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HURON COUNTY Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson and Deputy Janice Pulaskey (left) turn over cards filled with \$100 in cash, or food gift cards for distribution by officers, including Sgt. Jim Hunt and deputies Brad Strozeski and Gabe Callender (at right) to residents who have endured a difficult year financially. As of last week, the department had received \$6,000 in anonymous cash donations to distribute this year.

State robotics grants awarded to Cass City, Kingston, Ubly schools

by Mary Drier For the Chronicle

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As the state positions itself to be the leader in solving the talent gap, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is coming up with innovative solutions to bridge that gap.

Towards that end. MDE officials

MDE has awarded state-funded grants to 506 public and non-public schools to start and expand robotics programs across Michigan. The grants will be used to build up more than 2,300 robotics programs statewide.

In the Thumb, the MDE Office of Systems, Evaluation and Technology recommended competitive

\$9,350 for the Ubly Community Schools.

The grants are part of the state's continued investment in robotics programs, which have students learning about applications of science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM) through building robots for competitions. Robot s programs empower students to demonstrate their competency in learning in a variety of ways. The programs offer youths opportunities to solve problems that leverage the power of technology by developing and testing solutions in creative and imaginative ways. They are able to construct knowledge and make meaning of their learning experience for themselves. Students become global collaborators by utilizing technology to make connections with others to broaden perspective and learning through the creation of original products. Research shows that students participating in FIRST programs across the state are twice as likely to major in science or engineering in college, and more than 75 percent of FIRST alumni are currently in a STEAM field as a student or professional.

Spirit of giving

Huron deputies distribute \$6,000 from anonymous donors to needy in county

by Tom Montgomery Editor

You don't have to sell Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson on the notion that Christmas spirit is alive and well in Huron County.

In each of the 5 past years, Hanson's department has been approached by anonymous but very generous citizens who have asked deputies to distribute their cash gifts to families and individuals who are struggling as the holidays approach.

Hanson sees making good on those requests as not only a duty, but also a privilege.

And he's been more than happy to repeat the process this year.

"For the fifth year in a row, anonymous cash donors have come to us in hopes of brightening a few Christmases this year — of those who have endured some type of a challenging year," Hanson announced last week.

"Our deputies (have begun) delivering sixty \$100 gifts of either cash or food gift certificates, to people or families who have experienced some type of hardship during the past year. Some examples of those hardships include losing a loved one, extended illness, grandparents having to raise grandchildren, losing a job because their place of employment closes, etc.," he added. "We'll also contribute to a couple of non-profit organizations committed to the same type of cause.

"This program began five years ago when caring Huron County citizens — wanting to remain anonymous — came to me and asked that we use our discretion to distribute \$100 bills, or \$100 food certificates to those who may have had a bad year, or are in a bad way," Hanson explained.

"Each year I inquire with local police agencies, clergy, municipal and school leaders and other organizations who deal with the well-being of people, to seek out recipients.

"On average, we've been receiving around \$4,000 per year, with one year totaling over \$7,000. So far this year we've received \$6,000," he said.

"Although deciding who actually gets the gifts is very difficult because the money is limited, we consider it a great honor to be held in such high regard by such unselfish, generous, private individuals, who have entrusted us to help out others on their behalf."

Hanson said deputies don't typically finish distributing the donations until New Year's Day because the gifts are unannounced and it sometimes takes more than one trip to deliver them, such as when a recipient isn't home

But every dollar is appreciated, as should be everyone involved in making Christmas a little brighter for those having a hard time making ends meet this time of year, Hanson said.

"The residents of Huron County should over all be very proud of the many volunteers, contributors and other organizations that have put Huron County way out in front of other counties when it comes to caring and sharing their good will," he added.

recently announced a \$3 million investment in programs that better prepare young Michiganders for the careers of today and the future.

FIRST Robot Grants totaling \$6,100 for the Cass City Public Schools, \$2,500 for the Kingston Community School District, and

College eyes Cass City as possible campus location

The village of Cass City could once again be a center for higher learning in the Thumb.

"I met with Brad Merrill, director of the eastern region for Mid Michigan College," village Manager Debbie Powell explained recently to the council. "Mid Michigan College is seriously considering a satellite campus in Cass City, as it is centrally located in the Thumb.'

The community was left without an institution of higher learning ear-Please turn to page 8.

Ubly evaluating superintendent

by Mary Drier For the Chronicle

The evaluation process for the superintendent was started during the last Ubly Board of Education meeting.

The board went into closed session to discuss the superintendent eval-

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Cass City man arraigned in poaching investigation

by Tom Montgomery Editor

A Cass City area man was formally charged last week in a poaching investigation that unfolded in early December as a Michigan DNR conservation officer was responding to complaints of someone shining and shooting at deer in Elmwood Township.

Dirk L. DeLong, 43, was arraigned in Tuscola County District Court on a six-count warrant that includes two felonies - possession of a loaded firearm in a motor vehicle and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony (felony firearm), which carries a mandatory

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Gifts await first 2019 newborn

The arrival of 2019 will have special meaning arrivals, but just when the first baby of the new year will be born is anyone's guess.

Will the first birth take place just minutes or hours after the bells start ringing after midnight, Jan. 1, or will several days or even weeks pass before the blessed event?

Regardless, the first baby of the new year born and reported to the Chronicle by a Cass City area family will be showered with gifts and well wishes from local merchants, a tradition that has continued for many years in the community. The only question mark each year is tim-

ing

In 2014 Josh and Adrienne Klein welcomed their first born Lennox Rose Klein on Jan. 2

In 2016 Clinton and Taryn Ellis of Cass City welcomed their newborn daughter, Cambrey Jane Ellis, Monday, Jan. 6.

In 2018 Kati and Doug Ball welcomed their newborn daughter Blair Laura, on Thursday, Jan. 4.

As was true last year, the coming year's proud to couples that are also expecting their own little parents will receive a floral bouquet from Flowers by Grace, \$60 gift certificate from Captured by Christine for the newborn's first photo. Plus a \$10 gift certificate from Angel's Hair Studio.

Local restaurants are offering an assortment of meals for mom and dad too! Including Cass City McDonald's who will treat the new parents to dinner, a \$15 gift certificate from Nick's Country

Oven and a \$15 gift certificate from B's Corner Cafe

In addition, Thumb Bank and Trust offer their best wishes by opening a \$10 savings account for the new arrival

Coachlight Pharmacy & House of Hair will both be

showering the little one with a gift basket. But that's not all; Curtis Garber and Cass City Oil & Gas have both chipped in a free oil change. Finally, the family can read about their new arrival and other local news all year long with a free, one-year subscription to the Cass City Chronicle.

We eagerly wait to hear about our newest community member.

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Kingston High School announces honor roll

The following students received all A's and B's during the first marking period at Kingston High School. *Denotes all A's.

7th Grade Honor Roll

Daisy Barnes * Owen Corlis Zane Greve * Gavin Hunter Wyatt Koehler Preston Lupa Heidi Matheny * Jordis Mosher Destiny Noakes * Malawi Roberson Sohpia Schipinski Hayden Schuler Jaylin Skinner Matthew Sommerfield Myles Spencer * Delaney St. George Zoe VanRijn * Hunter Vennevy * Abby Walker * Ashlyn Walker * Gracy Walker Kailey White Heidi Williams * Lucas Zajac * Madelyn Zauner

8th Grade Honor Roll

Cortney Acker Logan Cloyd **Emily Coffey** Adrianna Essenmacher Ethan Green * Ethan Harrington * Madison LaFond Lawson Lyons Emily McGee Aryanna Miller Ashley Miller Josiah Muxlow Brooke Retan Stefannie Robinson Conner Seaman * Wesley Sholes Riley Smith Rachel St. George McKenzie Taylor

Destiny Traster Hunter Trovillion Leah Westover James Wilson Coryn Zyrowski *

9th Grade Honor Roll

Callie Becovic Kendal Belka Brandon Bombard Madison Cover * Collen Dobble * Gaven Dibble * Joshua DuRussell John Egan Kristen Ensign Kyle Ensign Carter Geister * Isabel Hurd Summer Jenkins Alex Kotsch * Madilyn McMaster **Owen Phillips** Jacob Rayl * Nicholas St. George * Ethan Ulewicz* Brooklyn Walker * Libbie Whitmore *

10th Grade Honor Roll

Don Anger Andrew Bitterle Hailey Bitterle Jason Dibble * Elanor Gaiser Colten Gildner * Morgan Green * Rayann Harp Kayla Hobson * Hannah James * Paige Klupp * Lillian LaFave * Ronnie Lemke Joslyn Lupa * Dustin Peter * Ella Retan * Alivia Roehrig Emma Schuler Alexandra Sherman* Jessica Stoll Makayla Thompson

Olivia Ulewicz * Lvnneah VanHorn Trayton Wenzlaff * Madison Wieland * Samantha Wood

11th Grade Honor Roll

Anna Ahern Elissa Bicego * Danielle Crisman Caleb Dodds Zoe Easlick Robin Edwards * Collin Geister Caleb Goss Jack Green * Katelyn Iseler Aaron Koehler Anastasia Krych Jalen Little Thunder Ryan McGarvie Mindy McMaster Braden Mosher Wren Murdoch Isaac Muxlow Evan Neff * Madison Nickens Tristen Skinner Joseph Snover * Autumn Stanley Mason Tallieu

12th Grade Honor Roll

Sophia Allen * Maisey Bigelow Chelsea Bohms Gerilyn Carpenter * Cheyenne Claypool Nathan Cloyd Randy Crisman Levi Cryderman * Ashtian Davis * Nathan Dawson Mason DeBlois Keni DeLong * Jamie Dibble Jillyan Dinsmore * Dakota Distelrath * Kerra Elling Scott Helton Connor Henry Hunter James Lilliana Kakowski Shyanne LaFond Lily Lyons * Camryn MacGuire * Hannah McSkulin Jacob Niemi Lacie Peters Gabrialla Ramizrez Carley Smith * Colton Stadler Denise Suminski Morgan Tallieu * Gunnar Thompson Jonathan Tolfree Amira Varvel Amanda Velez Emily Warrington * Roman Wood *



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Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!











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Why not resolve to be a bit healthier?

How are those plans coming to make a New Year's resolution for 2019?

Reflecting on necessary and/or desired lifestyle changes is a rite of late December/early January for many folks. It's a fitting time, considering the start of a new year follows a season of indulgence, financial and calorie-wise.

But it's probably safe to say it can also be a very frustrating challenge, because while the desire to improve oneself may be strong, the flesh is often weak.

The result? Broken promises to lose weight, stop smoking, give up that three-martini lunch, get out of debt, become more organized, etc.

In fact, research indicates only about eight percent of people actually achieve their New Year's resolutions.

This year, why not resolve to embrace a healthier lifestyle and take a few simple, manageable steps to enjoy some success?

According to "A Mindful Guide to New Year's Resolutions", published on the website leftbrainbuddha, one of the keys to success is to focus on the process of your goal – not the final results you hope to achieve.

"If we focus on going for walks or eating healthy salads for lunch, we will probably lose some weight in the process. And we'll probably enjoy the journey a lot more," the guide states. "The purpose of a resolution should be the process – the infinite present moments in which transformation occurs – rather than waiting for the single instance of attainment."

The guide also encourages people to closely examine their habits and try to determine what specific actions sustain those habits – then work on varying routines in order to avoid triggering the same old response(s).

Keep in mind that it's okay to start over – anytime – because no matter our intentions, there will be days when you simply won't live up to your expectations.

For many of us, health is a priority, and while diets of all sorts abound, experts say there are some simple things all of us can do to improve our chances of feeling better in the coming year. They include: *Go for a walk — often. You'll reduce stress, strengthen your immune system and increase your overall energy. *Add a serving of vegetables to your lunch and dinner every day. "Add whole grains to your menus — maybe try a new one, like barley or quinoa, or try a new recipe with familiar whole grains.



Gifts that keep on giving

Another Christmas is over and done. The gifts have been opened and have been played with and/or used. The beautiful wrapping paper is just a wad of trash now. The hustle and bustle is over.

The only thing left of Christmas 2018 is memories — current and past.

I think a tradition in Iceland should be embraced worldwide to take away the stress and commercialism of Christmas. In Iceland, books are exchanged on Christmas Eve. After the book is unwrapped, the person who receives the book spends the rest of the night in bed reading and eating chocolate.

I'm an avid reader, and who doesn't like chocolate? The tradition is called "Jolabokaflod," which when translated means Christmas book flood. The term Christmas is appropriate because Iceland publishes more books per capita than any other country, and it sells most of the books between September and November as people get ready for the holiday.

After learning that fact, I thought about all of the various gifts I've given to other adults over the years. One gift especially comes to mind.

For more than two decades, Cass City Chronicle Editor Tom Montgomery and I were "frenemies" (friendly competing enemies) covering Thumb area news. For a very brief period some years ago, he left the Chronicle to become the editor of the paper where I was working as a staff writer at the time.

I was selfishly excited as I would no longer be competing against him, because I had only ever downright scooped him on one story. That story was back when Barb Hutchinson retired as Rawson Memorial Library Director in Cass City. I did a little victory dance around the newsroom doing fist pumps in the air when his paper arrived without that story in it. My excitement didn't last long. He missed the story

because he was in the hospital. Anyway, for a very brief time many years ago, Tom and I were co-workers. At that time, I was selfish

smug that I could relax a little without his breathing down my neck in getting stories. The reprieve didn't last long. He went back to his

hometown newspaper, and we were competitors once again.

That incident happened close to Christmas. I guess enough years have passed that I can now admit I was mostly sorry that I wouldn't have the opportunity to work with him, and it wasn't just about not competing with him.

At the time, I was disappointed and my nose was out of joint about the situation. I gave Mr. Montgomery a small Christmas stocking with a lump of coal inside as a way to make my point (for those who do not understand the significance of a lump of coal in a Christmas stocking, that's what bad boys and girls get as a gift from Santa).



Two years ago I started freelancing for the Chronicle, so Tom and I are finally co-workers again.

When Tom and I were reminiscing about past news stories, I brought up the Christmas gift of a coal stuffed stocking I gave him. I was surprised when he told me he still had it all these years later. That simple gift apparently made a lasting impression on both of us

Hope everyone had a merry Christmas.



Cass City Village officials have been looking at a variety of ways to enhance the community.

One of those efforts is the First Impression Tourism program. Village Manager Debbie Powell will give an overview of the First Impression Tourism Grant findings Wednesday, Jan. 23, at Hills and Dales General Hospital. Registration starts at 5 p.m., with the program slated for 5:30 p.m.

Also recently, the council set some strategic planning goals for 2019 in an effort to be proactive rather than reactive. The goals that were set were First Impression Tourism Assessment Goals to be determined, facade improvements and downtown Development Authority (DDA) strategic planning.

Owendale resident Gerald Nowaczyk reports snowmobiles have been running in the state's Upper Peninsula for a couple weeks prior to the Christmas holiday.

Better yet for sled junkies like the former Owendale hardware store owner, Nowaczyk claims the weather forecast calls for 15 straight days of snow fall north of the Mackinaw Bridge starting Dec. 25.

Some of Tuscola County officials asked me to pass on a "big thank you" to the Chronicle for letting me to continue to write, tells Mary Drier, adding, it was because I was able to continue as a journalist that I discovered the state wanted to close the Caro Center. The Chronicle ran the story and the \$54 million impact the closure would have on the Thumb.

Drier, who has covered the commissioners and Thumb for over 30+ years, received a county resolution of honor for her work. Well-deserved Mary.

*Add a couple of glasses of water to your daily fluid intake.

Sounds like good advice.

And who knows? Achieving a series of small personal victories just might give you the courage to take on that cigarette habit, lose a few pounds or bury that annoying tendency to show up everywhere 10 or 15 minutes late.

Good luck, and may you enjoy some success in keeping your New Year's resolution in 2019.

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We will not publish thank you letters of a specific nature, for instance, from a club thanking merchants who donated prizes for a raffle.

Capping off eight years of job creation, recent news stated that the statewide unemployment remained unchanged at 3.9 percent marks the last time a statewide unemployment rate will be released during Gov. Rick Snyder's tenure. Nearly 560,000 private-sector payroll jobs have been created since the governor took office Jan. 1, 2011.

"I ran for governor eight years ago because I wanted to make a difference, I wanted a state where our kids didn't have to leave to find work," Snyder said. "I wanted to spur job creation, reinvent our state, and help make Michigan a place where families could build a successful life. I am proud of what has been accomplished and the unemployment rate being at its lowest rate in 18 years. Not only are kids staying in Michigan, we have families being reunited as more Michiganders have come home."

From the time that Gov. Snyder took office, the Michigan unemployment rate has fallen 7.4 percentage points, from 11.3 percent to 3.9 percent.

As was the case for this week's Chronicle, next week's edition – the first of 2019 – should arrive at local subscribers' home on Wednesday despite our office being closed the day before, this time to celebrate the first day of the New Year.

From all of us here, we wish everyone good health and prosperity going forward.



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Phone: (989)872-2010 Fax: (989)872-3810 chronicle@ccchronicle.net

Wednesday, December 26

·Spoonfuls of Plenty Free Community Meal, 4-6 p.m., LeeRoy Clark Building, 435 Green St., Caro. Open to anyone wanting a hot, home-style meal. •Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m.

•Huron County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, Huron Behavioral Health, Bad Axe. For more information, contact Rhonda Quinn at (989) 269-9293

•Sanilac County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, Sanilac County Medical Care Facility. Noon to 2 p.m. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

Thursday, December 27

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

Community Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.

Saturday, December 29

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

Monday, December 31

•Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubly. 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, January 1

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

•AA Meeting, 7-8 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 4960 N. Argyle Rd. (Meeting will be held in the hall next to the little stone church.)

•Al-Anon meeting, 7 p.m., Cakima Serenity Home, Mayville. Call 989-912-5478 for more information.

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

STANDING COMMUNITY CALENDAR ITEMS

First Saturday:

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

First Sunday:

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

First Monday:

•Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.

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

Second Monday:

•Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.

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

Second Tuesday:

•Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7 p.m., fire hall in Gagetown. •Tuscola County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, 1:30 p.m. -3:30 p.m., HDC Intergenerational Building, 430 Montague Ave., Caro.For more

information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

• Kedron OES #33 of Caro meeting, 7 p.m.

•Huron County Family Caregiver Support Group, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Human Development Commission, 150 Nugent Rd., Bad Axe. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

Second Wednesday:

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

Second Thursday:

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

Third Monday:

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

Third Tuesday:

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

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

•Ubly Lions Club meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Ubly Thumb Veterans Organization-Hall, 2165 Binghan St., Ubly MI 48475. A pot luck is served prior to the meeting. Everyone is welcomed. *Third Wednesday:*

Tuscola County officer injured during inmate attack last week

by Tom Montgomery Editor

A Tuscola County Sheriff's Department corrections officer suffered a broken nose and some bruises, but was home recovering after being attacked early Friday morning by a jail inmate facing multiple charges, including murder.

'Corrections Deputy Cody Neuville was giving medications to inmate Aaron Eby, who is in jail charged with homicide. The deputy was suddenly attacked by the inmate," Sheriff Glen Skrent reported on the department's Facebook page, noting the incident occurred at about 5:30 a.m.

"When other deputies arrived, the inmate was on top of the deputy, still assaulting him. A Taser had to be used but had little effect on the inmate," Skrent stated. "They finally were able to control the inmate and secure him.

The deputy was transported to

hospital for treatment and was later released.

'A reason for the attack is not known yet. A report will be forwarded to the prosecutor's office," the sheriff noted.

Eby, 23, is being held in connection with the disappearance of his roommate in late April. He was arrested and charged with 16 counts,



including open murder and several counts of possession of a dangerous weapon and lying to a police officer investigating a violent crime.

Police were responding to a missing person complaint when they discovered the body of Eby's roommate, 33-year-old Neal Ellis, on property owned by Eby in Vassar Township.



Officer Cody Neuville

Aaron Eby

Circuit court proceedings

Several appear on felony charges

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

*Jason D. Irons, 49, Caro, pleaded guilty to violating the Sex Offenders Registration Act by failing to immediately notify law enforcement of a change in address between Jan. 1 and Dec. 20, 2017, in Wells Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case, bond was continued at \$15,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the Michigan Department of Corrections. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Nathan D. Walsh, 35, Flint, pleaded no contest to charges of receiving and concealing stolen firearms and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony May 19-29 in Vassar Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was set at \$10,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

sar, pleaded no contest to attempted larceny from a person and domestic violence, second offense, Aug. 14 in Vassar.

A pre-sentence investigation was

ordered, bond was set at \$5,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.



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

Third Thursday:

•Sanilac County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, 3 p.m., HDC Adult Day Services Building, 227 N. Elk St., Sandusky. For more information, contact Kim at (989) 673-4121 or Amanda at (810) 648-4497.

•Grief Support meetings, "Healing Together." Heritage Hill, 1430 Cleaver Rd., Caro, 7- 8:30 p.m. For questions or to register to attend please call the office at (989) 872-5852 or toll free (877) 872-5852. These sessions are open to anyone dealing with a grief or loss. Sponsored by Hospice Advantage, Cass City.

•Caregiver Support Group, 11:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Bullard-Sanford Memorial Library, 520 W. Huron Ave., Vassar. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

Third Friday:

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

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

•Fourth Monday:

•Cass City School Board meeting, 7 p.m.

•Hills & Dales General Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 11:30 a.m., Gilligans (no meetings July, August, December).

•Tuscola County Right to Life meeting, 6:30-8 p.m., Caro Area District Library 840 W. Frank St., Caro. For more information, call (989) 872-3259.

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•Sanilac County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, Sanilac County Medical Care Facility. Noon to 2 p.m. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

Fourth Thursday:

•Community Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.

Last Monday:

•Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building. Last Wednesday:

•Cass City Chamber meeting, 8 a.m., Rawson Memorial District Library. **Every Monday:**

•Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubly. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.

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

Every Tuesday:

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

•AA Meeting, 7-8 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 4960 N. Argyle Rd. (Meeting will be held in the hall next to the little stone church.)

•Al-Anon meeting, 7 p.m., Cakima Serenity Home, Mayville. Call 989-912-5478 for more information.

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

Every Wednesday:

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

Every Thursday:

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

Every Saturday

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

*Candice L. George, 38, Clawson, pleaded guilty to five counts of uttering and publishing involving checks for \$1,574.61 drawn on JP Morgan Chase Bank Aug. 18, 2017, in Reese, Caro and Cass City

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$15,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the Michigan Department of Corrections. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Kurt A. Urban, 57, Caro, was ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$385 following his plea of no contest to a charge of domestic violence - aggravated assault between April 14 and June 2018 in Caro.

*Christopher J. Boone, 48, Vas-

SPECIAL DINNERS - 5 - 8 p.m.

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Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



I'd love to tell people that even after seven years of sobriety, every alcohol-free day is a walk in the park.

But that would be a lie, and successful sobriety is all about being truthful with yourself, as well as with others. So, while I have no problem breezing through most days without giving much thought to booze, I still struggle with it every now and then.

That's not to say sobriety still isn't worth every ounce of determination, effort and resolve I have to stay that way, especially when I consider how amazing life is these days. But there are moments, however brief, that remind me just how vital it is for me to keep my eye on the prize, you know?

Fortunately, I depend on a God who not only led me out of that mess, he also gives me what I need every day to hang tough.

I touch on this subject here during the holiday season each year because December marks a turning point in my life – and because I know there are others in our community fighting the same fight. And who couldn't use a little encouragement, you know?

I took my last drink Dec. 29, 2011, after years of living on an exhausting treadmill of addiction. It was, in short, a dark, depressing, fearful, hopeless existence.

Honestly, there was a time I figured alcoholics were all a bunch of weak, poor excuses for normal folks like – well, like me.

And then I woke up one day and realized I was one. It was a gradual process, taking years to reach that point, then a few more years to accept just how deep I was in this mess, and a few more years to really get serious about getting better.

And then the real work began.

I've come to realize a number of things along the way. Addicts are strong people, for example. They have to be because addiction is hard work, especially when you're also trying to live a "normal" life – hang onto your family and job, stay out of jail, etc., while trying to keep up with an insatiable habit.

I also know firsthand that recovering addicts are some of the most human people you'll ever meet, maybe because they've been forced to take a really hard look at how low they've sunk. This is a fight that requires brutal honesty, and frankly, the truth isn't very pretty sometimes.

I'll clue you in on something else; you can't possibly make an addict or alcoholic feel worse than they already feel about themselves. Can't be done.

If you've never been an addict or alcoholic, consider yourself fortunate. Heck, if it makes you feel better, go ahead and look down on those who are. But don't ever presume to understand this struggle.

On the other hand, you could reach out to someone battling an addiction and let them know you're there for them. Sure, they'll likely recoil at first, but who knows what a word of encouragement (without a side of judgment) might do in the long run for someone you care about.

Remind them that there's always hope as long as they don't give up on themselves. If they reach out for help, take their hand and help them to find some, even if you don't feel qualified.

In time, they may experience a reality you couldn't convince them of now if your life depended on it: that sobriety will deliver everything their drug of choice promised.

Perhaps most importantly, I've learned to never underestimate the power of being grateful, not just for everyone and everything in my life, but for each and every day. It's a good feeling, one I hope our readers will be enjoying as they welcome the opportunities and challenges 2019 will bring.

Happy New Year!



5 YEARS AGO (2013)

Cass City sixth grade students recently named local winners in the Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee were: Hailey Beckrow, first place; Abbey Salcido, second place; Tiana Tageson, third place; Kevin Estrella, fourth place; and Gracie Williams, fifth place. The top four finishers will move on to the Knights of Columbus Saginaw Diocese Spelling Bee at Hemlock High School in January. Williams will serve as an alternate. All five winners received Cass Theatre tickets and gift certificates to Mc-Donald's.

Proud grandparents Tom and JoAnn Osantowski announce the birth of their eighth grandchild, Olivia Rose Osantowski. Laura Osantowski gave birth to Olivia on December 4 at 11:03 a.m. She weighed 6 pounds 8 ounces and was 19 inches long. She was born at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, Ind. She was welcomed home by her big brother Christopher Fifer who is 13. Olivia's Great-Grandmother Johanna Piot lives in Hazel Park, Mich.

10 YEARS AGO (2008)

Cass City reeled off 14 unanswered points Thursday to open its non-conference affair with guest Almont and never looked back enroute to a 52-42 victory. After pouring in a season-high 26 points just 2 days earlier, Red Hawk center Chris Summersett served notice to the Greater Thumb West Conference that he'll be an offensive force to reckon with, as he pumped in a gamehigh 24 markers while leading the hosts over the Raiders.

Members of the Cass City Rotary Club finished up their final packing chores Saturday morning at the Curtis Chrysler dealership in Cass City. With an outpouring of support from the community, the club was able to serve 135 families during this year's Christmas for Kids campaign. Cass City Middle School students in Ryan Walker's seventh grade class brought in food items, a host of presents and opted to give up the pizza party they earned earlier in the year, instead donating their \$50 prize to an 'adopted' Thumb area family.

fax Cemetery. -Her first husband, Rev. Herbert Hall, had pastorates at the First Presbyterian Church in Kinde and in Dearborn. The present Kinde pastor performed the service. Mrs. MacPherson was a first cousin of Rev. Vender.

Jan and Alan Finkbeiner of Caro announce the arrival of a daughter, Natalie Kay, Dec. 20 at Saginaw General Hospital. Grandparents are Kay Finkbeiner of Owendale and Jerri and Grant Glaspie of Cass City. She joins her brother, Andy, 3.

40 YEARS AGO (1978)

Anna Neal of Ale Street was the winner Saturday of the Cass City merchants' drawing for a free trip for two to Florida. Going along will be her daughter, Shirley Haag of Brenda Drive. They plan to go in late January and will meet Mrs. Haag's husband, Danny, there. Controller at Evans Products in Gagetown, he will be attending a company conference in the sunshine state.

Mrs. Arthur Little was at Mio from Saturday until Monday to spend Christmas with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Don Roberts, Diane and Kevin of Center Line, Craig Roberts of Mt. Clemens and Brenda Kay Roberts of Warren and friend, Alan Frank. The family also celebrated the 19th birthday of Diane Roberts, which was Dec. 26.

Greg Hampshire, who had been attending college in Madrid, Spain, for a year, arrived at Tri-City Airport Thursday evening and was met by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hampshire. He will spend the holidays here and in January return to the University of Michigan for one more semester.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Zawilinski were home with their parents for Christmas Day. The family included Mr. and Mrs. Tom Krolikowski and two children of Mt. Clemens, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Zawilinski of Bay City, Mr. and Mrs, Larry Keyser and son, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Zawilinski and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Keller and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans Gibbard had as dinner guests Christmas Day, Mrs. Lillian Otulakowski, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Otulakowski and family and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Otulakowski, all of Cass City, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Gubanche and family of Brown City, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Ziegelman and boys of Marlette, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Walsh and family of Ubly, Bob Buckley of Bad Axe and Miss Chris Woodward of Cass City and Miss Stella Leszczynski of Detroit. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cooper. The ceremony took place at the Kingston Baptist parsonage, and marriage rites were performed by the pastor there, Rev. M. Eastman. The bridal party was attended by the groom's sister, Miss Anna Retherford, and Dr. George Bates of Kingston, at that time living at Deford. Mr. and Mrs. Retherford have lived most of their lives near Deford, on their farm, two and a half miles distant, except for a few years' residence in Detroit. About two years ago they moved to Deford village and the past year Mr. Retherford has been a deputy in the county drain commissioner's office. The fiftieth wedding anniversary will be observed very quietly. However, Mr. and Mrs. Retherford will be at home on Sunday and glad to receive any of their friends from two to five o'clock in the afternoon.

Mrs. Angus McPhail was hostess to the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church in her home Thursday afternoon, Dec. 16. The afternoon group selected officers as follows: Chairman, Mrs. I. A. Fritz; vice chairman, Mrs. Harriett Dodge; secretary, Mrs. John Sandham; and treasurer, Mrs. L. I. Wood.

Born Monday, Dec. 13, at St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw, a 6 pound 11 ounce son to Lt. and Mrs. Robt. Cartwright. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lenhard of Gagetown and Mr. and Mrs. H. 0. Cartwright of Unionville.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wood will entertain their entire family on Christmas. They are Mr. and Mrs. Daune Wood and family of Dearborn, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Wood and family of Bay City, Miss Artdis Jean Wood of Detroit, Pvt. Harry Wood of North Carolina, Mrs. Raymond Parker and Pearl, Edna, Gordon and Orlo, at home. They will have a tree, exchange of gifts, and a three-course dinner will be served.

100 YEARS AGO (1918)

The Hires Condensed Milk Co. is planning for the erection of another receiving room and addition to their plant at Cass City together with new buildings for a garage and machine shop. Measurements for the proposed new buildings and addition were taken last week and plans are now being prepared. The company has been using eleven different places in Cass City as warehouses. This need of more storage room at the plant will necessitate the erection of an addition at the west end of the factory building three-fourths of its present size. The work on the garage and factory extension, says M. F. Rittenhouse, manager of the local plant, will begin in early spring. Dear Folks: Just a few lines to let you know I am all right and enjoying the best of health but am rather tired. I was driving our Lieutenant staff car yesterday. We left at seven o'clock and got back at two in the morning. It was a 19-hour trip. I don't believe I was ever so tired as I was when we got back. It was a Ford car and it handles so much different than a truck that I was afraid of it, but between both of us we got back without any accident. Well, I will soon spend my second birthday in the army. Everything looks fine towards the war ending in the near future, but I think I will spend a year in France, that is only four more months, but I haven't a doubt but what the "lagar" as the Frenchmen say, will be over before then. P., &-Nov. 3. Well, here I am writing again. I forgot to take this letter to the office last night so will write a few more lines. You probably think there is a lot of traffic on Woodward avenue, but that isn't anything to what it is over here. I have driven for two and three miles on first and second speed sometimes just crawling along. Two lines of cammions and a line of horses and wagons, so you see at night if we make the least miss-move, somebody is going to get hurt. It is quite a strain on a fellow's nerves. The war looks more favorable each day. By By Elmer Deneen.

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Please take notice that the Novesta Township Board meeting dates for 2019 are as follows:

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January 7, 2019	July 1, 2019
February 4, 2019	August 12, 2019
March 4, 2019	September 9, 2019
April 1, 2019	October 7, 2019
May 6, 2019	November 4, 2019
June 3, 2019	December 2, 2019

Please take notice that the Novesta Township Planning Commission meeting dates for 2019 are as follows:

January 29, 2019 March 26, 2019 May 28, 2019 July 30, 2019 September 24, 2019 November 26, 2019

All meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. and are held at the Cass City Gun Club 2676 Englehart Road, Cass City, MI 48726 Pennie Rienas, Novesta Township Clerk

25 YEARS AGO (1993)

Repairing and installing phone equipment has been Dick Hendrick's full-time job for more than 36 years. It's been an interesting and satisfying career, but the Cass City man's full-time love has always been the theatre business.

Floyd J. Heron Jr., owner of Heron Accounting and Tax Services, Kingston, has been named "Accountant of the Year" for 1993 by the Mid-Michigan Chapter 7 of the Independent Accountants Association of Michigan.

A Christmas get together was enjoyed by the Holik family. There were 55 in attendance, with several coming from other states, including Hawaii, Indiana and Florida. Everyone met at the Charmont the day after Christmas. Jack and Irene Doerr and Dick and Norma Szarapski spent Christmas Eve with Jim and Marilyn Young.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Woodward entertained their family Christmas Day. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Gibbard, Tory and Wes, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Woodward and Dallas and Mrs. Karen Woodward, Courtney and Christopher and Kenny of Standish.

35 YEARS AGO (1983)

Mrs. Philip Doerr had her family home for Christmas: Mr. and Mrs. Bob Doerr and daughter of Kalamazoo; Mrs. Cass Stuba, Shelley and Chrissie, of St. Clair Shores; Tony Doerr of Austin, Texas, who is home for 10 days; David Doerr and fiancée Jan Thomas of Caro, and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Barnes.

Rev. Melvin Vender was in Bad Axe Dec. 19, to attend the funeral of Mrs. Mildred MacPherson, who died in Houston, Texas. Her body was returned for burial in the George Jones family plot in Col-

50 YEARS AGO (1968)

Dennis Longuski's luck is changing. The 19-year-old Longuski, still recovering from a trucktractor accident, was the winner in the Lions Club snowmobile drawing held Friday at the high school. In fact, the young Cass Cityan was so lucky that he had not even purchased a ticket for the drawing. Marv Winter, Dennis's uncle, purchased a book of tickets and put his nephew's name on one — the lucky one, as it turned out.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wilkinson are the parents of a nine pound, eightounce baby boy born Thursday, Dec. 19, at Lapeer General Hospital. He was named Scott Leslie. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Goss of Deford and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Wilkinson of Onaway.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bilicki of Wilmot were hosts at a birthday party Sunday, Dec. 22, for Mrs. Bilicki's sister, Mrs. Alden Asher. Guests were Alden Asher and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Kapala of Deford, Mr. and Mrs. Manley Asher, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Kapala and family of Oak Park, Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Kapala and family of Southfield and Mrs. Francis Champayne of Wilmot.

75 YEARS AGO (1943)

From Deford Correspondent. Dec. 26, 1893, Howard Retherford took as his bride Miss Caroline Cooper, daughter of the late



Lorinda DeLong

Lorinda "Rin" Marion Rocheleau DeLong, 94, of Cass City, died Friday, December 21, 2018 at Northwood Meadows Medical Care Unit, Cass City. She was born March 26, 1924 at home in Gagetown to Alfred and Lola (Menzel) Rocheleau. She married Leland Dean "Bill" DeLong May 31, 1941 in Cass City. He died April 30, 1983. Rin met Moe Thibodeau from Sudbury, Canada in 1989 and they shared many loving years of companionship together until his death on October 22, 2009.

Rin resided in Cass City. She worked for Owendale Automotive Industries until the plant closed. In the early 1960's she moved to Clare returning to Cass City after Leland's death. She was a past member of the American Legion in Harrison, a life member of DAV, a member of St. Pancratius Catholic Church and a past member of Cass City Lioness Club. Rin also worked in the cafeteria for Cass City Community Schools. She and Leland wintered in Florida for many years and she continued to be a snowbird with Moe and after his death. She enjoyed ballroom dancing, playing bridge and spending time with her family.

Rin is survived by her children: Linda (Thomas) Herron of Cass City, Bonnie (Frank) Miller of Summerfield, FL, Joyce LaRoche of Cass City; grandchildren: Brenda (Tim) Brinkman, Barbara Herron (Bill Harris), Dawn (Michael) Karr, Paula (Richard) LeValley, Donald Herron (Kristina Grand), Angela Jordan, Chantel (Dean) Paavola, Danielle (Bill) Paris, Tena (Dean) Rabideau, Theresa (Scott) Vatter, Jamie (Joe) Krol, LeAnn Philo, Jodi (John) Dean; 26 great grandchildren; 25 great great grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Yvonne Rocheleau of Clarkston, Viola Sciatone of Bay City, Nancy Shagene of Cass City; many nieces and nephews. Rin

is also survived by her Canadian family, children: Robert (Pirjo) Thibodeau, Wayne (Barb) Thibodeau, Lawrence (Sue) Thibodeau, Paul (Donna) Thibodeau; grandchildren: Lisa Larose, Scott Kivisto, Chad Thibodeau, Kris Thibodeau, Tara Hindle, Becky Boileau, Cindy Martin, John-Paul Thibodeau, Rebecca Thibodeau, Craig Thibodeau; 18 great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by sons-in-law: Jim LaRoche, Cliff Bemus; brothers and sisters-in-law: LeRoy (Elsie) Rocheleau, Victor Rocheleau, Richard (Blanche) Rocheleau, Edward (Pat) Rocheleau, Gerald (Shirley) Rocheleau; sisters and brothers-in-law: Marie (Don) Wood, Dolores (Bill) Bright, Corinne (Harvey) Carr; infant brother and sister: Harold Rocheleau and Dorothy Rocheleau; granddaughter, Kelly LaRoche; Canadian family: Frank Thibodeau.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 9 p.m. Friday, December 28, 2018 in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City and from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, December 29, 2018 in St. Pancratius Catholic Church, Cass City.

Funeral service will be held 11:00 a.m. Saturday, December 29, 2018 in Our Lady Consolata Parish, St. Pancratius Catholic Church with Rev. Rick Ross officiating. Interment will be in Novesta Township Cemetery. Pallbearers for Ms. DeLong will be her grandchildren: Brenda Brinkman, Barbara Herron, Dawn Karr, Chantel Paavola, Danielle Paris, Tina Rabideau, Theresa Vatter, Jamie Krol.

Memorials may be made to American Diabetes Association or American Cancer Society. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com. Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.

Beverly McLaren

Beverly J. McLaren, 87, of Decker, went to be with her Lord Sunday, December 16, 2018. She was born July 9, 1931 in Pontiac, the daughter of Orville and Beulah (Fisher) Hayward. Beverly graduated from Pontiac Central High School with the Class of 1949.

She married Clayton McLaren on December 8, 1951 in Marlette and they were married for 67 years. Beverly worked at Smith's Drug Store in Marlette as a clerk, retiring after 26 years of service. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Marlette. Bev-

erly loved family get togethers. She was a great cook, and enjoyed camping at Pickerel Lake, playing cards, Bingo and puzzles.

Beverly is survived by her husband, Clayton McLaren; two daughters, Diane (Bill) Ray and Debra (Mark) Twining; one son, Dale McLaren; six grandchildren, Laura and Jill McCreedy, Kyle and Mark Jr. (Tammy) Twining, Brad (Hannah) and Kelley Benhase; six great-grandchildren; one sister, Sherrie Hayward; four brothers, Al (Linda), Bud (Pat), Bill (Carol) and Jim Hayward; and two special friends, Tommie Cook and Margaret Sefton.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Orville and Beulah Hayward; one daughter, Denise Benhase; one son-in-law, Dave Benhase; and seven siblings.

A funeral service was held Friday, December 21, at Marsh Funeral Chapel in Marlette with Pastor Chris Wolf officiating.

Burial followed at Moshier Cemetery in Hemans.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Presbyterian Church in Marlette or United Hospice Service of Marlette Regional Hospital.

You may share an online condolence with the family at www.marshfuneral.com. Arrangements were made by Marsh Funeral Chapel, Marlette.



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Please take notice that the **Greenleaf Township Board**

meeting dates for 2019 are as follows: Third Thursday of every odd month at 7:00 p.m.

> January 17, 2019 March 21, 2019 May 16, 2019

July 18, 2019 September 19, 2019 November 21, 2019

ANNUAL MEETING: Saturday, March 30, 2019 at 1 p.m.

Please take notice that the Novesta Township **Planning Commission**

meeting dates for 2019 are as follows:

Third Thursday of every even month at 7:00 p.m. February 21, 2019 April 18, 2019 June 20, 2019

August 15, 2019 October 17, 2019 December 19, 2019

Greenleaf Township Hall 6435 Bay City Forestville, Cass City, MI 48726 Judy Keller, Greenleaf Township Clerk





Alvin Mozdzen

Alvin John Mozdzen, 73, of Hale died following a long illness Friday, December 21, 2018 in Ascension St. Mary's Hospital, Saginaw. He was born June 4, 1945 in Cass City the first child of seven born to Adolph John and Jennie Josephine (Polheber) Mozdzen. He married Jeri Ann Field November 19, 1966 in St. Michael Catholic Church, Wilmot

Alvin graduated from Cass City High School with the class of 1963. He served in the U.S. Navy stationed at the Bainbridge Naval Base. Before being drafted and after he returned, Al worked for General Motors

Pontiac Motors Plant retiring in 1999 after 35 years of service. Alvin enjoyed hunt-ing, particularly deer, black bear and rabbits. He participated in Enduro racing and ran in 10K races and was qualified for the Boston Marathon. Al was very handy and a talented woodworker making furniture for family and friends. Al and Jeri worked together to build their log cabin retirement home in Hale. They enjoyed camping in their Fifth Wheel especially their three-month trip across the United States and Canada.

Al is survived by his wife, Jeri; children: Laura (Donald) Heeke of Imlay City, Craig (Jacki) Mozdzen of Warren; grandchildren: Colin, Hannah, and Presley; mother, Jennie Mozdzen of Deford; siblings: Ronald (Marcia) Mozden of Deford, Marge Mozden of Deford, Gerald (Shelley) Mozden of Evart, Edward (Karen) Mozden of Deford, Mark (Julie) Mozdzen of Deford, Julie (Brian) Dasinger of Cripple Creek, CO; many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his father, Adolph Mozdzen; nephew, Jacob Mozdzen

Visitation will be held from 3 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, December 26, 2018 and from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday, December 27, 2018 in Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.

Funeral service held 11:00 a.m. Thursday, December 27, 2018 in Kranz Funeral Home Cass City with Pastor David Cooper of Deford Community Church officiating. Pallbearers for Alvin will be: Craig Mozdzen, Donald Heeke, Colin Heeke, Ron Mozden, Jerry Mozden, Edward Mozden, Mark Mozdzen. Memorials may be made to Hale Area Fish Thrift Shoppe. Military honors under the direction of U.S. Navy and Cass City VFW Post #3644. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com.

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Year in review: the best of times, worst of times

by Tom Montgomery Editor

Selecting a handful of significant news stories out of an entire year is never easy, largely because it's a subjective task. Still, certain news events – whether they involved a single story or a series of articles — are noteworthy in terms of how they helped to shape our community.

Of course, as is true every year, the only constant in 2018 was change.

For some, the year will be remembered with sadness by those who have lost loved ones, while 2018 may have marked a new and wonderful beginning for others.

However, we all share in a general sense of community, weathering various events together as friends and neighbors, celebrating and mourning, debating, lending a hand to those in need, and working together to maintain a way of life we've come to know and appreciate.

As a community newspaper, the Chronicle strives to report on news and features – both locally and regionally — that impact area residents. It's a job we take seriously, just as previous owners and staffers have over the past 112-plus years.

It's a mission we hope we'll be able to continue well into the future.

Before turning to the first chapter of 2019, however, we invite you to join us in taking a brief look back at a few of the events and issues that touched our community — for better and for worse — over the past 12 months.

BOND EXTENSION

*I*t was a banner year in the Cass City School District, where voters overwhelmingly supported a proposed \$8.68 million bond extension last spring.

Residents approved the measure — in order to generate enough funding to pay for a myriad of upgrades that will provide students with a safer, more secure and energy efficient learning environment — by a margin of more than two to one, 570 votes to 236 votes.

In a nutshell, voters agreed to extend an existing three-mill tax that originally generated funding for a host of capital improvement projects at what is now Cass City Elementary School. That tax is slated to expire in 2021 but will now be levied for an additional 15 years, with the proceeds going toward 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 bond extension will generate funding in three increments, and the work will be completed over the next five years, starting next summer with the installation of updated security measures at both the elementary and junior-senior high buildings, as well as heating/cooling repairs at the high school. Other proposed projects at the high school include upgrading technology; upgrading electrical service along with the fire alarm and clock systems; and renovating science labs and restrooms. Funding will also go toward 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 heatcondition/ventilation ing/air system, including replacement of boilers; electrical service, parking lot paving and playground equipment.

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

The district's younger students also flexed some academic muscle on the M-STEP (Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress) – also taken last spring, with local students topping both county and state average scores in nearly every subject and category. Overall, Cass City's combined scores were ranked first among Tuscola County's nine public school districts.

The year also saw something local school officials haven't seen in nearly a decade – a significant increase in enrollment.

The district in October reported student numbers were up by 20 kids compared to the previous statewide count last February. The numbers translate into an additional \$204,000 in state revenue school officials hadn't counted on when they adopted the district's current budget, which went into effect July 1. The estimate is based on this year's per-pupil funding level of \$7,871.

For nearly two decades, Cass City officials have watched local student numbers fall by hundreds of youngsters – losing an average of 3.7 percent of the district's student population annually since the 2005-06 school year, when the district boasted 1,500 students. In 2001-02, Cass City had more than 1,600 kids enrolled.

NEW LEADERSHIP

Cass City Village residents turned out in droves during the November general election, sending a message that they want to see some changes in the way their local representatives deal with challenges and opportunities in the future.

The election came in the wake of a year that saw a divided village council grapple with a number of issues, from whether or not to sell village-owned property, to the value of remaining a member of the Tuscola Area Airport Authority, to allowing or not allowing the owners of a local factory to establish a medical marijuana growing operation in town. In all, five residents sought to serve the village as trustees, while two others campaigned to become the community's next village president. Newcomer Dan Delamarter emerged the victor in the heated battle for president, winning the post by a two-to-one margin over council Trustee Nancy Barrios. Delamarter garnered 646 votes (just over 67 percent) to Barrios' 316 votes. Winners of the trustee seats were newcomers Joe Leeson and Don Ball, who received 567 votes and 560 votes, respectively, and incumbent Rob Piaskowski, who garnered 493 votes.

up to 1,500 marijuana plants. Vollmar had assured village officials that the proposed plant would be a well-controlled operation featuring a state-of-the-art H/Vac system to control any odor, 24/7 security with camera monitoring, a hydroponic growing system, and a carefully selected workforce required to undergo criminal background checks.

Vollmar and Ploss estimated their initial investment in the business at roughly \$1.5 million, with the venture generating \$40,000 in property taxes, 30 to 35 full-time jobs and a payroll of roughly \$1 million in the first year.

About three months later, the issue of growing marijuana legally for medical use only became a moot issue when a majority of Michigan voters approved legalization of recreational marijuana use. The statewide ballot issue garnered the support of 56 percent those who cast ballots in the November election.

Now, state residents ages 21 years and older can legally purchase, possess and use marijuana and marijuana-infused edibles, and grow up to a dozen marijuana plants for personal consumption, although local governments still have the final say over whether marijuana-related businesses are allowed to set up shop in their communities.

MAYBE IN 2019?

 \mathcal{Y}_{es} , Virginia, there will be a grocery store, and it will open in early 2019.

After more than three years without a grocery store in Cass City, another 12 months of planning and projections failed to fill that void in 2018. However, a Thumb business owner who has vowed to expand in the village says local residents will have their own grocery store again in the coming year.

In a recent interview, Jim Zyrowski, owner of the Marlettebased Ben's Supercenter Inc., said renovations at his new location inside the former Erla's Food Center are progressing nicely, and he expects to open the doors to what he plans to call Ben's Fresh Neighborhood Market in early 2019.

Zyrowski estimates his investment in the venture at roughly \$2 million, and he says the grocery will also feature a full-service deli, bakery, hardware department, pharmacy, and drive-through branch of Frankenmuth Credit Union. Local residents have become understandably skeptical about proposals promising a new grocery after Texas businessman Mark Molter repeatedly announced plans to open one in town - first on Main Street on lots now occupied by the former Fairway store, Rotary Park and the former Cass City Antique Mall, and later in the former Baker College campus in the village – only to abandon his plans over a period of several months. Zyrowski, however, says area shoppers won't be disappointment with what he's done to the former Erla's Food Center building, or with the service they'll find at the new business when the doors open in the coming months.

victed on several felony charges, including assault with intent to commit murder. He was also convicted on multiple counts of falsely reporting a felony, and lying to a police officer during a violent crime investigation.

According to testimony offered during the trial, Williams struck his 57-year-old wife Christine in the head with a splitting-ax maul – twice — while she was lying in bed during the early morning hours of May 26 inside their home at 1850 Mertz Rd. (M-24) in Tuscola County's Indianfields Township.

Williams then tossed the ax at his wife, sat in his vehicle for a period of time and then went about his day like he would on any other day, including going to his job at The Palace of Auburn Hills. Sometime during the next 14 hours, before returning home, he also visited his girlfriend, dropping off a gift card to her.

After he returned home, Williams ransacked the residence in an effort to make it appear as if an unknown intruder had broken in and assaulted his wife.

Following divorce proceedings initiated by an attorney representing Williams' wife – who survived the attack but was left with long-term health issues was awarded all of the couple's assets.

GROUND BROKEN

 \mathcal{T} uscola County and its many communities, including Cass City, scored a huge economic victory in 2017 when state officials approved plans to replace the 104-year-old Caro Center in Indianfields Township with a new, \$115 million, 200-bed psychiatric hospital that will be constructed in the county.

In 2018, officials broke ground for the project, but not everything has gone as smoothly as both state and local officials had hoped.

Caro officials originally agreed to provide water to the new hospital via a 1.9-mile water line at a cost of roughly \$2.4 million. The city's proposal was made during the negotiations as an incentive to keep the facility here.

However, since then an impasse occurred between the city and township officials involving concerns over possible annexation, cost and restrictions on the amount of water the city would make available for future business development along M-81 in the township. While officials representing the city of Caro and Indianfields Township officials remained at odds over who is responsible for providing municipal water to the new state hospital, Tuscola County officials stepped in this fall with a possible solution. County commissioners hired an engineering firm to conduct a study targeting the feasibility of utilizing existing wells on the grounds of the Caro Center. If that's possible, engineering and legal costs could be incorporated in the bonds that would be issued by the county for the project, and it should be a much cheaper option than \$2.4 million, said county officials, who would take possession of the water system.

sources Commission (NRC), if successful, would change the definition of a legal buck and prohibit hunters in the Thumb from taking a buck with fewer than four points on one side.

Spearheading the proposal are the Thumb Area Branch of the Quality Deer Management Association (QDMA) and the Blue Water Branch of QDMA.

The targeted area covers Tuscola, Huron, Sanilac, Lapeer and Saint Clair counties and would be implemented next year if a random survey of 2,000 hunters, expected to be completed in January, results in a clear majority of at least 66 percent in support of the proposal. The NRC would also have to give its blessing to the plan, which would probably remain in effect for five years.

The APR restrictions would not apply to those participating in special hunts held in September for Michigan youth and disabled veterans.

Supporters of the plan say their goal is to protect a minimum of 50 percent of young $-1 \frac{1}{2}$ -yearold - bucks, in an effort to increase the percentage of more mature bucks in the deer herd those 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ years of age and older. At the same time, QDMA officials encourage hunters to harvest more does in order to establish a healthier buck-to-doe ratio.

Those opposed to mandatory APRs characterize backers of the effort as trophy hunters. They argue that no segment of the hunting population has a right to force its management strategies on all hunters, and that each sportsman should have the choice of taking the buck of their choosing.

HOSPITAL CELEBRATES

 \mathcal{H} ills and Dales General Hospital officials had plenty of reason to celebrate in 2018, starting with completion of the first phase of a massive \$6 million renovation/expansion project following months of construction.

The work included construction of a new entrance to the hospital, new lobby area and gift shop, renovation of a dozen patient rooms on the inpatient floor, as well as the nurses' station and physical therapy area.

Also completed was a transition for the Cass City Medical Practice and after-hours clinic, which will now see patients at Hills and Dales under the extended hours of the Cass City Medical Practice. Officials noted that having the extended hours attached to the hospital means patients will easily be able to access other related services if needed, including lab, radiology and the emergency room. With the first phase now completed, hospital officials expected the second phase of construction – final work to the inpatient floor and renovation of the cafeteria – to be wrapped up in short order.

MORE GOOD NEWS

While voters were doing their part, Cass City students were doing theirs in the classroom.

The district took over the academic spotlight in the Thumb last fall with the release of reIncumbent Trustee Marilyn Biefer and newcomer the Rev. Todd R. Gould received 435 votes and 314 votes, respectively.

Roughly 1,200 of the village's 1,865 registered voters cast ballots in the election for a turnout of 64.5 percent, according to Tuscola County Clerk Jodi Fetting.

MARIJUANA

The hopes of businessmen Gary Vollmar and Gus Ploss to establish a medical marijuana growing operation inside the Millennium Industries factory in Cass City went up in smoke over the summer when a divided village council rejected their plan on a vote of 3-4.

The vote came after more than one meeting in which a majority of citizens on hand voiced support for the venture.

The proposed request involved an application for a Class C license to grow, cultivate and cure

MURDER CASE

An horrific murder case in Tuscola County came to a fitting conclusion in 2018 with the sentencing of a 60-year-old Caro man convicted in the brutal attack of his wife with an ax inside their Caro area residence.

Tuscola County Circuit Judge Amy Grace Gierhart handed down a sentence of 40 to 80 years in prison to William Russell Williams, whose four-day trial ended in her court April 13 with a jury returning verdicts of guilty on all counts after deliberating for just under an hour.

Williams, who was previously examined at the Center for Forensic Psychiatry in Ypsilanti and deemed criminal responsible for his actions, was conIt's estimated the Caro Center generates roughly \$54 million for the local economy.

QDMA BACK

Backers of mandatory antler point restrictions (APRs) returned to the Thumb with another proposal aimed at requiring area hunters to pass on younger bucks.

Their plan, under consideration by the Michigan Natural ReAlso this year, local Hospital officials announced their decision to accept the generous donation of Baker College's 14,000-square-foot campus building and property in Cass City, now known as the Hills and Dales Regional Education Center, at 6667 Main St.

Hospital officials have moved some of their non-clinical staff to the building, where they are utilizing needed office space. The larger conference rooms, meanwhile, have been dedicated for use as meeting space and for educational training such as CPR courses, SafeSitter courses, support group meetings and other groups that meet at the hospital on a routine basis.





VETERAN Thumb journalist Mary Drier is pictured above with outgoing Tuscola County Commissioner Matthew Bierlein. The county board honored both individuals last week for their respective contributions to Tuscola County and the Thumb.

Board honors veteran Thumb area journalist

by Tom Montgomery Editor

Tuscola County officials took time last week to honor a veteran Thumb journalist whose contributions to her craft and the region include a breaking news story involving the planned closure of a state psychiatric hospital in Caro that would have had a devastating impact on the county's economy.

The news prompted county officials to launch a successful campaign to secure state approval for construction of a new state psychiatric hospital near Caro starting in the spring.

Commissioners honored Mary Drier, of Unionville, with a resolution recognizing her many years of covering stories throughout the Thumb, both as a staff reporter and as a freelance writer.

"As a freelance journalist, Mary was the first to educate the community regarding the state wanting to close the Caro Center and the \$54 million devastating financial blow this closure would have," county board Chairman Thom Bardwell said, reading from the resolution.

"Mary Drier has received special recognition from the Tuscola County's Michigan Farm Bureau as an agriculture communicator, received an honorary order of the Silver Rose Award for covering Agent Orange issues, and recognized by veteran service organizations."

The resolution also noted she has won Michigan Press Association (MPA) awards for coverage of the state's desire to construct a juvenile prison in Caro, the Decker connection to the Oklahoma City bombing, and a story detailing the challenges faced by a developmentally disabled couple that resulted in state law being revised, enabling them to marry.

Drier, a columnist and regular contributor to the Cass City Chronicle over the past couple years, is a 1969 graduate of Sebewaing High School.

"I have a variety of associate degrees in accounting, managerial accounting, management, business management, advertising, secretarial science, etc. I kept changing my mind what I wanted to be when I grew up," Drier joked.

"I only took one journalism class because I had a difficult time understanding the 'inverted pyramid'," she recalled, referring to the metaphor used by journalists and other writers to illustrate how information should be prioritized and structured in a story. "Two days into the class I understand what editors wanted.

"I started as a freelance writer for the Saginaw News, and one by one other newspapers wanted my service. At one time or another, I have written for every newspaper that covers Tuscola and Huron counties,

Tuscola County board honors Bierlein

by Mary Drier For the Chronicle

As one door starts to close for a soon-to-be former Tuscola County Commissioner, another open door awaits.

Matthew Bierlein's last day as a county commissioner will be Dec. 27, and on Jan. 1, he will officially take on his new role as an aide to 31st District Michigan Senatorelect Kevin Daley (R-Attica).

Bierlein's fellow county commissioners honored him with a resolution last week, recognizing a host of accomplishments, including serving as president of the Michigan Association of Counties and as a member of the National Association of Counties Board of Directors. He also served on the county's Great Start Collaborative, Human Development Commission (HDC), Human Services Coordinating Council, local emergency planning committee and recycling advisory committee.

County board Chairman Thom Bardwell read the resolution aloud.

"Matt's financial leadership was instrumental in developing multiyear financial plans, making needed changes to county pension plans to stabilize overall county finances and successfully passing special purpose millages to strengthen veterans, senior citizen, road patrol and Michigan State University Extension Services," Bardwell said.

"Commissioner Bierlein was extremely helpful in: assuring the new Caro Regional Center was built in Tuscola County, in implementing operational efficiencies throughout advancement of technology, improvements to the county recycling program and numerous other accomplishments. He has made tremendous contributions to Tuscola County during his time of service."

Bierlein will bring that knowledge base with him in his new position.

"Kevin asked me to be his aide," said Bierlein. "I will be the district director, in Lansing one day per week and the rest of the time here attending meetings and also handling the case work (complaints)."

Daley, who formerly served as the 82nd district state house representative, won the 31st state Senate race during the Nov. 6 election and fills a seat previously M held by Senator Mike Green (R-

Mayville). The district includes Tuscola, Bay and Lapeer counties.

Mid Michigan eyes Cass City

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lier this year when Baker College officials closed their Cass City campus at 6667 Main St.

The 14,000-square-foot facility didn't stay empty for long, however, as Baker officials subsequently donated the property to Hills and Dales General Hospital. Hills and Dales officials are utilizing the additional space to house some non-clinical staff and to host various training sessions and meetings.

"Mid Michigan College Would be able to offer general education credits for dual enrollment students," Powell explained. "It would be in medical programs such as phlebotomy, skilled trades, and potentially a register nurse (RN) program."

Powell said she will update the council as more information becomes available.

Poaching suspect arraigned

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minimum two years in prison.

DeLong also faces misdemeanor counts of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated, possession of an open intoxicant in a motor vehicle, using an artificial light in a field, woodland or forest with a firearm in his possession, and illegally taking a deer.

Bond was set at \$1,000 for DeLong, who faces a preliminary examination in district court Wednesday, Jan. 2.

The investigation took place during the evening hours of Saturday, Dec. 1 – one day after the state's regular firearm deer season had closed, according to DNR Conservation Officer (CO) Josh Wright, one of two COs assigned to Tuscola County.

"I received a couple of 'shining and shooting' complaints," said Wright, who stopped the suspect vehicle, a pickup truck, near the intersection of Cass City and Green roads and observed two dead deer in the bed of the vehicle that had not been tagged.

Wright arrested DeLong for operating under the influence. He noted there was a total of four occupants in the vehicle – three adults and one juvenile. Charges are pending against the other occupants, but names are being withheld pending their arraignments.

Wright confirmed he located a firearm as well as a spotlight in the vehicle. He also reported he and Sgt. Justin Nitz of the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department returned to the same area a short time later and located two more deer that had been shot. All four animals were antlerless deer.

Under state law, anyone convicted of poaching an antlerless deer must reimburse the state \$1,000 per animal.

In addition to fines and restitution, Wright said, convicted poachers lose their hunting privileges for the remainder of the calendar year in which they are convicted, plus three additional years.



FIND NEW ROADS

and two radio stations," she said.

Drier says she basically "fell into journalism.

"I was forced to take a creative writing class because it was the only one that fit in my schedule at college without having to go back to take just one class to graduate," she said. "When I was in the fifth grade, a teacher wanted the class to write a short story. I wrote a novel. I poured my heart out into it.

"I was thrilled when the teacher asked if he could keep it. Later, I overhead him telling another teacher it was the worse example of writing he had seen," she continued. "I was crushed. I didn't write for a while. Then, I went back to creative writing, but never...showed it to anyone."

As a result, Drier added, "I fought going in the creative writing class in college. For several weeks, I only did a few assignments. The teacher told me I had to write or she would flunk me. So, I started doing creative writing again. She said I was the best creative writer she had ever had in her class at that point. However, she told me only a few can make a living at creative writing. She suggested contacting newspapers.

"I did, and the rest is history — nine newspapers and two radio stations."

Drier worked as a full-time staff writer for 27 years before going back to being a freelance writer.

"Over the years, I've worked for about a dozen different editors, and they didn't realize I didn't have a journalism degree," she noted.

"I believe in what I do. The freedom of the press is the only occupation in the U.S. Constitution," she said. "It has been an amazing career. Each day is different. I have met a wide variety of people, from congressmen to bikers."





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LATE SEASON TROPHY. Brynn Pallas, age 10, took this big buck in Sanilac County with a muzzleloader. She's the daughter of proud parents Danny and Janelle Pallas, of Argyle.

Lady Cardinals bow to Division 1 Eisenhower

The Kingston Lady Cardinals suffered their first regular season defeat in over a year Wednesday to wrap up play before Christmas.

It took a team from Utica to knock off Coach Jay Green's team. "Both teams played with great intensity. We played good defense throughout the game, but their pressure finally got to us in the third quarter, I was proud of how my girls kept competing and even pulled ahead briefly in the fourth, hopefully we learn from this and it makes us a better team. I appreciated Utica Eisenhower coming up to play us and wish them the best the rest of their season," said Green. Eisennower, who improved to 6-0 with a 35-31 victory, is in the top division of the Division 1 Macomb Athletic Association

2018 sports highlights that won't be forgetten

by Clarke Haire Publisher

There was plenty of sporting highlights during 2018, here are some that will never be forgotten.

January 10, 2018: Cass City senior Wyatt Dickson was part of the "Hall of Fame Tournament" Saturday at New Lothrop High School, where 27 of the best teams and wrestlers from around the state of Michigan gathered for the top caliber event.

Wyatt, 160-weight class, pinned four wrestlers to advance to the finals where he lost a close 2-1 decision to A. J. Moore from Clio. Along the way Wyatt picked up a mile stone 150th career win.

Wyatt currently sits 6th in the district's all-time win rankings with 152, training only Josh Jensen (205), Kyle Sieradzki (175), T.J. Moore (169), Aaron Dorland (167) and Adam Dorland (159).

February 7, 2018: The Cass City wrestling team is selfish and veteran Coach Don Markel wouldn't have it any other way.

After sharing Greater Thumb Conference (GTC) honors with Mayville in 2017, the Red Hawks' weren't as generous Saturday and used a dominating performance at the GTC League Meet to hoist yet another championship banner under the direction of the hall of fame mentor.

The 2018 GTC champs enter the weekend tourney in a three way tie at the top of the conference standings following the completion of the dual match portion of the campaign. But when the smoked cleared over the weekend in Marlette, Cass City stood alone on top of the 10-school standings.

February 28, 2018: It was a fitting ending to the regular season for the Cass City High School girls basketball team and their star player senior Sayge Cuthrell. Cuthrell tossed in eight more points in the third frame and with 3:21 remaining on the clock in the final period – and her team up 42-21 - a lob pass into the post and subsequent basket ended the night for the Greater Thumb West allconference forward, but not before she scored her 1,000 career points. "It has been very impressive to watch Sayge grow into the basketball player she is today. She has played through several injuries over the last two seasons but always comes to the game ready to go. I believe she has had double figures in points and rebounds in 17 of the 20 games this season. That is a very impressive and hard thing to do night in and night out," said Cass City Coach Aaron Fernald

Bendle High School.

The 42-28 loss was the third to the Lakers in quarterfinal action since 2015.

Kingston fell behind 10-2 early and never seriously challenged the Lakers on the night as they were unable to slice into the double3 digit gap.

"This team is a special group of girls who made history with an undefeated regular season and a third regional title in four years," said Green.

Ending their Cardinal basketball career with the loss were seniors Grace Dinsmore and Kaisa Giddings.

May 9, 2018: CarLee Stimpfel traveled to Saline over the weekend to compete in the exclusive Golden Triangle meet. There, the Cass City distance Phenom competed in the 3,200 meter race Friday night and the 1,600 meter race Saturday afternoon.

The races Stimpfel ran were no ordinary races. For Friday's "Mike Smith Elite" race, runners had to qualify to run in the premier heat. There were 30 qualifiers, and 96 boys total for the race.

Stimpfel set a new personal record by bettering the record he set last year running a 9:15.01.

June 6, 2018: Coach Josh Stern's Red Hawks claimed Division 3 district honors Saturday in Caro for the first time since winning four straight tournament crowns ending in 2015.

"Winning the district was truly a team effort, every guy on the team had a big contribution at some point during the games. Kenton (Wiseman) and Kendall (Anthes) both pitched great games and scoring 20 runs in two games is a great accomplishment," Stern said.

June 27, 2018: The 63rd racing season at the Silver Bullet Speed way has seen lots of action, and there is more to come as the season continues. This year the track transitioned to IMCA modifier races. The change made Silver Bullet Speedway the fourth IMCA modified track in the state. "This season has had a lot of close finishes in all divisions. Some of the best finishes I have ever seen there. It has been fun to watch," said Dave Mellendorf. For some going to the race track is a family event. "My daughter and I go to Silver Bullet Speedway every Saturday night. We love that we have a local dirt track to spend our Saturday nights at," said Evelyn Crandall of Sebewaing.

ing completed the 5,000 meter race in 22:15 for Ubly, who also had Grace Conley and Andrea Grifka with times of 22:32 and 23:50, respectfully.

For Owen-Gage, Madelyn Haldane was fastest with a time of 22:19. Other Lady Bulldog scorers, and their times, included Allison Haldane (24:11), Katriana Curtoys (24:30), Libby Ondrajka (24:41) and Carley Haldane (26:24).

October 17, 2018: Coach Scott Cuthrell's Cass City Red Hawk football team needed victory over guest Reese in the final Greater Thumb West (GTW) contest for both teams Friday to earn the hosts' their first outright league crown in over four decades.

Pop the champagne bottles, an easy 42-7 romp over the Rockets has this year's team joining Cass City's only other undefeated conference championship team.

"Cass City wins the first outright league championship since 1972. It has been a long drought for our school and the kids that put the effort into summer workouts were able to get us to this point. It is a team that is dedicated to hard work and dedication. We are a team that is made up of freshman, sophomores, juniors and seniors and together they created themselves an awesome season," Cuthrell said.

October 24, 2018: Caro left spectators believing in the Tigers' high ranking Saturday following the Thumb Area Cross Country Championship held at the Caro Golf Club.

The host Tigers, the #1 ranked men's team in the state, recorded a winning score of 28, while runner up Yale finished with 53. Rounding out the Top 5 team finishes were Sanford-Meridian (106), Sandusky (128) and Croswell-Lexington (183).

Yami Albrecht led the way for the champs with a winning time of 15:52. The Caro senior had plenty of help over the weekend as teammate Caleb Cotton, Aaron Hulbert and Logan Brown added Top 6 showings. Cotton placed 4th individually with a time of 16:63 and was followed immediately across the end line by Hulbert and Brown with times of 16:55 and 16:58, respectively. Bryden Miller was the final scorer for Caro with a time of 17:12. He placed 12th overall.

The hosts led 11-5 after one quarter and 19-7 at the break. However, a 19-3 run to open the final half lifted Utica to victory.

Carley Smith had eight points to lead Kingston, while Jillyan Dinsmore, Camryn MacGuire and Hannah James each scored six. Lauren DeBeau had a game-high 11 points to pace the winners.

Kingston rebounds against BCAS in conference play

Kingston rebounded nicely from the Cardinals lone setback with a 64-23 victory Thursday over Bay City All Saints in the team's first road test of the season.

"We got to a good start and played well defensively all night. Everyone contributed," said Coach Dave Lester.

Evan Neff led the winners with 18 points, Nathan Dawson added 10 for the Cardinals, while Quinn Boucard and Aaron Koehler chipped in nine and eight points respectively.

Alex Czyzewski led Bay City All Saints with nine points.

Earlier in the week, visiting International Academy of Flint (IAF) delivered Kingston a 74-62 North Central Thumb League Stars setback on Monday.

The visitors grabbed a 19-8 edge in the opening quarter and were able to hold off a late Kingston rally.

"We played poorly on the defensive end and struggled shooting all night. We fought back and got it within 12 in the second half, but we just had too many breakdowns," Lester said.

Evan Neff led Kingston with 17 points and Nathan Cloyd added 15. Gerrious Williams led IAF with 18 points, Larry McLean had 16, while Jonnard Willie and Jamarion Fricks added 13 and 10 respectively.

Hawks enter break with wins

The Cass City girls basketball team delivered Deckerville its first blemish on the season Friday in non-conference play.

With the 50-38 win, the host Red Hawks improved to 2-4 in early season play, while the Eagles slip to 4-1.

Cass City outscored their guests in each quarter to claim victory. They led just 15-14 after one, but led 26-22 after two and 36-27 after three.

Kelly Ziegler tossed in 14 points to pace Cass City, while Brittany Hamilton added 13.

Deckerville's Ella Watson led all scorers with 15 tallies.

Turning to boys basketball action, Cass City ended play before Christmas with a 57-55 win at Marlette in a Greater Thumb Conference crossover tilt.

The Red Hawks trailed 45-43 entering the final eight minutes, but outscored the hosts 5-1 at the foul line in the final period to escape with the victory.

Sandyn Cuthrell had 15 points to top Cass City, while Luke Stern added 14.

March 14, 2018: Kingston made the most of the final game on their high school gym floor one to remember Friday, cruising to Class D district honors.

Kingston's defensive press was the difference maker in the early going and Nathan Cloyd was the catalyst. The junior guard swiped several Peck passes in the opening frame that he converted into three easy buckets.

Cloyd led Kingston (20-3) with 14 points, six rebounds, four steals and three assists in a complete game showing. James added 11 points and three steals, while Evan Neff added nine points, five rebounds and three steals. Austin Ahern added nine rebounds for the Cardinals.

March 21, 2018: For only the fourth time in school history, Kingston came up short in a Class D quarterfinal matchup.

After winning 23 straight games, Coach Jay Green's Lady Cardinals stumbled against Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes at Burton August 15, 2018: It appears Tony Nika has made a full recovery.

The 2013 Rolling Hills Golf Course club champion became a two-time winners of the event over the weekend in convincing style.

Nika won 2018 honors with a winning 36-hole total of 149 at the Cass City venue.

Between his championships, Nika had a knee scoped in 2016. "I had it done locally, they just

went in and cleaned it up a little, but I didn't worked for three months," Nika recalled.

September 26, 2018: The Ubly girls and Mayville boys recorded first place team finishes Saturday at the Laker Cross Country Invitational.

The Lady Bearcats turned in a winning score of 32, and were followed in the team standings by Millington 87, Owen-Gage 95, Cass City 102, Mayville 111, Kingston 114, and North Huron 126.

Haili Gusa was clocked in 19:56 and Josie Gusa in 20:45 to pace the champs, while Shelby Mess**November 7, 2018:** Clay Daily was recently crowned homecoming king at Oklahoma State University's Boone Pickens Stadium in Stillwater, Okla. The son of Greg Daily and Linette Weston and grandson of Jim and Beverly Daily of Kingston and Marvin and Lorene Messing of Ubly.

November 21, 2018: North Central Thumb League, district and regional champ Kingston dominated the Stars Division all-league volleyball selections with a trio of dream team performers.

Cardinals Camryn MacGuire, Carley Smith and Lily Lyons all landed on the all-league first team – determined by the vote of coaches in the 6-school association – to highlight several honorees from the undefeated North Central Thumb League – Stars Division (NCTL-Stars) champions.

MacGuire's season totals included 503 assists, 220 service points with 63 aces, and 32 kills, while Smith recorded 176 kills, 245 service points with 48 aces, 88 digs, and 28 blocks and Lyons had 104 kills, 130 service points with 40 aces.

"We finished the season with a 20-1 record, NCTL Stars Division, district and regional champions. It was the first time in school history for an undefeated regular season as well as its first regional championship in volleyball," said Kingston Coach Beth Hunter.



Ubly board

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uation of Joe Candela, but nothing further was done when the board returned to open session.

State law requires each school's board of education and each intermediate school district's board of education to conduct a performance evaluation of administrators. The evaluation is a comprehensive process that takes into account several factors, and the regulations that have to be followed to do the evaluation are complicated.

The Michigan Revised School Code requires board of education members to complete training on the evaluation process. The evaluation for superintendents began with the 2016-17 school year.

Michigan's superintendent evaluation law requires an annual superintendent evaluation. After reviewing an administrator's performance, the board assigns the administrator with a rating of highly effective, effective, minimally effective or ineffective.

When the Ubly board hired Candela at the beginning of the 2016-17 school year, it marked his 14th year as a superintendent. He was the Almont Community Schools' superintendent for five years when he accepted the job in Ubly. Before that, Candela was superintendent of the Akron-Fairgrove School District for 10 years. He also served as a principal, athletic director, teacher and coach in that district.

When he was hired at Ubly, it was a homecoming of sorts for

Candela, who is an Ubly graduate. In other business, the board accepted "with regret" the resignations of Bill Sweeney as varsity track coach and the resignation of Eric Sweeney as junior varsity football coach.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 14, starting at 7 p.m.

News briefs

2019 fire officers elected

CASS CITY – The Elkland Township Board recently approved the slate of 2019 officers for the Elkland Township Fire Department as recommended by Fire Chief Glenn Guilds.

The officers are: Assistant Chief Scott Wright; captains Mark Tomlinson and Jeremy Somerville; and lieutenants Paul Learman, Tony Middaugh and Nick Moyer.

Beware of holiday scams

CARO – The Tuscola County Sheriff's Department is reminding everyone that the holidays are a time to not only celebrate, but to also be very vigilant when it comes to fending off scam artists.

"Many people are reporting to us that they are getting scam calls in our county. There is a never-ending variety," reports Sheriff Glen Skrent, who says the scams run the gambit – everything from individuals calling residents and falsely identifying themselves as IRS agents and utility company representatives, to callers saying they represent Amazon or some other on-line shopping service and asking a customer to repeat or confirm their credit card number.

"There have been a few scams reported to the police in our county where the victim gets involved in a 'relationship' with someone on the Internet and sends compromising pictures/videos of themselves," Skrent noted. "The other person receiving these then says if you don't pay them, they we will post your pictures/videos all over the Internet or they say they are actually a juvenile and will get you in trouble if you don't pay money.

"We would imagine that many people are too uncomfortable to even report these losses to the police, so probably many more are being scammed by this type of venture," he said. "Please remember when you do this sort of thing, you open yourself up for any possibility. It is especially important for parents to discuss this with their children and the repercussions that it could have.

County man is reappointed

LANSING — Gov. Rick Snyder recently announced several appointments and reappointments to multiple boards and commissions.

Among them was the reappointment of Tuscola County resident Neil French, Reese, to the Michigan Bean Commission.

French is the grower relations manager for ADM Edible Bean Specialties Inc., a dry bean elevator and processor. He has farmed for 42 years and holds a degree in elevator management from Michigan State University, and as a commission member will continue to represent processors, shippers and handlers through Dec. 31, 2021.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery



Cass City Jr./Sr. High School 2018-19 Winter Sports Schedule



BOYS' BASKETBALL (FRESHMEN/JV/VARSITY)

DATE	<u>OPPONENT</u>
11/30	CC 79, Owen-Gage 25
12/5	Sandusky 50, CC 39
12/7	Ubly 47, CC 44
12/11	CC 53, Deckerville 51
12/14	Lakers 62, CC 37
12/19	CC 57, Marlette 55
12/28	Roscommon @ SC4TBA
1/4	Bad Axe
1/9	Vassar
1/11	USA (F, JV, & V)
1/18	Caro (F, JV, & V)
1/21	Mayville
1/23	Reese (F, JV, & V)
1/25	Lakers (F, JV, & V)
2/1	Bad Axe
2/6	Vassar
2/8	USA (F, JV, V)
2/15	Harbor Beach
2/20	Caro (F, JV, & V)
2/22	Reese (F, JV, & V)
2/25-3/1	Districts

All games begin at 6 p.m.

WRESTLING

DATE	<u>OPPONENT</u>	TIME
12/5	Lakers/Mayville/Marlette	6:00 p.m.
12/8	Marlette Team Tourney	8:00 a.m.
12/12	Vassar/Ubly	6:00 p.m.
12/15	Cros-Lex Team Tourney	9:00 a.m.
12/19	Capac/Caro	6:00 p.m.
12/21	Millington/Caro/Mayville	1:00 p.m.
12/28	Mayville Individual Tourney	TBD
1/9	Lakers/ Brown City/Bad Axe	6:00 p.m.
1/16	Sandusky/Memphis	6:00 p.m.
1/19	Mayville Team Tourney	9:00 a.m.
1/23	Lakers	6:00 p.m.
1/26	Caro Team Tourney	9:00 a.m.
2/2	GTC League Meet @ Mayvill	e 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	A TBA

GIRLS' BASKETBALL (FRESHMEN/JV/VARSITY)

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DATE	<u>OPPONENT</u>
12/4	Sandusky 26, CC 18
12/6	Ubly 49, CC 29
12/10	CC 58, Mayville 9
12/13	Lakers 31, CC 24
12/18	Marlette 41, CC 40
12/21	CC 50, Deckerville 38
12/27	Capac @ SC4TBA
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	DistrictsTBA

All games begin at 6 p.m.

GYMNASTICS

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

Admissions: High School - \$5.00 Jr. High- \$4.00



Individual - \$80.00



BE RESPONSIBLE! Please don't drink and drive.

How big is the problem?







Last year, **10,265 deaths** involved alcohol-impaired driving crashes, accounting for nearly one-third (29%) of all traffic-related deaths in the United States.

Of the traffic deaths involiving **children**, ages 0 to 14 years, **209** (16%) involved an alcohol-impaired driver.

Nearly **1.1 million** drivers were arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol or narcotics.



111 million self-reported episodes of alcohol-impaired driving among U.S. adults each year.









Drugs other than alcohol (legal and illegal) are involved in about **16%** of motor vehicle crashes.

Marijuana use is increasing and 13% of nighttime, weekend drivers have marijuana in their system.

National Drunk & Drugged Driving Prevention Month



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

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 Judi-cature 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, hus-

band and wife Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Elec-

tronic 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: Decem-

ber 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.

Subject to the use of Southwesterly 50.00 feet thereof for use as State Highway M-15 and subject to other easements and rights of way of record, containing 45.05 acres. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a; or, if the

subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

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

This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: December 5, 2018 Trott Law, P.C. 1369891 12-5-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE -Fredie Tune and Alice Tune, Husband and Wife as tenants by the entirety with full rights of survivorship, granted a mortgage to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 23, 2007, and recorded on May 30, 2007, in Liber 1120, on Page 1451, and rerecorded 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 vendue, 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.

Date of notice: 12/05/2018 Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 111923 12-5-4

MORTGAGE SALF THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OB-TAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE

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

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

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

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

SMITH, MARTIN, POWERS & KNIER, P.C. Dated: December 3, 2018

Henry L. Knier, Jr. (P46393) Attorney for Independent Bank, Mort-

gagee 900 Washington Ave., P.O. Box 219

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

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 (P 33908) Attorney for Plaintiff 24525 Harper St. Clair Shores, MI 48080 586-777-0770 12-5-7

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

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

This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: December 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 Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: December 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

2006 in Liber 1101 of Tuscola County Records, page 515, said Mortgage having been assigned to U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIA-TIONAS TRUSTEE OF THE BUN-GALOW SERIES III TRUST on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Sixty Five Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Eight & 28/100 (\$65,658.28), by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that on the 17th day of January, 2019 at 10:00 AM o'clock Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in Village of Caro, Tuscola Ctv MI, of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, with interest hereon at 6.62500 per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, in-cluding the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or vise, located thereon, situated in otherv the VILLAGE OF CASS CITY. County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit: LOT 12, BLOCK K, JAMES L. HITCHCOCK'S SECOND ADDITION, ACCORDING THE THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 1 ON PAGE 5A OF PLATS, TUSCOLA COUNTY RECORDS During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed 30 days after the foreclosure sale or when the time to provide the notice required by the statute expires, whichever is later. Pursuant to MCLA 600.3278, the mortgagor(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney Dated: 12/19/2018 U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL AS-SOCIATIONAS TRUSTEE OF THE BUNGALOW SERIES III TRUST Mortgagee

FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C. Attorney for Servicer 700 Tower Drive, Ste. 510 Troy, MI 48098 (248) 362-2600 BSI PARRISH

12-19-4

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C., is attempting to collect a debt, any information obtained will be used for that purpose, MORTGAGE SALE -John F. Arnold, an unmarried man, granted a mortgage to Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation. Mortgagee, dated October 8. 2009, and recorded on November 2 2009, in Liber 1186, on Page 1211, and assigned by said mortgagee to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, as assigned, Tuscola County Records. Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Three Thousand Two Hundred Forty Dollars and Forty-Two Cents (\$53,240,42)

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such

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

This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: December 5, 2018 Trott Law, P.C. 1369855

12-5-4

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to MCL 600.3212, that the following will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding e 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.

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

12-5-4

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

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

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

Reserving the road way now established across the North side of the above described property for road purposes only.

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

This notice is from a debt collector.

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 OC-TOBER 22, 2018, A.D., in a certain cause therein pending, wherein FRANKENMUTH CREDIT UNION was the Plaintiff and JAMES L. KIM-MEL, PATSY L. KIMMEL, AG VEN-TURES, 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 vendue, 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 bidder AT THE PLACE OF HOLDING THE CIRCUIT COURT WITHIN TUS-COLA 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 off 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 Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCLA 8 600.3278, 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, Blum-berg, & 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

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-Seven 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 vendue 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, RUN-NING 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: Orlans 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, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS) as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Mortgagee, dated the 16th day of October, 2006 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for The County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 6th day of November.

case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on January 24, 2019 Said premises are located in Tuscola County Michigan and are described as: Parcel 2: A parcel of land in the Northeast 1/4 of Section 1, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County is described as: Beginning at the Northeast corner of said Section 1 and the centerline of Washburn Road; thence South 00 degrees 15 minutes 03 seconds East 460.09 feet along the East line of said Section 1 and the centerline of Washburn Road to a point on the asbuilt centerline of Swaffer Road; thence along centerline of said Swaffer Road the following 4 courses, South 49 degrees 13 minutes 26 seconds West 105.13 feet; thence South 59 degrees 31 minutes 28 seconds West 81.16 feet; thence along a curve concave to the North of radius 218.60 foot an arc length of 121.96 feet an interior angle of 31 degrees 57 minutes 56 seconds, whose chord bears South 75 degrees 30 minutes 24 seconds West 120.38 feet; thence North 88 degrees 30 minutes 39 seconds West 99.73 feet: thence North 03 degrees 19 minutes 19 seconds East 33.02 feet to a point on the North 33 foot reference line of said Swaffer Road; thence North 16 degrees 55 minutes 35 seconds East 209.81 feet: thence North 45 degrees 22 minutes 19 seconds West 147.32 feet; thence North 03 degrees 07 minutes 13 seconds West 290.49 feet to a point on the North line of said Section 1; thence along said North line South 85 degrees 57 minutes 28 seconds East 422.50 feet to the point of beginning.

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

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DURING HIS career as an astronaut, Shaw flew three space shuttle missions, as pilot of STS-9 in November 1983, as commander of STS-61B in November 1985, and as commander of STS-28 in August 1989. Shaw later played a key role in returning the shuttle to flight following the Challenger tragedy.



THE CREW OF STS-9 (above) walks out of the astronaut quarters to board their ride to the space shuttle launch pad. Cass City native and former Astronaut Col. Brewster Shaw, Jr. is in the front row on the left.

Thumb still honoring native son who aimed for, reached the stars

Shaw shares memories of space flights with Cass City students

by Mary Drier For the Chronicle

The trajectory of the Thumb's only NASA Astronaut wasn't a straight line from Cass City, but it helped him reach the stars.

Brewster Shaw, who originally lived six-miles outside of town when he was growing up, flew three space shuttle missions, played a key role in returning the shuttle to flight following the Challenger tragedy in 1986, and supported the commission in investigating the accident. He then led the Space Shuttle Orbiter return-to-flight team that was chartered to enhance the safety of the vehicles' operations.

Being a cafeteria busboy in college and playing in a rock band helped pay for his education.

Those are just a few pieces of the background Shaw shared with Cass City High School students in Bill Hartzell's History-Based Movie Class during a Skype session last week.

Hartzell uses visual imagery along with the audio of a movie and Skyping with history-makers to engage students in ways that lectures and history textbooks cannot. Skyping with Shaw about his career as an astronaut offered students a unique history lesson.

Shaw played in the band called "The Gentleman." He credits his interest in flying and subsequent career to a fellow band member – the band's drummer, who had a pilot's license and took Shaw flying. That experience hooked him on flight, and his interest in music would prove to be more valuable than he knew at the time.

Shaw graduated from Cass City High School in 1963, and like many, he was intrigued by man's first tentative steps to explore space. He studied engineering mechanics at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, in 1968.

"That was during the height of the Vietnam War," he said, adding he knew he would soon be drafted, so he selected the branch of service that interested him the U.S. Air Force.

He knew being an Air Force pilot would be his first step into the sky, and possibly beyond. He completed two tours in Vietnam and is a retired Air Force colonel.

During his career, he earned numerous honors and awards, including 28 medals in Vietnam. He received the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Air Force Distinguished Flying Cross with 7 Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Defense Meritorious Service Medal. "Carrying a rifle in a rice field wouldn't get me to the moon," he said of his decision to enlist in the Air Force. "All of the astronauts then were military pilots."

When NASA advertised for astronauts, he applied. It was a lengthy process that included many variables.

"That's the part where playing in a band helped me," he said. "The selection board looked for those who were 'generalists.' They were looking for people who had interesting hobbies and (different) interests, and fun to be around. Being in a rock band helped me get accepted."

Shaw joined NASA in 1979. The only time he looked back was when he was in space while taking thousands of photographs.

"The Earth is a beautiful place. It is fragile. When there is talk of global warming and environmental impact, believe them," Shaw said. "Live your life in a way to be friendly to the planet. It is the only one you have."

During the hour-long Skype, Hartzell's students asked a variety of questions.

"The launch is the most exciting thing I've ever experienced," Shaw said.

The spacecraft weighs 4.5 million pounds, thrust is 7.5 million pounds at lift-off and a majority of that 7.5 million pounds happens when the solid rocket motors light in a millisecond at 90 percent thrust, he explained.

"It feels like someone hit the seat with a sledge hammer. There is shaking like crazy. You are plastered back in the seat and can't lift your head. You just hope the pointy end stays forward for the first two minutes and 10 seconds (of lift-off). There is nothing you can do. It is the most awesome detonation of power!" Shaw explained.

"On the launch pad, you think, oh Lord, don't let me screw up, make it to orbit, have a successful mission and return. The only thing you have to hang your hat on is that the thousands of people who got the flight ready all did their job properly. Invariably they did."

Another student asked what it was like being in outer space.

Shaw described it as feeling like having a head cold — pressure in the eyes, and vision is changed for one to six months because the eyeballs are altered, which goes away when returning to gravity, but in some males the changes are not reversible.

"Even on short missions the body starts to change in zero gravAccording to Shaw, there were a variety of reasons why moon exploration didn't continue.

"Politics was the main reason for not going back to the moon. We had won the moon race in establishing U.S. supremacy of technology in the world. There wasn't enough support to continue, the cost, and we were enmeshed in Vietnam," he said.

Over the years, the race to space has changed.

"The shuttle program was terminated after the space station. In my opinion, that was shortsighted because the space station was designed to be supported by the space shuttle to carry up containers of expedient racks for data. It was a slick operation, but that all terminated when the space shuttle stopped flying by President George W. Bush's order," noted Shaw. "You can't blame Bush; he did it on advice."

The loss of life also took a toll on the space program.

"After the Columbia accident and we lost seven more astronauts, President George W. Bush came to the space center for a gathering. He spoke to us. I watched his face. It was a huge struggle and he disliked talking to family of the dead astronauts. I think that was a factor in terminating the space shuttle," Shaw theorized. "It was the second accident and some people had lost confidence.

"I will say that both accidents were preventable and were the result of human error/judgment."

Outer space is still being explored, with NASA developing the Orion space craft, which will be capable of going to the moon or to Mars — that is the ultimate long-term goal.

"Getting to Mars will be tough and really dangerous. I personally support going back to the moon before committing to going to Mars," he said, noting there is still a lot to learn.

In talking to the students, Shaw encouraged them to pursue a career that interests them, and he pointed out there is a wide variety of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) careers to be explored.

Only two pilots are needed now on a spacecraft, but mission specialists in a variety of STEM careers are also needed, and can be applied for on a civil service application that is open to citizens, according to Shaw, who after 27 years with the U.S. Air Force and

by Mary Drier For the Chronicle

It's been more than three decades since Cass City native and now-retired U.S. Air Force Col. Brewster Shaw, Jr. completed his first trip into space as pilot of STS-9 Columbia as a NASA astronaut.

Shaw's commander during that November 1983 flight was John Young, one of 12 moonwalkers who also flew two Gemini, two Apollo and two space shuttle missions. Columbia carried the European Space Agency's Spacelab, a reusable pressurized experiment module, in her payload bay.

The six crew members worked in two teams of three, each working a 12 hour shift to maximize the use of Spacelab, with Shaw assigned to the Blue Team.

With Columbia, Spacelab and the crew all performing so well, mission control extended the mission by one day. They spent 10 days, 7 hours, 47 minutes and 24 seconds off the planet, while completing 72 experiments.

When Shaw returned to Cass City last summer to attend his 55th high school class reunion, he signed a quilt block dedicated to him and mounted to a building at Cass City Recreational Park that is part of the Thumb Quilt Trail. He also signed two smaller images of the quilt dedicated to him — both are at the Cass City Municipal Building at the corner of Main and Seeger streets.

And there are other symbols of recognition honoring Shaw's accomplishments, include green highway signs at the village limits, noting Cass City is the home of Astronaut Brewster Shaw.

In addition, some items from Shaw's historic journeys – a uniform and flight suit, for example — are on display at the Michigan Heroes Museum, 1250 Weiss St., Frankenmuth.

The Michigan Heroes Museum is dedicated to honoring, respecting and remembering Michigan residents who have heeded the call to military service, especially during America's seven foreign wars.

The museum, established in an effort to tell the stories of servicemen and women from around the state, now features more than 850 full collections of personal artifacts and stories of military heroes.

The Michigan Heroes Museum has gathered so many stories that it is the largest museum of its kind in the country and still growing. The museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Shaw was born in Cass City in 1945 and graduated from Cass City High School in 1963.

ak Leaf Clusters, and the Deity. Bones and muscles start to atrophy, and fluid shifts up and fills to head from legs," Shaw said. NASA retired to work in the private sector as an aerospace executive.

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