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## Greenleaf Township officials face another lawsuit

by **Mary Drier**  
For the Chronicle

Greenleaf Township officials are being sued for alleged violations of Michigan's Sunshine Laws, which requires public bodies to conduct business in the public's

view during open meetings. Sanilac County resident Grant Toner filed the lawsuit alleging township Clerk Judy Keller and the township committed seven violations of the state's Open Meetings and Freedom of Information (FOIA) acts during a July 19

township board. Toner hired Hemlock-based attorney Philip Ellison to represent him in the civil lawsuit in Sanilac County Circuit Court. The lawsuit names Keller as a defendant – both in her role as township clerk and individually –

along with the township itself. "One of the problems we are running into is trying to investigate how this township operates. There are numerous examples of the township operating inconsistent with their legal obligations under Michigan law," said Ellison. "I ex-

pect this to be just the opening lawsuit in possibly several more." Toner's suit was filed Oct. 12. "It was just served. Mrs. Keller was dodging the process server," Ellison said. "She was served on Nov. 11." Please turn to page 8.

## New village council hard at work in CC

by **Clarke Haire**, Publisher

It didn't take long for Cass City's newly-elected village council members to swing into action.

During the first regular monthly meeting of the freshly-formed group Monday – with new trustees Don Ball and Joe Leeson, and President Dan Delamarter all at the council table — plans for the Helen Stevens Memorial Pool, the village's anti-blight ordinance, an in-car video system and TASER unit for the local police department, along with the 2019 operating budget were all on the agenda.

Most of the discussion during the 50-minute session revolved around a pair of motions concerning the pool.

Parks and Recreation Committee member Rob Piaskowski, who was also elected to the council during the November election after serving as an appointee, reported three bids for the pool renovation project have been received.

"The low qualified bidder is B&B Pools and Spa," he said, adding, "The base bid for a white Marcite finish is \$62,500."

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**IT WAS NEARLY standing-room-only at the Cass City United Methodist Church during this year's Cass City Community Thanksgiving Dinner at the Cass City United Methodist Church, where a small army of 50 to 60 volunteers prepared and served 250 to 300 meals. At right, Gracie Williams (far left) helps prepare food along with Larry and Sharon Robinson. (Photos courtesy of Janice Williams)**



**OLD MAN Winter roared into the Thumb Sunday night, wreaking havoc on area roadways and closing schools throughout mid-Michigan. Snowfall totals were expected to reach up to eight inches.**

## Christmas in the Village

*Cass City's holiday celebration kicks off Saturday*

by **Tom Montgomery**  
Editor

The Christmas season is approaching quickly and will kick into high gear locally as the Cass City Chamber of Commerce once again hosts its annual Christmas in the Village celebration starting Saturday, Dec. 1.

A full day of holiday activities are planned for that day, starting with Breakfast with Santa, sponsored by McDonald's of Cass City, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the Cass City VFW Hall. The event is free for kids ages 11 and under, and \$2 for everyone else.

Another tradition — the huge Christmas in the Village Craft Show — will start at 9 a.m. and continue through 3 p.m. at Cass City High School. Admission is \$1 or a non-perishable food item to be donated to Revive Ministries.

Also Saturday, Rawson Memorial District Library will host its Kids Christmas Craft event from 10 to 11 a.m. (pre-register by calling the library at 989-872-2815).

The annual Christmas in the Village Chili Cook Off and Chili for Charity, sponsored by Knights Insurance of Cass City, will also be taking place throughout much of

the day (see related story). New this year are free wagon rides, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., sponsored by the Thumb Octagon Barn.

The first of three free matinees at the Cass Theatre will also be offered Saturday, featuring the film, "Christopher Robin" at 2 p.m. (doors open at 1:30 p.m.) and are sponsored by Thumb Bank and Trust.

The second free matinee is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 8, when "Alvin and the Chipmunks" will be shown, and the third free matinee will be Saturday, Dec. 15. Please turn to page 6.

## Christmas for Kids campaign underway now

by **Tom Montgomery**  
Editor

Christmas is still a month away, but it isn't too soon to start thinking about ways to help ensure a memorable Christmas morning for Cass City area youngsters whose families are struggling financially.

Towards that end, members of the Cass City Rotary Club are gearing up for their 20th annual Christmas for Kids campaign, a project focused on collecting toys, clothing and books that will be distributed next month to families living in the Cass City area.

The annual effort targets families

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## Hey kids! It's time to write letters to Santa

Hey kids, get busy writing those letters to Santa.

Everybody knows Santa has a subscription to the Cass City Chronicle, and he checks each issue closely

this time of year in search of Christmas lists from children in the Thumb area. All you have to do is write

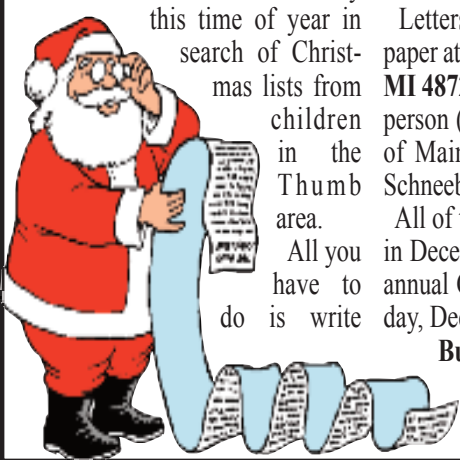
your letter and send it to us. The easiest way is to have mom or dad e-mail your note along with a photo of yourself to:

[sales@ccchronicle.net](mailto:sales@ccchronicle.net).

Letters can also be mailed to the paper at: 6550 Main St., Cass City, MI 48726, or drop them off to us in person (we're located at the corner of Main and Oak streets, next to Schneeberger's).

All of the letters will be published in December - most of them in our annual Christmas edition, Wednesday, Dec. 19.

**But get started now because the deadline is: Thursday, Dec. 13.**



## Town's 2018 chili crown up for grabs this weekend

by **Tom Montgomery**  
Editor

Another hotly-contested Christmas in the Village Chili Cook-off and Chili for Charity competition is coming up in conjunction with Cass City's Christmas in the Village celebration Saturday, Dec. 1, giving the community's top amateur chili chef's an opportunity to win a full year's worth of bragging rights.

Chili connoisseurs from throughout the area are expected to once again converge on Cass City over the weekend for the 15th annual competition.

This year's contest will be identical to last year, according to event organizer and Knights Insurance Agency owner Amy Peters, who reported another solid turnout last year, with nearly 175 judging ballots sold during the four-hour competition in 2017.

Each year local businesses are invited to register their signature chilis in one of three categories – Best Tasting, Most Creative, and Zesty and Spicy. The chilis are then judged only in the category chosen by the businesses.

Also returning this year is the "Chili for Charity" category at the Cass City Municipal Building, located at the corner of Main and Seeger streets, where non-business groups, such as service clubs, offer their

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FOURTH AND fifth grade students at Owendale-Gagetown School District recently enjoyed a lesson in technology in the form of a drone presentation.

## Leipprandt introduces Owen-Gage students to high-tech photography

Technology has taken photography to new heights.

Huron Intermediate School District Technology Consultant Tyler Leipprandt recently demonstrated that reality during a presentation on drones to Owendale-Gagetown School District fourth and fifth grade students.

"He taught students why people would use a drone, and the components of the drone," said teacher Kayla Treib.

After showing the students the drone, Leipprandt gave them a demonstration on what drones can do.

"They then went outside to watch him fly it as well," said Treib. "He actually flew one over Owendale where they were able to watch live footage."

"It was an exciting and educational opportunity for the students."

Besides serving as a technology

consultant with the Huron Intermediates School District, Leipprandt operates Michigan Sky Media. With his drone, he can do wedding videography, inspections and property and real estate photos.

He has also done some drone photography for news agencies and some villages.

To see some of his drone photographs, visit the website michiganskymedia.shootproof.com.

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# In Our OPINION...

Clarke Haire  
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## Here's your chance to play Santa Claus

Members of the Cass City Rotary Club work to ensure dozens of area youngster aren't disappointed on Christmas morning each year by collecting donations of cash and toys, which they use to create wonderful holiday memories for those families struggling to make ends meet.

The local club's efforts – including shopping, wrapping, organizing and packing gifts and clothing for all ages – largely go unnoticed.

But you can bet there isn't enough room on this planet to hold the gratitude their time and work yields come Christmas morning as youngsters find those packages with their names on them under the tree.

It's the sort of project that has defined Cass City as a caring community. Not just because the work has its own reward in an undeniable feeling that only comes when giving from the heart, but also because everyone can share in that feeling by simply offering to do what they can to lend a hand.

And you don't have to have \$50 or \$100 to spare to do that.

Rotary Club members would gladly accept the extra \$5 you have in your wallet or at the bottom of your purse, and no one's going to reject that extra pair of warm gloves or boots you snatched up at a bargain price while shopping for your own family.

Donations, of course, are at the heart of Christmas for Kids, but the tradition also offers families a great opportunity to start a Christmas tradition of their own, by picking out something together to donate towards the effort.

In case you're wondering, Christmas for Kids targets families residing in the Cass City School District, with referrals for families coming primarily from local school officials.

You're welcome to drop off your donations at any number of locations in town, including all of the banks, Rawson Memorial District Library, Hills and Dales General Hospital and Dollar General. Much-needed cash donations should be mailed (via a check made out to the Cass City Rotary Foundation) to the Cass City Rotary Club, 6468 Main St., Cass City, MI 48726.

Now in its 20th year, Christmas for Kids in recent years has typically served 100 or more families – that's 200 to 300 youths – annually.

"You're helping the families, but really you're helping kids during the holidays," Emily Lasceski, who serves as both president of the Cass City Rotary Club and coordinator of the toy drive, has said of the effort. "Everybody wants to spread some cheer, and this is one way."

Well said.

And as we noted, area residents can be a part of this project by getting involved, but you'll need to get that donation in soon, because distribution day – like Christmas itself – will be here before you know it.

You can be sure your contribution will be put to good use and be appreciated, probably by someone you've never even met, but who will never forget the thought and generosity behind the gesture.

Taking part in this year's toy campaign will also make your Christmas special, too. After all, is there any better way to celebrate this season of giving?

## Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

Excelsior, Mr. Lee



The Drier household has been in mourning following the passing of the comic book legend Stan Lee.

The legendary Marvel comic book writer recently died at the age of 95. Although we never met the man, his comic books were a staple in the household when my sons were boys.

Each week when the boys would get their allowance, a trip to Bay City's west side was required because that was where the best comic book store was located. The boys would spend hours trying to pick out which comic to buy.

Generally, by the time we made the 30-minute drive back home, they had finished reading most of the comics they had just purchased. But, that wasn't the end. They would read and reread those comics several times, even on into adulthood.

They treated those comics like first edition classics, keeping them in plastic sleeves in a special box. Actually, in a way they were. Some comics ended up being very valuable. They would carefully take them out to read or use them as a pattern to make their own comic book.

Initially, the boys reading comics was not embraced by their father. He was very much against it. Although my youngest son loved my reading to him, he had a difficult time learning how to read. His brother's interest in comics and explaining the storyline was the catalyst that sparked the extra effort needed for him to try to learn to read.

Although I'm an avid reader and lean more towards the classics, I figured reading was reading no matter what the format. I was all for whatever helped my son learn to read. And, read he did, and still does. Once he learned to read, he read anything and everything. Trips to the library were a weekly must, and as an adult his Kindle e-reader is packed with several hundred books.

Anyway, back to Stan Lee. He became the publisher of Marvel Comics and was considered by most as the architect of the contemporary comic book.

He was the creator of such Marvel superheroes as Captain America, The Incredible Hulk, Iron Man, Thor, Spider-Man and the X-Men.

The unique thing about Lee's superheroes is their very human doubts and fears that everyone can relate to.

Although I encouraged the boys' love of comic books, it took me awhile to realize the artistic genius of them. When it comes right down to it, even though the story line is written inside speech bubbles in several panels, it was as complicated — with as many twists and turns and conflict — as any best-selling novel. Plus, the artwork is truly amazing.

I bet even though those who have never opened a comic book, have been influenced by Lee through his movies and television programs. His movies include the "Avengers: Infinity War," the "Guardians of the Galaxy" and the recent blockbuster, "Black Panther." The television series Stan inspired includes "Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D." and "Daredevil."

For over 50 years, the word "excelsior" was the

catch phrase of Stan Lee. He used that simple word to sign-off in his weekly column, "Stan's Soapbox". He turned that word into a life motto, meaning "upward and onward to greater glory."

Excelsior, Mr. Lee.



### Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

A purchase agreement was received by Osentoski Realty for the Antique Mall/Jacobs building in the amount of \$20,000, according to the minutes of a recent Cass City Downtown Authority meeting.

After discussing the matter, a motion was approved to present a counter offer of \$30,000 for the purchase. Although selling the Main Street building would be a feather in the cap of the local board, its timing wasn't the best for the Cass City Band that was hoping to use the site for a haunted house fundraiser last month.

By consensus, officials denied the request – made by Parker Rosebrough – as the use of the building during negotiations is considered unfavorable.

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Update. The property at 6544 Main Street has been sold. Congratulations to new owners Matthew Anthony and Christine Anthony who purchased the one time "Paint Store" across the street from the Chronicle on Nov. 8, 2018.

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Did you know, Knights Insurance Agency in Cass City is expanding to a second location in Grand Rapids? Representatives boast, from one side of the state to the other, we have you covered.

Speaking of local insurance organizations, the folks at Copeland Insurance Agency have announced plans to open a clothing store – The Clothing Palette – at their Doerr Rd location behind the People's Choice Market. The site also is home to Infinity Hair Salon.

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If you have an aging driver in the household, you are not alone. In Michigan, drivers age 65 and older represent the fastest growing segment of the state's population.

To highlight the issues surrounding aging drivers, Secretary of State Ruth Johnson urges residents to observe "Older Driver Safety Awareness Week," beginning Dec. 3. This nationally recognized event has been organized to promote the understanding of the mobility and transportation issues that affect older adults, such as how to assist drivers who can still drive safely and how to prevent transportation concerns from becoming a barrier that keep seniors isolated at home.

"Everyone knows how difficult it is to bring up the subject of driving with an older loved one," Johnson said. "But, as painful as it can be, it is important that the topic be addressed."

Beginning Dec. 3, residents are invited to explore a different topic each day related to aging and driving, with their family, friends and professionals in their community:

- \* Monday, Dec. 3: Identifying Changes That Can Affect Driving
- \* Tuesday, Dec. 4: Family Conversations
- \* Wednesday, Dec. 5: Screening and Evaluations with an Occupational Therapist
- \* Thursday, Dec. 6: Equipment That Can Empower Drivers
- \* Friday, Dec. 7: Taking Changes in Stride

Johnson recommends that older drivers, families and friends begin the discussion by visiting the state's Safe Drivers Smart Options: Keys to Lifelong Mobility website at [www.michigan.gov/agingdriver](http://www.michigan.gov/agingdriver).

The Safe Drivers Smart Options website is a statewide response to the need for information on this important and challenging subject. It was developed through a collaboration of public and private agencies as a much-needed strategy to promote safety and mobility for Michigan's aging adults.

Recognized for excellence by the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, the website provides accessible information and resources for drivers, their families and the professionals who work with them. Among the website's many resources are:

- \* Older driver self-assessment driving tools and videos
- \* Links to driver refresher courses and other community supports for older drivers
- \* Information about how medications and health problems may affect driving and lists of resources available to drivers once they stop driving
- \* Strategies for initiating conversations about when and how to transition to a non-driving lifestyle
- \* Procedures for referring an unsafe driver for a driver reexamination
- \* Information about the aspects of aging and how best to interact with older residents for audiences such as law enforcement, healthcare and other professionals

"Michigan has great information and resources available for older drivers and their families through the Safe Drivers Smart Options website," Johnson said. "Just knowing there is help available can make the daunting task of tackling this issue that much easier."

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## Wednesday, November 28

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

## Thursday, November 29

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

## Saturday, December 1

- Al-Anon meeting, 11 a.m., Cakima Serenity Home, Mayville. Call 989-912-5478 for more information.
- Suicide Survivor Grief Support Group, 1 p.m., Thumb Area Psychological Services 6627 Rose St., Cass City. For more information Lisa Schoettle, MA LPC NCC at 989-872-1800.

## Sunday, December 2

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

## Monday, December 3

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

## Tuesday, December 4

- Al-Anon meeting, 7 p.m., St. Francis Parrish, Pigeon.
- Crafty Ladies Group, 1-4 p.m., Common Grounds (next to Revive). Bring a crafting project to work on. Call 989-551-7803 for more information.
- 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

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#### 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.

#### Second Monday:

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

#### Second Tuesday:

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

#### Second Wednesday:

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

#### Second Thursday:

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

#### Third Monday:

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

#### Third Tuesday:

- Living with Parkinson's Support Group, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Holiday Inn Express, 55 Rapson Lane West, Bad Axe. For more information, call Merry at (989) 673-4121.
- Family Caregiver Support Group, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Harbor Beach Community Hospital Administration Building/Conference Center, 147 S. First St., Harbor Beach. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121
- Ubyly Lions Club meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Ubyly Thumb Veterans Organization-Hall, 2165 Bingham St., Ubyly MI 48475. A pot luck is served prior to the meeting. Everyone is welcomed.

#### Third Wednesday:

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

#### Third Thursday:

- Sanilac County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, 3 p.m., HDC Adult Day Services Building, 227 N. Elk St., Sandusky. For more information, contact Kim at (989) 673-4121 or Amanda at (810) 648-4497.
- Grief Support meetings, "Healing Together." Heritage Hill, 1430 Cleaver Rd., Caro, 7-8:30 p.m. For questions or to register to attend please call the office at (989) 872-5852 or toll free (877) 872-5852. These sessions are open to anyone dealing with a grief or loss. Sponsored by Hospice Advantage, Cass City.
- Caregiver Support Group, 11:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Bullard-Sanford Memorial Library, 520 W. Huron Ave., Vassar. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

#### Third Friday:

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

#### Third Saturday:

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

#### Fourth Monday:

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

#### Fourth Wednesday:

- Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
- Huron County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, Huron Behavioral Health, Bad Axe. For more information, contact Rhonda Quinn at (989) 269-9293.
- Sanilac County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, Sanilac County Medical Care Facility. Noon to 2 p.m. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

#### Fourth Thursday:

- Community Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.

#### Last Monday:

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

#### Last Wednesday:

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

#### Every Monday:

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

#### Every Tuesday:

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

- Crafty Ladies Group, 1-4 p.m., Common Grounds (next to Revive). Bring a crafting project to work on. Call 989-551-7803 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

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# Unionville responders save cat

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

When the ACW-Unionville Fire Department and the ACW Ambulance service each received donated oxygen mask kits specially designed for animals about seven years ago, some were skeptical about the prospects of needing them.

But the lifesaving equipment for pets has proven useful several times since, and it came in handy again last week when a cat was rescued from a house fire at 3189 Bay St. in Unionville.

The animal received oxygen from ACW Ambulance personnel using a special mask that fit over the animal's face.

The revived cat was then cleaned and warmed up and reunited to a grateful family.

Six Thumb area fire departments fought the structure blaze over four hours.

The ACW-Unionville Fire Department was assisted by fire departments from Akron, Fairgrove, Gagetown, Sebawaing and Caro, according to Tuscola County Central Dispatch Director Sandra Nielsen.



**A DONATION of special oxygen masks for animals came in handy last week for Unionville emergency responders, who used the specialized equipment to save a cat at the scene of a house fire.**

# State officials renege on plan for county to keep Caro Center land

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

State officials have reneged on giving Tuscola County the land around the Caro Center for development.

It was at the state's suggestion that the county establish a land bank to help with the development of land around the Caro Center and foreclosed property.

County commissioners spent the last few months researching how a land bank works and spent money on legal fees before moving ahead last month to start the process of developing a county land bank.

At about the same time, the state decided to renege on offering the land to Tuscola.

On October 23, the Michigan Land Bank Fast Track Authority posted an announcement stating the agency is seeking proposals for 226 acres of land that includes the former prison camp and some of the psychiatric hospital property.

The former Camp Tuscola Correctional Facility, which was later developed as a reentry center for the newly paroled to enter back into society, closed in 2012, making it surplus property.

And, now that ground has been broken for the new \$115 million, 225,000-square-foot psychiatric hospital outside of Caro, the surplus portions of the Caro Center are being made available along with the prison grounds.

"At first, the state said if we had a land bank, they would consider giving the land to us. They didn't guarantee it, but they suggested we strongly consider doing one," said Commissioner Kim Vaughan. "Their changing their mind surprised me a little. They were really

interested in us having the property and develop a land bank, and then they started to kind of waver. Then, they took the line on their keeping it for development."

The state is offering the land in three parcels. Area one totals about 113 acres and is part of the Caro Center. It is bordered by M-81, Chambers Road to the west and the Cass River to east and south.

The second area totals roughly 40 acres, is part of the former Camp Tuscola property, and is bordered by the Cass River on the west and Chambers Road on the east, north and south.

The third parcel is about 73 acres that are also part of the former prison. The land is bordered by the Cass River on the north and west, privately-owned land on the south and Chambers Road on the east.

All of the parcels are located in Indianfields Township.

The deadline for submissions of proposals for the parcels has been set for noon Jan. 3.

"Priority will be given to projects that create taxable value and create jobs for Tuscola County," said Michigan Land Bank Director Josh Burgett. "We are excited to work with local officials to return these three large parcels of land back to productive use."

The mission of the Michigan Land Bank is to promote economic growth through the acquisition, assembly and disposal of public property, including tax-reverted property, in a coordinated manner to foster the development of that property, and to promote and support land bank operations at the county and local levels.

According to Commissioner Tom Young, the county put a lot of time, energy and effort, as well as legal fees, towards development of a county land bank.

"I don't know if the commissioners will continue with the development of the land bank or not without the state land being part of it," said Young, noting the land bank could still be used for developing foreclosed property.

Although the state-offered land is a key area for development, it comes with some challenges.

While there is a sewer line to the area, there is not a municipal water line. The center has an on-site water tower and wells.

Indianfields Township, the city of Caro and the county are trying to reach an agreement on water service. Commissioners hired an engineering firm to study the feasibility and cost of using the wells at the Caro Center for the new hospital if an agreement cannot be reached between the other parties.

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## Reporter's notebook

'Tis the season  
to exercise? No

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor



You know Christmas is coming – usually before you've had a chance to pack away that Halloween costume these days — when television commercials are offering the latest and greatest of everything, including a new you.

Yup. It's never too early to get ready for bikini season, right? And the best way to eliminate those pesky bat wings under your arms, nagging muffin tops, love handles, belly bulges, etc., is your own handy dandy home gym.

Enter all sorts of treadmills – some that let you project images of your favorite foreign city while you run off the pounds – along with arm exercisers, thigh master machines, belly trimmers and even butt crunch miracle workers.

Who are these businesses trying to fool, anyway? Well, evidently enough optimistic lovers of chips, cookies and pumpkin pie to earn a bundle of cash selling their contraptions, which generally end up in an un-used room in the house, the basement or on the front lawn just as soon as spring arrives, signaling the start of the glorious yard sale season.

Meanwhile, the rest of us, especially those in our 40s and 50s who have virtually no chance of having a beach body by summer – or ever – would rather grab another donut and watch someone else exercise.

I suppose I can understand why so many people fall for the full-body-workout machine fad, with all the dials and electronics and other bells and whistles.

And have you seen the beautiful people demonstrating them on TV? The ladies don't have even a hint of underarm flab, the guys are all sporting perfect 10 abs, and there are enough buns of steel to convince just about anyone that they, too, can look like that if they'll just put 15 minutes of exercise in a day.

And they're all smiles, with just a hint of perspiration on their foreheads but not a sign of hard breathing or discomfort, because getting fit is easy.

Of course it's easy. Everything is easy when you're 20.

Most of us aren't, and the happiest among us have accepted that fact. My Grandma Miller was one of those people. She always struggled with her weight, in spite of years of membership in one weight-loss program or another. She was also probably the best cook I ever knew – then or now. When it came to the holidays, no one was on a diet at my grandparents' house.

She also loved ice cream and indulged whenever the mood struck her because, I guess, it made her happy.

Growing up, I never thought of her as being overweight. I simply saw her as one of the most wonderful people in my life, because she was full of life and love and had a sharp sense of humor that never failed to tickle me. Hers was a life well lived.

There's a big difference, so to speak, between wanting to lose (or keep off) a few pounds, and needing to do so for the sake of your well-being, you know? That's one of the things that really bothers me about those pencil thin models you see sculpting even more perfect bodies on this or that exercise contraption. One of the messages seems to be that you're somehow missing out on something if you don't look like they do.

Nonsense. Many of us weigh a little more than we'd like, or have far more unsightly bulges than we'd care to look at again in a mirror, but what on earth does that have to do with the sort of people we are? Sure, age can really bite when it comes to physical appearance, but is kindness or compassion or true beauty actually measured in ounces and pounds? Nope.

So, short of having access to a time machine that can transport you back to your early 20s, go ahead and indulge in that second piece of pumpkin pie this Christmas season. In the end, I can't imagine regretting enjoying a second slice of happiness in this life.

# Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



## 5 YEARS AGO (2013)

Jaxon Matthew Aman was born to Lauren (Brzuchowski) and Justin Aman of Midland on Nov. 7. He weighed 7 lbs and 7 oz. and was 19" long. Lauren is the daughter of Ron and Sue Brzuchowski of Cass City. She is a 2006 graduate of Cass City High School and a 2012 graduate of Ferris State University. Justin is the son of Michael and Karin Aman of Gladwin. He is a 2008 graduate of Skeels Christian High School and a 2013 graduate of Ferris State University.

Cody Sangster, 11, was the first hunter to report his success in 2013. The Decker youngster downed this nice 12-point buck Friday using a muzzleloader from 50 yards. The Cass City Public Schools 5th grade student is the son of Leah and Rob Sangster.

## 10 YEARS AGO (2008)

Elkland Township Clerk Norma Wallace, who is retiring after 26 years on the job, swears in new township Clerk Ed LaBelle last week. LaBelle officially took over the duties of clerk Thursday at noon, but will benefit from Wallace's years of experience as she has agreed to stay on as assistant clerk for a period of time.

Knights of Columbus Council 8892 recently sponsored its annual Cass City Middle School Spelling Bee, with the top 4 winners in each group (the fifth place finisher is an alternate) going on to an all-area spelling bee Jan. 10 in Auburn. Each of the students received McDonald's gift certificates and a pass to the Cass Theatre. Representing the fifth and sixth grades are: Tara Nicholas, fifth grade (fifth place); Devan Kluger, fifth grade (fourth place); Rachel Turner (sixth grade), third place; Maegan LeValley, fifth grade (second place); and Erica Martin, sixth grade, (first place).

## 25 YEARS AGO (1993)

Navy Seaman Recruit Nadine A. Hoppe, daughter of Melvin J. and Alicia Hoppe, Cass City, recently completed basic training at Recruit Training Command, Orlando, Fla. During the cycle, recruits are taught general military subjects designed to prepare them for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 occupational fields. Studies include seamanship, close-order drill, naval history and first aid. Although the Navy is getting smaller, the state-of-the-art ships, aircraft and high tech systems in today's fleet require bright, talented young men and women to operate them. The Navy has over 60,000 job openings this year, most of which include guaranteed training. Hoppe, a 1993 graduate of Cass City High School, joined the Navy in July 1993.

Philip Morawski of Decker has been certified as a Rural Chaplain, a form of Christian Ministry that focuses on the needs of rural and small town ministry.

## 35 YEARS AGO (1983)

Santa Claus came to Cass City Friday and among his first "customers" was Melanie Nizzola, 2, who presumably told him she wanted some new shoes for Christmas, she wanted to make sure he knew the size.

Thanksgiving Day guests at the Peter Rienstra home were Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Rienstra and family of Harrison. Friday afternoon and dinner guests included Ms. Mary Ann Rienstra and daughter Dana of Caro.

Born Sunday to Sherri and Jim Spencer of Deford in Caro Community Hospital a daughter. The baby weighed five pounds and 11 ounces and is named Jennifer Lynn.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan McCarty of Ubyly Road, Ubyly, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Friday. Their children Mr. and Mrs. A.J. McCarty of Ubyly and son Allan Joe and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Heilig of Ubyly and children Craig, Jared and Melissa honored them with a dinner at Ubyly Heights Country Club. A mass was celebrated at St. Ignatius Catholic Church, Freiburg. Allan McCarty and Mary Elizabeth Sweeney were married Thanksgiving Day Nov.

25, 1943, in St. Columbkille Church, Sheridan. Their attendants were Hannah Sweeney Miliken, Royal Oak, Isabel Sweeney McIntosh (deceased), William Sweeney and Pat McCarty, Ubyly. Mr. and Mrs. McCarty have lived on the McCarty centennial farm in Austin Township since their marriage.

Mark Koert Lessman, New Mexico State University nursing student, formerly of Cass City, has been awarded the New Mexico Nurses Association's Career Mobility Award at their convention in Alamogordo, N.M. He was presented the award because he continues to seek higher levels in the profession of nursing, according to Esther R. Sherrod, R.N., head of NMSU's nursing department. Lessman maintained a 4.0 grade point average in nursing while working as a licensed practical nurse in a Las Cruces hospital.

## 40 YEARS AGO (1978)

Mrs. Hazel Moore had as Thanksgiving guests, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Silvernail and son Brian of Livonia, Mrs. Bernice Berry and daughter Vickie, Clarence Silvernail and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Michela and daughter Jennifer of Saginaw and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Silvernail of Au Gres. Mr. and Mrs. Vilas Moore of North Branch were afternoon callers.

Loren O'Harris and Cheryl Hendrick were married Saturday, Nov. 18, in ceremonies at Salem United Methodist Church performed by Rev. Eldred Kelley. Cheryl is the daughter of Don and Barb Hendrick of Cass City. Loren is the son of Paul O'Harris of Bay City and Judy Hageman of Unionville.

The nine children of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Hoppe went home Monday. As a result of a Nov. 15 fire in their home, located at M-53 and Seeger Road, the children had been divided among three foster homes. The Sanilac County Department of Social Services (DSS) would not let them return until the home was repaired. Mrs. Hoppe, who is expecting her 10th child in December, was concerned that it might be several weeks before her family was reunited. The fire, cause of which was never determined, resulted in an estimated \$10,000 damage, primarily to an upstairs storage room and much smoke and water damage elsewhere. Hoppe, who works in Clawson and comes home week-ends, was given an additional two days off by his boss last week, Tuesday and Wednesday, in addition to the Thanksgiving holiday to help clean up the home. Local electrician Jim Baker did needed rewiring downstairs and the DSS gave permission for the children to return home Monday. Everyone must live downstairs, however, until the upstairs is repaired. A contractor started upstairs repair work Monday. Mrs. Hoppe didn't know how long it will take to be completed. There is also some work to be done downstairs and the children may have to leave for a couple of days while it is done.

## 50 YEARS AGO (1968)

Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City has been named winner of the community achievement award for Tuscola County and the 14th region of Tuscola, Huron, Sanilac, Lapeer and St. Clair counties, Chairman Richard Erla announced this week. Erla is awards chairman and representative for the Greater Michigan Foundation. Regional award winners will compete in the State contest in Lansing. Accepting the plaque from Erla are James Bauer, hospital board president, and Frank Haythorn, hospital administrator.

An open house for the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Leland Nicol will be held Sunday, Dec. 8, from 2 till 5 o'clock at the home of their son Stuart of rural Cass City. The couple are natives of Cass City. Mrs. Nicol is the former Mae Wright. They were married Dec. 25, 1918. They have three sons, Stuart, Duane of Lansing and Thomas of Pontiac, and seven grandchildren. The event is being given by their family and they request no gifts.

Army Private William H. Hutchinson is assigned to Com-

pany E, 12th Battalion, 3rd Brigade, in the U.S. Army Training Center, Armor (USATCA), at Fort Knox, Ky. He will spend the next two months learning the fundamental skills of the soldier in today's army. Following completion of basic training, Pvt. Hutchinson, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Hutchinson of Cass City, will receive at least an additional eight weeks of either advanced instruction or on the job training to qualify him in a specialized military skill.

## 75 YEARS AGO (1943)

The Eagle badge of the highest rank in scouting will be awarded in Cass City for the first time in approximately nine years at the Court of Honor Monday evening, November 29, at the high school. Robert Foy, senior patrol leader of Troop 94, is the first to win the Eagle rank in this community since John Day and Arlington Hoffman were scouts.

Pfc. Ralph Englehart and Pfc. Albert Englehart are enjoying a 15 day furlough at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Englehart. The boys are looking fine, according to the Chronicle's Novesta correspondent. They are located at Breckenridge, Kentucky.

Saturday, Nov. 20, at two o'clock in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clair Tuckey, with only the immediate families present for the ceremony, Miss Ruth Marian Tuckey became the bride of Mr. Warren A. Kelley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kelley of Novesta. Rev. John Tuckey of Yale, uncle, of the bride, officiated. For her wedding, the bride chose a two-piece street length frock of powder blue with white trimming and black accessories. The bridesmaid, Mrs. Leland Kelley, of Wilmette, Ill., wore a dress of pink wool with brown accessories. Pfc. Leland Kelley of Camp Skokie, Ill., attended his brother as groomsmen. At four-thirty in the home, which was attractively decorated with baskets of bronze, yellow and white chrysanthemums, a dinner was served the guests. The newlyweds returned after a short week-end trip to make their home on the farm of the groom's parents in Novesta. Both the bride and groom are graduates of the Cass City High School. A reception for the relatives will be held in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clair Tuckey, this (Friday) evening.

## 100 YEARS AGO (1918)

Influenza conditions became so serious at Sandusky last week that; the state health board at Lansing sent nurses to care for patients. The Methodist church has been taken over as a temporary hospital and there are 140 cases in the city.

John Zinnecker received a card Friday from his grandson, Leonard F. Zinnecker, that he had arrived safely overseas. Mr. Zinnecker left Camp Upton, New York, just about the time of the signing of the armistice terms, thus being" among the last of our boys to sail. His mother will be remembered as a sister of Messrs. Samuel and Solomon Striffier.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Doerr and little daughter, Helen, of Detroit are in town the guests of relatives. Mr. Doerr, who has been identified in war work with the American Car & Foundry company, is taking a few weeks' rest before accepting his old position with the Burroughs Adding Machine Co.

Prt. Roy Colwell of Camp Custer ate Thanksgiving dinner at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Colwell and returned to Custer the same evening. As Roy is working in the baking department at camp it was impossible for him to have a longer leave of absence. Roy says, we bake from 2500 to 3000 loaves of bread every day and for a few days previous to Thanksgiving we baked 10,600 loaves a day, so we wouldn't have to work on that day. I like camp life all right and am having about as good a time as I ever had. In fact, it isn't the money you are making, but it's the experience you are getting. I feel real fortunate that I escaped the "flu" as it raged pretty bad in camp for a while.



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## Annual Christmas in the Village fest slated

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 featuring "Happy Feet" Animated Penguins. Both matinees will also begin at 2 p.m. and are sponsored by Thumb Bank and Trust.

This weekend's festivals continue Saturday at 5:30 p.m. with another new event - a Christmas carol sing-along led by the Tom Thumb Singers. The event will take place at Rotary Park, with hot chocolate provided courtesy of Thumb Bank and Trust.

Among the highlights of the opening weekend's festivities is the annual Lighted Christmas Parade at 6 p.m., which annually marks Santa's first townwide appearance of the season in Cass City. The parade will begin at Parkway on Main Street and end at the Cass City VFW Hall.

Anyone with questions about the parade is encouraged to contact Judy Keller, chamber administrator, at (989) 872-4618, log onto the website www.ccchamber.com or visit the chamber's Facebook page.

Afterwards, at about 6:30 p.m., a community gathering will take place at the VFW Hall, where everyone is invited to enjoy free hot bean soup, hot cocoa and snacks. There will also be free carriage rides, and kids who visit with Santa will receive a free toy. The gathering is jointly being sponsored by Revive along with platinum sponsors of Christmas in the Village, Independent Bank, Thumb Insurance and Howard's Heating, and Frankenmuth Credit Union.

Also planned Saturday is a 7 p.m. performance by the Capital City Ringers Handbell group at the Cass City United Methodist Church, 5100 N. Cemetery Road.

In addition, December will offer residents a host of activities at Rawson Memorial District Library, including P.J.s and the Classics featuring the film "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer Monday, Dec. 3, starting at 6 p.m. (wear your P.J.s and bring a pillow); and a Christmas carol sing-along Monday, Dec. 17, starting at 6:30 p.m.

The Tom Thumb Singers, mean-

while, will be presenting concerts p.m. Both concerts will be at the Saturday, Dec. 8, starting at 7 Cass City United Methodist Church. p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 9, at 3 Church.

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*For any questions contact Amy at Knights Insurance 872-5114*

# Town's chili crown up for grabs

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own brand of chilis. The winner then donates a cash prize to its favorite local charity.

This year's competition kicks off at 11 a.m. and runs through 3 p.m. Tickets to taste and judge – available for sale at the municipal building on the day of the event — cost \$5 for adults and \$1 for kids ages 12 and under. Everyone who successfully tastes all of the chilis will be eligible to win an exclusive gift basket, and all participants will be entered into several drawings sponsored by participating businesses.

In all, 18 businesses competed last year, with six organizations entering in the Chili for Charity category.

The Cass City Missionary Church defended its charity category crown in 2017, donating \$755 in proceeds from the contest to the Cass City Band Program.

The other 2017 winners were: Best Tasting – Chemical Bank; Zesty and Spicy – Anderson, Tuckey, Berhardt and Doran, CPA; and Most Creative – Knights Insurance Agency.

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## Township faces new suit

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Keller declined to comment, saying she just recently received notice of the lawsuit and has not had time to review it.

Township Supervisor Robert Delong also said he had not yet reviewed the lawsuit.

"I missed the last meeting," he said. "And, because of that, I cannot comment at this time on it. If I said anything, it would be misinformation because I don't know what the suit says."

Toner is accusing the township of going into a closed session to discuss a legal issue that should have been addressed in open session. And, if it was indeed a legitimate reason for a closed session, the closure should have been done with a roll-call vote, rather than just a voice vote.

"The suit is seeking various remedies for the violations of the Open Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information Act, mostly from July 19 to current," Ellison said.

The counts include six violations of Michigan's Open Meetings Act and one FOIA violation.

"My office is continuing to investigate the township's practices, and the township has a lot of problems operating properly and transparently as required by Michigan Law," Ellison said.

Toner's suit challenges the necessity of the board meeting in closed session to discuss hiring new counsel related to a federal court case.

"The issue is the way that the board went about hiring the attorney for the federal lawsuit. It went against the Open Meetings Act. They conducted deliberations on the attorney they hired in closed session, which is a violation of the Open Meetings Act," Ellison explained.

Toner filed a Freedom of Information Act request for the information discussed in the closed session that he contends was illegal.

"At the core of this — behind the legal aspects — the township has been acting in secrecy and behind closed doors on a number of legal and political issues that require to be dealt with publicly," Ellison said.

"They have not been conducting their business publicly so the citizens know what is going on; and not just with the lawsuit, but everyday business. Many decisions are being made without the public knowing."

According to the lawsuit, on Aug. 15, attorneys Lawrence Opalewski and Daniel P. Dalton filed to appear on behalf of the defendants, and others in the federal lawsuit, but a search of over two years of township meetings minutes showed no public deliberation or decision to hire them.

This is not the only legal issue township officials are facing; there is a federal lawsuit pending in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan Southern Division.

That suit deals with township officials allegedly assaulting another person. The plaintiffs in that case are Shelly Cook and Christina Gibbard, and the defendants are Keller, Randell Schuett, and Rosie Quinn. They are each charged as officials and as individuals.

A court date has not been set yet in the Sanilac County Circuit Court case.

"The court generally sets an initial conference between the attorneys. I have not been contacted by the township's attorney or know who it will be at this point," noted Ellison.

## Christmas for Kids underway

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residing in the Cass City School District. Most of the referrals are provided by local school officials.

Currently, the club is collecting toys, clothing and other items.

"We have drop boxes at all the banks, the library, the hospital and Dollar General," said Emily Lasceski, Cass City Rotary Club president and coordinator of the holiday gift drive. Unfortunately, she noted, "We're down in the number of financial donations."

Club members use the cash contributions to purchase enough age-appropriate gifts for all ages — both girls and boys. It can be a challenge, especially when it comes to ensuring there are suitable presents for teenagers.

"I know we have roughly the same number of families (as last year)," Lasceski said, adding the club expects to serve roughly 100 families at this point. "We're still finalizing our lists."

The Christmas for Kids headquarters is located in the former Baker College campus building on Main Street in Cass City, which now serves as office/department space for Hills and Dales General Hospital.

The last day to drop off donated gifts will be Friday, Dec. 14. Club members will be shopping for additional items Monday, Dec. 17. This year's distribution date has been scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 20, when families will be invited to pick up their gift packages.

While the Rotary Club membership tackles whatever jobs needed to ensure the campaign is a success, the effort would not be complete without the generosity demonstrated year after year by individuals, businesses and various organizations in the community. For example, Rawson Memorial District Library officials annually collect dozens of books to donate.

"I believe this is (our) 15th or 16th year, and we have donated over 3,000 books," library Director Kate Van Auken said. "We have about 150 collected so far (this year), but we are always looking for books for teens, as most people donate children's books."

Area residents interested in contributing to that effort are asked to drop off unwrapped books at the Cass City library by Wednesday, Dec. 12.

Financial donations for the Christmas for Kids campaign should be sent to the Cass City Rotary Club, 6468 Main St., Cass City, MI 48726. Make checks out to the Cass City Rotary Foundation.

More information is available by contacting Lasceski at (989) 551-2046 or Colleen Langenburg at (989) 872-4205.

## Ubly yoga studio now open

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

A 108-year-old Ubly business has been revamped with a new look and now serves a new purpose.

The "Lamb and Lilly Yoga Studio" at 2166 Main Street is operating in what was formerly a grocery store that was built in 1910.

"My grandfather bought the store in 1921. My father bought it from him after World War II and he ran it until the 1980s. There is a lot of family history here," Ubly's David Jaroch said. "The name of the studio comes from my parents. My father's name was Lambert and my mother's was Lillian — lambs are gentle and peaceful and lilies, beautiful flowers."

The building totals about 2,000-square feet. The studio is in the front with changing rooms in the back.

Jaroch bought the store with the plan of setting up a yoga studio there, so the store wouldn't just set empty. It took a while to make the necessary renovations, so he held yoga classes at Sleeper Public Library in Ubly until the studio was ready.

"I feel it is important to support our community," he said.

Jaroch has been a certified yoga instructor for two years. He also went to India to study yoga. He is a retired teacher from the Ubly School District.

Jaroch offers a variety of yoga classes. More information regarding class schedules is available by contacting him at (765) 409-5891.



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## Expectations run high for hoop teams in Kingston

### Cardinal boys looking to make some noise

by Clarke Haire  
 Publisher

Veteran Coach Dave Lester is excited to kick off the Kingston Cardinals' 2018-19 boys basketball season that starts Friday against visiting Midland Christian.

"We expect to have a great 2018-19 season. We return two of the best guards in our league, and in Division 4, with 6'2" junior, Evan Neff and 6'1" senior, Nathan Cloyd. I feel like they can both be all-state caliber players," Lester said, adding, "We should be able to give teams different looks offensively and defensively. I love our depth. If we defend, rebound and have great team chemistry, the possibilities are endless. Our goals are to be NCTL Stars Division champs, district and regional champs. We feel like we have the pieces to be playing late in March."

Neff and Cloyd were instrumental in the Cardinals' success a year ago as Kingston finished with a lofty 20-4 record that included a district crown.

"Neff is a tremendous perimeter shooter who has improved his overall game with the ability to create off the dribble. Great court vision and improved defender. He's being recruited by some NAIA schools, including Concordia," Lester said.

"Cloyd is good shooter with the ability to create his own shot off

the dribble. Above average rebounder for a shooting guard and great defender on the perimeter. Has drawn interest from community colleges."

Also returning for Kingston are Hunter James, Jack Green and Levi Cryderman, while new to the varsity ranks are Aaron Koehler, Nathan Dawson, Quin Bouchard and Caleb Goss.

Lester feels 6'1" senior James, 6'2" senior Nathan Dawson and 6'1" junior Aaron Koehler are multi-dimensional players.

"I'm also very excited about our post players with 6'2" senior, Levi Cryderman, 6'8" junior, Quin Bouchard, 6'1" junior, Jack Green and 5'9" junior, Caleb Goss," he said.

The Cardinal graduation toll is limited to Garrett Green and 2018 all-conference honorable mention performer, Austin Ahern.

"International Academy of Flint is the defending NCTL Stars Division Champion and State Quarterfinalist. They return three starters and some quality role players. Until they get knocked off, they are the team to beat.

Dryden returns two starters from a quality team. They are well coached and will always be competitive.

North Huron, Mayville and Deckerville return some quality players and good athletes. I expect them to be competitive every night. Genesee is new to our conference this year," said Lester.

### Cardinal girls loaded with experience, talent

by Clarke Haire  
 Publisher

Once again Kingston Cardinal Coach Jay Green has loaded his girls' basketball schedule with several perennial powers to prepare for a long post season run in the Michigan High School Athlete Association tournament.

That strategy worked last year as Kingston went undefeated in North Central Thumb League play for the second straight season, before collecting district and regional honors. The Cardinals finished with a 23-1 record in 2017 and have won 41 of their last 45 contests.

Green, entering his 8th season in charge, has eight returning letter winners to build this year's team around. He'll need an experienced squad to keep the winning ways alive during the 2018-19 campaign considering their brutal schedule that includes tilts with Saginaw Nouvel, Utica Eisenhower, Burton Bendle, Flint Powers, Oxford and Saginaw Swan Valley.

Although forwards Grace Dinsmore - she was a team captain - and Kasia Giddings will surely be missed after solid senior seasons, the Cardinal returnees provide Green with good depth and quickness.

"We have a good amount of experience. Hopefully the girls can take their performance individually and collectively to the next level. We have a challenging non-

conference schedule and the NCTL overall should be much better this year. If we develop the necessary depth and team leadership, we hope to compete for the league championship with Deckerville and Dryden," he said.

Leading the way for Kingston in their final season will be guard Camryn MacGuire, guard Lily Lyons, forward Carley Smith and forward Jillyan Dinsmore. All have three years of varsity experience under their belts and come into their senior seasons with local and statewide recognition.

According to Green, MacGuire is the floor leader and is solid on offense and defense. Lyons is a good open floor player, in addition to being disruptive on defense. Smith is a good shooter and inside presence, while Dinsmore has a high basketball IQ and helps controls the paint.

Other key players back for another go-around include senior guard Gerilyn Carpenter - a good defender and playmaker with two years' varsity experience, junior forward Payton Kolacz - an athletic inside scorer and rebounder, and sophomore guard/forward - a good shooter who can play multiple positions.

Rounding out the Kingston roster are seniors Emily Warrington, Ashtian Davis, and Keni DeLong, and juniors Brooke Mooney, Anna Ahern, and Danielle Crisman. Green says they are all high energy players who bring their own unique individual talents and are sure to see plenty of playing time in the early season.

## Fabulous Four's Fearless Forecast

### 2018-19 Basketball Picks



Ray Maurer



Clarke Haire



Geoff Morgan



Doug Hyatt

BOYS' BASKETBALL	Ray Maurer	Clarke Haire	Geoff Morgan	Doug Hyatt
<b>FRIDAY, Nov. 30</b> Reese at Ubly Midland Christian at Kingston Owen-Gage at Cass City	Reese Kingston Cass City	Reese Kingston Cass City	Reese Kingston Cass City	Reese Kingston Cass City
<b>TUESDAY, Dec. 4</b> Midland Baptist at Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
GIRLS' BASKETBALL				
<b>TUESDAY, Dec. 4</b> Cass City at Sandusky	Sandusky	Sandusky	Sandusky	Sandusky
<b>LAST WEEKS' RESULTS</b>	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
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## 2018-19 Winter Sports Schedule



### BOYS' BASKETBALL (FRESHMEN/JV/VARSITY)

DATE	OPPONENT
11/30	Owen-Gage
12/5	Sandusky (F, JV, & V)
12/7	Ubly
12/11	Deckerville
12/14	Lakers (F, JV, & V)
12/19	Marlette
12/28	Roscommon @ SC4.....TBA
1/4	Bad Axe
1/9	Vassar
1/11	USA (F, JV, & V)
1/18	Caro (F, JV, & V)
1/21	Mayville
1/23	Reese (F, JV, & V)
1/25	Lakers (F, JV, & V)
2/1	Bad Axe
2/6	Vassar
2/8	USA (F, JV, V)
2/15	Harbor Beach
2/20	Caro (F, JV, & V)
2/22	Reese (F, JV, & V)
3/5-9	Districts .....TBA

All games begin at 6 p.m.

### GIRLS' BASKETBALL (FRESHMEN/JV/VARSITY)

DATE	OPPONENT
12/4	Sandusky
12/6	Ubly
12/10	Mayville
12/13	Lakers (F, JV, & V)
12/18	Marlette
12/21	Deckerville (F, JV, & V)
12/27	Capac @ SC4.....TBA
1/3	Bad Axe
1/8	Vassar
1/10	USA
1/17	Caro (F, JV, & V)
1/22	Reese (F, JV, & V)
1/24	Lakers (F, JV, & V)
1/31	Bad Axe
2/5	Vassar
2/7	USA
2/12	Harbor Beach
2/19	Caro (F, JV, & V)
2/21	Reese (F, JV, & V)
2/28	Lakeville (JV, V).....5:30 p.m.
3/4-8	Districts.....TBA

All games begin at 6 p.m.

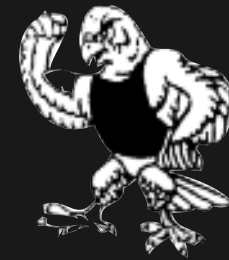
### WRESTLING

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
12/5	Lakers/Mayville/Marlette	6:00 p.m.
12/8	Marlette Team Tourney	8:00 a.m.
12/12	Vassar/Ubly	6:00 p.m.
12/15	Cros-Lex Team Tourney	9:00 a.m.
12/19	Capac/Caro	6:00 p.m.
12/21	Millington/Caro/Mayville	1:00 p.m.
12/28	Mayville Individual Tourney	TBD
1/9	Lakers/ Brown City/Bad Axe	6:00 p.m.
1/16	Sandusky/Memphis	6:00 p.m.
1/19	Mayville Team Tourney	9:00 a.m.
1/23	Lakers	6:00 p.m.
1/26	Caro Team Tourney	9:00 a.m.
2/2	GTC League Meet @ Mayville	TBA
2/7	Team Districts @ TBA	TBA
2/9	Individual Districts @ TBA	TBA
2/13	Team Regionals @ TBA	TBA
2/16	Individual Regionals @ TBA	TBA
2/22-23	Team State Finals @ TBA	TBA
3/1-2	Individual State Finals @ TBA	TBA

### GYMNASTICS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
12/1	Holt Invitational	9:00 a.m.
1/8	Vassar	6:30 p.m.
1/12	Fraser Invitational	9:00 a.m.
1/15	Fenton Tri-Meet	6:30 p.m.
1/21	Bounce Meet - Hartland	6:30 p.m.
1/26	Huron Valley Inv. @ Lakeland	8:00 a.m.
2/2	Haskett Invite	10:00 a.m.
2/9	Vassar Invite	10:00 a.m.
2/16	Vassar	10:00 a.m.
2/21	Vassar	6:30 p.m.

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# News briefs

## Thumb Ag Day set Dec. 12

UBLY – This year’s Thumb Ag Day is set for Wednesday, Dec. 12, at Uby Heights Country Club in Ubyly.

The program will feature education programming and a chance to visit with more than 70 agribusiness representatives exhibiting at the 2018 event.

The doors will open at 8:30 a.m. and remain open until 3:30 p.m. for participants to view exhibits and attend educational programs, which are slated to get underway at 9:15 a.m.

This year’s programs are: “Cost of Production for Today’s Market” with Dr. Corey Clark, MSU Extension farm management educator; “Commodity Market Update” with Dr. Jim Hilker, professor, Department of Ag, Food and Resource Economics, Michigan State University; “Weed Management Updates and New Challenges for 2019” with Dr. Erin Burns, assistant professor, Department of Plant, Soil and Microbial Sciences, Michigan State University; and “Ag Review: Results of This Year’s Field Trials” with MSU Extension Thumb field crops educators.

Lunch is optional at \$10 per person. Admission is otherwise free.

More information is available by contacting the MSU Extension offices in Tuscola County (989-672-3870), Huron County (989-269-9949) and Sanilac County (810-648-2515).

Thumb Ag Day is sponsored by MSU Extension and supported by area agricultural businesses.

## County meet dates changed

CARO — The Tuscola County Board of Commissioners rescheduled its next committee of the whole meeting to 8 a.m. Monday, Dec. 3, from Dec. 10.

In addition, another committee of the whole meeting is scheduled for 8 a.m. Monday, Dec. 17.

## Vets benefit dinner on tap

CARO — Woman’s Life of Caro will host a spaghetti dinner Thursday, Dec. 13, from 5 to 8 p.m., with the proceeds to benefit veterans and their families.

The event will be at the American Legion Hall, 110 W. Frank St., Caro. For more information, call (989) 673-5134.

## Holiday spirit in Gagetown

GAGETOWN – Visit the Gagetown Saloon and get your raffle ticket to win one of six stockings filled with gifts.

The contest runs until Sunday, Dec. 16. Also on that day, Santa will make a pit stop at 2 p.m. at the saloon. Area residents can bring their little ones in for pictures with the Jolly O’ Elf.

## Owendale meet rescheduled

OWENDALE – Due to the Christmas holiday, the Owendale-Gagetown Board of Education will be meeting Wednesday, Dec. 19, at 7 p.m. The board normally meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

## Holiday parade in Sanilac Co.

SANDUSKY — The 25th annual lighted farm implement Christmas Parade will be Dec. 1, with line-up slated to get underway at 4:30 p.m. at Sandusky High School. The parade will start promptly at 7 p.m.

There is no cost to be in the parade, but registration is requested. Forms are available at the Sandusky City Hall or by calling the local chamber of commerce at (810) 648-4445.

## Toys for Tots revived in ‘18

TUSCOLA COUNTY – For the first time in several years, there will be a Toys for Tots campaign in Tuscola County, thanks to the LEAD Tuscola Class of 2019.

Toys for Tots is a nationally recognized charity started by the Marine Corps Reserves in 1948. The Toys for Tots mission is to collect a new, unwrapped toy and distribute those toys to less fortunate children, with the goal of bringing the joy of Christmas and send a message of hope to these children.

Members of the current LEAD Tuscola class have made it their class project to expand the Toys for Tots campaign in Tuscola County. Currently the class has opened a distribution center, located at 1004 West Huron Ave. in Vassar.

They have also placed 24 boxes and three monetary collection jars all throughout the county, including locations in Akron, Caro, Cass City, Fairgrove, Kingston, Mayville, Millington, Reese and Vassar. All of the toys collected in Tuscola County will be distributed locally.

The class will be sponsoring a toy drive at Frankenmuth Credit Union in Caro Saturday, Dec. 1. In Cass City, toys donation boxes are located at Family Dollar and Frankenmuth Credit Union.

To receive toys from the Toys for Tots campaign, visit the website ToysForTots.org and click on “request a toy”. For more information, call (989) 670-7853 or send an email to TuscolaT4T@gmail.com.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery

# Obituaries

## Betty Ball

Betty L. Ball, 96, of Gladwin, formerly of Cass City, passed away Friday, Nov. 23, 2018 at her home. She was born Sept. 8, 1922 to the late Harry and Margaret (McQueen) Rockwell in Evergreen Township.



Betty married Millard Ball June 1, 1946 in Evergreen Township. He passed away Jan. 18, 2007.

She worked as a typesetter at the Cass City Chronicle, retiring after nearly 30 years. She loved time with her family, especially her grandchildren and enjoyed crocheting, playing cards, crossword and jigsaw puzzles.

Betty is survived by her daughters, Diane (the late James) Kern and Marsha (Duane) Moore, both of Bay City, grandchildren, Bonnie, Russ, Tracy and Terri and great-grandchildren, Riley, Grant, Westin and Jett.

She was predeceased by her 12 brothers and sisters. Visitation will be Tues., Nov. 27, from 12 noon until 1 p.m., time of service, at Thabet Funeral Home, 6255 Main St., Cass City. Brad Speirs will officiate.

Burial will be at Novesta Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be given to the American Heart Association.

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

Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home of Cass City.

## Joan Lopez

Juanita “Joan” Y. Lopez, 70, of Gagetown, passed away Sunday, Nov. 25, 2018 at Select Specialty Hospital, Flint.



Joan was born in Gagetown on Jan. 27, 1948 to the late Regino and Domitila (Benitez) Lopez.

She worked as a laborer for General Cable in Cass City, Nortech in Bad Axe and Automotive Industries in Owendale for many years, retiring in 1988.

Joan enjoyed gardening, fishing, going to the casino and loved family gatherings.

She is survived by her brothers and sisters, Margarita (the late Clarence) Menzel of Sebewaing, Benjamin Lopez of KY, Alejandro (Anita) Lopez of Lapeer and Petra (Robert) Chisholm of Caro, many loving nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews and special friend, Mike Tomich of Imlay City.

She was predeceased by two brothers, Regino Lopez, Jr. and Pablo Lopez.

Visitation is Thursday, Nov. 29, at Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City, from 2 until 8 p.m., with a 7:30 p.m. Rosary. Instate Fri., Nov. 30, at St. Agatha Church, Our Lady Consolata Parish, 4018 South, Gagetown, from 9 a.m. until a 10 a.m. funeral mass, Fr. Adam Maher as celebrant.

Cremation to follow and burial in St. Agatha Cemetery will be at a later date.

Memorials may be made to St. Agatha Food Pantry or Pulmonary Hypertension Association.

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

## Thomas White

Thomas Frederick White, 68, of Caro, formerly of Cass City, died following a brief illness Saturday, November 17, 2018 in McLaren Bay Region.

He was born October 2, 1950 in Cass City, the third of seven children born to Frank “Bud” Frederick and Mae Elizabeth (Karr) White.

Tom graduated from Cass City High School in 1968. He joined the U.S. Army and was stationed in Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Following his military commitment, he was self-employed as an independent long-distance truck driver. He enjoyed working on “hot rods” in his spare time and was fond of his 1961 Chevy Impala. Tom’s hobbies included deer hunting and flying remote control airplanes. He loved spending time with family and friends camping, especially in Evergreen Park. Tom was a Gift of Life Donor and would be proud that many will benefit from his donation.

Tom is survived by his daughter, Yarnell Bouverette of Bad Axe; his grandchildren: Emma, Benjamin and Hannah; his siblings: Duane (Sally) White of Bridgeport, Joann (Rusty) Martindale of Cass City, Robert (Barbara) White of Cass City and Lisa Mester of Cass City; many nieces and nephews; and his girlfriend, Mary McAnany of Caro.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Kenneth White; sister, Jane Wass.

Visitation will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, November 28, in the Cass City VFW Hall. The memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, November 28, in the Cass City VFW Hall with Brad Speirs of Novesta Church of Christ officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

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

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Wednesday Family Night 6:30 p.m.

Pastor: Phil Burkett • [www.casscitymc.org](http://www.casscitymc.org)



Associate Pastor: Joel Schwendinger

## Cass City United Methodist Church

872-3422 - 5100 Cemetery Rd., Cass City, MI 48726

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Worship: 11:00 a.m. (Summer 9:30 a.m.)

Sunday School - Sept.-May 9:30 a.m.

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

Pastor: Bob Demyanovich

## Community Baptist Church

(Independent Fundamental)

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

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

• Afternoon Service 2:00 p.m.

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

Pastor: Rev. Nathan Whipple

## Deford Community Church

1392 N. Kingston Rd. • 872-4055

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

Sundays - 10 a.m. • Wednesdays - 7 p.m.

Pastor: David Cooper

[DefordCommunityChurch.org](http://DefordCommunityChurch.org)



## Evangelical Free Church of Cass City

6430 Chestnut Blvd., Cass City, MI 48726

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• Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

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Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.

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Worship Service 9:30 a.m.

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# Legal Notices

We are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Notify us at the number below if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Pursuant to the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by SUSAN WYKES, a single person, Mortgagees, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS) as nominee for American Southwest Mortgage Funding Corp., Mortgagee, dated the 9th day of December, 2016 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 19th day of December, 2016 in Liber 1364 of Tuscola County Records, page 1218, said Mortgage having been assigned to Freedom Mortgage Corporation on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of One Hundred Nineteen Thousand Seven Hundred Sixteen & 57/100 (\$119,716.57), by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that on the 13th day of December, 2018 at 10:00 AM o'clock Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in Village of Caro, Tuscola Cty MI, of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, with interest thereon at 4.00 per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Township of Millington, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit: Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 31, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as:

Beginning at a point on the North line of said Section which is North 89 degrees 37 minutes 20 seconds West 264 feet from the Northeast corner of said Section; thence North 89 degrees 37 minutes 20 seconds West along said North line 260 feet; thence South, parallel with the East line of said Section, 335.14 feet; thence South 89 degrees 37 minutes 20 seconds East, parallel with the North line of said Section, 260 feet; thence North, parallel with the East line of said Section, 335.14 feet to the point of beginning. Except that part reserved for use as Arbela Road, so-called During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the

property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed 30 days after the foreclosure sale or when the time to provide the notice required by the statute expires, whichever is later. Pursuant to MCLA 600.3278, the mortgagor(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney Dated: 11/14/2018 Freedom Mortgage Corporation Mortgagee

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**11-14-4**

**Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement**

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to MCL 600.3212, that the following will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on December 13, 2018: Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Kenneth I. Witek, a single man

Original Mortgagee: Thumb National Mortgage, LLC Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Arvest Central Mortgage Company fka Central Mortgage Company Date of Mortgage: October 25, 2005

Date of Mortgage Recording: November 7, 2005 Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$21,190.49 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Akron, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing at a point on the Section line 154.5 feet South of the East 1/4 corner of Section 13, Town 14 North, Range 7 East, thence West 163 feet; thence South 165 feet; thence East 163 feet; thence North 165 feet to place 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 Re-

vised 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: November 14, 2018 Trott Law, P.C. 1367804

**11-14-4**

**Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement** NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to MCL 600.3212, that the following will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on December 20, 2018:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Joel Clapper, A Single Man Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Freedom Mortgage Corporation

Date of Mortgage: November 19, 2014 Date of Mortgage Recording: December 1, 2014 Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$89,680.66 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Elkland, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Lot(s) 20 of Auten Subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of plats, Page 27B of Tuscola County records.

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

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

This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: November 21, 2018 Trott Law, P.C. 1368232

**11-19-4**

**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 mort-

gaged 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 December 20, 2018:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Jeffrey A Bowyer, a single person Original Mortgagee: ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc.

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper Date of Mortgage: August 2, 2002

Date of Mortgage Recording: September 26, 2002 Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$52,432.70

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Gilford, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing 297 feet West of the Southeast Corner of Section 27, Town 13 North, Range 7 East, Gilford Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; thence North 230 feet; thence West 400 feet; thence South 230 feet; thence East 400 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: November 21, 2018 Trott Law, P.C. 1368250

**11-21-4**

**Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement** NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to MCL 600.3212, that the following will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on January 10, 2019: Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Linda Lou Streeter, an unmarried woman Original Mortgagee: Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, A Subsidiary of Lehman Brothers Bank, FSB Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust Date of Mortgage: June 25, 2004 Date of Mortgage

Recording: November 22, 2004 Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$93,525.14

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Village of Fairgrove, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing 93 feet South of the Northwest corner of Section 21 Township 13 North, Range 8 East, Thence South 89 feet, East 12 Rods, North 89 feet West 12 Rods to the place 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: November 28, 2018 Trott Law, P.C. 1368935

**11-28-4**

**FORECLOSURE NOTICE (ALL COUNTIES) AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Alma Moreno-Babcock of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgagee to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc dated the 4th day of June, 2009, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 15th day of June, 2009, in OR Liber 1177 Page 660 - 675 of Tuscola Records, which said mortgage was assigned to Chemical Bank, thru mesne assignments, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$6,535.73 (six thousand five hun-

dred thirty-five and 73/100) plus accrued interest at 5.1250% (five point one two five) percent per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of ~~sale contained in said mortgage~~, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on, the 10th day of January, 2019, at 10:00:00 AM said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI, Tuscola County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows:

All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Township of Juniata, in the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit: Part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 15, Township 12 North, Range 8 East, described as: Beginning at the West 1/4 corner of said Section 15; thence along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section 15, South 88° 22' 08" East, 200.00 feet; thence parallel to the West line of said Section 15, South 01° 27' 30" West, 300.00 feet; thence North 88° 22' 08" West, 200.00 feet to the West line of said Section 15; thence along said West line, North 01° 27' 30" East, 300.00 feet to the West 1/4 corner of said Section 15 and the point of beginning.

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Dated: November 28, 2018 By: Foreclosing Attorneys Attorney for Plaintiff Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A. 323 W. Lakeside Ave. Suite 200 Cleveland, OH 44113 WWR# 10147824

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Cass City Gun Club  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Village of Cass City Zoning Board of Appeals  
 will be holding a Special Meeting,  
 Wednesday, December 12, 2018  
 at 7:00 P.M.  
 at the Village Municipal Building  
 to consider a Zoning Variance to the setback  
 requirements at 6301 Beechwood Drive.

Nanette S. Walsh  
 Clerk/Treasurer

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Village Ordinance 137  
 prohibits parking on any  
 Village street from 2:00 a.m.  
 to 5:00 a.m. during the winter  
 months, from December 1 to  
 March 31, for snow removal  
 and emergency access.

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Nanette Walsh  
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# New council gathers Monday in Cass City

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However, two potential add-ons could up the price tag. One possible addition calls for a WetEdge Technologies Altima additive for longevity of the new finish in the amount of \$3,500. The other price increase would be for six new swimming lanes and 12 new targets – the plus signs at the ends of each lane – for the sum of \$21,000.

Trustee Tom Herron, who also serves on the Parks and Recreation Committee, says the original estimates of \$250,000 for repairs to the park's crown jewel are "way down." He feels the new lanes and lines aren't required and that the contingency fees requested by B&B Pools are not necessary.

Although the committee has not made a final determination on the extra add-on items, the council approved a motion granting the Livonia firm's bid of \$87,000 for the renovation project, with a 10-percent contingency for a total of \$96,250.

Also approved was a motion for a pool filter, awarded to B&B Pools in the amount of \$48,995 with a 10-percent contingency for a total of \$53,895.

Late last summer, village officials gladly accepted a generous \$200,000 donation for renovations and repairs to the pool. The gift was given by Duane Chippi in memory of his late wife, Janice, and many believe that without the monetary gift, the pool doors might have closed for good.

The Chippis, named the Cass City Chamber of Commerce 2018 Citizens of the Year, both grew up in the area and married in 1954. They moved to town in 1961 and went into business, working together to build Cass City Oil and Gas into the successful business it is today. Janice Chippi passed away Nov. 13, 2017, following a battle with cancer.

Turning to other matters, public hearings were set for Monday, Dec. 17, for the proposed 2019 Village of Cass City total millage levy, which will remain unchanged next year, and for the 2019 operating budget and proposed anti-blight ordinance.

"It is the purpose of this ordinance to prevent, reduce and eliminate blight," Trustee Jenny Zawilinski explained. "This ordinance is for protecting the public health, safety and general welfare of the persons and property of the village of Cass City."

Cass City resident Bill Zeidler addressed the council and was short and to the point, "We have lots of blight problems."

Delamarter responded, "We are moving the ball forward and (the blight problem) is in the front of our brains. It's going to take some time, but we are working on it."

Copies of blight ordinance and proposed 2019 financial budgets are available at the village office.

In other business Monday night, the council learned that Police Chief Craig Haynes is requesting grant funding in the amount of \$2,945 for a new in-car video system to replace a 2012 system, and for \$706 in grant funding towards the purchase of a new TASER to replace a 2014 unit.



## Pretty as a picture...

THE THUMB is located on Michigan's "sunrise side", but the region also offers residents some picturesque sunsets, even when temperatures dip below freezing.

## Cases of pertussis surfacing in the Thumb

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

Thumb Area health departments recently confirmed that cases of pertussis, a respiratory illness commonly known as whooping cough, have surfaced in the Thumb.

"There have been reported cases and outbreaks of Pertussis across the state. Huron County has two confirmed cases in children. Neither of these children attend public school. And, Sanilac County also had confirmed case in a child," said Ann Hepfer, health officer for both the Tuscola and Huron county health departments.

Pertussis is a very contagious disease caused by bacteria, according to Hepfer, who noted public health departments have been testing, treating and offering vaccinations to household contacts.

Families also always have the

option of seeking care from their primary care physicians.

With pertussis, bacteria attach to the cilia (tiny, hair-like extensions) that line part of the upper respiratory system, and release toxins (poisons), which damage the cilia and cause airways to swell.

Hepfer explained the disease generally starts with cold-like symptoms as well as a mild cough or fever. In babies with the illness, the cough can be minimal or not even there. Babies may have a symptom known as "apnea", which is a pause in the child's breathing pattern.

Early symptoms can last for one to two weeks and usually include runny nose, low-grade fever and mild and/or occasional cough.

Pertussis spreads from person to person, usually via coughing or sneezing or sharing the same breathing space.

Many babies who get pertussis are infected by older siblings, parents or caregivers who might not even know they have the disease, Hepfer said.

Infected people are most contagious up to about two weeks after the cough begins.

When pertussis circulates in the community, there is a chance that a fully vaccinated person of any age can catch this disease.

Pertussis is most dangerous for babies. About half of babies younger than one year who get the disease require hospitalization.

Hepfer pointed out it is important to know that many babies with pertussis don't cough at all, but instead it causes them to stop breathing and turn blue.

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