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Zyrowski: grocery renovations progressing nicely

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Cass City residents may not be seeing much in the way of construction taking place at the former Erla's Food Center building

as they continue to anxiously anticipate the opening of a new grocery store in town after four years without one.

But looks can be deceiving, according to Thumb businessman Jim Zyrowski.

Zyrowski, owner of the Ben's Supercenter stores in Marlette and Brown City, owns the former Erla's building and is in the process of renovating and upgrading the 20,581-square-foot structure to house what he plans to call

Ben's Fresh Neighborhood Market in the near future.

"We're under construction and we're moving along at a (good) pace now. So, you'll start to see some progress," Zyrowski commented Thursday.

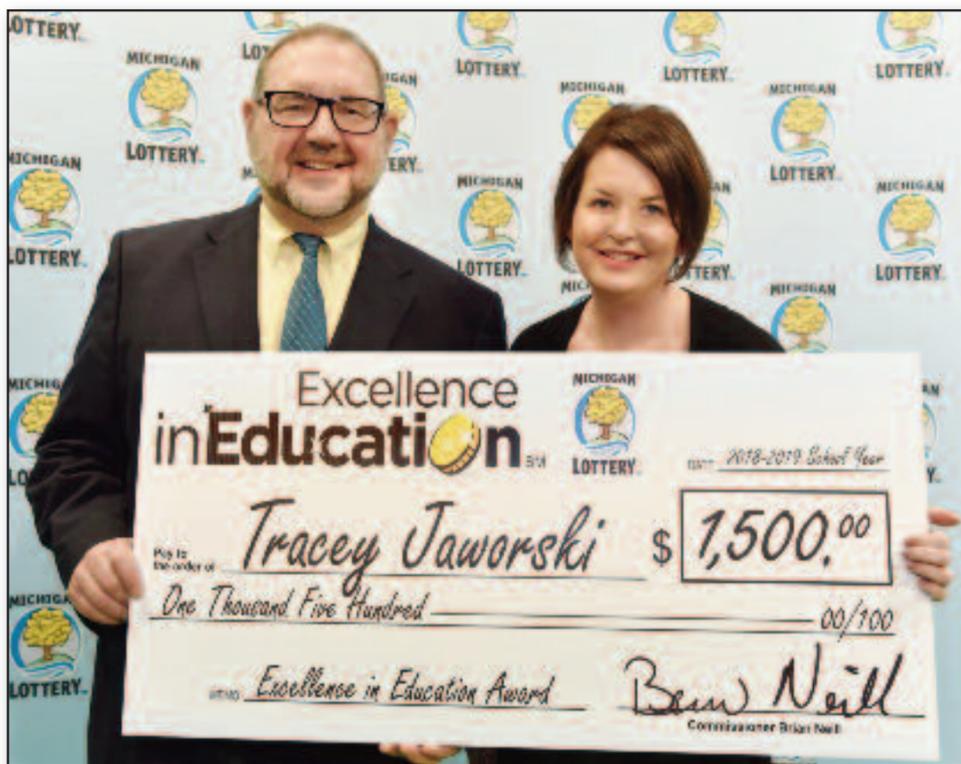
"All the demo's done," added Zyrowski, who acknowledged the process of virtually gutting the building's interior has taken longer than the community would have liked, but given the age of the structure – the Erla's store was built in 1948 and renovated in 1993 — "we had to find out what we had there.

"Basically, the plumbing is being

replaced all the way through (the store). Inside, we've been saw cutting the floors and jack hammering the concrete," he continued. And, crews were expected to begin pouring new cement in the building's interior Friday.

When renovations are completed, the store will actually yield one-third more space than when Erla's was open because the area previously devoted to meat processing will now be used for the grocery and specialty sections of the new business, Zyrowski has said.

"All our equipment is purchased Please turn to page 2.



CASS CITY Elementary School teacher Tracey Jaworski poses for a photo with Michigan Lottery Public Relations Director Jeff Holyfield after accepting her Excellence in Education Award.

Excellence

Michigan Lottery recognizes Cass City educator

A Tuscola County educator known for treating students as if they were her own children and for her commitment and patience to help struggling students improve their behavior has been honored with an Excellence in Education award from the Michigan Lottery.

The award winner, Tracey Jaworski, is a kindergarten teacher at Cass City Elementary School.

The Michigan Lottery established the Excellence in Education awards in 2014 to recognize outstanding public school educators across the state during the school year, according to Michigan Lottery Public Relations Director Jeff

Holyfield.

Winners of the weekly award receive a plaque, a \$1,500 cash prize, and a \$500 grant to their classroom, school or school district. One of the weekly winners will be selected as the Educator of the Year and will receive a \$10,000 cash prize.

Each winner also is featured in a news segment on the Lottery's media partner stations: WXYZ-TV in Detroit, FOX 17 in Grand Rapids, FOX 47 in Lansing, and WNEM-TV in Saginaw. The news segment featuring Jaworski aired Thursday in Saginaw and Detroit.

"I have always loved young children. I spent a lot of time babysit-

ting during my teenage years and just naturally went into teaching young children," Jaworski said. "I absolutely love the unique, individual relationship that I build with each child."

She said she views each student as one of her own children, and that motivates her to do her best every day. "When I look at the kids in my classroom or kids in my school, I always try to treat them like I would want my own children to be treated. Each child is someone's most prized possession and deserves to be treated like one."

A colleague, Kathy Mroz, nominated Jaworski for the Excellence in Education award, saying "she represents everything that makes public education great. She is the personification of what it means to be a great teacher.

"She is a wonderful woman who has a remarkable ability to believe in the goodness of all children, to see past the trauma and behaviors, and love the children she serves, no matter what," the nomination letter states.

"My first day in this district I was told by the principal that a particular little boy entering kindergarten had a significant behavior problem, and would likely be referred for a special education evaluation. That student was placed in Mrs. Jaworski's classroom. The first few weeks were tough, but with tons of reinforcement for good behavior, teaching behavior expectation, love and patience, that little boy thrived, and a special education referral was avoided.

"I have seen this every year since

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Council eliminates sewer utility hike in new spending plan

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

As expected, following a pair of brief public hearings Monday night, the Cass City Village Council approved the local 2019 millage rate and operating budget during its regular monthly meeting.

Unexpected, however, was the elimination of a proposed two-percent increase in sewer fees in the new budget, before the unanimous roll call approval vote.

"No utility rate increases are recommended at this time until the wastewater asset management plan has been completed," village manager Debbie Powell said. She also noted, "Changing our employee health care plan from Blue Cross Blue Shield Community Blue to Blue Cross Blue Shield Simply Blue will reduce premiums paid by the village of Cass City."

A third line item – eliminating a proposed parks and recreation/community development position and reinstating a part-time parks and recreation director position in 2019 – completed the recommendations related to the 2019 spending plan, which projects revenues of \$5.36 million and expenses at \$5.28 million, leaving a fund reserve of roughly \$88,000.

Cass City's budget is funded primarily by a millage (local tax), which

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Bidding dates set for school bond projects

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The Cass City Board of Education reviewed bidding dates set for upcoming bond construction projects during a brief rescheduled monthly meeting Monday night.

Tom Daniel, construction manager for R and E Development Group, Macomb Township, updated the board on the preliminary timeline for securing bids for the first round of projects – funded by a voter-approved millage extension over the next few years — most of which will be completed over the summer months.

Daniel said requests for bids are scheduled to go out Thursday, Jan. 3, with a contractor walk-through of the buildings slated for Thursday, Jan. 10.

Daniel also pointed out that local contractors that are interested and able to tackle the scope of the various projects are encouraged to submit bids, which will be due by Tuesday, Jan. 22, and will opened at 3 p.m.

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Attorney amends township suit with additional counts

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

As a lawsuit against Greenleaf Township officials alleging violations of the Open Meetings Act works its way through the Sanilac County courts, attorneys for the man who filed the legal action have filed amendments adding two additional charges claiming new violations.

Sanilac County resident Grant Toner initiated the civil lawsuit in early October, claiming township Clerk Judy Keller and the township committed seven violations of the Open Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) last summer. All but one of the counts allege violations of Michigan's Open Meetings Act.

Toner's lawsuit specifically names Keller as the clerk and as an individual, as well as the township.

Toner and his attorney, Philip Ellison of Hemlock, also allege the township went into closed session to discuss a legal issue that should have been addressed in public, and that officials failed to conduct an official roll-call vote.

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Library to host movies for seniors

Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City will be hosting its next Senior Citizen Movies Friday, Dec. 21, starting at 1:30 p.m. Films slated to be shown are:

*"Charlie and the Curious Otters" – Otter conservationist and wildlife filmmaker Charlie Hamilton James follows the story of

three inquisitive river otter orphans in Wisconsin, and visits otters all over the globe, capturing never-seen-before behavior of curious otters and uncovering the secrets to their survival (60 minutes).

*"Russia: St. Petersburg" — Built on the whim of a czar to rival the great capitals of Europe,

St. Petersburg is unlike any other city in Russia. Join Rudy Maxa and see the city of canals, Kuznechny Market, the Winter Palace, and Hermitage and Russian museums (30 minutes).

Refreshments will be served. This older adult program is offered free of charge.

Zyrowski: grocery renovations progressing

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and our contractors are in line. We've got all of our necessary permits and architectural drawings," he noted Thursday. "We're in good shape there.

Zyrowski remains hesitant to announce a projected opening date. "I really don't have an estimate on the time, (but) it'll still be early on in the year," he said.

"It's been a long road, but we're moving right along now," added Zyrowski, who estimates his investment in the project will exceed \$2 million and generate 75 jobs.

"We're moving forward and look forward to servicing the community as soon as we can."

In turn, local government officials have worked with Zyrowski to assist in developing the new grocery.

The Cass City Village Council earlier this year granted him a 10-year tax abatement incentive. In addition, the Cass City Planning Commission unanimously approved Zyrowski's site plan as well as a zoning variance enabling him to incorporate a drive-through branch of Frankenmuth Credit Union within the store.

The business will not only have groceries, but also a full-service deli – featuring chicken along with other lunch and dinner entrees — a bakery and sitting area to drink coffee, a hardware department and a pharmacy.

Zyrowski's plans to incorporate a variety of departments beyond groceries has drawn some criticism from existing local business owners who say there's no need for a second hardware retailer or another pharmacy in town, for example.

However, Zyrowski says the business of opening and operating a grocery store has evolved signif-

icantly over the years, requiring developers to adjust the variety of merchandise they offer customers.

The days of small communities having stand-alone bakeries and meat shops are gone, he says.

"You have to be the community center today. The cost of doing business today is so great, you have to have a mix," he added. "I know the business well, and it has to be right. There's no room for error."

Zyrowski has many years of business experience under his belt as owner of Ben's Supercenter, which is family owned and operated. Founded in 1965, the company currently has three locations; Ben's Supercenter in Brown City, Ben's Supercenter in Marlette and Ben's Contractor Center/Ben's

Great Outdoors, also in Marlette.

Zyrowski originally planned to build the new store just north of M-81 at the west end of Cass City on the site of the former Croft Clara lumber yard, but later opted to use the Erla's building — which he purchased in the fall of 2015 — saying it would be far less expensive to renovate than to build from scratch.

Cass City has been without a grocery store since September 2014, when the former Erla's Food Center owner Venu Ganga closed the business after owning and operating the store for about 2 ½ years. Ganga originally purchased the business in February 2011, marking the end of a 57-year business tradition established by the Erla family.



THE LOCAL Knights of Columbus council recently boosted the Cass City Rotary Club's 2018 Christmas for Kids campaign with a \$450 donation. Above, Knights representative Daryl Iwankovitsch presents the check to Rotary member Debra Kranz.

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Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus

Eight-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon wrote a letter to the editor of New York's Sun, and the quick response was printed as an unsigned editorial Sept. 21, 1897. The work of veteran newsman Francis Pharcellus Church has since become history's most reprinted newspaper editorial, appearing in part or whole in dozens of languages in books, movies, and other editorials, and on posters and stamps. We present it again to our readers for their enjoyment.

Dear editor,

I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, 'If you see it in THE SUN it's so.' Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia O'Hanlon
115 West Ninety-fifth St.

VIRGINIA, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except [what] they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, VIRGINIA, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no VIRGINIAS. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, VIRGINIA, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood

Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

Creating Christmas memories



Now, and only now, that Thanksgiving is over, should Christmas be underway. I have a real issue with Thanksgiving being pushed aside by Christmas hype, shopping, music and decorations.

For many, the hunt is on to find the perfect Christmas tree. For many years now, the Drier household has used an artificial Christmas tree because of an issue that happened with a real tree several years ago (what happened will be fodder for a future column).

One of the best memories I have about Christmas involved going to get a real tree as part of an article that I did while working as a full-time staff writer. Because I met a really nice couple while doing an article about six generations of harness makers from the Kingston area, I was invited to participate in one of their traditions.

From the very first introduction of the interview, harness-makers Linda and Paul Rye, and I hit it off and became friends.

Because of that friendship, I was invited to participate in their Christmas tradition the day after Thanksgiving. The Ryes and a group of friends would travel down back roads on horseback or in horse-drawn buggies or wagons to go to a Christmas tree farm.

About half way to the farm, the caravan stopped for lunch. Because it was the day after Thanksgiving, the main picnic item was turkey sandwiches or turkey soup in a thermos.

It was fun and relaxing going by real horse power instead of the motorized kind down back roads to the tree farm, which featured a real log cabin serving as a combination office and craft store.

Families headed out to pick out their own evergreen tree, cut it down, and then bring it to the store to have it wrapped for easy transport.

Because I had to get back to work to write the article and select the photos to go with it, I didn't get to do enjoy the ride back with the group, but I treasure the experience.

Although that was several years ago, I still remember the adventure and recall that memory whenever I drive by the couple's house, see horses, or go by a Christmas tree farm.

Even though I was an adult then and doing that was

many, many years ago as part of work, I still remember the experience fondly. It was a time of family and friends being together, going slow, of not having to rush or push or shove in a store, and doing something the old-fashioned way.

That's what memories are made of...make some of your own.

Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)



At Monday's Cass City Village Council meeting a pair of community-minded fellows accepted appointments to the Rawson Memorial District Library Board.

Russ Bieffer's re-appointment is for a four-year term effective Jan. 1, 2019 through Dec. 31, 2022, while Steve Wright was appointed to complete the term ending Jan. 2021 of retired trustee Frank Kemp.

Village representatives noted their willingness to serve is appreciated.

Although the Chronicle office will be closed on Christmas day next week, area subscribers should still get the final issue of 2018 on Wednesday. Plans are in the works to have our Dec. 26 issue addressed and at the local and surrounding post offices by 6:00 a.m. to allow for same day deliver.

Merry Christmas, all.

Secretary of State Ruth Johnson recently announced that this year's Harvest Gathering campaign at Secretary of State offices collected more than 6,400 pounds of food and nearly \$700.

"As always, our customers have been incredibly generous to those in need and I'm pleased at how many people helped their neighbors through the Harvest Gathering program," Johnson said. "Both customers and staff have been so tremendously giving in order to assist in our community."

The Sparta office ranked first in food collection, bringing in more than 4,000 pounds of food. The West Branch office collected 180 pounds of food and three Secretary of State buildings in Lansing collected almost 500 pounds of food and nearly \$300. Collected items were distributed to local food banks.

Harvest Gathering collection boxes were placed in Secretary of State offices and state office buildings during the fall food drive. Customers also mailed additional funds directly to the Food Bank Council of Michigan.

The Secretary of State's Office has participated in the Harvest Gathering campaign since 1999. The campaign is coordinated by the Food Bank Council of Michigan, which supplies the state's regional food banks through donations of food and money. The regional food banks serve food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters in every Michigan county.

Statewide, the 2018 Michigan Harvest Gathering campaign has so far collected more than \$308,000 and 403,000 pounds of food, which translates to 2.2 million meals. For more information about Harvest Gathering, visit the Food Bank Council of Michigan website at www.fbcmich.org.

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- 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.
- 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.

Thursday, December 20

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

Friday, December 21

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

Saturday, December 22

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

Monday, December 24

- 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.

Tuesday, December 25

- Al-Anon meeting, 7 p.m., St. Francis Parrish, Pigeon.

Support just a phone call away

Suicide rates climbing; death toll now 20 in Tuscola, Huron

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

Suicide rates are increasing across the nation, including in Michigan's Thumb region.

"Both the Huron and Tuscola county health departments have seen an increase in the number of suicides," said Ann Hepfer, who serves as health officer for both the Huron and Tuscola county health departments.

So far this year, there have been a combined 20 suicides in the two counties, and the year isn't over yet.

"There have been seven in Huron County, and there have been 13 in Tuscola County," said Hepfer. "Two of those suicides in Huron County happened just last week."

In Huron County last year, there were nine confirmed suicides. Tuscola County officials reported seven individuals who took their own lives in 2017.

"The number — 20 so far — this year shocked me. I talked to the medical examiner, Russell Bush, about the issue," said Hepfer, noting he didn't seem surprised. "He said the numbers are going up (nationally), and there is an increase in the numbers this time of year (the holidays)."

A documentary on suicide was shown in Thumb area schools last week, and many believe the presentations came at an appropriate time.

The suicide prevention documentary "Do It For Daniel" was shown free of charge at locations in Huron and Tuscola counties. The film is about high school all-state athlete Daniel Olson, of Ishpeming, who ended his life after a lengthy battle with depression. Outside of his family, few people knew of Daniel's suffering with night terrors, crippling anxiety, insomnia and suicidal thoughts.

"This (documentary) is one of the most powerful things you will ever get to experience! Thank you to Scott and Amy Galsterer Cuthrell for bringing this life-saving event to the Thumb," said Owendale - Gagetown School District Dean of Student and Behavior Coach Barbara Tilt.

"We had several students come forward with their feelings after the program. Some who said they could relate to feeling the same kind of depression that Daniel did," Tilt commented. "I believe we need to have more programs like this in the Thumb to help remove the stigma that surrounds mental illness, like depression and anxiety."

In order to have as many students as possible see the documentary some schools partnered to share the programs.

Bad Axe Junior-Senior High School Principal Kurt Dennis, for example, invited Owendale-Gagetown students to watch the video in his district.

"There needs to be a frank discussion on the issue of suicide. Officers respond to many of these types of calls in our county, and the numbers are increasing," said Tuscola County Sheriff Glen Skrent, who in late October reported two suicide attempts in one night — not an unusual occurrence these days.

"Do it for Daniel brings that issue out front and educates. There is help available," Skrent said. "Help is always available. You can even text for help. There is the Crisis Text Line anyone can use free of charge; just Text 741741 for help."

According to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the number of suicides in the United States has increased 33 percent in the last 20 years, with an age range of 10 to 74 years old among those who have taken their own lives.

According to Hepfer, the life expectancy in the United States dropped in 2017, and suicide and drug overdoses are partly to blame.

The average American could expect to live to 78.6 years old in 2017, which is down from 78.7 years in 2016.

It is a modest decline, but it marks the third year that life expectancy has fallen, Hepfer pointed out.

The national suicide help line is 800-273-8255.

Circuit court proceedings

Several appear on felony charges

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

*Ronald Stejakowski, 61, Richmond, received a one-year delayed sentence following his pleas of guilty to charges of failure to pay child support from Nov. 1, 2001, through Aug. 8, 2005, in Caro, and to absconding or forfeiting bond March 14, 2006, in Caro.

He was ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,266 in the combined cases.

*Nicholas L. Klein, 29, Reese, pleaded no contest to malicious destruction of property (semi-tractor trailer) totaling more than \$20,000 and reckless driving June 29 in Indianfields Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$5,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Axle L. Mattson, 27, Cass City, was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$758 following his plea of guilty to driving while his license was suspended or revoked, and no contest to attempted intimidation of a witness. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (two prior felony convictions).

*Joseph R. Maglaya, 59, Caro, pleaded no contest to one count of criminal sexual conduct, third degree, March 28, 2017, in Fremont Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was revoked and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Cody W. Collier, 21, Fairgrove, pleaded no contest to charges of carrying a weapon with unlawful intent, possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony, and domestic violence, second offense, Aug. 30 in Gilford Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$30,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Tamara A. Cummings, 47, Caro, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, April 10, 2017, in Elmwood Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$3,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Lawrence Alberts, Jr., 22, Caro, pleaded no contest to charges of assault with intent to do great bodily

harm less than murder, interfering with electronic communications, unlawful imprisonment and domestic violence, second offense, May 6 in Novesta Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$70,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Jeffrey E. Worden, 45, Fostoria, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, July 29, in Watertown Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$4,500. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

Prepare now for tax time

With Michigan's individual income tax season beginning in late January, the Michigan Department of Treasury is asking taxpayers to take a couple of actions now to ensure returns are processed promptly.

Taxpayers are encouraged to begin gathering tax-related documents and updating their home addresses with current and previous employers so W-2s and other financial documents can be mailed to the correct address. Incorrect addresses typically lead to information being mailed to the wrong location and could cause delays when filing tax returns.

"State income tax filing season seems like a long time away, but it will be here before you know it," said Deputy State Treasurer Glenn White, head of the treasury's Tax Administration Program. "Taxpayers who prepare today are less likely to face processing delays."

Other notable items for Michigan's 2019 filing season (2018 tax year) include:

*Beginning in January 2019, forms and instructions may be viewed and downloaded from michigan.gov/taxes. In addition, commonly used forms will continue to be available at treasury offices, most public libraries, northern Michigan post offices and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services county offices.

*When tax season begins in late January, taxpayers can e-file their state tax returns instead of mailing a paper return. To learn more, go to mifastfile.org.

*Taxpayers may elect to use direct debit when e-filing their 2017 or 2018 tax returns. A direct debit is a tax payment the Michigan Treasury Department electronically withdraws from the taxpayer's bank account using the bank information provided on the electronically filed return.

*State income tax filers have the option of making payments electronically using the Michigan Department of Treasury's e-Payments system. Payments can be made by using, electronic payment (eCheck), credit card or debit card.

*A taxpayer must file to claim a refund with the state Treasury Department within four years from the date set for filing of the original return. Individuals must file a 2014 Michigan Individual Income Tax Return to receive their refund for that tax year.

Taxpayers who have been recent victims of identity theft are asked to report their circumstances to the Michigan Treasury Department. Reporting identity theft helps thwart cybercriminals who attempt to file and steal state tax refunds.

To learn the latest about state of Michigan taxes, go to www.michigan.gov/taxes or follow the state treasury department on Twitter at @MITreasury. Federal tax information is available at www.irs.gov.

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Reporter's notebook

A few Christmas wishes on my list

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



It's been a considerable length of time since I visited Santa to share my Christmas list, but that doesn't mean I don't take a few mental notes of things I'd like to find wrapped up nice and neat and placed under my tree.

Unfortunately, most of the items I'm thinking of these days can't be wrapped up and decorated with colorful paper and a bow, largely because they involve personal effort.

Still, it would be nice to at least consider how a few simple changes (and who doesn't like change?) might improve our outlook on life, not to mention how we see our family, friends, neighbors – even the strangers we've never met yet.

Okay, so I realize "peace on earth" is a pretty unrealistic goal in these times – heck, I can't even imagine peace in this country anytime soon – but I wonder how many of our readers have any of the following on their Christmas lists this year, too:

*I wish we would all spend far less time on cell phones, iPads, tablets, etc., and more time talking to each other, face to face. Facebook and other social networking websites have many wonderful uses, but a serious debate or discussion about anything isn't one of them, in my opinion.

And, frankly, those websites are frequently more trouble than they're worth, given the amount of false reports and downright hatred they attract.

*I wish folks would focus more on how grateful they should be for all they have, rather than wasting time concentrating on and pursuing what they don't have but think they really need to make them happy.

I can't count the number of times I've chased something I just had to have, only to be disappointed by a "thing's" inability to satisfy what I really need in this life – and in the next.

*I wish it were easy to prioritize our lives in such a way that spending more time keeping in touch with family members and friends always trumps stressing about work and other issues that really aren't going to amount to a hill of beans in the end.

*I wish everyone would take another look at the wrongs committed by others against them. I'm talking about the wrongs that remain unforgiven, keeping those who were once close far apart now. Time is precious, folks, and if you're really honest with yourself, you'll agree there's no way to justify wasting even one second.

Besides, resentment is like cancer, not to mention a monstrous waste of time and energy.

*I wish more Americans would set at least as much time aside thinking about and praying for the men and women defending this nation in the armed services as they do bickering and debating about politics and every little thing that comes out of the mouth of politicians who wouldn't recognize true representation of "the people" if it slapped them in the face.

*I wish we would all pray more. About everything. Period.

*I wish we would take the time to learn about the people we meet in life, long before making all sorts of judgments about them. I wonder how many times I've done that and missed out on getting to know a really wonderful person.

*I wish we lived in a society where we could feel comfortable sticking to our own beliefs and personal opinions, but at the same time listen to those with differing views without resorting to name-calling and labeling those who disagree with us as haters. Unfortunately, more and more folks these days are determined to give various sins new names and then try to convince everyone else that it's okay to indulge, provided enough people openly and vocally support it.

*I wish we could all put more effort into walking away from petty arguments that keep us from focusing on what makes living in the Thumb great: a sense of community that is all about caring, compassion and working together for the good of everyone.

Finally, I wish all of our readers a really wonderful Christmas season. Enjoy every moment with your loved ones and the spirit of giving this time of year brings.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2013)

Schneeberger's recognizes Collin Hartwick as their choice for "Athlete of the Week" award winner. The senior guard has played a major role in helping the Cass City Red Hawk basketball team get off to a 3-0 start. In the team's hoop opener, Hartwick scored a game-high 21 points during a 46-41 victory at Capac. Hartwick followed his opening night performance with a 13-point effort in a 48-41 win over Sandusky. Still, it was Hartwick's all around play against Caro in the annual M-81 Clash game that stands out most. Hartwick poured in 15 points, including Cass City's final two points at the foul line in a hard fought 34-31 decision over the Tigers. Hartwick nailed three treys in the Red Hawks' win and was named the contest's MVP for the second straight year. Hartwick is the son of Susie and Rob Hartwick.

10 YEARS AGO (2008)

Roger Parrish and Bob Douglas, local professional musicians from Cass City, have just finished recording a new CD album of new original Christmas songs and 2 instrumental rhapsodies of celebration written and composed by Parrish. The album is entitled "Original Christmas Songs of Roger Parrish and Bob Douglas", and features combined talents of the 2 musicians.

Cass City senior Adam Osentoski took a trophy 10-point buck while hunting east of town during the 2008 muzzleloader season.

25 YEARS AGO (1993)

Melanie S. Churchill, daughter of Clarence and Thelma Churchill of Cass City, has been named to the dean's list for the fall term at Northwood University. The announcement was made by Dr. Catherine Chen, dean of the college.

Marsha M. Gucwa graduated from Walsh College of Accountancy and Business Administration, Troy, in December with a

Bachelor of Accountancy degree. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley S. Gucwa, Jr. of Port Huron, and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lubaczewski of Gageton and the late Mr. and Mrs. Stanley S. Gucwa, Sr. of Bad Axe.

35 YEARS AGO (1983)

For Christmas this year, I would like a Barbie doll and doll case, ice skates, record player, and a Sara doll. I will be waiting for you, Santa, with cookies and milk. Love, Christina Doerr

Dear Santa, I'm really excited about Christmas this year. I'm 17 months old and would like some new story books and a dump truck. My old one is really getting worn. This year, I have a new baby brother, Daniel. He's too little to play with toys, so you can bring him a new car seat, so he'll stay out of mine. Thanks, Rikki Loeding.

40 YEARS AGO (1978)

The homes of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Robinson and Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Helwig finished in a first place tie in the Christmas lighting contest sponsored by the Cass City Chamber of Commerce. They split the first place prize of \$100 and second place prize of \$50 in gift certificates.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Whittenberg and Theo Hendrick had as Sunday dinner guests, Mr. Hendrick's sister, Mrs. Fannie Finkbeiner of Owendale, and the latter's daughter, Mrs. Evelyn Goslin, son Craig and daughters, Charlene, Andrea and Maria, of Gageton. Mr. and Mrs. George Fisher Sr. were afternoon callers.

50 YEARS AGO (1968)

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Iseler announce the birth of an eight pound, 10-ounce daughter, Heidi Kay born Dec. 12 in Caro Community Hospital. She joins a sister Tamara at home. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Zinnecker and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Iseler.

Mr. and Mrs. Maynard McConkey of Cass City announce the engagement of their daughter, Linda Jean, to Norris C. Walters, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Walters of Cass City. Miss McConkey is a senior in the school of education at Michigan State University. Mr. Walters is employed by the Department of State Police at Ithaca, Mich. A summer wedding is planned.

75 YEARS AGO (1943)

Mrs. Donelda McIntyre, retiring matron, gave her staff of officers, each a vase with the Eastern Star emblem. The chapter presented her with a ring and Fostoria ware. The installing officers were also given gifts. Invocation was pronounced by Rev. Mr. Morton, and Mrs. John Ransyer and Mrs. John Ross sang several selections. Refreshments were served to 80 persons.

Mrs. DeEtte J. Mellendorf was indeed surprised Saturday to receive a V-mail Christmas greeting from Pvt. Lyle D. Ellis from Europe as no kind of word had been received from him since last May.

Mr. and Mrs. John West entertained the Grant-Elkland Grange in their home Friday evening. After the business meeting, five girls, the Misses Jeanne Profit, Yvonne Murphy, Betty Chapdelaine, Mary Lee Tyo, and Eva Jane Somes, of Glenn Wooster's speech class, gave a play. An exchange of Christmas gifts by means of "A Christmas Grab Bag" was enjoyed.

100 YEARS AGO (1918)

John Zinnecker received a novel Xmas gift this week, a box of luscious oranges and lemons, freshly picked by the hand of his daughter, Margaret, Mrs. Grover C. Blades, at her home in Visalia, California.

Edward Beuhrley, in making the trip from Camp Custer Monday night, had the misfortune to miss his train at Oxford and came on by auto, reaching home in the middle of the night. His furlough was short and he returned Thursday.

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Tuscola County officials working to secure services for jail inmates

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

The challenge of securing mental health services for jail inmates in the Thumb hasn't spread beyond the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department.

The cutback in mental health services made available to the Tuscola County Jail by Tuscola Behavioral Health Services (TBHS) stems from a letter sent to Tuscola County Sheriff Glen Skrent, stating TBHS has been forced to limit services and is unable to accept new psychiatric referrals at this time.

"Unfortunately, we currently do not have psychiatric capacity to take on additional cases under our current letter of agreement," TBHS Chief Executive Officer Sharon Beals stated in the letter to Skrent.

Currently, TBHS is already serving 24 Tuscola inmates, and service provided to those individuals will continue.

So far, it's business as usual in Huron County, according to Sheriff Kelly Hanson.

"I became aware of Tuscola's predicament Tuesday while reading about it on a Michigan Sheriffs' Association information

network. This morning (Wednesday), it just so happened that we had a monthly Huron County Law Enforcement meeting here at the jail, which included representatives of Huron Behavioral Health being in attendance," Hanson said.

"I inquired with them about the situation in Tuscola, hoping this wasn't on the horizon for us, or something that could be the start of a trend across the state with the mental health departments," he added. "I was advised by them that they knew nothing of it, nor did they think it'd be a problem (here).

According to Hanson, there is no issue related to Huron County inmates receiving medical and mental health services.

In Tuscola County, Beals said TBHS is unable to accept any new referrals until further notice.

"Once some of the existing cases close and there is an increase in availability in our psychiatrist's schedule, we will once again be able to accept new referrals," she said.

Because of limited capacity, the agency's focus must be on serving individuals that it is mandated to serve under the Medicaid Managed Specialty Supports and Services Community Agreement with Mid-State Health Network and grant agreement with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Beals explained.

"The agency is at its limit. It cannot take on any more with psychiatric issues," said Tuscola County Controller Mike Hoagland, adding Skrent is scrambling to find another agency to provide those services. "It is going to be a costly venture to find an alternative, but we have to start looking."

Skrent and Jail Administrator Lt. Brian Harris are looking at options, but their time is limited to research other alternatives.

Greenleaf lawsuit amended

Continued from page one.

In late November, the township's attorney, Robert Seibert of Clinton Township, filed a response in Sanilac County Circuit Court on behalf of his clients.

However, he declined to comment on the suit.

"I do not discuss pending litigation with anyone but my clients. A lawsuit has been filed and I'm defending it," said Seibert. "There is no court date set, and the judge has not set any conference dates as the case goes on.

"When we get a status conference date, we will talk to the judge on how it will proceed," he added. "The case is in its infancy stage."

According to Ellison, the focus of the lawsuit is on township officials allegedly failing to conduct township business in a public forum, not

properly closing meetings with the required two-thirds vote, violating closed session rules, and making decisions via private consensus.

"The response their attorney filed acknowledged four of the Open Meetings Act violations (accusations)," said Ellison. "The violations were regarding open transparency."

And, the issue of conducting deliberations regarding an attorney they hired in closed session is now being called into question.

"In an interesting twist, the lawsuit we filed might be technically inaccurate," Ellison said. "Our allegation was that when they hired the lawyer for their federal lawsuit, it was done in closed session, but technically that is not accurate. Apparently, it was done... behind closed doors. Not even in a closed session, which is even more illegal."

A review of two years' worth of

township minutes failed to reveal a record of deliberations to hire the law firm of Dalton and Tomich PLC during an open meeting for the federal lawsuit, according to Ellison, who contends the board's decision to hire that law firm is invalid.

Because of that, Ellison filed an amended complaint adding two more counts against the township for allegedly violating the Open Meetings Act.

The township's attorney has not yet responded to the amended complaint.

"What is troubling to me, is the township is violating the law when they are supposed to be the body that makes the laws," Ellison said. "They expect their citizens to follow the law, and yet they don't follow the state law that governs them."

Toner is demanding a jury trial and asking that the court hold Keller personally liable for actual and exemplary damages. He's requesting a minimum \$500 in punitive damages from Keller and the township.

News briefs

Free meals served in Caro

CARO — Each Wednesday, the Tuscola County Human Development Commission hosts "Spoonfuls of Plenty," which is a free meal. The meals are served 3:30 to 6 p.m. at 429 Montague Ave., Caro. For more information, call (989) 673-4121.

Babysitting class Dec. 28

CASS CITY — Hills and Dales General Hospital will host a babysitting class Friday, Dec. 28, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Hills and Dales Regional Education Center (the former Baker College campus), 6667 Main St., Cass City.

The class is designed to prepare students in grades six through eight to be safe when they're home alone, watching younger siblings or babysitting. The instructor-led class features fun games and role-playing exercises. Students even get to use manikins to practice rescue techniques such as choking rescue and CPR.

The class fee is \$20, and students should bring a lunch. For more information or to register, call (989) 912-6365.

Second AFM case in state

LANSING — The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has been notified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that Michigan has a confirmed a second case of acute flaccid myelitis (AFM) in 2018. The confirmed case is a child from Oakland County.

The state's first AFM case was confirmed Dec. 5 and involves a child in Wayne County. Nine suspect cases of AFM in Michigan remain under investigation.

The CDC had confirmed 158 cases of AFM in 36 states, mostly in children. Despite increases in cases across the country since 2014, the CDC estimates that less than one to two in a million children in the United States will get AFM annually.

AFM is a rare but serious condition affecting the nervous system and can cause the muscles and reflexes in the body to become weak. Most patients report having a mild respiratory illness or fever consistent with a viral infection before developing AFM.

The cause or trigger for AFM is not yet known. To help protect yourself or your child from developing AFM, the CDC recommends getting vaccinated against poliovirus, which is one of the viruses known to cause AFM. Hand washing and avoiding close contact with people who are sick is another standard recommendation.

For more information, visit the MDHHS Communicable Disease Information and Resources website or CDC.gov/AFM.

Electronic notarization set

LANSING — Electronic notarization will be allowed under legislation Gov. Rick Snyder signed last week.

"This legislation is a great step toward increasing convenience, uniformity, and efficiency for Michiganders, bringing this process into the 21st Century," Snyder said.

Senate Bills 664 and 996-999, sponsored by state Sens. Peter MacGregor, Wayne Schmidt, and Curtis Hertel (999), revises current law to allow notary publics and their customers to use modern technology to conduct transactions that require notarization. The bills are now PAS 360-364.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery

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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, from 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 date period shall be one year from the aban-of such sale, unless determined done 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 2000 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 Judiciary 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 Judiciary 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 Judiciary 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 Judiciary 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 Potestivo & 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 Tus-

cola, 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 case 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, 350.0 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;

PARCEL D Covering Land described as: Situated in the Township of Juniata, Tuscola County, Michigan Part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 36, Town 12 North, Range 8 East, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the North-South 1/4 line of said Section 36, which is South 00°09'13" East, 1314.61 feet from the North 1/4 corner of said section; thence continuing along said North-South 1/4 line, South 00°09'13" East, 276.39 feet thence North 89°27'21" West, 350.00 feet; thence South 00°09'13" East, 68.61 feet; thence North 89°27'21" West, 958.55 feet to the West line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 36; thence, along said West line, North 00°14'58" West, 345.00 feet, to the North line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 36; thence, along said North line, South 89°27'21" East, 1309.12 feet; to the North-South 1/4 line of said Section 36, and Point of Beginning. This property may be redeemed during the six (6) months following the sale. Dated: 12-5-18 MICHAEL URBAN, Deputy Sheriff

JOHN W. BUTLER (P33908) Attorney for Plaintiff 24525 Harper St. Clair Shores, MI 48080 586-777-0770

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Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC 5955 West Main Street, Suite 18 Kalamazoo MI, 49009 THIS FIRM IS A

DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS:

This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made BY Mark L. Weatherwax and Brenda Weatherwax, husband and wife, whose address is 8387 Vassar Road, Millington, Michigan 48746, as original Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., being a mortgage dated June 18, 2014, and recorded on June 27, 2014 in Liber 1310 Page 315, Tuscola County Records, State of Michigan and then assigned to J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Corp., as assignee as documented by an assignment dated August 15, 2017 and recorded on August 18, 2017 in Liber 1380 Page 293, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY AND 89/100 DOLLARS (\$132,180.89).

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, at public sale to the highest bidder AT THE PLACE OF HOLDING THE CIRCUIT COURT WITHIN TUSCOLA COUNTY, at 10:00 a.m. on January 10, 2019. Said premises are situated in the Township of Millington, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, and are described as: A strip of land 12 rods wide North and South of the North end of the West 27.40 acres of the Southwest Fractional 1/4 of the Southwest Fractional 1/4 of Section 7, Township 10 North, Range 8 East. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA § 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judiciary Act of 1961, pursuant to MCLA § 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.

Dated: December 12, 2018 For more information, please call: (312) 541-9710, Kenneth J. Johnson, Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC, 5955 West Main Street, Suite 18, Kalamazoo, MI 49009. File No.: MI 17 3503

12-12-4

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): William J. Ihle A/K/A William Joseph Ihle and Janet K. Ihle, husband and wife, as tenants by the entirety Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Matrix Financial Services Corporation Date of Mortgage: September 25, 2013 Date of Mortgage Recording: October 11, 2013 Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$73,434.27

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Lot Two (2), Block Two (2), Fenster's Subdivision, part of Northwest quarter (1/4), Section Three (3), Town Twelve (12) North, Range Nine (9) East, Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 1, Page 87 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 Judiciary 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 12, 2018 Trott Law, P.C. 1370070

12-12-4

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): Roy C. Jobson and Kathy D. Jobson, husband and wife Original Mortgagee: PNC Bank, National Association, successor by merger to National City Bank Foreclosing Assignee (if any): None Date of Mortgage: June 7, 2002 Date of Mortgage Recording: July 5, 2002 Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$55,044.64

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Akron, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 28, Town 14 North, Range 8 East, described as: Beginning at the South 1/4 corner of said Section 28; thence running along the South Line of said Section, West 100.00 feet; thence parallel to the North and South 1/4 line of said Section N 0 degree 94 Minutes 25 Seconds West, 200.00 feet; Thence East 100.00 feet to said North and South 1/4 line; Thence along said 1/4 line, South 0 degree 04 Minutes 25 Seconds East, 200.00 feet to said South 1/4 corner of

Section 28 and the point of beginning. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judiciary 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 12, 2018 Trott Law, P.C. 1370125

12-12-4

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Shawn A. Watts, a married man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 16, 2013 and recorded July 17, 2013 in Liber 1286, Page 629 Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by U.S. Bank National Association, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand Twenty-Four and 68/100 Dollars (\$167,024.68), including interest at 4.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on JANUARY 17, 2019.

Said premises are located in the Township of Millington, Tuscola County Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 35, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, thence South 88 degrees, 30 minutes, West 739.21 feet along the South line of said Section 35 to the Point of Beginning of this description, RUNNING THENCE North 01 degrees, 30 minutes, West 300.0 feet, thence South 88 degrees, 30 minutes, West 200.0 feet, thence South 01 degrees, 30 minutes, East 300.0 feet to South line of said Section 35, thence North 88 degrees, 30 minutes, East 200.0 feet along South line of said Section 35 to the Point of Beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA § 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. Dated: December 19, 2018 File No. 18-015893 Firm Name: Orland PC

12-19-4

We are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Notify us at the number below if you are in active military duty. MORTGAGE SALE - Pursuant to the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by KEVIN PARRISH AKA KIVIN R. PARRISH, an unmarried man, Mortgagors

Cass City Jr./Sr. High School

2018-19 Winter Sports Schedule



BOYS' BASKETBALL (FRESHMEN/JV/VARSITY)

DATE	OPPONENT
11/30	CC 79, Owen-Gage 25
12/5	Sandusky 50, CC 39
12/7	Ubyly 47, CC 44
12/11	CC 53, Deckerville 51
12/14	Lakers 62, CC 37
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	DistrictsTBA

All games begin at 6 p.m.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL (FRESHMEN/JV/VARSITY)

DATE	OPPONENT
12/4	Sandusky 26, CC 18
12/6	Ubyly 49, CC 29
12/10	CC 58, Mayville 9
12/13	Lakers 31, CC 24
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/Ubyly	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.
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Woloshen, Larkin join elite list at Cass City Schools

by Clarke Haire
 Publisher

Although Cass City Wrestling Coach Don Markel was disappointed with his team's showing at the Cros-Lex wrestling tournament, he was delighted for a pair of Red Hawks who achieved individual milestones over the weekend.

Cass City posted a 3-2 record Saturday to place third in the 6-team field. They defeated Port Huron High 57-15, an "All-Star" team (composed of several wrestlers from other teams in attendance) 69-12, and Mayville 42-27, avenging an early season loss to the Wildcats. The Red Hawks lost to Croswell-Lexington 54-24 and Memphis 51-24.

"On Wednesday the team looked very good in posting the Greater Thumb Conference victories. Saturday was a different story," said Markel. "The Hawks were flat and performed below what they are capable of. We were not nearly aggressive enough and sloppy in the way that we wrestled. To get back to where we were on Wednesday the team will need to put in a lot of hard work in practice in the upcoming week."

Despite the team's stumble, seniors Race Woloshen and Hayden

Larkin both recorded their 100th career victory on Saturday to join an elite list of standout grapplers at Cass City Schools.

Woloshen's banner day included a perfect 5-0 effort. His century victory came when Port Huron couldn't fill its 160 pound weight class. Larkin, who nearly opted to sit out his final season after being named a team captain, defeated Port Huron's Keith Doan with a fall in 1:36 for his triple digit victory.

Also winning all five matches Saturday for Cass City was Hunter Caister, while Alie Kalokah and Noah Zaleski each were 4-1.

Earlier in the week, Cass City entertained Vassar and Uby in Greater Thumb Conference action and came away with two dominating victories. The hosts defeated Vassar 60-18 before beating Uby 66-9. Vassar kept Uby winless on the day with a 45-18 win.

Double winners for Cass City were Nick McArdle (119), Lucas Swiderski (125/130), Drew Markel (125/130), Hayden Larkin (140), Race Woloshen (145), Noah Zaleski (171), Hunter Caister (189), and Jordan Mester (215).

Cass City is 3-1 in the GTC and their dual meet record stands at 10-4 for the season.



CASS CITY senior Hayden Larkin was a double winner in GTC matches with Vassar and Uby last week and collected his 100th career win Saturday at the Cros-Lex tourney.



UBLY sophomore Austin Burk, right, battles during GTC action in Cass City.

CASS CITY WRESTLERS WITH 100 CAREER VICTORY

Josh Jensen	205-32	Lee Hutchinson	120-77
Wyatt Dickson	184-48	Clark Walsh	120-61
Kyle Sieradzki	175-53	Darren Dickson	116-54
T. J. Moore	169-44	Garret Ferguson	116-60
Aaron Dorland	167-45	Scott Moore	115-59
Adam Dorland	159-46	Matt Hoppe	114-39
Seth Osentoski	148-72	Eric Peters	114-102
Kyle Reif	148-84	Dave Sutter	112-71
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Blake Lebioda	140-66	Nick Adkins	107-49
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Kevven Dorland	132-73	Dean Rabideau	105-71
Roy Davis	131-22	Eric Hollis	105-81
Travis Jensen	131-37	Jeremy Farr	104-103
Steve Meeker	130-43	Jeremy Klinkman	103-55
Bob Leffler	129-34-1	Eric Reif	103-72
Marcel Helland	123-68	Ron Wolschleger	102-75
		Austin Baker	101-69

Kingston girls rout Wildcats; Lady Hawks handed defeat

Kingston had no trouble with Mayville in its North Central Thumb League - Stars contest Friday and delivered the visiting Wildcats a 57-3 beating.

And although Mayville couldn't hang with the overwhelming favorites to win conference honors, that should change tonight (Wednesday) for the Cardinals who take on undefeated guest Utica Eisenhower, who brings a 4-0 mark into Kingston.

Camryn MacGuire and Carley Smith each recorded double digits for Kingston (2-0), with 13 and 11 points, respectively and Lily Lyons added nine.

Madelyn Pitcavage was the only Wildcat to score from the floor.

EBPB 31, CASS CITY 24

For the second straight game, Cass City held their opponent scoreless in the opening quarter.

But, unlike the Red Hawks' 58-9 non-conference win over Mayville earlier in the week, host Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port came all the way back to register their first win on the season.

Cass City led 6-0 after one quarter and took a slim 15-12 margin into the intermission as Kacey Haire's half court buzzer beater proved to be the difference after 16 minutes.

After allowing Cass City to get to the rim in the opening half, the Laker defense gave up several good looks from the perimeter in the closing half, but eliminated the drive to the basket. The result was a 19-9 run and a Greater Thumb West victory.

Brittany Hamilton paced Cass City with seven points and Layna Mathewson chipped in six.

Girls' Basketball Standings

Greater Thumb West			
	W	L	W L
Reese	1	0	4 0
Caro	1	0	2 1
EPBP	1	0	1 3
Vassar	0	0	1 1
USA	0	1	1 2
Cass City	0	1	1 3
Bad Axe	0	1	1 3

NCTL - Stars			
	W	L	W L
Kingston	1	0	2 0
Deckerville	0	0	2 0
Dryden	0	0	2 0
North Huron	0	0	2 1
Genesee	0	0	1 2
Mayville	0	0	0 3
Flint Int.	0	0	0 2



THE 2018 Owen-Gage Lady Bulldog cagers are, from the left, Carley Haldane, Megan Fritz, Carlee Rievert, Coach Bob Haldane, Dana Morrish, Libby Ondrajka, and Maddy Haldane.



ELKTON-PIGEON-BAY PORT'S Mason Williams tries to shake loose from Cass City's Sandyn Cuthrell in the second quarter of the GTW opener for both schools.

Cass City opens GTW schedule on sour note

Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port disposed of visiting Cass City in convincing fashion Friday in the Greater Thumb West boys' basketball opener for both teams.

With the 62-37 victory, the Lakers improve to 5-0 on the season, while Cass City slips to 2-3.

Up next for the Red Hawks is tonight's (Wednesday) Greater Thumb Conference crossover contest at Marlette that wraps up Cass City's pre-Christmas schedule. Coach Aaron Fernald is hoping for a better all-around performance to return to the win column.

"Give Lakers credit, they played very well. We did not play with very much energy so we need to get back to practice this week and clean some things up before Marlette on Wednesday. I am confident we can do that," he said.

Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port put six players into the scorebook during the initial quarter of their GTW debut to grab a 17-13 edge. Cass City, meanwhile, used three hoops by Landen Schenk to remain close in the early going. Schenk hit on three consecutive

tries throughout the period, while Luke Stern closed out the frame tallying the visitors' final two hoops that included a trey from the top of the key.

Andrew Siegfried would heat up for the Lakers before the break and 10 straight points put the hosts up 29-16. However, Colten Wrubel came off the bench to provide Cass City with a spark. His two triples from opposite corners sliced the advantage to 33-22 late. However, that's as close as Cass City would get as they were limited to 13 points over the final two quarters.

Siegfried recorded game scoring honors with 14 points, while Mason Pasek chipped in a dozen points and Karson Binder, 11, for the winners.

Cass City had Schenk, Stern, Wrubel and Sandyn Cuthrell with four points each.

In other action last week, guest Deckerville gave Cass City all they could handle Tuesday before falling 53-51 in the non-conference affair.

Cuthrell tossed in 23 points to lead all scorers.

Kingston still rolling

Kingston opened North Central Thumb League - Stars play Thursday with a 65-42 win over visiting Mayville.

The hosts led 45-16 at the break and then coasted to the lopsided decision.

"We got off to a good start. Our defense caused some turnovers that got us into transition. When we are attacking the basket and running the floor we do some nice things. We need to clean some things up, but it's still early in the season. We will continue to get better," said Kingston Coach Dave Lester.

Aaron Koehler and Evan Neff split 26 points to lead Kingston. Hunter James added 12, while Nathan Cloyd chipped in 10 for the Cardinals.

Jeff Frost led Mayville with 11 points, while Carter Harmon

added eight.

Boys' Basketball Standings

Greater Thumb West				
	W	L	W	L
EPBP	1	0	5	0
USA	1	0	3	0
Caro	1	0	2	3
Reese	0	1	3	3
Cass City	0	1	2	3
Bad Axe	0	1	2	3
Vassar	0	1	2	4

NCTL - Stars				
	W	L	W	L
Kingston	1	0	3	0
Dryden	1	0	3	1
Flint Int.	1	0	1	2
North Huron	0	0	2	1
Deckerville	0	1	1	3
Mayville	0	1	1	1
Genesee	0	1	1	3

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Ubyly at USA
Sandusky at Reese

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WEDNESDAY, Dec. 19
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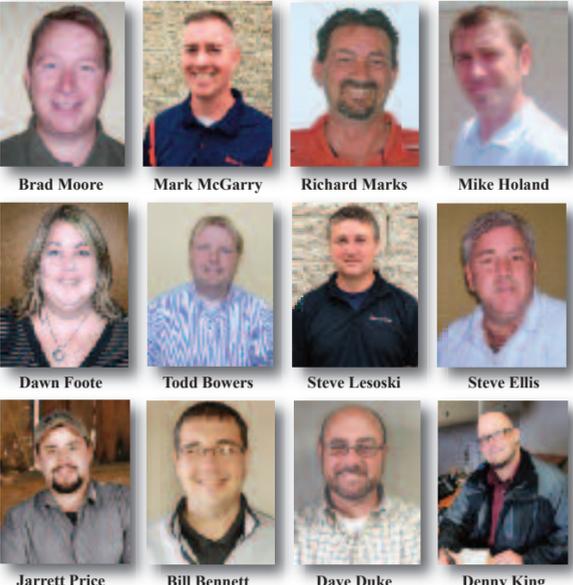


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Cass City School Supt. Jeff Hartel agreed Jaworski is a stand-out educator who has a gift for communicating with her students that she cares about them. "If I could describe Tracey in one (sentence)...she's a kind person," he said.

"Tracey has always been that top-notch teacher that goes above and beyond," Hartel added. "I can't say enough good things about her. She's prepared, she's thorough, she's knowledgeable, and we're just thrilled for her to win this recognition."

Jaworski earned a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in elementary education from Saginaw Valley State University. She has been an educator for 19 years, including the past 18 with the Cass City Public Schools.

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*Excellence – Their work consistently helps students and/or their schools or school districts advance to higher levels of academic achievement.

*Dedication – They consistently go above and beyond expectations to help students succeed.

*Inspiration – Their work inspires others around them to exceed expectations either

academically or professionally. *Leadership – They demonstrate clear leadership skills in their positions with their school or school districts. *Effectiveness – The nominee's

work has clear and positive results on the educational advancement of students within the school or school district.

Editor Tom Montgomery contributed to this report.



JAWORSKI, a veteran educator of 19 years – 18 in the Cass City School District – is pictured above during an interview after being presented with an Excellence in Education award from the Michigan Lottery.

School sets bidding dates for projects

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in school Supt. Jeff Hartel's office at Cass City Junior-Senior High School.

The school board is expected to award contracts for masonry, carpentry, mechanical and electrical components of the work during its next regular monthly meeting, Monday, Jan. 28, at 7 p.m.

Cass City voters overwhelming 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 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 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 heating/air condition/ventilation system, including replacement of boilers; electrical service, parking lot paving and playground equipment.

Parking lot paving is planned for the district's preschool as well, as are bus loop paving and restroom upgrades.

As for the first round of construction projects, school officials noted the junior-senior high school building will be virtually closed during the summer months, with the exception of some offices and the kitchen, which has a separate entrance.

Village changes health care plan

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was set at 18.1387 mills, unchanged from the past several years. Other revenue sources include property taxes, state-shared revenues, user fees, utilities fees, and federal, state and local grants.

Next year's proposed general fund budget represents a planned spending increase. The 2018 budget was \$4.4 million, and the 2019 budget has been set at more than \$5 million.

The village's spending strategy calls for a six-year transportation improvement plan of \$548,000, of which \$390,000 is slated for local streets, which would allow for improvements in all areas of the village as well as reconstruction of Hill Street for hospital traffic.

The budget plan also includes investing \$313,400 in water service improvements next year, including replacing some water mains and lines and a valve turner, with \$85,000 earmarked for water tower repairs and upgrades.

Turning to other business Monday, trustees entered into a lease

agreement with the Cass City Chamber of Commerce for office space at the Cass City Municipal Building, with monthly rent of \$100 that includes all utilities and Wi-Fi service, for a term of five years.

Also during the 90-minute session, the council received, approved and filed letters of resignation from Carl Palmateer and Nancy Barrios from the Tuscola Area Airport Authority Board. They will be replaced by new Village President Dan Dela-

marter and new Trustee Don Ball. Cass City's membership in the airport authority has been a point of contention in the past due to the \$9,300 the village spends annually to be part of the organization.

Before adjournment, Powell announced the village has received a \$25,000 check from the Pinney Foundation for the construction of a splash pool Cass City Recreational Park. The project's price tag is estimated \$200,000, and fundraising efforts are underway way.

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