of something that was there before us and will outlast us.”*

Tuscola County honored its own last week, focusing the spotlight on the spirit of volunteering – citizens giving of their time and tal-

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**THIS YEAR’S Tuscola Stars winners included the Cass River Greenway, represented above left by Bob Zellinger (left) and Joe Toth with presenter Jodi Fetting, and Beagio’s Pizza, Kingston, represented by owner Bill Herron, also pictured with Fetting, who is Tuscola County’s clerk and also serves on the Tuscola Stars Planning Committee.**





## Owen-Gage announces "students of month"

The focus for Owen-Gage's students of the month for March is being a "Critical, Creative Thinker". A student who is a critical, creative thinker identifies problems, collects information, and organizes, compares and contrasts data. The student also forms opinions, develops strategies to solve problems, and evaluates

their conclusion. The following students have been chosen: Benicio Torrez, first grade (elementary level), son of Juan and Shannon Torrez; Madelyn Haldane, eighth grade (junior high level), daughter of Robert and Patty Haldane; Jade Androl, eleventh grade (high school level), daughter of Eric and Samantha Hunt; and Luke Retford, twelfth grade (senior student), son of John and Gina Retford.

Special recognition goes to the "Senior Student of the Month", Luke Retford. Retford has been very active in sports throughout high school, including football, basketball, baseball and golf. He also has been a member of the band each year, in which he plays the trumpet and currently serves as band treasurer. As a sophomore, Retford was inducted into the Owen-Gage Chapter of the National Honor Society. He's been a member of the 3.0 Honors Club each year and has been on

the honor roll all through high school.

Retford served as class treasurer his freshman and senior years. He was a homecoming representative his freshman year and was chosen as this year's homecoming king. As a junior, he was a snowball representative and a member of the prom committee. For three years, Retford has served as an election official for Brookfield Township. The past two years he has been a dual-enrollment student with Mid-Michigan Community College. Retford is an active member of the Owendale United Methodist Church. He has been a member of the Michigan Youth Sugar Beet Grower Program all through high school. His hobbies include duck hunting, fishing, farming and snowmobiling.

Retford plans to attend Michigan State University to pursue a degree in crop and soil science (agronomy).



Benicio Torrez



Madelyn Haldane



Jade Androl



Luke Retford

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### Our Sincerest Thanks

The family of David J. Barrios would like to express our deepest appreciation to our Community, our many friends, associates, clients, civic groups and family members for their prayers, help and support during the recent hospitalization and passing of our dearest husband and father.

We would like to thank Covenant Cooper Hospital for the deeply moving and beautiful "Code Honor" veteran's tribute. Special thanks and deepest appreciation to ICU nurses Matt Schmeide and Desiree Swanson for their compassionate care; the Knights of Columbus Council 8892 and Ron Rutkowski for the beautiful Rosary Service; Richard Zyrowski for his Liturgy tribute; Father Christian Tabares, Knights of Columbus members and St. Pancratius Catholic Church for the beautiful Funeral Mass; North Branch American Legion Post 457, and the Department of the Air Force; Kranz Funeral Home - Cass City for their tremendous help and support; Leah Cummings and Wendy McKinney who kept our Caro office running; Village of Cass City and Elkland Township staff, council and committee members; Stephanie Johnson - McDonalds and Associates - Midland; Dottie Scollon, our dear neighbor and friend, and our daughter Kerry, who lovingly sang for her daddy's liturgy and Mass service.



The loss of someone so loved is a heavy burden, lightened only by the prayers, love and support of those who surround in life.

God Bless you all!  
The Family of David J. Barrios

## Gathering to honor area physician's retirement

by Mary Drier  
Special for the Chronicle

Hills and Dales General Hospital officials recently announced Dr. Candelaria Castaneda is retiring at the end of the month.

There will be a retirement party in her honor today (Wednesday) from 3 to 6 p.m. at Ubyly Heights Golf and Country Club, Ubyly.

With her newly-acquired free time, Dr. Castaneda says she plans to travel and spend time with her family.

"During her time with Hills and Dales, she has been the provider at Ubyly Medical Clinic. She is known for her compassionate care and for always going above and beyond for her patients," said Danielle Blaine, Hills and Dales General Hospital's director of marketing and foundation.

Castaneda earned her Bachelor of Science in Social Work Degree from Centro Escolar University in Manila, Philippines, and her Master of Social Work Degree from Smith College School for Social Work in Northampton, Mass.

She then earned her Doctor of Medicine Degree from Far Eastern University, Nicanor Reyes Medical Foundation in Manila, Philippines.

Dr. Castaneda did her residency at Huron Road Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio, and her fellowship at the Cleveland Clinic.

Prior to working at Hills and Dales, she worked in private practice for a majority of her career.

"We know she will be dearly missed after providing 24 years of compassionate medical care in the Thumb," said Blaine. "She put much heartfelt consideration into this decision. "We can appreciate that this will afford her some much deserved time with her family."

Although Dr. Castaneda is retiring, Angie Weber, nurse practitioner, will continue to see patients at the Ubyly Medical Clinic.

"We are looking at options for which physician will also see patients in Ubyly," Blaine noted.



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# In Our OPINION...

Clarke Haire  
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## All victims of sexual assault need support

Stories detailing cases of sexual assault have inundated the media in recent years. The sheer numbers are shocking, but it's important to remember that behind each name is a person who needs the support of those around them.

"Survivors of sexual assault have experienced an unimaginable trauma," said Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette, who recently recognized April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

"As attorney general I have made it a top priority to get justice for the men and women who survive these horrific crimes," he added. "But there is something each and every person can do to help stop this crime: We must all speak up and say something when we believe a friend, family member or acquaintance has experienced sexual assault. It is only by working together (that we) can truly make a difference."

Schuette's office has tackled a number of high-profile cases – most recently charging and prosecuting Larry Nassar, a convicted serial child molester who was the USA Gymnastics national team doctor and an osteopathic physician at Michigan State University.

In addition, Schuette has worked with the Michigan State Police, The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office and the Detroit Police Department to investigate and prosecute cases arising from the testing of sexual assault kits found in Wayne County in 2009, testing on those kits was finished in 2015.

In May of 2016, the Department of Attorney General secured its first conviction from the testing of those abandoned kits.

The Department of Attorney General also collected and tested more than 1,000 untested sexual assault kits from around the state. Most kits were untested due to a confession or a victim knowing their attacker. However, testing the kits could possibly aid in connecting someone to another unsolved case.

Those cases are prosecuted by the Attorney General Cold Case Sexual Assault Project. The project is funded by a U.S. Department of Justice grant awarded by the Office of Violence Against Women, to combat intimate relationship violence.

Sexual assault is any type of forced or coerced sexual contact or behavior that happens without consent, and can take place in the form of rape and attempted rape, child molestation, and sexual harassment or threats.

Sexual violence happens to people of all ages, races, genders, sexual orientations, religions, abilities, professions, incomes and ethnicities. It happens every day in communities, schools and workplaces.

About 85 percent of sexual assaults are committed by someone the victim knows – a friend, acquaintance, or partner; one out of four women and one out of 10 men will be sexually assaulted in their lifetime; 79 percent of female victims of rape report that they were first raped before age 25; and 28 percent of male victims of rape report that they were first raped at age 10 or younger.

Michigan victims of sexual violence are encouraged to call the national sexual assault hotline toll-free at 800-656-HOPE. All calls are confidential, and will be answered by a local counseling center affiliated with the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network.

## Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

Pussy willow legend



The sighting of the red-breasted robin is supposed to be the first sign of spring.

I bet the robins that have been here for a while are wondering why the heck they made the trip, with the kind of weather we've been having during the first half of April.

I, personally, do not put much stock in robins being a season predictor.

For me, the first signs of spring are seeing yellow dandelions popping up in my lawn, and especially pussy willows along ditch banks.

Most homeowners wage chemical warfare against dandelions. I use more of a live-and-let-live approach to the weed, which I found out is actually a good approach. According to a news article I read, dandelions are an important food source to sustain bees. And, for some people, dandelions are a food source.

My mother would look forward to spring so she could turn the dandelion leaves into a salad. Yuck! I never tried that. My father would make wine out of the weed's flowers. That was a good use for it; the wine was pretty good.

Plus, I loved the dandelion bouquets my sons would gather for me. I miss those days.

Moving on to memories of pussy willows, whenever I see pussy willows, I think of my grandmother Covio and the legend she told me about them. The legend says a batch of kittens fell in a pond when they were chasing butterflies, and they were drowning. All the mother cat could do was sit on the bank and cry as she watched the fate of her offspring.

According to the legend, the willows that grew along the pond's edge were so moved by the mother cat's grief, they wanted to help. The willows bent their branches to reach into the water to save the little kittens.

The kittens swam to the branches and were able to climb them safely to shore. The legend goes that every spring since then, the branches on willows sprout little fur-like buds where the little kittens had clung.

She explained the legend was told to her by her grandmother and handed down from one generation to the next. She said the legend taught several life lessons. One was not to focus on chasing something pretty to the point of ignoring the world – and dangers – around you. The second point was that plain things – like willows – are often taken for granted, but they are substantial and compassionate.

And, that reaching out to help others benefits everyone in making the world a better place to live.

## Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)



Last week I enjoyed what some would claim to be a once in a life time experience – twice.

On Wednesday, I made my way over to the west side of the state to fish the Muskegon River near Newaygo. With the help of guide Chad Schaub, I was able to hook a dozen fish and land eight, including three steelhead, north of 10 pounds each.

Using a bait caster reel and 11' rod, and floating beads that imitated eggs under a bobber, was the method used while jumping from hole to hole on Schaub's aluminum boat powered by a 80 horse jet engine.

Over the weekend, I attended what was explained to be a European Hunt at Deford area Walkiewicz Pheasant Farms. There, approximately 500 birds were launched Saturday to the delight of more than 60 participants gathered from all parts of the state that filled hunting shacks that circled the elevated blind from where the birds were released.

If that wasn't enough, after nearly four hours of blasting, guests were treated to an all-you-could-eat buffet in the nicely appointed club house.



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The Sanilac County Drug Task Force is proud to continue sponsorship of what will be the 27th Annual Junior High Invitational Track Meet on Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. at the Brown City School High School Track & Field. All Sanilac County Schools will again participate in both the boys' and girls' division track events. The public is invited to attend free of charge. As a community leader, we look to your presence as a positive support of our youth.

The D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Program or acronym also being used as (Define / Assess / Respond / Evaluate) is in its 25th consecutive year of presentation in all seven Sanilac County School Districts. The goal of the D.A.R.E. program is to prevent substance abuse and violence (bullying) among children. Emphasis is placed upon assisting students in recognizing and resisting the pressures that influence them to experiment with drugs, alcohol, gangs, and abuse of bullying by others.

The D.A.R.E. "Core" program has been ongoing since 1990 and has moved to evolve with the changes and challenges that face our children. Sanilac County is fortunate to have its citizen's support for the Drug Task Force Millage that directs full D.A.R.E. funding towards our children in our school systems, not only with the D.A.R.E. program, but also providing important financial funding for school counseling services for those youths in need.

It is the sincere hope of the Drug Task Force Board, that the D.A.R.E Track Meet will reinforce and support the message of a "DRUG FREE" environment for our youth in a positive and enjoyable day. A good day for them is a great day for all of us..

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## Wednesday, April 25

- 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, April 26

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

## Saturday, April 28

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

## Monday, April 30

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

## Tuesday, May 1

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

### STANDING COMMUNITY CALENDAR ITEMS

#### First Sunday:

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

#### First Monday:

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

#### First Saturday:

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

#### Second Monday:

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

#### Second Tuesday:

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

#### Second Wednesday:

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

#### Second Thursday:

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

#### Third Monday:

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

#### Third Tuesday:

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

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

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

#### Third 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.

# Two injured in Sanilac crash

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Two motorists, including a Cass City man, suffered injuries early last week in a traffic crash in Sanilac County's Evergreen Township.

The accident was reported at about 12:15 p.m. Monday on M-53, south of Deckerville Road.

According to Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies, a 2018 Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck driven

by Greg Biddinger, 58, of Cass City, was northbound and crossed the road centerline, striking a southbound 2016 Mack fuel tanker driven by 45-year-old Robert Mullins of Riverview.

"The fuel tanker wasn't loaded at the time of the crash," Undersheriff Brad Roff reported. "The driver of the fuel tanker saw the truck crossing the centerline and was able to avoid a head-on collision, however the truck still struck the driver side and trailer."

Cass City MMR personnel responded to the scene, Roff said, adding it didn't appear either driver suffered serious injuries.

"The accident remains under investigation by the Sanilac County Sheriff's Office. Alcohol was not a factor in the crash," Roff noted.

The Elkland Township Fire Department and troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro assisted deputies at the scene.

## Circuit court proceedings

# Several appear on felony charges

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

\*Dori J. Barber, 40, Millington, was sentenced to 90 days in the county jail and 60 months probation following her plea of guilty to a charge of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, March 2 in Millington.

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

\*Dennis J. Gardner, 58, Millington, pleaded guilty to charges of operating a motor vehicle with a high BAC (blood alcohol content) and fleeing a police officer Jan. 18 in Millington Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$50,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*Troy A. Harris, 45, Mayville, pleaded no contest to attempted assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) May 6 in Fremont Township, and to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, May 7, also in Fremont Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at a combined \$13,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*Joshua A. McGill, 33, Vassar, pleaded no contest to malicious destruction of property totaling \$1,000 to #20,000 Feb. 5, 2017, in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$10,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*Charles J. Taylor II, 29, Caro, pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana or a synthetic equivalent, subsequent offense, Oct. 3, 2016, in Millington.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$8,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*Jason L. Elder, 36, Mayville, was sentenced to 365 days in jail and 60 months probation following his plea of no contest to domestic violence, third offense,

Nov. 6 in Mayville. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to jail time and probation, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,008 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

\*Wyatt Martinez, 24, Sebawaing, pleaded guilty to charges of delivery/manufacture of five to 45 kilograms of marijuana or a synthetic equivalent, delivery/manufacture of marijuana or a synthetic equivalent, and tampering with evidence July 27 in Gilford

Township.

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

\*Anton J. Szep IV, 27, Saint Clair Shores, pleaded no contest to attempted maintaining a drug vehicle, driving while his license was suspended or revoked, and impaired driving Dec. 14 in Arabela Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$2,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

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## Reporter's notebook

### Trout opener brings back the memories

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor



*Note: The following is a reprint of a column I wrote several years ago in honor of my late grandfather, whose memory I carry every day, but especially this time of year.*

Remember when your GPS and fish finder were rolled into one trusty unit called grandpa?  
I do.

Memories of years gone by, when I was a youngster at my grandfather's side, learning the art of fishing for trout in streams throughout northern Michigan, are as strong as ever for me, although it feels like a lifetime since he passed away.

I still have trouble getting to sleep the night before opening day.

The last Saturday in April — which marks the regular trout season opener in Michigan — has always been a special tradition.

Anyone fortunate enough to have been introduced to the art of stream fishing (or any other type) by a father or grandfather, who knew the value of time invested in a youngster, knows what I mean.

It's been decades since my grandfather, Ray Miller, and I tramped any of those northern Michigan streams during the years I was growing up. A Kentucky native who stood all of about five feet five inches, he succumbed to Alzheimer's disease many years ago. My grandmother, Lorena — his wife of more than 50 years — died less than a year after he did.

Grandpa introduced me to trout fishing when I was about eight, the beginning of an opening day tradition he and I would share for a decade.

"Ray, guess who's here?" grandma would say as my mom drove up into my grandparents' driveway. Grandpa greeted me the same way each time I escaped Grand Rapids' north side for a fishing trip, which was as often as I could manage. "Hello fishin' partner, ready to get your limit tomorrow?"

Our opening day ritual would begin Friday evening, when we'd go outside, flashlights and empty soup cans in hand, in search of night crawlers.

The thought of paying 50 cents for crawlers back then irked my grandpa, who year after year used the same old seven-foot steel fly rod and closed face reel. I think he won the antique equipment sometime in the 1940s.

Saturday would begin at 5 a.m. with the trip up to White Cloud. The journey there somehow always seemed much shorter than the trip back.

Once at the stream, we would part — he would head upstream, while I'd go downstream. "Remember to fish that big log," he'd remind me as he headed off into the brush at a surprisingly quick pace.

His earlier instruction always came back to me as I prepared to tempt a native brook trout out from under that big log.

"Edge up to the stream slowly now," he'd say. "Just drop your bait in and work it down. Drift it along the sand until it slides into that hole."

A distinct tug on my line would pull me from my daze and I'd reel in a hefty 10-inch brookie. I usually picked up a couple more before heading back to the car for a lunch of bologna, cheese and crackers.

The day would end after visiting another stream or two, and soon we would be pulling into my grandparents' driveway.

"You all are home kind of early, aren't ya?" were my grandmother's first words as we entered the kitchen. She would glance down at the trout in the cooler. I would always grin, knowing what she would say next.

"Is that all you got? They look kind of puny," she'd say.

"Is that so?" grandpa would reply. "Well, next time we'll take you so you can show us how it's done," he'd say with a chuckle and a wink at me.

When I return to some of those same old streams, I relive past opening days. I can't help but feel grandpa's presence when I step from my car into a forest alive with chattering birds and squirrels, the rhythmic drumming of a ruffed grouse and the soft gurgling of a nearby brook.

His legacy is still very much a part of my life. He never gained fame or fortune, but this grandson couldn't be richer for having known him and benefiting from his time and patience.

I can think of no finer tribute to the man.



The author and his grandfather in the early 1970s.

# Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



## 5 YEARS AGO (2013)

Cass City School officials recently recognized the latest recipients of the district's coveted "Red Hawk Award of Excellence". They are seventh grade student Riley Klein, the daughter of Keri and Jason Klein, and third grade student Olivia Graff, the daughter of Barbara and Chris Graff. Klein was nominated by the district's seventh grade teaching team. "Riley is a pleasure to have in class as she models the PRIDE (Personal responsibility, Respect, Integrity, Discipline, Enthusiasm) character traits that we look for in our students," stated the team's nomination letter. "Olivia was nominated for the Red Hawk Award of Excellence for many reasons," Linda Stec said. "To begin with, Olivia is a hard working third grader who takes her school work seriously, always completing her assignments while doing her best."

Eric Rievert has been named Owendale-Gagetown School's "Senior Student of the Month" for April. Rievert has been very active in sports. He has been a member of the football, basketball and baseball teams each year throughout high school. He's also been a member of the golf team the past 2 years. Academically, he has been on the honor roll and a member of the 3.0 Honors Club each year. During his sophomore year, he was inducted into the Owen-Gage chapter of the National Honor Society. Rievert is the son of Edward and Ame Rievert of Gagetown. His future plans include attending Eastern Michigan University to earn a mathematics degree.

## 10 YEARS AGO (2008)

Highlighting Cass City's Annual Community Dinner gala Saturday night at Northwood Meadows was the presentation of the citizens of the year awards. The 2008 Citizen of the Year honors went to brothers Marty and Dave Osentoski, while Rebecca Doerr was the Junior Citizen of the Year winner.

Information Systems Technician First Class Petty Officer Brian Guinther of Cass City is currently deployed to Baghdad, Iraq, and is assigned to Information Systems Division, Multi-National Corps-Iraq at Camp Victory. Guinther, the son of Jim and Joann Guinther, Cass City, has served in the U.S. Navy for the past 15 years. Guinther, a 1991 Cass City High School graduate, is expected to return to his home duty station in Norfolk Va., in September.

Jennica Richards established a new school record in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 15.82. Her winning time erases Jennifer Romstad's 1992 mark of 16.3. With Jennica it was never a question whether she would break the record, but rather when," Coach Scott Cuthrell said. "With this milestone now under her belt the season is hers to enjoy."

## 25 YEARS AGO (1993)

Mr. and Mrs. Don Bullock of Decker and White Lake announce the engagement of their daughter, Lynette, to Matthew Waligora, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Waligora, of Quincy, Mich. Lynette is a 1992 graduate of Taylor University and is employed at Dun & Bradstreet, South Bend, Ind. Matthew will be a January 1994 graduate of Taylor University. Lynette is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Gross of Port Austin, and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bullock.

A multitude of things took place at the last Cub Scout meeting of Pack 3594. Four of the second year Webelos, Travis Eyer, Jalal Khoury, Matt Perry and Aaron Volz, all received their "Arrow of Light" award. The "Arrow of Light" is the highest award in Cub Scouting. These 4 boys, along with Matt Hillaker, advanced to the level of Boy Scouts.

Mr. and Mrs. George R. Wilson of Gagetown announce the engagement of their daughter, Lonnie, to William Nicosia of Las Vegas, Nev. He is the son of Betty Nicosia of Gladwin and the late Thomas Nicosia.

## 35 YEARS AGO (1983)

Scott and Henrietta Shaw of Marlette announce the birth of a son, Ryan Scott, born April 8 in Huron Memorial Hospital, Bad Axe. He weighed eight pounds, eight ounces, and was 21 inches in length. He joins a two-year-old sister, Stacie Jo, at home. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Allan Shaw of Marlette, Mrs. Toshiko Chii of Deford and Alfred G. Cooklin of Cass City.

Bobbi MacKay has been named to the dean's list for the winter term at Ferris State College, Big Rapids. A minimum 3.2 grade point average was required. A freshman, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert MacKay of Cass City.

Two Cass City High School students won first place ribbons and five won place ribbons in the Michigan Industrial Education Society regional fair Friday and Saturday at Hemlock High School. Winning blue ribbons and qualifying for the state competition April 28-30 in Grand Rapids were Jay McCluskey in mechanical drawing and Brent Szarapski, whose electric guitar was judged best in class in woodworking. Winning ribbons in mechanical drawing were Pete Martin, Mike Carpenter and Beth Tuckey, all fourth place, and Andy Nichols, sixth. Dave Parrish received a fourth place in woodworking.

## 40 YEARS AGO (1978)

Cindy Ware of Cass City finished in first place at the end of the Bible quiz season, in the Saginaw Valley Truth For Youth association. Around 45 teenagers, comprising seven teams, have been competing on both an individual and team basis since last October. The top seven quizzers from Saginaw Valley will enter the state competition in Grand Rapids May 6. Comprising the team, in addition to Miss Ware, are: Sheila Grant of Caro, who was only 10 points behind, Robin Williams and Bill Phelps of Caro, Steve Cottle and David Wright of Midland and Colleen Crooks of Bay City. As a team, Cass City finished in third place. Members of the local team are: Cindy Ware, Paula and Lori Ewald, Sally and Laurie Ware, Jane Hutchinson, Sarah Bostick, Blake Fisher, Jim Woods and Dan LaPonsie. All are members of First Baptist Church. Coaches are Mrs. Rona Hillaker and Mrs. Lynn Sherman. Cindy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ferris Ware and is a junior at Cass City High School.

Navy Fireman Apprentice Scott L. Atkin, son of Joan J. Hendricks of Walnut Trailer Court, Cass City, recently departed for an extended deployment in the Western Pacific. He is assigned to the amphibious transport dock USS Ogden, homeported in San Diego and operating as a unit of the U.S. Seventh Fleet. During deployment, Ogden is scheduled to participate in various training exercises with other Seventh Fleet units and those of allied nations. Port visits are scheduled in several Far Eastern countries. The Ogden is 570 feet long, displaces 16,900 tons and carries a crew of 490 officers and enlisted men, plus more than 800 Marines for amphibious operations. Atkin joined the Navy in July, 1977.

Junior Citizen of the Year Ross Ridenour accepted the plaque bestowing the honor from Phil Keating, vice-president of the Cass City Chamber of Commerce.

## 50 YEARS AGO (1968)

Sgt. Randy L. McConnell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leigh McConnell, Mt. Clemens, formerly of Cass City, was wounded in the chest and chin during combat in Vietnam. He is recovering in the hospital at Cam Ranh Bay. Sgt. McConnell, a paratrooper with the 101st Airborne Division, has been wounded four times since arriving in Vietnam on December 6, 1967. He has been awarded the Purple Heart with three oak leaf clusters, the Bronze Star, and will soon be awarded the Silver Star. Lt. Kevin Beaton, McConnell's platoon leader, wrote to Mr. and Mrs. McConnell. His letter enclosed with

a picture of McConnell taken the day he was wounded, praised McConnell's actions during duty. The letter stated in part, "He and the other man in the picture single handedly knocked out two enemy bunkers while myself and the rest of the platoon were pinned down. Even after he was hit he continued to function by calling in the Medivac helicopter and coming to my position and letting me know the whole situation."

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Ball were surprised Saturday evening when their son, Donald Ball, arrived home unexpectedly. He had spent two years in Rota, Spain. He was met at Tri-City airport by his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Ball of Reese, who were also Saturday supper guests of the Grant Balls. After 30 days leave, Donald will be stationed at Norfolk, Va.

Genelle Renee, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Generous (Barbara Bliss) was baptized Sunday in St. Agatha's church at Gagetown. Godparents were Jack Generous and Miss Renate Connolly. Mr. and Mrs. William Bliss and sons, David, Paul and Charles, were dinner guests in the Generous home following the christening. Mr. and Mrs. Elger Generous joined them in the afternoon.

## 75 YEARS AGO (1943)

Mrs. Wm. J. Ashmore, Jr., received a letter from her cousin, Arthur W. Burnham, who is stationed somewhere in Alaska. Following are parts taken from his letter and sent to the Chronicle by the Rescue correspondent: "I have been promoted to a staff sergeant now and what a difference it is to what it was two years ago. I received \$21 a month then and thought it was quite a jump when I started to get \$30 a month. "Now I am getting \$115.20 a month, more than five times as much as I got at the start."

Leonard Urquhart of Cass City has been appointed deputy sheriff by Sheriff Homer Hillaker. Julius H. Goslin of Gagetown has been promoted from chief deputy to undersheriff, and Everett Starkey of Fairgrove has been named chief deputy.

Recently inducted into the U. S. Navy as an apprentice seaman at Great Lakes, Ill., Louis G. O'Connor, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis O'Connor, Cass City, has reported to the U.S. Naval Training Station for a period of basic training. In the 12 weeks of training to follow, he will be transformed from a civilian into a trim Bluejacket. His program will consist of instruction in seamanship, military drill, an indoctrination into Navy customs and procedures, and participation in a physical hardening program.

## 100 YEARS AGO (1918)

Mr. and Mrs. Levi E. Dickinson have received word from their son, Lieut. Harold Dickinson, of his appointment as captain. Harold enlisted two years ago and is now stationed at Mercedas, Texas, with A Troop, 16th Cavalry.

Dear Father, Elbert Bearup: I am in France and like it here fine. I think France is lots more up-to-date than England is. There are buildings in England over a thousand years old and the people there are nearly as old-fashioned as the buildings are. You would laugh to see the box cars they have here and in England. I think I will take one home for a suitcase. To tell the truth France is fifty years more up-to-date than England is. They have engines here about twice as large as they have in England and our engines are twice as large as French engines; but I think the country here is prettier than it is in the states. Well, father, those insurance papers are mixed up in Washington you will get them before long. I am well and happy, no kick coming, everything fine; of course, I am very busy. I am not blue or lonesome or afraid. Am looking on the best side of things. Will write again when I have more time. MYRON R. BEARUP; 139 Aero Squadron, A E F

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## Security focus of school committee

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City Police Department; and two or three members of the community, yet to be named.

Hartel said he isn't promoting any particular changes at this point, but he cited measures being taken by other schools, including Lakers, where the board of education in March unanimously approved a recommendation from its student safety committee to hire a part-time school security officer.

Laker officials plan to fund the position with general fund dollars, and if all goes well, they may expand the program next fall, with the goal of having a full-time security presence on their campus.

Upgrades in school security measures is among the improve-

ments on tap in Cass City should voters approve a proposal millage extension slated to go before voters in a special election scheduled for Tuesday, May 8.

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

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

tax amount they currently pay.

School officials have spent the past several months prioritizing needed repairs and upgrades they hope to pay for with the bond extension money.

Those improvements target two aging buildings, including the high school, which was built in 1966. The district's newest building – the former middle school, now Cass City Elementary School – was constructed about 20 years ago.

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

In other business Monday, the board:

\*Approved the recommendation of tenure for Susanne Forester, algebra teacher. The board also granted a second year of probation to Wendy Guinther, part-time math teacher and daycare director; Jane Ignash, social studies teacher; Leigh Osentoski, ag science and FFA; and Karen Sweeney, Great Start Readiness Program.

\*Approved the appointments of Evan Laurie and Keri Kempisty to the district's ag advisory board. They were appointed to two-year terms and will fill vacancies left by board member Dave Milligan and Jim Brown, who have opted to step down. In addition, the board approved the recommendation of Sue Battel to serve a one-year term on the advisory board.

\*Heard from Tuscola Intermediate School District (TISD) Supt. Gene Pierce, who presented the TISD's annual budget proposal. All local boards of education within the ISD are asked to endorse the spending plan.

Pierce presented a proposed 2018-19 general fund budget with projected revenues of \$4,649,739 and expenses of \$4,668,069, leaving a deficit of \$18,330 – an amount equal to less than half of one percent of the total spending plan.

The TISD has a combined budget of roughly \$34.6 million, special education (\$23.1 million funded by 2.45 mills), career and technical education (\$6.5 million funded by 1.649 mills), and general education (\$4.95 million funded by a tax of .141 mills).

## Lounsbury plans canoe trips

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"I am planning on launching from either the Elmwood Road Bridge or from the Cemetery Bridge south of Cass City," said Lounsbury, of Cass City. "I haven't determined which site yet."

"The end destination will be Chippewa Landing off M-24 south of Caro.

He estimates the trip from Cass City to the city of Caro to end about 4 p.m.

"I have a feeling we'll have a real good current," Lounsbury said. "I will figure out a couple stops en route."

Besides being a prolific writer, Lounsbury enjoys history and has a book about Elkland Township and Tuscola County.

"The book 'Diary of a hunter from Ohio' was written by Oliver Hazard Perry. He was named after the Naval hero of 1812, but no relation. He would come up by steamboat from Ohio to Port Huron and travel into the Thumb to hunt," explained Lounsbury. "He would follow the Cass River to Indian Fields — that was before Caro came about."

"There were a couple of Indian tribes there. He would get a canoe from the Indians and come back up to Cass City to the forks to hunt. Before there was a Cass City, the area was known as the Forks."

Perry's area to hunt was in Elkland Township.

"He loved the Thumb wilderness. He wrote how he would have to climb trees to get a compass reading because the forest was so dense," Lounsbury said.

Perry documented his hunting trips in 1852 to 1854.

"That's how Elkland Township got its name. There were so many elk back then, hunters like Perry would travel there," he said.

"His book mentions the communities of Vassar, Millington, and Frankenmuth at that time was called Dutch Town. There was a trading post at Bridgeport in 1853."

The canoe trip from Cass City to Caro is only the first leg of Lounsbury's planned expedition down the Cass River.

"I am also planning on launching from Caro's Indianfields Park on Saturday, May 5. The destination is Frankenmuth, with stops in the Vassar and Tuscola area," he explained. "I'm planning other canoe trips from there on down to Bridgeport after that."

Accompanying him on the trip will be John Scollon, who will be filming the outdoor-writer's adventures.

And, Lounsbury is inviting others to join him on his trips on the river. "I would like others to come with me to see what the Cass River Water Trail has to offer," he said. "Those coming with me should be sure to have life-vests, which I highly recommend to be adorned throughout the journey. I'll be wearing mine. Springtime waters with fast currents are very cold and unforgiving, and the river has a few areas of rapids."

He would like to know how many will join him on his adventure, and their contact information in case the trip has to be cancelled due to weather or water conditions.

Lounsbury can be reached at (989) 872-2398 or via email at tlounsburyoutdoors@gmail.com.

For those who do not own a kayak, they can still participate in the river trip. Eric Fielbrandt's Frankenmuth Fun Ship's branch business, Frankenmuth Kayak Adventures, offers rentals. He is working with Lounsbury and will deliver a kayak to the launch site that is selected for the trips down the river for a nominal fee. For more information, visit the website kayakfrankenmuth.com or call (989) 652-3400.

The Cass River Water Trail is 37.5 miles long. Along the trail there are boat, canoe and kayak launch sites. There are also rest stops and picnic areas, wildlife, maps and brochures detailing information about the wildlife and plants in the area.

CRG officials are working towards developing the Cass River for eco-tourism tourists and outdoor enthusiasts.

The CRG Committee received an assistance grant from the U.S. National Park Service to help implement the organization and management practices necessary to qualify for National Water Trail Designation status. A new website about the CRG Committee and the Cass River is expected to be functional by this summer at www.cass-riverwatertrail.org.

Since 2008, CRG Committee has partnered with volunteers to clean up sections of the river. Last year the clean-up effort started at the Cass City Village Wastewater treatment plant and extended downstream towards the city of Caro for about six miles.

So far, about 45 miles of the river has been cleaned up. Volunteers have removed tires, furniture, truck, car and farm parts, cans, bottles and more from the local waterway.

The possibility of developing a water trail extending from Cass City to Caro was discussed last June after the clean-up.



Tom Lounsbury



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# Dairy Odyssey returns to farms in Thumb April 28 and June 16

Young people interested in dairy or animal science are invited to spend a couple Saturdays – April 28 and June 16 — exploring dairy cattle operations in the Thumb. The Thumb Dairy Odyssey, now

in its third year, is a series of fun and educational hands-on workshops being offered in Huron and Sanilac counties this year. However, youths do not have to be from one of those counties to at-

tend, according to Kari VerEllen, 4-H administrative assistant at the Huron County MSU Extension Office.

“This hands-on youth program teaches young people about the dairy industry, introduces youth to career options in agriculture, and strengthens skills used in FFA and 4-H competitions,” VerEllen explained.

“In the past two years, Thumb Dairy Odyssey reached over 80 youth participants along with parents and community volunteers,” she said. “The program resulted in more participants in local fairs and a Thumb area dairy quiz bowl team. Participants also said they learned about new career options in agriculture and were interested in a career they learned about.”

The first of the 2018 programs will take place Saturday at the Leipprandt Dairy near Pigeon.

“The day will kick off with a farm tour and three educational stations,” VerEllen said, adding participants will have the opportunity to learn the finer points of showmanship with members of the Junior Holstein Association. Other topics of discussion will include utilizing feed to unlock a heifer’s genetic potential, and exploring how veterinarians identify sick animals and how they narrow down problem areas with a physical exam.

“On Saturday, June 16, Dairy Odyssey Days will take place at Deluur Dairy near Deckerville,” VerEllen continued. Participants will investigate what field reps do on a farm and how they evaluate milking operations; learn some of the details of getting their cow ready to show, including the detailed work to make a show cow or calf shine; and uncover how a cow sees, thinks, and perceives the world and them.

“This program is designed for ages nine to 19, but all ages are welcome,” VerEllen noted. “(It’s) for all youth — farm kids, city kids, country kids, FFA or 4-H members as well as non- 4-H.”

“Each day will be equally beneficial as a stand-alone event, or you can attend both days. Programs will begin each day at 10 a.m. and conclude at 2:30 p.m. with lunch included,” she said. “The cost is \$5 per child, with accompanying adults attending for free.”

To register, visit the website <https://events.anr.msu.edu/ThumbDairyOdyssey2018/> or stop by the Huron County MSU Extension Office, located at 1142 S Van Dyke Rd., Suite 200, Bad Axe. For more information, call (989) 269-9949 or send an email to [mbuza@anr.msu.edu](mailto:mbuza@anr.msu.edu).

## News briefs

### Drug “takeback” April 28

CARO – The Tuscola County Sheriff’s Department will again be participating in a national Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Prescription “Takeback” event Saturday, April 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the lobby of the department in Caro.

The collection is designed to enable residents properly dispose of old and/or unwanted prescription medications, while at the same time keeping them out of landfills and out of the hands of individuals who might abuse the drugs.

For those unable to participate Saturday, the sheriff’s department has a 24-hour drop-off receptacle located in the vestibule. In addition, several communities have “Big Red Barrel” receptacles available to drop off old prescriptions. Locations include the Cass City Municipal Building, Michigan State Police post in Caro, Huron County Sheriff’s Department in Bad Axe, and some pharmacies.

Items not accepted include liquids, syringes and fentanyl patches.

A Michigan Prescription Drug and Opioid Task Force study revealed more than 54 million people ages 12 and older have abused prescription drugs at some point in their lives. The survey also showed more than 70 percent of people who abused prescription painkillers obtained them from friends or relatives.

### Canfield lauds budget plan

LANSING — State Rep. Dr. Edward J. “Ned” Canfield, D.O., who chairs the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, recently announced the committee has finalized its budget recommendations.

Canfield (R-Sebewaing) said he’s especially pleased that the agreed upon budget proposal includes increased funding to enhance opioid testing. With Michigan’s steadily increasing opioid addiction and overdose epidemic, research is needed to improve prescribing practices and treatment programs, he said.

“As a physician, I know the solution to our state’s opioid epidemic isn’t to simply lock up abusers,” added Canfield, who represents citizens in the 84th District (Tuscola and Huron counties). “Abuse and overdose are avoidable, but we must tackle the issue at the source by doing all we can to prevent addiction before it happens.”

The budget also allocates \$11 million for incentive programs to increase the state’s ability to recruit, train and retain primary care physicians in underserved areas throughout Michigan. The state will provide partial student loan repayment for physicians who commit to working in areas of the state that don’t currently have enough medical professionals to serve the number of residents in that community.

“It’s unfair and impractical that so many people across Michigan have to travel extreme distances just to see a doctor,” said Canfield, who helped spearhead one of the loan repayment programs. “These incentive programs are a unique and innovative method of encouraging critically needed specialties to serve those areas of highest need, urban and rural underserved communities throughout the state.”

### Justice Clement set to speak

CARO – Michigan Supreme Court Justice Elizabeth T. Clement and Dr. Linda Hesson will be the keynote speakers at the Thumb Regional Sobriety Court’s ninth graduation ceremony, slated for Friday, April 27, at 10 a.m. in the Tuscola County Circuit Courtroom, Caro.

The ceremony will recognize individuals who have successfully completed the multi-county intensive treatment court program.

Justice Clement was appointed to the Michigan Supreme Court by Gov. Rick Snyder in November 2017. She is the 113th Justice and the 11th woman to serve on Michigan’s Supreme Court bench. She previously served as chief legal counsel for the governor, cabinet secretary, deputy chief of staff, and deputy legal counsel in the governor’s office.

Dr. Hesson is clinical director for New Light Consultants. She started working as a clinical therapist in 1977, received her certification in addiction counseling in 1989, and has been involved with the Thumb Regional Sobriety Court since 2015.

### Kingston Coach recognized

KINGSTON – The Michigan High School Football Coaches Association recently honored Kingston Coach Brandon Jones for the outstanding performance of his eight-man team on the field and in the classroom.

According to the criteria for that honor, Kingston’s eight-man football team had the highest grade point average in the state for an eight-man team.

### Annual walk/run cancelled

CASS CITY — This year’s Hills and Dales General Hospital’s 22nd annual 5K Walk/Run, 8K Run and Toddler Trot, held in conjunction with the Cass City Freedom Festival celebration, has been cancelled.

The cancellation is due to a change in scheduling, and the inability to put all the logistics together, according to hospital officials, who say the event is expected to return in 2019.

### Jurors slated to earn more

TUSCOLA COUNTY — The mileage and compensation rate for jurors has been increased.

The juror rate of mileage is now 20 cents per mile, up from 10 cents per mile. Juror compensation for the first day or half day of actual attendance at the court will be not less than \$30 per day and \$15 per half day, and for each subsequent day or half day of actual attendance, the pay will be not less than \$45 per day and \$22.50 per half day.

### Basketball camp scheduled

CASS CITY — There will be a Thumb Pride Basketball Camp this summer in Cass City.

The event is slated for June 18-21 at Cass City Junior-Senior High School. Tickets to participate in the event are available at [cramerbasketball.com](http://cramerbasketball.com).

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery



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### Griffith new controller in Sanilac Co.

by Mary Drier  
Special for the Chronicle

The new year started with a new administrator at the helm in Sanilac County.

Tara Griffith was hired as the county’s controller-administrator, filling a vacancy left by the retirement of Kathy Dorman.

Before taking on her new role, Griffith served as finance director at the Sanilac County Health Department for about four years.

County commissioners honored Dorman for her 30 years of service to the county with a resolution highlighting her career with the county, which began May 1977 in the treasurer’s office. Her tenure included serving as treasurer and later being hired as the county administrator in 2005.

“Throughout her career as a public servant, Kathy has provided excellent service and quality, and gained the respect and admiration of her colleagues,” the resolution states. “Kathy has demonstrated her extensive knowledge of county government with character and integrity.”

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## Tuscola County "stars" recognized

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ents to benefit others and, in the end, make Tuscola County a better place to live and work for everyone.

The 16th annual Celebrating Tuscola's Stars awards breakfast drew an attendance of roughly 150 people Thursday morning at the Tuscola Technology Center in Caro, where a host of individuals, groups and agencies were recognized for their contributions to residents throughout the county.

This year's winners in four different categories are:

**\*Individual category** – Mayville resident and retired educator Cindy Coxe was named this year's individual "star" for a host of contributions, including founding the "We Can Read" initiative at Mayville Schools, providing books to children and helping them learn literacy skills.

"Cindy is passionate about the Mayville community and takes pride in the Mayville Museum and its 100-year-old building. She works with the Sunflower Festival, the Lions Club, the chamber of commerce and the American Legion," noted Gene Pierce, Tuscola Stars Planning Team co-chairman.

Also nominated in the category were Jennifer L. Alksink, Becky Anderson, William Bushaw, 84th District state Rep. Dr. Edward

"Ned" Canfield, Chuck Fabbro, Mary Gettel, Russ Hubbard, Margaret LeValley, April Newsome, Sue Steffek and Deva Weber.

**\*Group category** – The Cass River Greenway took home Tuscola Stars honors in the group category.

"Natural Resources and recreational opportunities are extremely important to the entire Thumb region. It takes a dedicated group to ensure the safety and long-term health of our local waterways," Jim McLoskey, stars planning team member, said in making the announcement.

"In 2011 this organization received a grant for a two-year study of the Cass River. The findings of this study would become the foundation of making plans to improve the local treasure," he added. "Every year since 2008, this organization...has sponsored a river clean-up event. An average of over 50 volunteers dedicate their time and energy to this project, which benefits the entire region."

To-date, volunteers have collected trash and junk while wading through roughly 43 miles of the river, including sections just south of Cass City during a clean-up event held last summer.

Also nominated in the group category were the Caro Community Schools Athletic Boosters, Caro Interact Club and the Reese Public Schools Middle School Team.

**\*Business category** – Also winning a Tuscola Stars award this year is Beagio's Pizza, Kingston, and owners Bill and Ann Herron and family.

"Small towns owe a huge debt of gratitude to the small businesses that form the core of their community. When there are not many businesses in the area, it seems the same ones get tapped time after time to assist with numerous projects," Pierce said. "This local business steps up to the plate on a regular basis to assist those in need."

"When there is a local citizen in need, this business is quick to respond by hosting a spaghetti dinner. When the holidays come around this business is there... with contributions to the cause," he added. "The owners of this business go far beyond financial or food contributions to the local community; they give of themselves. For over 20 years, one of the owners has served as a crossing guard for the local school children. She is not on the school payroll – rather she does this as a volunteer."

Other nominees in the business category were the Patriot Party Mart, Child Advocacy Center of Tuscola County, Countryside Transportation, Mayville State Bank, Millington Pizza, The Oven Restaurant and Club 24, Pompei Pizza, Sports First Magazine and Wingert's Food Center.

**\*Above and beyond category** – Caro resident Cathy Mumby took home this year's above and beyond honor.

"Often our elderly citizens depend on their neighbors to assist them with everyday activities. It becomes even more difficult for the elderly when medical issues add to the challenges," McLoskey said. "This volunteer has taken it upon herself to go above and beyond by helping a neighbor with stage four cancer."

"She has assisted neighbors who could not come up with rent money. When some in the community have been without food, this volunteer stepped up with a warm meal. She has brightened the holidays for families with gifts and food," he added.

Other nominees in the category were Spring Coleman, Rikkii Clarent, Taylor Dantine, Jeni Green, Josh Hahn, Lisa Haubstricker, Krista Hirschman, Dan Johnson, Gary Libka, Suzann Peterson, Sheryl Piche, Diana Slough, Michigan State Police Trooper Mark Swales, Caro Police Officer Paul Straszczyk, Dan Surgent and Nancy Zuzula.



VETERAN Cass City School teacher Jeni Green (right) was among the nominees for this year's Tuscola Stars awards in the above and beyond category.



AMONG THE nominees for this year's Tuscola Stars awards in the above and beyond category was Michigan State Police Community Service Trooper Mark Swales of the Caro post, pictured above with presenter Jodi Fetting.



THE CHILD Advocacy Center of Tuscola County, a unique program that assists law enforcement in investigating child abuse and neglect cases via a staff that is specially trained to interview children, was among the Tuscola Stars nominees in the business category. Above, Jodi Fetting presents a certificate of appreciation to center Director Kathy Sweeney (left).

## Blaze destroys Laming residence

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noted the closet is adjacent to her furnace.

"I was panicked. It was scary," said Laming, who attempted to put the fire out, "but I realized there was nothing I was going to be able to do, and I called 911."

Laming was insured, according to Guilds, who estimated the loss at \$50,000 to \$60,000. He also noted representatives of the American Red Cross were contacted to assist the family.

Laming, a Cass City native who is employed as a rural mail carrier out of the Cass City Post Office, said she and her daughter are currently staying with her mom, who also lives in the area.

In spite of the loss of their belongings, she acknowledged the blaze could have ended in tragedy. "I'm just very thankful it didn't happen in the middle of the night," she said.

"It's (community support) been overwhelming, wonderful. It's just been amazing," Laming said. "I love this community."

Cass City firemen, who remained at the scene for about two hours, were assisted by members of five other area fire departments – Argyle, Elmwood Township-Gagetown, Bingham-Ubly, Bad Axe and Elkton-Oliver.

Multiple agencies were dispatched due to ongoing issues with having enough volunteer fire fighters available during regular business hours, according to Guilds, who said it's a growing trend among departments across the region.

"You might get two guys from this department and two guys from that department, (but) a lot of people are working out of the area," he said. "I have 22 guys, and I think I have two guys that work in Cass City. At one time it was the opposite of that."

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CASS CITY high jumper Tiara Anthony reacts after missing her final attempt at the 12-school Marlette Invite.

## Reese emerges as Greater Thumb West favorite to capture league honors

by Clarke Haire  
Publisher

It looks like the Greater Thumb West track championship will run through Reese in 2018.

The Rockets captured the Marlette Invite Friday with 111.5 points, easily turning back conference foes Bad Axe, Vassar and

Cass City on their way to the 12-school title.

Cass City Coach Jon Zdrojewski explained the Marlette Invitational is actually split into two divisions according to school size. The results of the divisional meets were, in the Men's Red Division, Reese, North Branch (101), Bad Axe (95), Vassar (79), Mayville (54),

and Almont (31), while in the Men's White Division Cass City was best with 74.5 points, and was followed by USA (46), Sandusky (32.5), Marlette (17), Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port (14), and Brown City (7.5).

"Our men's team has been the runner up to Marlette for the past three years so it was great to finally win this early invite for our division. This was the first meet for many of the schools and only the second for Cass City, we are still finding our positions and I was very pleased with our performances at this early large meet. We got our first look at all of our league schools and based on this meet it looks as though the favorite team will be Reese for the conference title," Zdrojewski said.

Medals were awarded for the top eight individual results, plus the fastest six relay teams.

For Cass City, first place medals were awarded to the 3200 meter relay team (8:57) of Zane Wright, CarLee Stimpfel, Gabe Farver and Nick McArdle, while Stimpfel recorded first place individual honors in both the 800 meter run (2:02) and 3200 meter run (9:50) to cap a brilliant showing.

Brendan Hamilton placed second in the long jump with a leap of 18' 8" to snag Cass City's lone runner-up finish.

"Brendan lost by only a half inch. I look for him to improve and be a strong competitor in the long jump as we move forward," said Zdrojewski.

Other individual medal winners for Cass City had McArdle third in the 1600 meter run and fourth in the 3200 meter run, Jacob Shantz fourth in the pole vault, Josh Schaufele 5th in the pole vault, Drew Markel 6th in the 3200 meter run and 8th in the 1600 meter run, while 7th place honors were earned by Justin Schaufele in the 300 meter hurdles and Wright in the 800 meter run.

Rounding out the medal winners for the Red Hawks was the 800 meter relay team of Jarod Naegele, Alex Perry, Hamilton and Eric Peters. They placed 5th.

"As the weather improves I look for these athletes to continue to improve and make a strong run in both league and regionals. This has been a very slow starting season with a lot of practice time in very cold and unforgiving conditions," said Zdrojewski.

## Cass City girls exceeding early expectations

by Clarke Haire  
Publisher

Size notwithstanding, the Brown City women's track team proved to be the best at the Marlette Invite with a winning score of 136.

Officially consisting of two divisions – White (small schools) and Red (large schools) – the Lady Green Devils captured the Women's White Division Friday, while rounding out the smaller schools division were Marlette (69.5), Cass City (51), Unionville Sebawaing Area (35), Sandusky (27), and Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port (14.5).

In the Red Division standings, North Branch edged Reese 118.5 – 101.5 for bragging rights, while Almont was a distant third with 46, followed by Mayville (36), Bad Axe (18), and Vassar (10).

"The Cass City girls did better than expected. The girls placed 12th out of 14 teams in 2017. We were in the smaller division (this year) but division size was no indication of talent level. Of the top 5 overall teams of the 12-team field, the smaller division had the overall invite champ in Brown City as well as three of the top five (schools)," said Cass City Coach Adam Dorland, adding, "We missed second place by 18.5 points in our division and placed 5th overall, which was a great day for us. I still think relays have some room for improvement, but for the dismal weather this spring, we are showing improvements."

Medal performances – awarded to the top eight individual finishes and top six relay teams – were several for Cass City, but only Madison Beckrow brought home gold for Coach Dorland's girls.

"Placing for the Red Hawk girls was spotlighted by Madison Beckrow winning the pole vault.

In a field full of upper classmen, the freshman showed her colors clearing a height of 8'. She is one of six dual sport softball players, so practice in the event has been tough but her talent prevailed," he said.

Also for the Lady Red Hawks, Hailey Schmotzer was third in the 100 meter hurdles and 4th in the 300 meter hurdles.

"Hailey stumbled over the final hurdle in the 100 and without that, would've bettered her time greatly," Dorland said.

Other top individual efforts for Cass City saw Riley Copeland place 6th in the 3200 meter run and 8th in the 800 meter run.

"Riley had her best time of the year in the 3200. She is a work horse and her time in both events will continue to improve," said Dorland.

Beckrow rounded out her day with a 7th place in the 200 meter dash - always a tough race, according to Dorland, while 7th place honors also went to Mary Muter in the 800 meter and 3200 meter runs. Brittany Hamilton placed 7th in the long jump.

Turning to the relays, Cass City's 400 meter relay, 3200 meter relay, 800 meter relay, and 1600 meter relay teams all collected medals.

Running legs on the 400 meter relay team that placed third were Taylor Cumper, Haven Bouverette, Brittany Stilson and Brittany Hamilton, while the 3200 meter relay team consisted of Riley Copeland, Mary Muter, Marla Muter and Layna Mathewson and the 800 meter relay included Cumper, Stilson, Hamilton and Tiara Anthony and the 1600 meter relay of Mathewson, Hamilton, Marla Muter and Kristin Stimpfel all were 5th to the finish line.

"Overall, as a team we had a great day," said Dorland.



CASS CITY'S Konnar Warren, right, is set to be mobbed after clubbing a home run in Monday's non-conference affair against visiting Memphis.

## Lady Hawks sweep Memphis in final non-league tune up

by Clarke Haire  
Publisher

As expected, Cass City disposed

of guests Memphis without much trouble Monday during a Greater Thumb Conference crossover. Please turn to page 10.



RED HAWK hurdler Jamison Biskner-Kruse, right, is ready at the start of the 110 Meter Hurdles Friday in Marlette.



# Cass City girls win pair

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softball twin bill.

Coach John Hacker's Lady Red Hawks improved to 3-3 on the season with easy wins of 16-1 and 15-2 over the Yellowjackets. However, up next for the winners is always tough Unionville-Sebewaing Area Thursday to kick off play in the Greater Thumb West.

In the opener, the hosts scored four runs in the first inning and three runs in the second to build a 7-0 edge. Macy White supplied a pair of triples in both innings to lead the attack at the plate.

Cass City continued its assault on the visitors in the third frame, where fence clearing shots by Konnor Warren and Baylee Mur-

phy stretched the advantage to 14-1, before White – she went 4-for-4 at the plate – doubled to bring home Brianna Mester and Riley Klein to end the 4-inning contest.

Bailee Ross handled the pitching chores and went the distance to collect the win for Cass City, while Mia Peters was tagged with the defeat for Memphis.

In the night cap, Cass City struck for four runs in the first and added six more tallies in the third to take control.

Jalene Krol started on hill and allowed one run over two innings to collect the decision. Dawson Klein tossed three innings in relief, allowing one run.

Memphis' Kaylee Honeycutt was the victim of little offensive help and suffered the loss.



**RED HAWK** Kenton Wiseman, right, celebrates with teammate Colleen Wruble after he scored late for the hosts Monday in the opener with Greater Thumb Conference foe Memphis.

## Red Hawks deliver setback to Memphis

by Clarke Haire  
Publisher

The Cass City baseball team kept their early season record perfect at the expense of visiting Memphis.

Although the Red Hawks improved to 2-0 on the campaign with a game one win Monday, for the second time this season the late game was called because of darkness with the scored tied.

Hunter Vaughn, Kenton Wiseman and Colleen Wruble all scored solo runs for the hosts in the

opener with the Yellowjackets, more than enough support for Cass City pitcher Zack Beecher who tossed a complete game, striking out nine and surrendering just two hits.

Cass City was limited to four hits in the 3-0 win, including a pair by Kendall Anthes who was credited with an RBI.

In the late game, Cass City took a 5-1 lead into the bottom of the 5th inning, but allowed Memphis to even the score at 6-6 before darkness stopped play.

Beecher and Tristian Swiderski each had doubles and multiple hits for Cass City.

The Red Hawks, who travel to face Unionville-Sebewaing Area Thursday in the Greater Thumb West opener for both schools, used a parade of pitchers in game two including Wiseman, Joey Krol, Luke Stern and Swiderski.



**JORDAN POLEGA**, 11-years-old, used a cross-bow to bag this nice tom turkey Monday morning on private land in Sanilac County. Her first bird was a dandy – weighing 20 pounds with a 10” beard and 3/4” spurs.

### NOTICE FOR GILFORD TOWNSHIP

April 12, 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. Order of agenda approved. **Public Comment:** None. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Motion by A. Goss, second by D. Strasz to approve minutes. Motion approved. **Treasurers Report:** Motion by J. Stockmeyer, second by K. Houghtaling to approve Treasurers Report. Motion approved.

**REPORTS: Supervisor:** Presentation by Nextera. Pegasus Wind, 62 turbines, alternate sites in sections 33,34,35 of Gilford TWP. 6 possible turbines in Gilford. Nextera to offer Host community agreement to Gilford TWP. residents with participation agreement of \$1,000.00 per year to property owners. Nextera agrees no tax Tribunal with proposed new project. Money to support the community agreement would not come from existing wind project in Gilford Twp. New roof for cemetery shed is needed. Will get bids for steel roof. Discussion on cemetery burial space prices. Will keep at current prices for now. Should we consider a columbarium? Approximately \$3600.00 for a columbarium that would accommodate 12 cremations. Cost to families using this approach could be more economical than conventional inurnments. Will look into developing a cremation burial area. Road commission letter requesting resolution for Bradford Rd. bridge to get federal and state funding. Motion by J. Stockmeyer, second by R. Haines to adopt resolution. 5 ayes, 0 nays, resolution adopted. Reese 1 medical run, Fairgrove 1 ambulance assistance. Moving forward with garage project using Global Development for architectural services. Proposed millage for fire, ambulance, and garbage. Will proceed with documentation to place on ballot for August primary. Motion by J. Stockmeyer, second by K. Houghtaling to adopt resolution for millage, 5 ayes, 0 nays. Resolution declared adopted. Dumpster for spring cleanup? Will contact Republic for information and will send out postcards to announce. **Treasurer:** None. **Clerk:** Duclos Agency acquired by My Member Insurance Agency (an affiliate of Frankenmuth Credit Union). Motion by D. Strasz, second by A. Goss to adopt Risk Reduction Grant application. 5 ayes, 0 nays, resolution declared adopted. Motion by A. Goss, second by K. Houghtaling to approve payment of the bills. Motion approved. **Trustees:** Blueprint meeting report regarding Ordinance revisions.

**Ambulance Representative:** 4 ambulance runs in February. **Fire Department Representative: Reese:** Easter egg hunt, car show in August. Fairgrove purchasing 2 sets of stabilizers for truck, looking into LED lights and license to do raffles, May 12 pancake breakfast.

**Zoning Administrator:** Nothing new.

**Public Comment:** Scholarship for Gilford TWP. resident? Will check for legality. Any news on Quannicassee Rd. Bridge? Scheduled for 2018. Request for tar/sealer be applied to cracks in roads. Motion by J. Stockmeyer, second by R. Haines to adjourn at 9:57 P.M. Motion approved.

Robert L. Haines

Respectfully Submitted: Robert L. Haines, Gilford Township Clerk

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# Cass City Jr./Sr. High School 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

## 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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# Legal Notices

## 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 Quanicasse 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

ited 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 Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 111923

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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 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.

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: April 4, 2018

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4-4-4

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 May 17, 2018:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Rory Schleeter, a married man

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): RoundPoint Mortgage Servicing Corporation

Date of Mortgage: October 5, 2012

Date of Mortgage Recording: October 9, 2012

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$110,464.63

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: The North 20 rods of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 9, Township 10 North, Range 8 East, EXCEPT the East 24 rods thereof and EXCEPT the West 12 rods thereof, being more particularly described as: All that part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 9, Township 10 North, Range 8 East, described as: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of said Section; thence North 89 degrees 44 minutes 50 seconds East along the North section line 198.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing North 89 de-

grees 64 minutes 50 seconds East along the North section line 694.67 feet; thence South 00 degrees 33 minutes 09 seconds East parallel with the East 1/8 line of said Section 330.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 44 minutes 50 seconds West 693.35 feet; thence North 00 degrees 46 minutes 54 seconds West parallel with the North-South 1/4 line of said Section 330.00 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16). If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: April 18, 2018

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4-18-4

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 May 17, 2018:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Edwin Blackmer and Diane Blackmer, husband and wife

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Morgan Stanley Home Equity Loan Trust 2006-1

Date of Mortgage: September 30, 2005

Date of Mortgage Recording: December 9, 2005

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$67,541.01

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Watertown, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Beginning at a point 670.00 feet South of the Northwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 26, Town 10 North, Range 9 East, thence running East 168 feet, thence South 130 feet, thence West 168 feet, thence North 130 feet to the place of beginning

The redemption period shall be 1 year from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a.

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 dam-

aging the property during the redemption period.

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: April 18, 2018

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4-18-4

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 May 24, 2018: Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Connie Sutherland and Tony Sutherland, wife and husband Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Ally Bank

Date of Mortgage: October 31, 2003

Date of Mortgage Recording: January 12, 2004

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$61,972.38

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Village of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 9, Township 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan described as beginning at a point on the West line of said Section 9 which is North 796.89 feet from the Southwest corner of said Section 9; thence continuing along said West line North 98.11 feet; thence East, at right angles to said West line, 412.50 feet; thence South, parallel with said West line, 98.11 feet; thence West, 412.50 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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

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

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Date of notice: April 25, 2018

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# Cass City students Skype with member of Benghazi security team

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by Mitchell Zuckoff. Paronto is portrayed in the movie that was based on the book.

## Not a political debate

“Even though Benghazi was a hot topic in the 2016 campaign, we (were) not discussing it as a political piece,” Hartzell pointed out. “We focused on the facts of the story, and the primary source/first-hand account of the brave security team.”  
The class followed its typical format by first reading their copies of the book, and incorporating discussions and quizzes after each chapter, according to Hartzell. “We then watched the movie ‘13 hours’ and wrapped it up on Tues-

day with our Skype.”  
Hartzell utilized an innovative online resource called Peardeck to facilitate class discussions.  
“I could ask questions (and) students could type their responses, and we could review their responses as a class,” he said. “The nice thing is that the responses are anonymous...so students can share their true thoughts ideas without any social pressure. I am able to get immediate feedback to gauge if students understand their content, and then I can adjust to student needs on the fly. It was a fun way to do a book discussion and at the same time highlight the main ideas.”  
Hartzell has proven himself to be a creative educator, not only by selling school officials on the idea

of offering a history class based on sorting fact from fiction in films three years ago, but by also bringing those stories to life by introducing his kids to some real-life heroes, either in person or through the high-tech magic of meetings via Skype.  
Past guests have included Cass City native and former Astronaut Brewster Shaw, who Skyped with some of Hartzell’s students in connection with the movie “Apollo 13”; and the late Bob Stickle, a former longtime Cass City educator and veteran who was among the military forces that participated in the D-Day invasion of Normandy, France.  
“We are now in the third year of this class,” said Hartzell, who also teaches civics/economics, an ad-

vanced colloquium history course and seventh grade technology.  
The movies class is geared towards sophomores, juniors and seniors, and this year’s lineup of topics included studying the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.  
“We watched the film ‘JFK’ in class, read some theories of what some people say who and what was responsible for the death of Kennedy,” he explained. “Then, in groups, students created a closing argument to a ‘jury’ for them to hear their theories. Jeff Hartel, Amy Tamlyn, Wayne Dillon were a few people who came in to be our jury members and give feedback to our students about their theories.”  
“This year we (also) Skyped Bobby Plump, who is a legend in the state of Indiana for making a game-winning shot in their state tournament, which is the premise for the movie Hoosiers (Plump was portrayed as the character Jimmy Chitwood in the film). We got to have a great discussion with him.”

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Mission accomplished, according to senior Lauren Dickinson.  
“I have been in the history movies class for three years and it’s been my favorite class,” Dickinson commented. “We have done Skypes, field trips, met with experienced people from events we’ve covered, and have done lots of projects.”  
“I enjoy this class so much because it’s such an interesting and interactive way to learn about history. Our recent Skype with Kris Paronto was a great experience and opportunity, since it’s not every day that you get to have a first-hand account of a major tragedy that our country experienced,” she added.  
Sophomore Hailey Beckrow agreed.

“I have been really happy with how this class progressed over these three years. We started out with one class of 18 (students), to two classes of about 45, to two classes of 53 this year,” said Hartzell, who believes the offering has been a valuable addition to the curriculum.

## Separating fact, fiction

Hartzell noted both he and his students contribute ideas when it comes to selecting study unit topics.  
“Then I sit down and put time in to figure out a fun innovative way to get the history to the kids, how to compare and contrast real history to Hollywood history,” he explained. “We use a lot of online research, articles, interviews and documentaries to build on student’s knowledge. We also work in some projects to show knowledge, and have lots of discussions. Then, occasionally, we use traditional assessments, quizzes, tests and essays.”

“I (also) try to focus on making students better writers in class by explaining themselves thoroughly and using details in their writing to expand their points.”

“I use movies to get the students interested in history. The movie is a tool I use in the teaching of the class,” Hartzell said. “I feel if students can relate to a topic emo-

tionally or mentally, they will be more willing to do research on the events and people involved in the history. But by no means is this only a class where we just watch movies every day. I try to make the work rigorous and meaningful to the students.”  
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Sophomore Hailey Beckrow agreed.  
“I have learned a lot this year through the activities we do and the movies we watch. My favorite subject that we’ve covered this year would be the attacks on Americans in Benghazi. It was very interesting learning about such an event, especially because you don’t really hear people talk about it,” Beckrow said. “This book allowed us to better understand the dangerous situations and obstacles that Americans faced during a fatal night in Benghazi.”  
Added senior Sayge Cuthrell, “I never truly had a passion for history until I enrolled myself into the History-Based Movies Class.  
“When we studied ‘13 hours’, I was so intrigued, I told everyone I could about the soldiers left in Benghazi. I even followed most of the men on social media,” Cuthrell said.  
“Mr. Hartzell has always gone out of his way to make this class not just a read-a-book-and-write-an-essay type of curriculum. It is a class where you actually get excited to come to, and you begin to develop a passion for...history.”






“The attendance of students in that class is great — they don’t miss,” Hartzell said. “I had kids rush back from a field trip this past week so they wouldn’t miss the end of this movie. And about ten juniors that had testing last week got together this weekend to re-watch the movie ‘13 Hours’. Now, as a teacher, that is cool to hear.”



STUDENTS IN Bill Hartzell’s History-Based Movies Class at Cass City Junior-Senior High School Skype with Kris “Tanto” Paronto last week. Paronto, a former Army Ranger, was part of the CIA annex security team that responded to the terrorist attack on the U.S. Special Mission in Benghazi, Libya, Sept. 11, 2012, helping to save more than 20 lives while fighting off terrorists from the CIA Annex for over 13 hours.

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