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## Board rates school chief Hartel "highly effective"

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

The Cass City Board of Education offered local school Supt. Jeff Hartel a strong vote of confidence

during a rescheduled monthly meeting last week.

Following an annual job performance evaluation, the board rated Hartel as being "highly effective" – the highest grade possible

— in the job he's held for nearly nine years now. It was a step up for the veteran administrator, who has received ratings of "effective" in the past.

As a result, the board again ap-

proved a resolution extended Hartel's three-year revolving contract by one year.

Michigan law requires local and intermediate school district boards of education to evaluate school superintendents each year. Boards must then assign the administrator a rating of highly effective, effective, minimally effective or ineffective, taking into account a variety of measures, including student growth and assessment data.

Hartel indicated he was very pleased with the board's rating.

"They were happy with the direction the district is going," he said. Hartel pointed out, however, that the positive things happening in the district are the direct result of many factors, including a solid school board and skilled administrators and teachers, as well as parents and students who all share the same mission. "So, it's a team effort."

Over the past year, district officials have achieved several goals, including securing a new teachers

contract and voter approval last spring of a proposed \$8.68 million bond extension proposal – by a margin of more than two to one – to fund a host of capital improvement projects and upgrades over the next few years.

But that's not all.

School officials found themselves in an academic spotlight last fall following the results of the SAT college entrance exam taken by last year's high school juniors – now seniors. Those results showed the Cass City High School Class of 2019 posted the highest composite score among all neighboring school districts in Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties.

The district's younger students also flexed some academic muscle on the M-STEP (Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress) – also taken last spring, with local students topping both county and state average scores in nearly every subject and category. Over-

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## School officials set to meet with contractor to discuss bond work

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Cass City School officials will be meeting with the district's general contractor later this month to discuss the first in a series of construction projects that will be funded by a voter-approved millage extension over the next few years.

Representatives of R and D Development were scheduled to meet with the board of education last month, but a snowstorm canceled the gathering.

Company officials are now scheduled to attend the board's next regular meeting, which has been rescheduled from Monday, Dec. 24, to Monday, Dec. 17, starting at 7 p.m. due to the Christmas holiday.

Cass City voters overwhelmingly supported a proposed \$8.68 million bond extension proposal last spring, paving the way to generate enough funding for a number of upgrades designed to provide students with a safer, more secure and energy efficient learning environment.

In a nutshell, voters agreed to an extension of an existing three-mill tax that originally raised money for capital improvement projects at what is now Cass City Elementary School. That tax is slated to expire in 2021 but will now be levied for additional 15 years, with the proceeds going towards repairs and upgrades to the high school as well as the el-

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**CASS CITY'S Christmas in the Village celebration was a hit with the crowds that poured into the village to enjoy some holiday fun Saturday. Above, Deb Dressler (at right in top photo) of Thumb Bank and Trust serves up some chili to Anna Bagnall and Ian Habicht, both of Cass City; Steve DeLong (left) fills cups with hot bean soup, with the assistance of Cass City exchange student Savina Terpe of Germany, during the community gathering; and Melody McDermott, 6, daughter of Amanda McDermott, Cass City, shares her Christmas list with Santa.**

## What's next?

**Local units of government grappling with Michigan's new marijuana law**

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

Local government officials in the Thumb are seeking guidance on what to do about Michigan's newly-passed state law legalizing recreational use of marijuana.

On Nov. 6, voters approved Proposal 1 – which made it legal to use

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## Revolving door leaves four Uby Council seats vacant

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

Keeping track of representatives on the Uby Village Council over the last year has been like trying to follow the classic Abbott and Costello comedy routine of "Who's on First, What's on Second, and I Don't Know's on Third."

According to a recent legal notice, Uby Village officials have been soliciting "letters of interest" from candidates interested in filling four open council seats. The deadline to apply was Monday, Dec. 3.

Clerk Barb Butch was not available for comment by press time.

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**A MEMBER of the Harlem Wizards schools Cass City fifth grader Joey Bean, 11, in the art of spinning a basketball on one finger during last week's appearance by the group in town during a fundraiser sponsored by the Cass City Red Hawk PTO, which reported ticket sales of 540, raising a little over \$3,000 in the process.**

## Break-in suspect faces final date for a plea deal

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

A Cass City woman charged in the break-in of the Quaker Maid Dairy Store in Cass City last February, and the attempted break-in of the same business a month later, will face a trial in early 2019 if her case isn't resolved via a plea bargain agreement this month.

Sonya L. Teller, 45, of Cass City, is charged with breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny, possession of burglar's tools, larceny of \$1,000 to \$20,000, conspiracy to commit breaking and entering, attempted breaking and entering, larceny in a building and conspiracy to commit larceny in a building.

In an unrelated case, she also faces a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses.

Teller has until Monday, Dec. 10, to accept any plea agreement offers made by the Tuscola County Prosecutor's Office. If she fails to do so, she faces a tentative trial date of Jan. 8, according to court officials.

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**Cass City's top spellers...**

CASS CITY students in grades seven, eight and nine recently competed in an annual spelling bee sponsored by the Cass City Knights of Columbus Council 8892, and the winners were (left to right) Vaughn Severance (first place), Lucas Sheridan (second place), Mia Wright (third place), Ellie Perkins (fourth place) and Robert Krueger (fifth place). K of C officials presented each of them with \$8 McDonald's gift cards and Cass Theatre passes.

**Defendant faces final plea date**

*Continued from page one.*

Teller's co-defendant in the Quaker Maid Dairy Store case, RC L. Smith, 43, Cass City, was ordered to serve two to 20 years behind bars during his sentencing in Tuscola County Circuit Court in July. He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$394 plus restitution of \$1,985.

Smith pleaded no contest in July to felony charges of breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny, possession of burglar's tools and larceny of \$1,000 to \$20,000.

Under a plea agreement, prosecutors agreed to dismiss charges of conspiracy to commit breaking and entering, attempted breaking and entering, larceny in a building and conspiracy to commit larceny in a building.

In addition to the charges stemming from the burglary and attempted burglary, Smith was convicted of being an habitual offender (having two previous felony convictions).

The investigation unfolded after police were alerted to a "smash and grab" burglary at Quaker Maid during the early morning hours of Feb. 26. Cass City Police Chief Craig Haynes reported the suspects allegedly used a blunt object to smash the glass in the front door of the business, then entered the building, grabbed an undisclosed amount of cash and fled.

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

**It's a girl!**



**Charlotte Perry**

Tyler and Elisabeth Perry announce the birth of their daughter, Charlotte Joy. She was born November 23 in Las Vegas, and was 7 lbs., 20 inches long.

Grandparents are Randy & Joy Perry, Cass City, and Nathan & Jennifer Pierpont, Kalamazoo.

Great-grandparents are Bruce & Dawn Giehl, Fredericktown, Ohio; Kenneth & Jane Pierpont, Litchfield; Jim & Geri Perry, Cass City; and Marilyn Quick, Cass City. Great-great grandmother is Mary Boucher, Mount Vernon, Ohio.

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# In Our OPINION...

**Clarke Haire**  
Publisher

**Tom Montgomery**  
Editor

## Older drivers facing challenges at home?

*If you have an aging driver in the household, you're 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 is urging residents to observe "Older Driver Safety Awareness Week," Dec. 3-7. 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."*

*Starting this Monday, residents were 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."*

*For more information and resources about aging drivers, visit the Safe Drivers Smart Options website.*

# Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

Not lost, just bewildered



The first Michigan road map was published 192 years ago on Jan. 28, 1826.

I bet the person who invented and published that road map is still trying to refold it back to its original accordion-style shape.

I personally hate maps. I dislike them not only because I cannot fold them back into their original shape, but also because they are generally impossible for me to read.

I have no sense of direction. North, south, east, and west mean nothing to me outside of being acceptable four-letter words.

To me, road maps and dictionaries operate on the same principle. When using a dictionary, you have to have a pretty good idea how the word is spelled before you can look it up. And when using a map, you have to have an idea where you are. Like, what good are they?

Nowadays there are electronic navigation systems in vehicles and devices that can supposedly guide you from one location to another. That is all fine and good if you know how to use them. I'm still fighting with trying to set the clock in my van from the last time change.

To help figure out directions, I've devised my own system that works pretty well. I use it on a map I have that folds in half instead of like an accordion.

On that map I drew a picture of sun glasses to indicate north. I drew a picture of a wedding ring to indicate west, a big dot to indicate a mole I have on my right arm (east), and shoes to mean south.

After unfolding the map, I line up the hands on my watch with the position of the sun and follow the shadow to the mole on my wrist. This determines north. I position my body with the sunglass picture for south. All of the other directions fall into place (trust me).

My system has always helped me find a crossroad I recognized to get me home. It is infallible. Well... almost infallible. It does have a few minor flaws. It doesn't always work on rainy or cloudy days, and it takes a while to readjust calculations when there are time changes from Eastern Standard Time or Daylight Savings Time. It sometimes takes up to four months to get the calculations down after each time switch.

Anyway, my journalist endeavors have me traveling to various locations around the Thumb. One such jaunt took me to Hollywood and Vine in beautiful downtown Silverwood.

Using my directional guidance system, it only took just a little over three hours to get there and back. I was so proud of myself. On a second trip to the community, I was able to shave about 30 minutes off my travel time by going a little different route.

However, my happiness was short-lived. A know-it-all truck driver friend of mine said it should have taken me no longer than about 40 to maybe 45 minutes to get there and about the same time to get back. He even had the audacity to scoff at my wedding ring, sunglasses, mole method of directions.

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I consider myself like the great American trailblazer Davey Crockett. Davey was never lost during his wilderness treks, but I heard he was sometimes bewildered for three to four months at a time.

He must have enjoyed scenic routes, too.



**Rabbit Tracks**  
by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Over the weekend, Lyle Severance, Technology Director, Cass City Public Schools, reports four junior high and three high school RoboHawks teams traveled to CrosLex to compete in their VEX VRC tournament. All seven teams made it to the elimination rounds, boasts Severance, with six teams making it to the quarterfinals and three teams making it to the semifinals and one team making it to the finals.

In a great finals match, team Sr RoboHawks - Maroon (SRHM) won as part of an alliance with Rochester Hills Christian Schools and now will compete at the State Competition at MSU on February 16th. SRHM team members are Mariah Mellenendorf, Vaughn Severance and Kevin Estrella. SRHM also won the Excellence Award which is the highest award presented in the VEX Robotics Competition. This award is presented to a team that exemplifies overall excellence in creating a high quality VEX Robotics program.

Our next local competition is this Saturday at Carom, says Lyle. Call him at 989-872-2148 for more details.

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The Cass City Lions Club 50/50 raffle Saturday during the Christmas in the Village celebration earns some lucky winner \$326.50 in cash.

If you are the holder of blue ticket number 345199, contact club member Eric Brown at Thumb Bank and Trust in Cass City to collect your prize. His number is 989-872-4311.

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Nearly a year ago, Amy Cuthrell wrote for a grant to bring mental health awareness to both Huron and Tuscola county families. Since the grant was awarded, she had worked closely with renowned Ishpeming varsity football coach Jeff Olsen. The Olsen family lost their son Daniel six years ago to depression. Jeff will be visiting the Thumb for the first time this week and has multiple presentations over the span of five days.

"Do It For Daniel" is a movie based on the true story of Daniel Olson, an all-state athlete from Ishpeming High School in rural Ishpeming, Michigan. Daniel was an overachiever and all around great guy who loved to help people. He was devoted to his family and friends, and was a beloved member of the community. Daniel suffered from Depression and Anxiety. On July 19, 2012, Daniel Olson ended his life after a lengthy battle with depression. His father & football coach, Jeff, speaks to students and parents around the state about Mental Health Awareness.

If you would like to hear his message, Jeff will be in Cass City, Ubyly and Caro on Thursday, Dec. 6. If you would like more information, or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Cuthrell by emailing: [acuthrell6@gmail.com](mailto:acuthrell6@gmail.com) or calling 989-670-8238.

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Secretary of State Ruth Johnson celebrated that now two out of every three Michigan adults have committed to giving the gift of life by joining the Michigan Organ Donor Registry.

"More than 5 million Michigan residents have made a promise to those awaiting a life-changing transplant," Johnson said. "That's a truly marvelous gift and I want to thank everyone who has signed up. We have made incredible strides, and yet, there is still more to do. I encourage anyone who has not yet signed up to do so. Every signature makes saving a life possible."

"We are thrilled at the continuing increase in the number of Michigan residents who choose to save and improve lives by signing up to be donors," said Dorrie Dils, CEO of Gift of Life Michigan, the state's organ and tissue donation program. "We thank the secretary of state and all of the staff who are on the frontline of this critical mission. People who join the Donor Registry give hope to the more than 3,100 people in our state awaiting a life-saving organ transplant and the tens of thousands more who will benefit from a tissue transplant."

"Eversight is delighted 66 percent of Michigan residents have joined the donor registry," said David Bosch, president of Eversight, an organization responsible for recovering, evaluating and providing human eye tissue for transplantation and research. "We are proud to have worked with the Secretary of State and our donation partners to reach this landmark moment."

Every donor has the ability to save up to eight lives through organ donation and improve up to 75 more through cornea and tissue donation.

Anyone can join the Michigan Organ Donor Registry, regardless of age or medical history. Go to [www.michigan.gov/organdonation](http://www.michigan.gov/organdonation), call 866-500-5801 or visit any Secretary of State office to sign up. About 85 percent of people who sign up do so through Secretary of State offices.

For more information on organ, eye and tissue donation, visit [www.giftolifemichigan.org/](http://www.giftolifemichigan.org/) or [www.eversightvision.org/](http://www.eversightvision.org/).

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## Wednesday, December 5

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

## Thursday, December 6

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

## Saturday, December 8

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

## Monday, December 10

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

## Tuesday, December 11

•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.  
•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.

### STANDING COMMUNITY CALENDAR ITEMS

#### First Saturday:

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

#### 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.

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#### 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:

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#### 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

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



**THE HURON County Sheriff's Department took advantage of the area's first winter storm to conduct an airboat training session in winter conditions early last week. The exercises included taking the department's 20-foot airboat out on Wild Fowl Bay.**

## Deputies take advantage of storm to conduct training with airboat

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

The Thumb's first winter storm of the season closed schools and government offices early last week, but the cold and snow didn't deter Huron County Sheriff's deputies from an airboat training exercise on Saginaw Bay.

The training exercise was held Monday in Huron County's McKinley Township, at the Fillion Road Public Access Site at Wild Fowl Bay.

"The training had been scheduled a couple of weeks ago, and was one of at least three yearly exercises," Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson said. "However, (the) snow storm and windy conditions never postponed the training, because days and nights like (these) are the types of conditions that the airboat is typically called

out in."

The department's 20-foot boat's primary use is on Saginaw Bay off the shores of both Huron and Tuscola counties, a region located in somewhat sheltered areas of marsh, or on the ice.

Hanson said last week's exercise "consisted of round table discussion, going over the boat and its systems, and actual hands-on experience in the conditions.

"This important area rescue asset was specifically built for harsh winter operations, and was put in service in February of 2016," he noted. "It replaced a smaller, weaker Everglades-type boat that we operated for around 17 years prior."

The current airboat was purchased through a cooperative grant-writing effort involving the Huron and Tuscola county sheriff's departments. The vessel is

owned, operated and maintained by the Huron County Sheriff's Department.

"Tuscola, however, has assigned two deputies who are very active in the on-call program," Hanson pointed out. "Another very important partner in this program is the Caseville Fire Department. They've allowed us to store our different airboats in their hall year around for many years. They've also supplied the vast majority of logistics during emergency responses of the airboats over the last eight years."

Hanson indicated the new airboat has already proven to be an invaluable piece of equipment.

"During the 2017-18 winter season, the boat responded to five or six incidents between our counties, with one of them being a double drowning off of Rose Island in early February of this year."

## Circuit court proceedings

# Several appear on felony charges

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

\*Delanie S. Koteles, 23, Flint, was sentenced to 180 days in the county jail following his plea of guilty to charges of retail fraud, first degree, and conspiracy to commit retail fraud, first degree, July 14, 2017, in Caro.

Koteles was also placed on probation for 18 months and ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,326 plus restitution of \$3,221.69 and attorneys fees of \$500.

\*James M. Domanski, 51, Caro, was sentenced to 90 days in jail and 18 months probation following his plea of no contest to assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) June 5 in Caro.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$258 plus restitution of \$1,250.

\*Tyler J. Terbush, 18, Vassar, was sentenced to 365 days in jail and 36 months probation following his pleas of guilty to two counts of receiving and concealing stolen firearms and one count each of larceny of a firearm and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony June 6 in Reese.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,144 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

\*Bradford D. Quick, 36, Caro, received a one-year delayed sentence following his plea of no contest to carrying a concealed weapon Dec. 17, 2017, in Caro.

He was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$508 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

\*Terry D. Collins, 47, Clinton Township, pleaded no contest to conspiracy to commit retail fraud, first degree, Oct. 5, 2015, in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case, bond was continued at \$8,000 and the defendant

was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*Leonel A. Martinez-Munoz, 26, Dallas, Texas, pleaded no contest to charges of committing a moving violation - causing serious impairment, possession of an open intoxicant in a motor vehicle, and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor July 31 in Cass City.

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

\*Johnathan M. Ward, 24, Millington, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle with a high BAC (blood alcohol content), third offense, June 9 in Vassar.

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

\*Robert V. Pratt, 63, Millington, pleaded no contest to assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) and assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer June 7, 2017, in Watertown Township.

In separate cases, he pleaded no contest to assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer May 13, 2017, in Tuscola Township, and to absconding or forfeiting bond. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

Pre-sentence investigations were ordered, bond was set at \$25,000 in each case and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*Roy J. Klinesmith, 55, Caro, was sentenced to 365 days in jail, with worksite privileges, following his plea of no contest to assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder July 16 in Indianfields Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

Aside from jail time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$258.

\*Amanda M. Jackson, 31, Sebewaing, was sentenced to 90 days in jail following her plea of no contest to larceny of food valued at \$1,000 to \$20,000 Sept. 16, 2017, in Unionville. She was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

In addition to jail time, she was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$506.

\*Daryl L. Damm, 28, Caro, was sentenced to 365 days in jail, with worksite privileges, following his plea of guilty to possession of cocaine, heroin or another narcotic (less than 25 grams) Aug. 1 in Caro.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$858 plus attorneys fees of \$100.

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**Reporter's notebook**

**Okay, I admit it, I have a problem...**

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor



It all started when I was a kid, a time when most of us figure enjoying something more than we should will never become a problem "for me". I was wrong.

I'm a Christmas movie junkie. I admit it; I have a problem. My first taste of this holiday euphoria came when I was a youngster and saw Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer for the first time. I was hooked and didn't even know it.

Then came Frosty the Snowman – and the various versions that followed – along with the Little Drummer Boy, A Charlie Brown Christmas, Jack Frost, and others.

It wasn't long before I found myself neck deep in the pit of A Christmas Carol movies, from the 1951 version featuring Alastair Sim, to the musical starring Albert Finney in 1970, to more recent editions featuring George C. Scott and Jim Carrey in the title roles.

Later, I discovered some of the other (much) older classics, including It's a Wonderful Life, Miracle on 34th Street and White Christmas.

Along the way, I've viewed various remakes of How the Grinch Stole Christmas as well as The Santa Clause, Home Alone, A Christmas Story, Polar Express, etc. I think I've seen them all, and most on more occasions than I'd care to admit.

There were a few dark days when I even resorted to viewing (in private, of course), National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation and Ernest Saves Christmas.

Yeah, I know, I know. I'm so pathetic. They say honesty with yourself and others is vital to successfully kicking an addiction, so I'm going to be brutal here: I have also partaken of some Hallmark Christmas movies.

Hey, don't judge. When I was young, the cool puppets and cartoons dancing around on the black-and-white screen at home quickly caught my attention and became a part of Christmases I still remember. These days, I enjoy the escape into places and times when people can disagree without calling one another haters, where folks demonstrate genuine love and caring, and where the stories end on a happy note.

On the other hand, I live in reality and should probably just accept the awful insanity all of us are subjected to day in and day out on television and the Internet, right?

Wrong. Maybe I'm overly optimistic, but I don't think there's anything wrong with believing that good intentions and a little effort can still pay off in the end, bringing about a happy ending or two in real life during the holiday season and long after December turns into January. It's not that far-fetched — we see all sorts of examples of kindness and compassion in this community year in and year out.

So maybe I shouldn't try to kick this holiday movie madness altogether.

It's just as well. I thought I was getting a handle on the urges until I recently passed by a DVD display and spotted a collector's edition of Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer (I ignored the 50th anniversary part). I picked it up.

Don't judge (again). The grandkids will love it.

# Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



**5 YEARS AGO (2013)**

Ubly native and avid model train collector Kevin Gracey and his wife, Diane, were busy Saturday setting up one of Kevin's displays at Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City. The festive scene, now in its third year at the local library, will be up and running throughout December.

Air Force Airman Gerremy L. Fearson recently graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas. The airman completed an intense, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Fearson, a 2012 graduate of Marlette High School, is the son of George Fearson of Marlette and Karen O'Connor.

**10 YEARS AGO (2008)**

Dr. Michael and Wendy Jansen of Grand Haven announce the birth of their son, Braeden Michael Jansen. Braeden was born Monday, Nov. 24, 2008 at North Ottawa Community Hospital. He weighed 8 pounds, 15 ounces.

Katie L. Rhodes has been named Owendale-Gagetown's "Senior Student of the Month" for November. Rhodes has been a member of the volleyball, basketball and softball teams each year during high school along with being a member of the equestrian team the past 3 years. She has also been a member of Owen-Gage's bands, including the marching and pep bands all 4 years, and she coached the middle school girls' volleyball team this year.

**25 YEARS AGO (1993)**

Hariett Richards, who now lives in Florida, was a guest of friends in Cass City last Wednesday. She is the wife of Russ Richards, high school principal in Cass City for many years. Before living in Cass City she lived in Mio, where she met her husband, a teacher there at the time. Old ties are not soon forgotten. She made the trip expressly to see Mio girls compete as they advanced to the state basketball finals. I should get the prize for coming the farthest distance, she laughed.

Jack Laurie, Cass City, who has led the state's largest farm organization for the past 7 years, was re-elected president of the Michigan Farm Bureau Dec. 1. The action took place at the reorganization meeting of the board of directors following adjournment of the Michigan Farm Bureau's 74th annual meeting, held for the first time in Detroit. Laurie, a Tuscola County dairy farmer, has served on the Michigan Farm Bureau board since 1966 and was vice-president from 1977 to 1986, when he was elected president.

**35 YEARS AGO (1983)**

How does it feel when your son is about to be blasted 155 miles

into space at a speed of several thousand miles per hour? "I wasn't so nervous, but she was," said Brewster (Bruce) Shaw. "I was not," responded Leone Shaw. "I was excited. I yelled when the shuttle took off. I gave a great big cheer." As seemingly the whole world knows, or at least, most Michigianians, their son, Brewster Shaw Jr., is a pilot on the Columbia space shuttle that was launched from Cape Canaveral Nov. 28. He is one of a crew of six. It is scheduled to land this Thursday morning at Edwards Air Force Base in California. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw, who returned home last Thursday, won't be in California for the landing.

Mr. and Mrs. Blas Saldana, formerly of Cass City, announce the engagement of their daughter, Angie B. Saldana, to Randall L. Perry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Perry of Cass City. Angie is a 1983 graduate of Cass City High School. Her fiancé is a 1979 Cass City graduate. An April wedding is being planned.

**40 YEARS AGO (1978)**

Mr. and Mrs. Veron Gingrich of Cass City announce the engagement of their daughter Diane to Charles Richardson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Richardson of Mayville. Diane is a 1973 graduate of Cass City High School and is currently a licensed practical nurse employed at Caro Regional Mental Health Center. Charles is a 1977 graduate of Mayville High School and is currently a student at Central Michigan University. A May 18, 1979 wedding is planned.

Groundbreaking ceremonies for both the Tuscola Intermediate School District special education and vocational skill centers took place last Wednesday with various dignitaries present. Advertising for construction bids probably won't be until March. Bonds to pay for the taxpayer approved projects have already been sold. The hope is to get access roads and drainage work done yet this year. Completion of both buildings on Cleaver Road, Caro, is scheduled by September, 1980.

**50 YEARS AGO (1968)**

Mr. and Mrs. Newell Harris and Pamela entertained his family Sunday at a Christmas dinner before Mr. and Mrs. Earl Harris left Tuesday for their winter home at Tarpon Springs, Fla. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Nick Decker Jr., Nancy and Neil of Caro, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hampshire, Greg and Lori and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Harris.

Spec. 5 Roger D. Hartwick received an honorable discharge from the United States Army at Fort Benning, Ga., recently and has returned home. Specialist 5 Hartwick served two years in Germany with the 89th Transportation Co. where he was stationed at Kaiserslautern. He took basic training at Fort Knox, Ky., and advanced training at Fort Ord Army Base, Monterey, California. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton

Hartwick.

**75 YEARS AGO (1943)**

The award of Eagle rank in Scouting to Senior Patrol Leader Robert Foy by his mother, Mrs. R. I. Foy, and Chairman Frederick H. Pinney of the troop committee was the high spot of Monday night's court of honor at the high school gymnasium. This is an honor earned by fewer than one per cent of the members of the largest uniformed boys' organization in the world. After Mr. Pinney had read the citation describing Bob's years of Scout service and the more than twenty-one merit badges he had earned, he handed the silver Eagle badge to Mrs. Foy to pin on her son.

Jack Leo Spencer, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Sharrard of Cass City, has arrived at Kent State University at Kent, Ohio, for a course of Army Air Force instruction lasting approximately five months prior to his appointment as an aviation cadet in the Army Air Forces. During this period he will take numerous academic courses, as well as elementary flying training. Upon completion of the course, he will be classified as a pilot, navigator, or bombardier and go on to schools of the flying training command for training in these specialties.

**100 YEARS AGO (1918)**

Editor Dan McCarthy, who has been giving Gagetown a newsy little paper for the past nine years, announced in last week's issue that that number would be the last under the present management. He says there are a number of reasons for discontinuing publication, chief among them being the poor health of himself and Mrs. McCarthy. They are moving to Detroit where they will make their home. This is the second paper to leave the Tuscola county newspaper field within the past three months.

Wm. H. Murphy carries a black eye and the injured optic is causing considerable comment and taking up some of Mr. Murphy's time in explaining "how it happened." William gave Grover Burke, the pharmacist at the Cass City Drug Co. a friendly jab as he passed him in the store Monday afternoon. Grover was handling wall paper at the time, and with a roll of the paper in his hand, he swung around with the intention of knocking off the Murphy fedora. It's a long way from the baseball season and Grover's hitting was not up to standard. He missed the hat, but William's eye was in the way and received the benefit of the swing. The injury was not as nearly serious as the color would indicate, for Mr. Murphy has suffered little pain.

## McLoskey returns to EDC

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

When a familiar face returns to the Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) early next year, it will be a homecoming of sorts.

"I will be returning to the EDC as the communication director in January," said Jim McLoskey, who previously served as Tuscola EDC executive director for almost 25 years before accepting another position.

McLoskey's primary focus in his new position will be on establishing the Tuscola County Land Bank, according to current Tuscola EDC Executive Director Steve Erickson, who made the announcement of McLoskey's return at a recent Cass City EDC meeting.

For nearly eight years now, McLoskey has worked as a district representative for 31st District Senator Mike Green (R-Mayville).

"Working for the EDC was very good training for the job with Senator Green, and having worked with Mike will continue to have a lot of benefits when I return to the EDC," McLoskey said.

Returning to work at the Tuscola EDC isn't the only homecoming.

Some longtime Cass City area residents will recognize McLoskey's name. He worked as editor of the Cass City Chronicle for about a year before accepting his first position with the EDC.

And, McLoskey was also the news and public affairs director for Caro's radio station WKYO and WIDL. Those who heard him speak often refer to him as "the voice" because of his distinctive tone.

"I'm looking forward to working again at the EDC," he said. "Back

when I was the director, Steve Erickson was on the EDC Board, which made him my boss. Now, we will be co-workers."

McLoskey says he feels his different work experiences have provided him with a variety of skills that will serve him well in the future.

As Mike Green leaves office, his son, Phil, will continue the tradition of public service.

"I will still do some volunteer work with Phil, who is our new state rep. I think Phil will do a great job in Lansing," he said.

As Green's and McLoskey's public service wind down in December, McLoskey will have worked for Green for 7.5 years as a district representative.

"I have deeply enjoyed working with a wide variety of people from Tuscola, Bay and Lapeer counties for the last four years, and with constituents from Huron and Sanilac counties during the first four years of Mike's term," McLoskey said.

"Every day of work was different from the day before. Mike was the best boss to work for and to work with."

In October, Tuscola County Commissioners approved creating a land bank.

"Having a land bank will help the county market foreclosed, contaminated, blighted or abandoned properties," county Controller Mike Hoagland explained at the time, noting approval was only a preliminary first step in forming a land bank.



Jim McLoskey

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## NOTICE FOR GILFORD TOWNSHIP

NOVEMBER 8, 2018- MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting called to order at 7:30 P.M., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present: D. Strasz, Treasurer; R. Haines, Clerk; A. Goss, Trustee. R. Haines directed meeting in absence of Supervisor. Order of agenda approved.

Public Comment: None.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion by A. Goss, second by D. Strasz to approve minutes of previous meeting as well as minutes of Election Commission meeting, and the Public Hearing. Motion approved.

Treasurers Report: Motion by A. Goss, second by D. Strasz to approve Treasurers Report. Motion approved.

### REPORTS:

Supervisor R. Haines introduced Resolution 2018-17, Waiver of Penalty fees/Property Transfer Affidavits, support by D. Strasz. Roll call vote, 3 yeas, 0 nays, 2 absent. Resolution declared adopted. R. Haines introduced Resolution 2018-18 Addressing Real and Personal property tax exemption, support by A. Goss. Roll call vote, 3 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Resolution declared adopted. R. Haines motion, second by D. Strasz to adopt the Poverty Exemption Policy and Guidelines for 2018 Assessments. Motion approved. Motion by R. Haines, second by A. Goss to adopt Application for Exemption of Real and/or Personal Property application form. Motion approved.

Treasurer: Audit done. Favorable results.

Clerk: Request to move mailbox has been denied. Election report, 366 voters, heavy use of touch screen voting stations. Motion to approve payment of the bills by D. Strasz, second by A. Goss, motion approved.

Trustees: No parks/rec meeting.

Ambulance Representative: 4 runs to Gilford. Average response time to Gilford TWP. is 10 minutes.

Fire Department Representative: Reese meeting: walk/bike to school was a success. A Reese student was 1st place winner in the county wide poster contest.

Zoning Administrator: 9 permits issued. Proposed Soybean Processing Plant plans are progressing.

Public Comment: VanGeisen Rd. shoulders have been filled, and lines painted. Formal complaint about junk on road right of way in Gilford.

Motion by A. Goss, second by D. Strasz to adjourn at 8:35 P.M. Motion approved.

Robert L. Haines

Respectfully Submitted:  
Robert L. Haines,  
Gilford Township Clerk

## Board gives superintendent high marks

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all, Cass City's combined scores were ranked first among Tuscola County's nine public school districts.

Hartel is in his ninth year as superintendent in Cass City. His career in education spans nearly 31 years, including 27 years in the local district, where he started out as a teacher and was later promoted to then-middle school assistant principal/athletic director and, later, middle school principal.

### In other business

In other business last week, the board:

\*Reviewed the district's 2017-18 audit report with a representative of Anderson, Tuckey, Bernhardt and Doran. Cass City Public Schools received a clean bill of financial health, according to Hartel, who noted school officials were able to add roughly \$175,000 to Cass City's general fund balance, boosting the total to an amount equal to nearly 20 percent of the general fund budget.

\*Heard from Lyle Severance, school technology director, on plans to establish a three-year technology plan by the spring. In addition, social studies teacher Jane Ignash presented a brief program on how Chromebooks are being used as a learning tool in the classroom.

Severance's technology plan will incorporate input from the district's technology team as well as technology teams from both buildings, according to Hartel.

The goal, he explained, is to outline desired equipment replacement, upgrades and expansion, along with the potential of technology-based learning tools to improve student achievement, rather than randomly requesting funding for the department. "So, it's a group of people planning effective use of technology in our district," he added.

\*Recognized local resident Nancy Barrios' donation of winter coats for elementary school students who need them.

\*Acknowledged a letter from and thanked the family of Sherry Dillon, a former longtime Cass City educator who recently passed away following a brief battle with cancer. The letter expressed appreciation for the district having

sent flowers to the family, and included a donation of \$250 to the Cass City PTO. Dillon's husband, Wayne, is a former longtime Cass City High School guidance counselor.

The board also acknowledged a letter of thanks from Joe Merchant, commander, VFW Post 3644, Cass City, who lauded the

school staff and students for hosting area veterans during an annual Veteran's Day ceremony last month.

\*Heard a brief report from student council representative and high school junior Taryn Pisarek, who attends the board's monthly meetings.

## School bond projects on agenda

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elementary building.

School officials, meanwhile, expect to tackle a variety of projects both inside and outside of the district's aging buildings, including the high school, which was built in 1966. The district's newest building – the former middle school, now Cass City Elementary School – was constructed about 20 years ago.

The bond extension will generate funding in three increments, and the work will be completed over the next five to six years, according to Hartel, who said officials will, as promised, start with installation of an updated heating and cooling system at the high school.

"We're also putting in new entrances at the high school and elementary school," Hartel noted. He explained the entrance work will actually involve renovations that create a funnel of sorts from the front doors directly to the offices that all visitors will have to use in the future. "It's just another layer of security."

Other projects planned at the high school over the next few years include upgrading technology; upgrading electrical service along with the fire alarm and clock systems; and renovating science labs and restrooms. Funding will also go towards band instrument storage, classroom and art room casework, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) lab and classroom furniture.

In the elementary building, upgrades will also target the hearing/air condition/ventilation system, including replacement of boilers; electrical service, parking lot paving and playground equipment.

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# Municipalities grapple with new pot law

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recreational marijuana — by a record-setting 58 percent of the state's eligible voters. The new law goes into effect Dec. 6, although state officials say it will be at least a year until retail sales outlets will be widely established.

The Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) will govern the recreational-use market, but rules and regulations have not been developed yet, so recreational marijuana won't be able to be sold commercially until regulations are developed.

Although Michigan's law allows for recreational use by those over the age of 21, it is still against federal law.

On Dec. 6, residents over the age of 21 can grow up to 12 plants for personal use, and possess 2.5 ounces for personal use. And, the law outlines a 10-ounce limit at a residence, and that amounts of more than 2.5 ounces must be in locked containers.

What does that mean for municipalities? That's what officials are

trying to figure out throughout the Thumb.

"The new Michigan recreational marijuana law is a very complicated matter due to the ambiguity of the language in the law," said Cass City Village Manager Debbie Powell.

After grappling with - and then subsequently denying - a local company's request to open a medical marijuana growing operation earlier this year, some council members wanted to learn more about the issue in light of the vote legalizing recreational marijuana.

Powell says village officials are taking a proactive stance in terms of investigating the issue.

"We participated in a legal consortium of municipalities in advance of the November election to obtain general advice regarding marijuana matters and sample ordinances," said Powell. "The Village contributed \$700 to the consortium, (which) hired Dickinson Wright, PLLC."

In late November, Powell along with trustees Tom Herron, Rob Piaskowski and Mick Kirm attended a Michigan Municipal League (MML) training seminar

in Bay City concerning the recreational marijuana law.

"MML will be providing additional information and sample municipal ordinances on their website for their members also," Powell said.

In the village of Owendale, council trustees recently discussed an "opt-out" ordinance for marijuana sellers in the village.

Under the state's Medical Marijuana Act (MMA), if municipalities did nothing, then the state would automatically exclude marijuana sales. But under the recreational marijuana law, a municipality has to have a specific ordinance prohibiting a marijuana business in order to keep them outside the municipality's borders.

So while the state grapples with developing guidelines, it is up to local governments to allow or prohibit marijuana businesses.

Owendale Village Council members directed Clerk Randy Howard to research model ordinances for the council to review and discuss during its Tuesday, Dec. 11 meeting, which is slated to get underway at 6:30 p.m.

# More vacancies on the Ubyly Village Council

Continued from page one.

During the Nov. 6 election, village residents voted five people into office. They are: President Jason Nicol, Treasurer Kelly Pearce and trustees Brandon Zdrojewski, Gabriel Turner and Susan Schrader.

Since the first of the year, the council has accepted several resignations and approved a number of appointments.

In February, then-village President David Jaroch, along with trustees Larry Gornowicz and Larry Wesern, tendered their resignations. At that meeting, Gabriel Turner, Jeffrey Rubin and Brandon Zdrojewski were sworn in.

In March, Trustee Lola Brown was appointed as village president, and Susan Schrader was appointed president pro-tem.

In April, Brown stepped down as president due to health reasons, but asked to remain on the council as a trustee.

The council then appointed Schrader president to replace Brown, and re-appointed Brown as a trustee. Trustee Jason Nicol was appointed president pro-tem.

Another appointment was necessary after Trustee Victoria Rutkowski resigned due to a planned move outside of the village limits. To replace her, Joe Coddington was appointed as a trustee.

In August, Schrader and Treasurer Kelly Pearce resigned.

Another round of appointments saw Jennifer Roestel named to the council, with Denise Gornowicz appointed treasurer and Nicol as village president.

The council normally meets at 7

p.m., on the first Thursday of the month. However, because of a children's Christmas program planned for Thursday, Dec. 6, the council's meeting will be today (Wednesday at 7 p.m.).

In October, Jaroch presented information to the council on the Redevelopment Ready Communities and Main Street Initiative.

The initiative enables businesses along Main Street to become eligible for grants to help fund façade improvements.

The council approved Jaroch's offer to help set up the initiative for the village. However, Jaroch said he isn't interested in serving on the council again.

"No. I plan on helping Ubyly from the non-elect side," he added. "I'm not sure what the future holds for Ubyly. All towns are fragile."



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# Christmas in the Village was another resounding success

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

The weather may have been a bit frightful – cold and rainy to be exact – but the crowds that poured into Cass City for the community’s annual Christmas in the Village celebration Saturday were definitely delightful.

That was the consensus of Judy Keller, Cass City Chamber of Commerce administrator, and Amy Peters, owner of Knights Insurance and organizer of the festival’s wildly popular chili cook-off competition.

The Christmas in the Village Craft Show again proved popular, with tight quarters in the high school gym, forcing a few vendors to set up shop in the nearby cafeteria.

“We were full. It was nice. We had, probably, 63 different vendors, but 78 booths, because some vendors take a double booth. We were up (in vendor participation) – this is the first year we’ve had to have them in the cafeteria,” said Keller, who reported the price of admission – a food item or \$1 donation – resulted in collection of 140 pounds of food that will be presented to Revive Ministries in Cass City. “And we will also be giving them a cash donation,” she added.

The day kicked off with record attendance at the Breakfast with Santa event at the Cass City VFW Hall. On average, 35 to 40 kids have shown up in past years, but Saturday saw roughly 150 youngsters on hand, said Keller.

“It was a record-breaker,” she added, noting the local McDonald’s restaurant has been a faithful supporter, donating all of the sausage, pancakes and beverages for the breakfast.

The hotly-contested Christmas in the Village Chili Cook-off and Chili for Charity competitions also broke a record, with 220 people signing up as tasters/judges for this year’s contest.

“I think that’s the most we’ve ever sold. So, it was a great year,” said Peters, who reported 21 businesses participated plus another seven groups in the Chili for Charity category.

Among the entrants claiming a full year of chili champion bragging rights following the 15th annual competition was the Cass City Gavel Club, named the Chili for Charity winner. The club will be donating its \$921 prize to the charity of the membership’s choice, although the recipient had not been selected as of press time.

There was a tie in the Best Tasting category, with Chemical Bank and Kelly and Co. Reality sharing the crown. Anderson, Tuckey, Bernhardt and Doran claimed the Zesty and Spicy title, while Angel’s Hair Salon was named this year’s Most Creative chili winner. Photos of the winners can be seen page 15.

One of the few shortages during Christmas in the Village festivities was in the form of volunteers, a challenge Keller faces each year.

There were, perhaps, six or seven adults involved in assisting at the craft show, Breakfast with Santa

and a new event in town – wagon rides donated by the Friends of the Thumb Octagon Barn – she said, “and we really need more than that.”

“I’m always thankful for the NHS (National Honor Society) kids” from Cass City High School, added Keller. “But we’re always looking for volunteers, and you don’t have to be a chamber member to volunteer.”

All in all, it was another tremendously successful town-wide celebration, according to Keller.

“It’s been an awesome day,” she commented Saturday night as dozens of families poured into the VFW hall for the annual community gathering following the lighted Christmas parade down Main Street.

“I can’t thank the businesses and residents enough,” she said. “They just pull out all the stops for this.”

THE ANNUAL Cass City Lighted Christmas Parade ended with the traditional arrival of Santa Clause riding in the bucket of a DTE truck en route to the community gathering at the Cass City VFW Hall Saturday night.

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**THE 2018 Cass City Red Hawk basketball team features: (front row, l-r) Colleen Wrubel, Tyler Czekai, Hadyn Horne, Bryce Fernald, Sandyn Cuthrell (back row, l-r) Luke Stern, Zack Beecher, Landon Schenk, Dale Kaake, Kendall Anthes and Coach Aaron Fernald.**

## Cass City tops Owen-Gage to start cage play

As expected, the Cass City boys' basketball team whipped Owen-Gage Friday in Red Hawk Coach Aaron Fernald's return to the sideline.

After trading baskets early, Cass City used a 14-5 run to lead 20-9 after one quarter and expanded the margin to 52-15 after two.

Cass City – they started four juniors and one sophomore – poured in 32 points in the second stanza as the young guns were able to pull away. Bryce Fernald, Sandyn

Cuthrell and Colleen Wrubel all hit shots from 3-point land during the Red Hawk run.

Cuthrell led all scorers with a game-high 21 points and continued to have his way in the third quarter, tossing in nine quick points to help build a 67-21 spread and retiring for the night.

In their first varsity contest, Wrubel finished with 14 points and Landon Schenk added 11. Zack Beecher chipped in 10 tallies.

"This team seems to be very athletic and has a great deal of quickness. They also have good team chemistry," Fernald said, adding, "We do not have a great deal of varsity experience. Very young team with only two seniors."

For Owen-Gage – they, too, had a new Coach in Bill McLellan, who takes over from long-time skipper Brian Wright in Owendale after spending time in North Huron – Clay Evans registered seven points and Brandon Binder, six.



**THE 2018 Owen-Gage Bulldog cagers are: (front row, l-r) Brett Watson, Cord Clarkson, Andrew Partaka, Brock Gruber, Branden Fritz (back row, l-r) Asst. Coach Nate Gruehn, Haden Gruehn, Austin Coryell, Matthew Fritz, Boyd Evans, Brandon Binder, Clay Evans, Jameson McKnight, Ethan Harp and Coach Bill McLellan.**

### Boys' Basketball Standings

Greater Thumb West				
	W	L	W	L
EPBP	0	0	2	0
USA	0	0	1	0
Cass City	0	0	1	0
Vassar	0	0	1	0
Resse	0	0	0	1
Bad Axe	0	0	0	1
Caro	0	0	0	1

Greater Thumb East				
	W	L	W	L
Memphis	0	0	1	0
Brown City	0	0	1	1
Marlette	0	0	1	1
Capac	0	0	0	0
Harbor Beach	0	0	0	0
Sandusky	0	0	0	2
Memphis	0	0	0	2

NCTL - Stripes				
	W	L	W	L
CPS	0	0	1	0
Akron-Fairg.	0	0	0	0
Peck	0	0	0	0
Caseville	0	0	0	0
Owen-Gage	0	0	0	1
BCAS	0	0	0	1



**THE 2018 Kingston Cardinal basketball hopes rest with (front row, l-r) Hunter James, Nathan Cloyd, Cody McCormick, Caleb Goss, Aaron Koehler, Jalen Little Thunder, Manager Jack Lester (back row, l-r) Asst. Coach Leon Westover, Jack Green, Brian Hobson, Scott Helton, Quin Bouchard, Levi Cryderman, Evan Neff, Nathan Dawson and Coach Dave Lester.**

## Cards roll in opener

Kingston shook off their opening game jitters Friday to defeat visiting Midland Christian 71-36 in non-conference play.

The host Cardinals struggled to an early 11-10 advantage, before settling for a 31-24 edge at the break.

In the closing half, Kingston clamped down on the visitors and held Midland to just a dozen points over the final two quarters. Offensively, the winners shot 15-22 from the foul line and connected on four shots from behind the 3-point arc, including a pair from Nathan Cloyd.

"We had a rough first half, but picked it up in the second half.

We are happy with a season opening win, but we need to play better on both ends. Midland Christian played extremely hard," said Kingston Coach Dave Lester.

Junior Evan Neff led Kingston (1-0) with 20 points, while senior Cloyd added 18 and junior Aaron Koehler 11.

### Standings

	NCTL - Stars			
	W	L	W	L
Dryden	0	0	1	0
Kingston	0	0	1	0
Deckerville	0	0	0	0
Flint Int.	0	0	0	0
Genesee	0	0	0	0
North Huron	0	0	0	0
Mayville	0	0	0	0

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<b>BOYS' BASKETBALL</b> WEDNESDAY, Dec. 5				
Marlette at Bad Axe	Bad Axe	Bad Axe	Marlette	Marlette
Cass City at Sandusky	Cass City	Sandusky	Cass City	Sandusky
EPBP at Ubyly	EPBP	EPBP	EPBP	Ubyly
<b>FRIDAY, Dec. 7</b>				
Ubyly at Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Ubyly
USA at Harbor Beach	USA	USA	USA	USA
Brown City at EPBP	EPBP	EPBP	EPBP	Brown City
<b>GIRLS' BASKETBALL</b> THURSDAY, Dec. 6				
Caro at Sandusky	Sandusky	Sandusky	Sandusky	Sandusky
Ubyly at Cass City	Ubyly	Cass City	Cass City	Ubyly
Brown City at EPBP	Brown City	Brown City	EPBP	Brown City
USA at Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	USA	USA	USA
<b>FIRDAY, Dec 7</b>				
Nouval at Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
SASA at Bad Axe	Bad Axe	SASA	SASA	Bad Axe
<b>LAST WEEKS' RESULTS</b>	3 - 0	3 - 0	3 - 0	3 - 0
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# Gymnasts kick off campaign

The Cass City gymnastics team traveled to Holt for their first meet of the season Saturday. There, returning regional qualifiers – senior Hailey Schmotzer, senior Makena Nulph, and sophomore Riley Copeland, led the Red Hawks to a 17th place team finish at the mega invite with a score of 110.6.

Schmotzer posted a score of 7.0, and Nulph, a score of 6.75, to record their first regional qualifier on bars at the 20-school gathering, while Copeland recorded a regional qualifying score on the beam (7.725), reported Coach Kathy Bouverette, adding, “They will need four qualifiers to secure a spot at regionals in March.”

In addition to her veterans, Bouverette is excited by what she has seen from her rookies in the early season.

“I have a few newcomers that are off to a good start. Alaina Fluegge (Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port sophomore) Alexis Blackstock (Bad Axe sophomore) Katelyn Grifka (Ubley freshman) and Madison Beckrow are showing good potential.”

“We did pretty good considering we have been practicing less than a month and in past years our first meet is usually not until Jan. I knew we would struggle with this meet, but we have a lot of season left for improvement. I am anticipating better scores for the upcoming meets,” she said.



**THE 2018 CASS CITY gymnastic team members are: (front row, l-r) Asia Morgan, Alexis Blackstock, Makena Nulph, Riley Copeland, Olivia Schuette, Katelyn Grifka (middle row, l-r) Madison Michalski, Hanna Dobson, Katie Mendrick, Coach Kathy Bouverette, Alexis Hull, Chloee Russell, Kate Pohlod (back row, l-r) Jozie Chippi, Madison Beckrow, Erin Laurie, Alaina Fluegge, Kristin Stimpfel, Lauren Peters, Hailey Schmotzer. Missing are Tasha Taegason, Jordan Periso, Madison Venema and Coaches John and Lena Waltz.**

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### 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)
2/25-3/1	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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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

A Budget Hearing will be held on Monday, December 17, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. for all interested citizens of the Village of Cass City.

The following budget is proposed for fiscal year 2019.

**PROPOSED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR 2018**

<b>REVENUES:</b>	
General Fund	1,652,186
Major Street Fund	659,309
Local Street Fund	717,322
Economic Development Fund	400
Downtown Development Fund	44,644
Water Recreation Fund	255,190
Wastewater Treatment Fund	822,200
Water Fund	786,042
Motor Vehicle/Equipment Fund	432,426
	5,369,719 Operating Revenues
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>	
General Fund	1,652,186
Major Street Fund	659,309
Local Street Fund	717,322
Economic Development Fund	400
Downtown Development Fund	44,644
Water Recreation Fund	255,190
Wastewater Treatment Fund	734,260
Water Fund	786,042
Motor Vehicle/Equipment Fund	432,426
	5,281,779 Operating Expenses

The Property Tax Millage rate to support the proposed budget was introduced on November 26, 2018 as follows:

	<b>Mills</b>
Village General Operating	12.4625
Streets	4.9162
PA Act 298 – Landfill Maintenance	0.0800
PA Act 359 – Promotion	0.6800
<b>Total Village Millage:</b>	<b>18.1387</b>

The meeting will be held at the Municipal Building, 6506 Main Street, Cass City, Michigan for the purpose of discussion of the proposed budget. The proposed budget may be examined on weekdays at the Municipal Building, 6506 Main Street, Cass City, Michigan from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. All interested citizens will have the opportunity to give written and oral comment.

Nanette S. Walsh  
Clerk/Treasurer

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Worship: 11:00 a.m. (Summer 9:30 a.m.) • Sunday School - Sept.-May 9:30 a.m.  
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Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m. • Wednesday Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 7:00 p.m.  
AWANA Clubs 6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. • Wednesday - Teen Club 6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Pastor: Christian Wright • Website: www.fbccc.us



**First Presbyterian Church**

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6505 Church St., Cass City, MI 48726 • 872-5400 • Worship Service 10:45 a.m.  
Exercise Program: Mon., Wed. & Fri. at 9:00 a.m. Pastor: Rev. Linda Graham  
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Begins September 19th and runs through the end of December 2018.



**Fraser Presbyterian Church**

3006 Huron Line Rd., Cass City, MI 48726 • 872-5400  
• Worship Service 9:30 a.m.  
Coffee Hour following worship • Pastor: Rev. Linda Graham



**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**

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Worship Service 9:30 a.m. • Bible Class & Sunday School 10:45 a.m.  
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**Village of Cass City, MI Ordinance No. 179**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND**

**THE VILLAGE OF CASS CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 16, ARTICLE II, (Blight), SECTION 16-33.1-16-34.3 ENTITLED "ANTI-BLIGHT ORDINANCE, AS FOLLOWS.**

The Village of Cass City ordains.....

Chapter 16 – Environment, Article II – Blight, Section(s) 16-33.1 – 16-34.3 – Anti Blight

It is the purpose of this Ordinance to prevent, reduce and eliminate blight, potential blight, blighting factors and causes of blight within the Village of Cass City by the prevention or elimination of contributing environmental factors and causes of blight which exist or which may in the future exist in the Village of Cass City. The purpose of this Ordinance is for protecting the public health, safety, and general welfare of the persons and property of the Village of Cass City.

Sec. 16-33.2 - Definitions.

The following words or terms, when used herein, shall be deemed to have the meanings set forth below:

Blighted Structure. Any dwelling, garage, outbuilding, accessory building, factory, shop, store, office building, warehouse, sign or any other structure or part of a structure which is man-made:

- (a) Because of fire, wind, other natural disaster or physical deterioration, is no longer habitable as a dwelling or useful for the purpose for which it was originally intended; or
- (b) Is partially completed and which is not presently being constructed under an existing, valid building permit issued by or under the authority of the Village of Cass City; or
- (c) Is not structurally sound, weather-tight, waterproof or vermin-proof; or
- (d) Is not covered by a water-resistant paint or other waterproof covering so as to protect said structure from the adverse effects of the elements or from physical deterioration.
- (e) Any structure which could be defined as dangerous under Chapter 6, Article III, Section 6-52, (Dangerous Buildings) of the Cass City Ordinances.

Building Material. Any lumber, bricks, concrete, cinder blocks, plumbing materials and fixtures, electrical wiring or equipment, heating/cooling ducts or equipment, shingles, mortar, cement, plaster, gypsum board, nails, screws, or other material commonly used in the construction or repair of any building or structures.

Enforcement Officer. The Village of Cass City building inspector or code official, any Village of Cass City police officer, or any other person designated by the Cass City Council to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance.

Firewood. Any timber, split logs, detached stumps, tree remnants, branches.

Garbage. The organic (animal and/or vegetable) waste resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking and consumption of food.

Hazardous Materials. Any explosive, acidic or caustic substance, flammable liquid, oil, chemical or any other substance, or residues of same, which is or could be defined as toxic or dangerous by statute of the State of Michigan or United States; or which could pose danger or potential danger to persons, animals, vegetation or the environment, if spilled or stored in violation of state or federal statute or manufacturer's instructions; or where, in the opinion of the enforcement official, is otherwise stored improperly or in inadequate containment facilities or structures.

Junk. Any abandoned, discarded, unusable or unused objects or equipment including, but not limited to: furniture, household appliances, barrels, tanks, implements, parts of motor vehicles, tires, machinery, cloth, cartons, crates and papers.

Person. Any natural person, firm, association, partnership or corporation.

Premises. A lot, plot or parcel of land including the buildings or structures thereon.

Rubbish. Combustible and noncombustible waste materials, except garbage, including but not limited to: residue from the burning of wood, coal, coke and other combustible materials, paper, rags, cartons, boxes, wood, excelsior, rubber, leather, tree branches, leaves, yard trimmings, cans, metals, mineral matter, glass, crockery, dust and other similar materials.

Vacant building. Any building or structure which is unoccupied and which is not securely locked, with the windows not glazed or neatly boarded up and protected against the elements and from the entry of vandals, curious children, or rodents and/or other animals.

Village. Village of Cass City.

Trash. Means any and all forms of debris not otherwise classified in this Article.

**Sec. 16-33.3 - Prohibited conduct.**

Except as may otherwise be permitted by the holding of a specific license, permit, or by any other Village of Cass City Ordinance, no person in the Village of Cass City shall:

(a) Store, accumulate or permit the storage or accumulation of garbage, junk, hazardous materials or rubbish on premises owned, leased, operated, rented or occupied by the person or on vehicles owned, leased, or operated by the person which is stored or parked on any street, alley, or public property in accordance with Chapter 30, Solid Waste, Section 30-37.

EXCEPTIONS:

(1) Materials intended for recycling shall be exempted from this provision, provided that the same shall be stored in a rodent-proof receptacle or other approved container, or out of public view so as not to create a public nuisance. Storage of such materials shall not exceed thirty (30) days.

(2) If lawn trimmings, leaves and/or vegetable waste are to be utilized for "backyard composting" purposes, then such materials shall be placed in an enclosure that does not create a public nuisance.

(3) Materials must be in accordance with Village Ordinance, Chapter 30, Solid Waste, Article II, Collection and Disposal, Sections 30-37, Pre-collection Practices.

(b) Store, accumulate or permit the storage or accumulation of any building materials on property owned, leased, operated, rented or occupied by the person for any period longer than reasonably necessary for the immediate use of such materials, but in no event to exceed sixty (60) days.

EXCEPTION: Building materials that are stored in a building or enclosure are exempt from this subsection, provided said materials are not in view of the general public.

(c) Allow or permit the existence of any blighted structure on property owned, leased, operated, rented or occupied by the person.

(d) Store or permit the storage of firewood on property owned, leased, operated, rented or occupied by the person except in a neat, orderly stack to a height no greater than five (5) feet from grade. The storage of firewood shall be in the rear or interior side yard of the premises. A stack of firewood shall not be used effectively as a fence so as to circumvent the fence Ordinance.

**Sec. 16-34.1 – Notice and Hearing**

(a) The owner and/or the occupant of any premises upon which any one or more of the causes of blight or blighting factors set forth in Section(s) 16-33.2 and 16-33.3 is found to exist shall be notified in writing to remove and eliminate such causes of blight or blighting factors from such premises within ten days after service of notice upon the owner and/or the occupant.

(b) Such notice may be served personally or by certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed to the owner at the address shown on the latest city tax rolls, and/or to the occupant at the address of the premises involved. If the owner and/or occupant cannot be served personally or by certified mail, a copy of the notice shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the premises and published once in the official newspaper of the village.

(c) Additional time may be granted by the enforcement officer where, in his or her opinion, bona fide efforts to remove or eliminate such causes of blight or blighting factors are being made and are satisfactory to the enforcement officer.

(d) Failure of the owner and/or occupants to comply with such notice within the time set forth in the notice shall constitute a violation of this Ordinance. Each day that there is such a failure to comply shall constitute a separate offense. Violation of this article shall be deemed to be a nuisance per se. Any person or anyone acting on behalf of any such person who shall violate any provisions of this article, or who shall fail to comply with any of the requirements thereof shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction as defined by state law and subject to a civil fine determined in accordance with Sec. 16-34.2

**Sec. 16-34.2 - Violations; municipal civil infraction.**

(a) Any person, firm, corporation, or entity of any kind found violating the provisions of this Article is responsible for a municipal civil infraction, subject to payment of a civil fine of not more than \$100.00, plus costs and other sanctions, for each violation (as authorized by chapter VI, section 2, of the General Law Village Act, Public Act No. 3 of 1895 (MCL 66.2), and the Village Municipal Civil Infraction Ordinance, Article II of chapter 20).

(b) Repeat offenses, at the same address, under this Article shall be subject to increased fines as provided by this section. As used in this section, the term "repeat offense" means a second, or any subsequent, violation of the same requirement or provision of this Article for which the person admits responsibility or is determined to be responsible. The increased fine for a repeat offense under this Article shall be as follows:

(1) The fine for any offense which is a first repeat offense, at the same address, shall not be more than \$150.00, plus costs.

(2) The fine for any offense which is a second repeat offense, or any subsequent repeat offense, shall not be more than \$250.00 each, plus costs.

(c) The ordinance enforcement officer is designated as the authorized village official to issue municipal civil infraction citations for violations of this Article, as provided by the Village Municipal Civil Infraction Ordinance, Article II of chapter 20. As used in this Article, the term "ordinance enforcement officer" means the village official, employee, agent or other entity assigned to perform the functions and tasks assigned by this Article to the ordinance enforcement officer.

(d) In addition to any remedies available at law, the Village may bring an action for an injunction or other process against any person to restrain, prevent or abate violation of this Article.

**Sec. 16-34.3 – Severance and incorporation.**

(a) If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph, or part of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity, or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not effect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons, firms, corporations, legal entities, or circumstances by such judgment shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, section, paragraph, or part of this Ordinance thereof directly involved in the case or controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered and to the person, firm, corporation, legal entity, or circumstances then and there involved. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provisions not have been included in this Ordinance.

(b) If any provision of this Chapter differs from a provision of any other applicable law, Ordinance, rule or regulation, both the provision of this Chapter and the differing provision shall apply if possible. If the two (2) provisions are in conflict, then the provision establishing the higher or stricter standard shall apply.

A Motion to approve Village of Cass City, MI Ordinance No. 179, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE VILLAGE OF CASS CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 16, ARTICLE II, (Blight), SECTION(S) 16-33.1-16-34.3 ENTITLED "ANTI-BLIGHT ORDINANCE,

Was offered by Trustee Zawilinski and supported by Trustee Kim Ayes: Trustees Ball, Herron, Kim, Leeson, Piasowski, Zawilinski and President Delamarter Nays: None

Resolution: Approved  
Dan Delamarter  
President, Village of Cass City  
Introduction and First Reading: October 29, 2018  
Public Notice: November 14, 2018  
Public Hearing: November 26, 2018  
Second Reading: November 26, 2018  
Adopted: November 26, 2018  
Effective: Upon adoption by the Cass City Village Council, this ordinance shall become effective 30 days later.

Nanette Walsh  
Clerk/Treasurer, Village of Cass City

# Legal Notices

## 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 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 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.

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**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 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.**

**NOTIFY (248) 362-6100 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.**

**MORTGAGE SALE** – Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Alma Moreno-Babcock of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgagor 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 hundred 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.

Commonly known as: 2283 Ringle Road, Vassar, MI 48768  
Parcel Number: 014-015-000-1150-00  
If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale the borrower, pursuant to MCLA 600.3278 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. The redemption period shall be one year from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

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

**11-28-4**

## Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to MCL 600.3212, that the following will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on January 10, 2019: Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Jeffrey T. Nichols and Carol M. Nichols, husband and wife  
Original Mortgagee: CitiMortgage,

Inc. as successor in interest by merger to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc.

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): None

Date of Mortgage: April 23, 2004  
Date of Mortgage Recording: May 22, 2012

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$119,660.63

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 31, Canterbury Woods, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Liber 5, page 13 of Plats, 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: December 5, 2018  
Trott Law, P.C.

1369753

**12-5-4**

## 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): Edwin Blackmer and Diane Blackmer, husband and wife

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

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

Date of Mortgage: September 30, 2005

Date of Mortgage Recording: December 9, 2005

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$69,846.49

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

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

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

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: December 5, 2018  
Trott Law, P.C.

1369855

**12-5-4**

## 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): Debra L Hecht a single woman  
Original Mortgagee: CitiFinancial, Inc.

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company  
Date of Mortgage: November 8, 2007

Date of Mortgage Recording: November 19, 2007

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$17,965.81

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Tuscola, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Part of the West 38 acres and the East 29.5 acres of the SW 1/4 of Fractional Section 2, Town 11 North, Range 7 East, Tuscola Township, Tuscola County, Michigan described as beginning at a point on the East and West 1/4 line of Section 2 which is N 89 Deg. 51 min 45 Sec. E

1285.00 feet from the West 1/4 corner of said Section 2, thence continuing along said East and West 1/4 line, N 89 Deg. 51 Min. 45 Sec. E, 1411.17 feet; thence along the North and South 1/4 line of Section 2, S 00 Deg. 31 Min. 00 Sec. W. 1935.42 feet; thence along the centerline of State Highway M-15, N 58 Deg. 14 Min. 55 Sec. W 902.14 feet; thence along the East line of said West 38 acres, N 00 Deg. 08 Min 05 Sec. E., 562.17 feet; thence N 89 Deg. 55 Min 45 Sec. 323.50 Feet; thence S 00 Deg. 08 Min. 05 Sec. W. 362.65 feet; thence along the centerline of State Highway M-15 N 58 Deg. 14 Min. 55 Sec. W 359.93 feet; thence parallel to the West line of Section 2, N 00 Deg. 08 Min. 05 Sec. E., 1067.70 feet to the East and West 1/4 line of Section 2, and the point of beginning.

Subject to the use of Southwesterly 50.00 feet thereof for use as State Highway M-15 and subject to other easements and rights of way of record, containing 45.05 acres. 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: December 5, 2018  
Trott Law, P.C.

1369891

**12-5-4**

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

**MORTGAGE SALE** –Fredie Tune and Alice Tune, Husband and Wife as tenants by the entirety with full rights of survivorship, granted a mortgage to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 23, 2007, and recorded on May 30, 2007, in Liber 1120, on Page 1451, and re-recorded on November 2, 2018 in Liber 1409, on Page 1418, and assigned by said mortgagee to Ditech Financial LLC, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Dollars and Sixty-One Cents (\$66,820.61).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on January 10, 2019 Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as: A parcel of land described as beginning at the Southwest corner of the North 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 32, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, thence North along the West section line of Section 32, 100 feet, thence East 435.6 feet, thence South 100 feet, thence West 435.6 feet along the South 1/8 line to the point of beginning, containing 1 acre more or less. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241, in which case the redemption period shall be 1 month, or under MCL 600.3241a 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later, or extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238.

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

Ditech Financial LLC Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335  
1369938

**12-5-4**

## Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee for any reason. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest, and the purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Notice is hereby given that the below mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00 am on January 10, 2019. Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Annmarie L. Vermeesch, A Single Woman Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for New Executive Mortgage LLC, its successors and assigns Foreclosing Assignee (if any):

Flagstar Bank, FSB Date of Mortgage: June 20, 2017 Date of Mortgage Recording: June 30, 2017 Amount claimed due on mortgage on the date of notice: \$41,536.30 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in the Township of Wisner, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Beginning at a point 148.50 feet South of the East one-quarter post of Section 29, Town 14 North, Range 7 East; thence West 257.70 feet, South 165.00 feet, East 257.70 feet, North 165.00 feet to Beginning.

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

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: 12/05/2018 Potes-tivo & Associates, P.C. 111923

**12-5-4**

Notice is hereby given that the below mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00 am on January 10, 2019. Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Annmarie L. Vermeesch, A Single Woman Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for New Executive Mortgage LLC, its successors and assigns Foreclosing Assignee (if any):

Flagstar Bank, FSB Date of Mortgage: June 20, 2017 Date of Mortgage Recording: June 30, 2017 Amount claimed due on mortgage on the date of notice: \$41,536.30 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in the Township of Wisner, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Beginning at a point 148.50 feet South of the East one-quarter post of Section 29, Town 14 North, Range 7 East; thence West 257.70 feet, South 165.00 feet, East 257.70 feet, North 165.00 feet to Beginning.

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

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: 12/05/2018 Potes-tivo & Associates, P.C. 111923

**12-5-4**

**MORTGAGE SALE**  
THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by David S. Mellendorf and Tosha M. Mellendorf, husband and wife, mortgagors, to Independent Bank, mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated November 20, 2008, and was recorded on December 9, 2008, in Liber 1163, on page 344 of the Bay County records, subject to a Modification Agreement recorded at Liber 1362, Page 648. The balance owing on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is \$19,533.41, including interest at 4% per year. The Mortgage contains a power of sale clause and no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owing. This is a subordinate Mortgage.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on January 17, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the Tuscola County Court Facility, 440 N. State St., Caro, Michigan, that being the place of holding Circuit Court for Tuscola County, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

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

A part of Section 34, T14N, R10E, Elmwood Twp., Tuscola Co., Michigan, described as commencing at the W 1/4 corner of said Sec. 34; thence N 0°00' E 208.71 ft along the W line of said Sec. 34 to the point of beginning; thence N 0°00' E 174 ft along the W line of said Sec. 34; thence N 89°36'30" E, 281.0 ft; thence S 0°00' W 174 ft; thence S 89°36'30" W 281 ft to the point of beginning. Being a part of the NW 1/4 of Sec. 34, T14N, R10E. Subject to an easement for ingress and egress across the Nly 10 ft of the above described parcel.

commonly known as 4262 Hurds Corner Road, Cass City, MI 48726  
tax i.d. 009-034-000-1500-06

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

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

later.

SMITH, MARTIN, POWERS & KNIER, P.C.

Dated: December 3, 2018

By: Henry L. Knier, Jr.

(P46393)

Attorney for Independent Bank, Mortgagee

900 Washington Ave., P.O. Box 219

Bay City, MI 48707-(989) 892-4574

**12-5-4**

Case No. 16-29580-CH CIRCUIT COURT SALE In pursuance and by virtue of a Judgment of the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, made and entered on OCTOBER 22, 2018, A.D., in a certain cause therein pending, wherein FRANKENMUTH CREDIT UNION was the Plaintiff and JAMES L. KIMMEL, PATSY L. KIMMEL, AG VENTURES, INC., M-66 TREE FARMS, LLC, AND UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, were the Defendant(s).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at public venue, at the Tuscola County Circuit Courthouse, (that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for said County), on the 24TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2019, A.D., at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, Eastern Standard Time, the following described property:

PARCEL A Covering Land described as: Situated in the Township of Juniata, Tuscola County, Michigan Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Northwest 1/4 of Section 36, Town 12 North, Range 8 East, described as:

Beginning at a point on the North and South 1/4 line of said Section 36, which is South 00°09'13" East, 1839.91 feet from the North 1/4 corner of Section 36; thence continuing South 00°09'13" East, 307.68 feet; thence North 89°27'21" West, 1307.74 feet to the West line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4; thence along said West line North 00°14'58" West, 487.99 feet; thence South 89°27'21" East, 958.55 feet; thence South 00°09'13" East, 180.30 feet thence South 89°27'21" East, 350.00 feet to Point of Beginning. PARCEL B Covering Land described as: Situated in the Township of Juniata, Tuscola County, Michigan The Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 36, Town 12 North, Range 8 East;

EXCEPT land sold to State Highway Department; ALSO EXCEPT, Beginning at a point 218.53 feet South of the North 1/4 corner of said Section 36; thence South, on the 1/4 line, 763.20 feet; thence West, 495.00 feet; thence North 916.26 feet, to the South line of M-46; thence East, 307.01 feet; thence South 53°05'07" East, 235.71 feet to the Point of Beginning.

PARCEL C Covering Land described as: Situated in the Township of Juniata, Tuscola County, Michigan Part of the East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 36, Town 12 North, Range 8 East, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the East line of said East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 36, which is South 89°19'15" East, 1311.35 feet along the North line of Section 36 and South 00°14'58" East, 1317.72 feet from the Northwest corner of said Section 36; thence continuing along said East line, South 00°14'58" East, 1251.73 feet; thence 66.00 feet Northerly of and parallel to the East-West 1/4 line of said Section 36, North 89°35'28" West, 243.49 feet; thence North 00°14'58" West, 1252.31 feet; thence along the North line of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 36, South 89°27'20" East, 243.50 feet to the Point of Beginning;

# Obituaries

## Tomas Schultz

Tomas Fredrick Schultz, 76, of Cass City, formerly of Missouri, passed away after a long battle with Alzheimer's Disease at his home.

Tom was born Oct. 22, 1942 in Long Beach, California to the late Fredrick Tomas and Jacqueline S. (Hollowood) Schultz.

Tom married Carletta Joan Hankins in Sacramento, California on February 16, 1963. Together they had 4 children, Sherry Day and husband Phillip, Tomas Fredrick II (deceased), Tomas Carl, and Delois Wilson and husband Eugene.

He proudly served in the U.S. Navy from 1960 to 1969. He was a Journeyman Electrician on the USS Klondike AD-22 and USS Samuel Gompers AD-37.

After 9 years of service he was Honorably medically discharged. Tom was a lifetime member of the DAV in Missouri.

Tom and Carlie spent their early years in California, then moved to Missouri in 1979, While in Missouri he worked as an Electrician, Warehouse Supervisor for VF Factory Outlet. Tom and Carlie also had founded Tee Cee Tackle which made hand-tied fishing lures, based on his love for fishing. In 2016, they moved to Cass City, Michigan.

Tom is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Carlie, 3 children, Sherry, Tomas Carl, and Delois; 9 grandchildren, T.J., Christopher, Justin, Kyndra, Savannah, Christian Eaves, Leeza, Eugene Marcel II and Montana; and 4 great-grandchildren, Jackie, Josey, Leela and Jace.

He is survived by one brother, Jim Schultz and wife Deva of West Sacramento CA. He is also survived by a brother-in-law, Steve Kincannon and two sisters-in-law, Cindy Hatch and Mary Santos.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Charlene.

Donations can be made in his name to the Alzheimer Association or Disabled American Veterans.

There will be a Memorial Service with Military Honors by members of the U.S. Navy and Cass City VFW Post 3644, 4533 Veterans Dr., Cass City MI, Wednesday, December 12, at 3:30 p.m.

Interment will take place at a later date in a private service.

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

Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home of Cass City.



## Matthew Wasserman

Matthew J. Wasserman, 66, of Cass City, passed away Wed., Sept. 26, 2018 as the result of an automobile accident.

He was born Nov. 18, 1951, in Cass City, the son of the late Matthew and Josephine (Werygen) Wasserman.

On Feb. 26, 1977 he married Valerie Best. Matthew worked for at Active Homes, retiring after many years, then as a motorcycle mechanic for the Honda dealer in Bad Axe, he enjoyed gardening and was a jack of all trades, basically doing any kind of work with his hands.

He is survived by his loving wife of 41 years, Valerie, children, Matthew J Wasserman, III, Christopher Wasserman and Mary Ann Wasserman, all of Cass City; grandchildren, Syn-daraz, Zadrien, Chelsea, Mary Ellen, Christopher, Jr. and Jaxon; a great-granddaughter, Macianna; and a brother, Lawrence Wasserman, of Cass City.

Visitation will be Fri., Dec. 7, from 4 until 8 p.m. at Thabet Funeral Home, 6255 Main St., Cass City, with a Rosary at 7 p.m. and Sat., Dec. 8, from 10 until an 11 a.m. funeral mass at Sacred Heart Church, St. Christopher Parish, 910 W. Frank St., Caro., with Fr. Jerzy Dobosz as celebrant.

Burial will be in Elkland Township Cemetery.

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

Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home of Cass City.



# CLASSIFIEDS

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### Real Estate For Rent

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### Facilities For Rent

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### Household Sales

**MOVING SALE** - December 7 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and December 8 (9 a.m. to noon) at 6128 Crest Drive (Northwood Condo Community). Sale features many vintage items in excellent condition including a Lionel train set; Structo and Doepke trucks/ combine/ tractor/ trailers (1950's toys); wool blankets, cameras, projectors, and developing/enlarging equipment; Griswold pan; sewing machine in cabinet; mid-century, two piece, Danish sofa; his and hers Schwinn bicycles and more. Other sale items include two beautiful sets of Noritake (Greenwood & Cho-Cho-San) china, three-piece bedroom set, grandfather clock, tools, kitchenware, treadmill/exercise equipment, and miscellaneous household and furniture items. Sale entrance and exit through basement exterior door. 14-12-5-1

### Notices

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## Special Hearing of the Evergreen Township Planning Commission

To consider 3 new ordinances:  
Utility Grid Wind Energy Systems  
Solar Energy Facilities  
Prohibition of Marijuana Establishments

**January 15, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.**  
**at the Evergreen Township Hall**  
**5514 Shabbona Rd. Decker**

Randy Severance, Clerk

## NOTICE OF MEETINGS for Evergreen Township

**2019 Township Board Meetings:**

Regular	Budget Meeting
January 22	March 9 at 10 a.m.
March 26	
May 28	
July 23	
September 24	
November 26	

All regular board meetings will be held at 7:30 p.m.

### Planning Commission:

- January 8
- March 5
- May 7
- July 2
- September 3
- November 5

All planning commission meetings will be held at 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are held at:  
**Evergreen Township Hall, 5514 Shabbona Rd., Decker**  
Randy Severance, Clerk

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Read this carefully-Up for sale for the first time is-3 bedroom 2 bath home on a paved rd. 4 miles from Saginaw Bay and 10 miles from Caseville. All on exactly one acre very nice treed lot. detached garage/shed with 150 amp service, concrete floors, and water run to it. All the appliances to stay. Also staying is the lawn mower to cut the grass. All you need literally is your toothbrush. Hurry and call today. 038-18-0132



## More Christmas in Village photos



**CHILI FOR CHARITY** winner for the 2018 Chili cookoff was the Cass City Gavel Club. Gavel member Larry Robinson, along with his wife Sharon, prepared the chili for this year's contest. Above Gavel members Joe Leeson, Larry Robinson, and Virgil Peters accepted the winning plaque.



**WINNING THE Zesty & Spicy** category this year was Anderson, Tuckey, Bernhardt and Doran. ATBD's CPA Angela Burnette prepared the winning concoction.



**IT'S A TIE - Chemical Bank and Kelly & Co.** will share the coveted plaque for the "Best Tasting" chili of 2018. Back, from left, Carolyn Westerby of Chemical Bank; Ryker Maurer, Steve Roland, Jessica Roland of Kelly & Co. and their elf helpers Lukas, Zeke, Chloe and Liliana.



**ANGEL'S HAIR STUDIO** took home the title of Most Creative Chili this year preparing their rendition of a white chicken chili. Cooks Randy Kelley, left, and Dave McComb accepted the plaque.



**TOBY WRIGHT** stopped by the Chronicle Monday to claim one of the winning gifts from Saturday's Santa's Business Partners drawing.



## Free bird...

**CASS CITY** photographer Cheryl Viney Osentoski recently captured this young, tagged Bald Eagle not too far from her home. "My son called me and told me there were two bald eagles on Wilsie Road. My grandson and I hopped in the car and they were just around the corner, off of Koepfgen Road," Osentoski said. "There were two of them eating on a deer carcass, but the adult flew as soon as I turned onto Wilsie. The juvenile started to fly away as I got closer, (but it) would come right back towards us."

## News briefs

### Students collecting donations

**KINGSTON** — Kingston Elementary School students are conducting a food drive through Friday, Dec. 14. Students and staff are encouraged to bring in canned or boxed food items by the deadline.

The class that collects the most food items will win a donut party with donuts from the North Branch Bakery. All of the food collected will be placed in food baskets and distributed to families in Kingston.

### Council approves donations

**CARO** — The Tuscola County Senior Advisory Council recently approved several donations.

The organization approved contributing \$250 to Walk for Warmth, \$250 to Spoonfuls of Plenty, \$200 to the Caro Food Pantry, \$200 to the Mayville Food Pantry, and \$200 to the Vassar Food Pantry.

### County represented on MAC

**TUSCOLA COUNTY** — Board of Commissioners member Matthew Bierlein recently attended his last Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) meeting.

Tuscola County has had a representative on the MACs Board for the last 18 years. The first to serve was former commissioner Jerry Peterson, followed by Commissioner Thom Bardwell and Bierlein.

The only other counties that can boast that record are Wayne, Oakland and Macomb.

### E. Lee elected to cyber board

**MICHIGAN** — Tuscola County Information Technology Chief Information Officer Eean Lee has been nominated and elected to the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA) Technology and Cyber Security Advisory Committee.

### C. Bednarski named appointed

**LANSING** — Gov. Rick Snyder last week announced 37 appointments and reappointments to multiple boards and committees across the state.

Among the appointees is Carl Bednarski of Pigeon, who will be serving on the Agricultural Preservation Fund Board.

Bednarski is president of the Michigan Farm Bureau, previously serving as the 6th district director on the Michigan Farm Bureau board of directors. Bednarski is also founding member of the Michigan Sugar Cooperative, served on the Michigan Sugar board of directors.

### Vets program topic of meets

**THUMB** — The office of Congressman Paul Mitchell was scheduled to host the Department of Veterans Affairs for two informational forums on the future of the VA Choice Program this week in the Thumb.

Representatives from the Aleda Lutz VA Medical Center were expected to be on hand Tuesday, Dec. 4, to provide information about veteran services as well as answer any questions regarding the VA Choice Program and the new Mission Act.

The events, both free and open to the public, were slated for 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Peppermill Restaurant, 685 N. Port Crescent St, Bad Axe; and from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the Sandusky VFW Post, 850 S. Sandusky Rd.

### Camp counselors in demand

**THUMB** — It may be snowing outside, but 4-H officials are already thinking about the Thumb Area 4-H Camp — slated for July 1-3 at Camp Cavell in Lexington — and teen counselors are needed.

4-H teens (ages 15 to 19 years as of Jan. 1, 2019) who are interested in becoming counselors for the 2019 Thumb Area 4-H Camp must complete an application and return it to the Huron County MSU Extension Office no later than Friday, Dec. 14.

Mandatory training sessions have been scheduled. Important dates include: Sunday, Jan. 6 — informational meeting at the Expo Center in Bad Axe from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, April 6-7 — 4-H camp teen counselor retreat at Camp Cavell; and Sunday, June 30 — final 4-H counselor training before Thumb Area 4-H Camp.

More information is available by contacting Patti Errorr, 4-H program coordinator, at (989) 269-9949 (ext. 609) or via email at errorrpat@msu.edu, or Kari A. VerEllen, 4-H administrative assistant, at (989) 269-9949 (ext. 604) or via email at verelle7@msu.edu.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery

## Gingerbread fest in Caro starts today

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

Caro's annual Gingerbread Village Festival is this week.

The theme for the 2018 celebration is "Where Old-Fashioned Fun is Homemade", and organizers have activities and events for the entire family to enjoy.

"The animal magic show is new, the free giveaways for all the families is new, the carriage rides are a highlight," said Caro Chamber of Commerce Director April Bonk. "Santa will be arriving on a fire truck. That should be very exciting for the little ones, and our gingerbread competition has over 40 culinary students entering, among other adults."

The festivities get underway today (Wednesday) with the Taste of Caro from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Brentwood, with local eateries showcasing what they offer via taste testing.

From 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday and Friday, school children will be giving tours and an opportunity to listen to stories and participate in activities.

On Friday, cookies, hot chocolate, toys and soup will be available from 5 to 9 p.m. behind Tredeau Square; and at 6 p.m. the Caro High School Choir will sing, kicking off the tree-lighting ceremony and Santa's arrival. Then, from 7:30 p.m. to midnight, there will be an ugly sweater party for adults, along with raffle at the Harvest restaurant, 157 N. State St. There is also a free animal magic show at 6:30 and again at 8 p.m.

Saturday's events start with a free breakfast with Santa for kids at the American Legion Hall. The Strand Theater will host a free showing of the movie "Elf" at 1 p.m. And, from 4:30 to 7 p.m., there will be a "candy cane bowling tournament" at the Brentwood.

The highlight to the festival is the gingerbread house competition, with the winners announced at noon Saturday.

For more information, or a schedule of events, visit the website [carochamber.com](http://carochamber.com).

## 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.**






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