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## Tribe, state officials to co-manage petroglyphs

Representatives of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) have signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) establishing the beginning of the tribe's co-management of the Sanilac Petroglyphs Historic State Park near Cass City.

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl was joined in Mount Pleasant by DNR representative Sandra Clark and others to

sign the document early last week.

In a news release issued by the tribe, officials called the memorandum of understanding groundbreaking, as it marks the first state/tribe co-management of a state park in Michigan.

"This partnership is a major step forward in strengthening the authentic interpretation of the Sanilac Petroglyphs site, which speaks to the connections of humankind to nature and the earth," said DNR

Director Daniel Eichinger.

"We hope this collaboration will serve as a model, both within and beyond Michigan, of respectful, inclusive, equitable management practices that protect important historic resources while helping people understand their relationship to them."

Donated to the State of Michigan by the Michigan Archaeological Society and managed by the DNR since 1971, the petroglyphs are

the largest known group of ancient rock carvings in the state. Listed in the National Register of Historic Places, the park covers 240 acres along the Cass River in Sanilac County's Greenleaf Township.

The carvings were discovered by residents after fire swept through the area in 1881 and revealed rocks bearing the designs. Stone tools and pottery found on the petroglyphs site on the Cass River

floodplain show tribal groups have occupied the area periodically throughout the last 8,000 years.

The petroglyphs were likely carved within the last 1,400 years, with some possibly created in more recent centuries.

The tribe and state began discussions regarding the preservation and stewardship of ezhibiigadekasin (Sanilac Petroglyphs Historic

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CASS CITY'S Christmas in the Village celebration kicked off Saturday with breakfast with Santa at the Cass City VFW Hall, and while some babies aren't too thrilled to sit on Santa's lap, eight-month-old Roland Gomez (above), son of Angel and Mitchel Gomez, Kingston, was enthralled with the big guy's whiskers. (See story and related photos, page 16)

## Trooper sentenced to one year in jail

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

A former Michigan State Police trooper convicted of assaulting his female partner – and an attempt to cover it up – last February in Bad Axe was sentenced to one year in jail last week in Huron County Circuit Court.

Judge Gerald M. Prill gave Adam Mullin, 26, of Millington, credit for 149 days served, leaving 216 days left for him to serve. He



Adam Mullin

also placed him on probation for three years and ordered him to pay court costs and fines totaling \$426.

While on probation, Mullin is prohibited from having contact with his victim or her family and from possessing weapons. He will also be required to attend a 52-week anger management-style program and is to receive mental health counseling.

A jury in October deliberated for about two hours before convicting the former law enforcement officer on four criminal counts, including felony charges of obstruction of justice, which carries a maximum five years incarceration and/or a \$10,000 fine; and obstructing a police officer – causing injury, punishable by up

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## District court jurors will serve fewer days

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Receiving a jury duty notice in the mail isn't typically a reason for celebration, although most people understand it's a civic obligation that enables them to participate in a very important aspect of this country's democracy, and it's the law.

Starting next year, however, Tuscola County residents who receive a district court jury summons will be asked to serve fewer days, lessening the inconvenience.

Residents who are selected to serve on a jury for the Tuscola County District Court in 2020 will be the first to experience a number of changes in the local jury process, according to Sheila Long, Tuscola

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## Veteran Elkland Township Supervisor Dan Erla retiring

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Dan Erla is looking forward to giving up the supervisor's chair in Elkland Township later this month, but don't be surprised if you see him at future meetings of the local township board in Cass City.

"I told them (board members), I'll be coming to those meetings," Erla commented last week.

Erla recently formally submitted his resignation as supervisor, effective Dec. 31, and board members unanimously named veteran Trustee Terry Muntz to the post. Muntz, who was expected to be officially appointed during the board's December regular monthly meeting Monday night, will complete Erla's current term in office, which expires at the end of 2020.

Erla isn't certain just how many years he's served in township government, although he's been supervisor for the past 22 years, taking on the job after Cass City's Dave Milligan resigned from the post after 12 years at the helm.

Norma Wallace, a former longtime Elkland Township clerk who retired in 2008 with 26 years of service to the township, recalled Erla was a trustee when she joined the board in 1983. That would give Erla a tenure exceeding 36 years. "I know Dan will miss it," she said.

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Dan Erla

## Searchers find body of missing man

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Law enforcement officials recovered the body of a missing Tuscola County man late Monday morning about a quarter-mile from where the victim's submerged vehicle was discovered in a water-filled ditch Friday after-

noon in the Unionville area.

Tuscola County Sheriff Glen Skrent identified the victim as 44-year-old John Loughner, Unionville.

The Tuscola County Sheriff's Department Dive Team along with the Michigan State Police, with some assistance from the Michigan Department of Natural

Resources (DNR), were involved in the recovery effort, according to Skrent.

Searchers located the victim at about 11 a.m. in a swampy area, in about three feet of water, across the road from the ditch where his vehicle was found.

The search was launched Friday. Please turn to page 7.

## Police: man assaulted woman who answered ad

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

A 52-year-old Caro man is facing nine felony sexual assault charges after he allegedly assaulted a 43-year-old woman who answered his help-wanted advertisement for a cleaning lady.

The defendant, Gilbert Herbert Freeman, was arraigned Thursday in Tuscola County District Court on three counts of criminal sexual conduct, first degree; two counts of criminal sexual conduct, second degree; three counts of criminal sexual conduct,

third degree; and one count of criminal sexual conduct – assault.

Bond was set at \$250,000 cash for Freeman, who remains lodged in the Tuscola County Jail. He is scheduled to appear for a preliminary examination Monday, Dec. 23, at 9:30 a.m.

According to the Michigan State Police, the victim had gone to Freeman's residence Dec. 3 in response to a call-in advertisement he had placed with a Thumb radio station for someone to clean his home and run errands for him.

"Upon meeting the 52-year-old Indianfields Township suspect – they did not know each other – and spending some time together, the female victim was sexually assaulted," said Special Lt. David Kaiser, public information

officer, MSP Third District Headquarters, Flint.

According to reports, the assault allegedly took place after the victim had returned to the defendant's home from a grocery shopping trip.

The incident prompted law enforcement officials to remind area residents to exercise caution when answering ads or responding to any social media postings or other media messages.

"The MSP (urges) citizens to be vigilant when meeting people from any sort of online posting, radio posting, online sale – Craigslist/Facebook, etc.," Kaiser said. "We encourage people to meet at their local police department parking lot or any MSP post to exchange goods."



Gilbert Freeman

# Cass City Schools name "students of the month"



**Kindergarten Student of the Month is Harper Kanyak**

Nominated by: Mrs. Stoutenburg

Characteristics she displays: Harper displays all the characteristics of SOAR. She always strives to do her best. She is kind to others and is always helpful.

Some of her favorite things: Playing board games, especially Monopoly her family and Playing with her dog, Layla.



**1st Grade Student of the Month is Clayton Colling**

Nominated by: Mrs. Peruski

Characteristics he displays: Clayton has a lot of positive energy! He works hard all day in class, and cooperates with any partner he works with, he is interested in everything. Clayton is a friend to everyone.

Some of his favorite things: His new ATV, playing upstairs in the garage with my brother and my Black Panther Halloween costume.



**2nd Grade Student of the Month is Jordan Pasanski**

Nominated by: Mrs. Dorland

Characteristics he displays: Jordan is a great helper. He is always willing to do whatever is asked of him. He completes his work on time and is very quiet and well mannered. He tries his best. Jordan is a role model to others.

Some of his favorite things: The color red, macaroni and cheese, recess and physical education with Mr. Dorland and likes to watch YouTube on his tablet.



**3rd Grade Student of the Month is Daniel Krueger**

Nominated by: Mrs. Murdoch

Characteristics he displays: Daniel Krueger is an excellent student! He is kind, caring, helpful, and respectful. He is a hard worker and turns his work in on time. He is well behaved and follows the SOAR rules. It is a pleasure to have him in class!

Some of his favorite things: Playing with his dog, Sophie, spaghetti, reading books and writing his own books.



**4th Grade Student of the Month is Aiden Brinkman**

Nominated by: 4th Grade Teachers

Characteristics he displays: Aiden is one awesome young man! He consistently shows great manners and has a smile for us every day. He is conscientious about his work, as well as neat. We can rely on Aiden to offer great input in class and to work well with his peers. We are very proud of you Aiden!

Some of his favorite things: Football, basketball, baseball, fishing and Dr. Pepper.



**5th Grade Student of the Month is Shayler McIntyre**

Nominated by: Fifth Grade Teachers

Characteristics she displays: Shayler is dedicated to excellence. She models positivity and asks thought-provoking questions others need for a deeper understanding. Shayler is a pleasure to have in class!

Some of her favorite things: Playing basketball & softball, hanging with her friends, reading and playing with her dog, Bree.



**6th Grade Student of the Month is Ellie Ross**

Nominated by: 6th Grade Team

Characteristics she displays: Ellie is a fantastic student and a pleasure to have in class! She comes to school every day ready to learn. She works well with others and many call her a friend. She does not shy away from hard work and is always willing to help others.

Some of her favorite things: Harry Potter, especially House Gryffindor, softball, basketball and gymnastics and hanging out with friends.



**10th Grade Student of the Month is Emilie Wade**

Emilie is a student who is always supporting her peers and helping them problem solve difficult situations. Emilie displays emotional maturity beyond her years and always has the best interest of the school, community and others in mind.

~Tessa Campbell

Emilie has been such a positive person this school year; she is always smiling and happy. She is a good friend and really tries to look out for others. Emilie is always eager to take pictures at various events that are happening around the school as a member of the publications class.

~Mrs. Christin Hempton

Hobbies: Singing, Reading, Taking & Editing Photos

Favorite movie: "The Breakfast Club"

Favorite snack: Popcorn & Vitamin Water

Weekend fun: Playing the Sims 4

Favorite Subject: World History with Mr. Buxman

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# In Our OPINION...

Clarke Haire  
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## History of family health ideal topic

Family health histories may not seem a likely topic of conversation during the holidays, but state health officials say such celebrations are an ideal time to have what could be a potentially lifesaving discussion.

The reason is simple: relatives share more than green eyes or blond hair — chronic illnesses and other health problems also tend to run in families.

“Family members share many of the same genes, lifestyles and environments. If one generation of a family has high blood pressure, it is not unusual for the next generation to have high blood pressure,” said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, chief medical executive and chief deputy for health for MDHHS.

The holidays, he added, are “a time when families gather to share food, conversations and stories, providing an important opportunity to discuss one’s family health history. Knowing your history can create a healthier future.”

Family health history is a medical history about a person’s living and deceased relatives, and should include background about a person’s ethnicity. Using this information, health care providers can evaluate the risks for many disorders and chronic adult onset conditions like hereditary breast, ovarian and colorectal cancers.

Common diseases such as cancer, heart disease and diabetes can run in families.

In Michigan, for example, roughly one in 10 women has a significant family history of breast and/or ovarian cancer. Family members share genes, environment, lifestyles and behaviors, the combination of which can determine the risk of common diseases.

The holidays are also a good time to make sure your family is protected from the flu and other vaccine-preventable diseases.

By staying up-to-date on vaccinations, you’re protecting everyone around your dinner table, including those who may be vulnerable like infants who are too young to be immunized as well as older people and people with certain chronic health conditions who are more susceptible to complications from diseases.

Take time to learn your family’s health history and then be sure to share this information with your health care provider. Based on your family health history, your health care provider will be able to evaluate potential health risks and recommend appropriate screening or treatment.

A variety of materials and tools are available online to help you ask the right questions and collect information about your family’s health, including:

\*MDHHS family health history fact cards, which can help guide the conversation.

\*The Surgeon General’s My Family Health Portrait tool, which can help individuals organize, print and share family history information with a physician.

\*The American Cancer Society’s genetics and cancer website.

\*Get the facts about vaccines and protecting your family at [Ivaccinate.org](http://Ivaccinate.org).

So, why not take a few minutes this season and talk about your family’s health history? You could be saving a life, paving the way for many more wonderful family holiday memories in the future.

## Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

To fake it or not fake it



Normally, I get along very well with my son, but there is an issue straining our relationship.

We have opposite opinions on politics, so to keep the peace, we don’t talk politics.

This latest division is not so easily settled. It’s the age-old question of choosing a fake or real Christmas tree. I vote to continue using a fake tree. My son wants a real tree. His reason is they look better and the pine scent is more “Christmasy”. I countered that pine-scented air fresher would do the same.

He was too young to remember the great Christmas tree fiasco that happened when he was about four years old that made me switch over to always having a fake Christmas tree.

It was the first year we had moved into the old farmhouse after my mother passed away.

Because the boys were getting a little older, it was decided to give them the total Christmas experience. We went to a tree farm, and froze while trying to find the perfect tree. At that time, it was one of the coldest winters on record, with near double-digit sub-zero temperatures for several weeks.

I dug out my mother’s tree stand, lights and ornaments to decorate the tree while the boys were in school. It should have been easier to decorate without the boys underfoot, but the two male dogs had to check out every box and decoration. They were underfoot worse than the boys.

A few days later there was a wet spot by the tree. I chalked it up to my mother’s tree stand being old and leaking.

So, I undecorated the tree. I dug around in my holiday decorations and found a tree stand. It was a little rusty so I draped a colored sheet around the base. This time the boys and dogs were both underfoot when I was redecorating the tree.

Once again, a few days later, the stand leaked.

I undecorated the tree and went to a resell shop for another tree stand. I inspected it carefully to make sure there were no leaks.

The tree was put in the new/old stand and decorated again.

Several days later, once again, there was a water stain. I consoled myself that it at least took a little longer for the leak to appear.

This time I bought a new stand. It was the last one in the store and so it was more than I wanted to pay, but I was not going to go through another round of decorating and un-decorating the tree.

By then, the boys were home for Christmas vacation so they and the dogs played outside while I worked on the tree. They were not out long because it was too cold.

The day before Christmas there was a small wet spot by the tree. At that point, I gave up. I decided the day after Christmas the tree was coming down and the defective stand returned to the store.

After the celebrating, I didn’t feel good, so I slept

on the couch to be closer to the bathroom.

About 2 a.m., I heard water splashing — with two little boys, there was no telling what they were up to.

I turned on the light to confront them. It was my two male dogs using the tree for a bathroom.

Like I said, it was a really cold winter, and the dogs must have thought I was the best master in the world bringing a real tree inside for them to use.

That was the last time I put up a real tree.



## Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

The Red Hawk PTO is hosting a “Donuts with Heroes” event. The meet and greet is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 20th at the Cass City Elementary cafeteria, starting at 7:30 a.m.

The event will not only allow children to become familiar with our local heroes, but also will supply them with the most important meal of the day, according to organizers.

For more information on the event, or for any hero to RSVP, contact PTO President Caitlyn Middaugh at 989-780-0372.

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The winning ticket from the Cass City Lions Club Christmas in the Village 50/50 raffle over the weekend was Blue 720054. The winner can contact Eric Brown at Thumb Bank to collect the \$373 prize by calling 989-872-4311.

Don’t toss out your tickets just yet, says club member Dennis Meck. If no winners come forward by Dec. 21, another ticket will be drawn that can claim the loot.

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Janice Warju, one of Cass City’s Class of 1978 Valedictorians, retired from Alma Schools in 2015, but still enjoys teaching. She was recently honored for 15 years of service at The Henry Ford Museum.

Known as Janice Wentworth back when we dated briefly during our freshman year of high school (it didn’t take long for Janice to figure me out - I did say she was valedictorian) she recently wrote on Facebook: Fifteen years with some of the best people you could hope to work with, doing things I love, from Model T’s to creating learning experiences.

Congratulations Mrs. Warju and keep up the good work!

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I’m sure you know that this Friday, Dec. 13th, is believed by many to be unlucky. But do you know why?

Well, according to biblical tradition, 13 guests attended the Last Supper, held on Maundy Thursday, including Jesus and his 12 apostles (one of whom, Judas, betrayed him). The next day, of course, was Good Friday, the day of Jesus’ crucifixion.

Futhermore, the seating arrangement at the Last Supper is believed to have given rise to a long-standing Christian superstition that having 13 guests at a table was a bad omen — specifically, that it was courting death.

And although Friday’s negative associations are weaker, some have suggested they also have roots in Christian tradition: Just as Jesus was crucified on a Friday, Friday was also said to be the day Eve gave Adam the fateful apple from the Tree of Knowledge, as well as the day Cain killed his brother, Abel.

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### Wednesday, December 11

•Spoonfuls of Plenty Free Community Meal, 3:30-6 p.m., Humand Development Commission at 429 Montague Ave., Caro. Open to anyone wanting a hot, home-style meal.  
•Dorcas meal at Cass City United Methodist Church at noon. 1 1/4 mile north of Cass City (989) 872-4604 for take outs.

### Thursday, December 12

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

### Saturday, December 14

•Al-Anon meeting, 11 a.m., Cakima Serenity Home, Mayville. Call 989-912-5478 for more information.  
•Grief/loss meetings, 9:45 a.m., Novesta Church of Christ.

### Sunday, December 15

•Thumb Area Companions, 3 p.m., hosted by Dawn Woidan at Hills and Dales Boardroom 4675 Hill Street. Social support group that strived to benefit from social contact with others experiencing grief/loss.

### Monday, December 16

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

### Tuesday, December 17

•Crafty Ladies Group, 1-4 p.m., Common Grounds (next to Revive). Bring a crafting project to work on. Call 989-551-7803 for more information.  
•AA Meeting, 7-8 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 4960 N. Argyle Rd. (Meeting will be held in the hall next to the little stone church.)  
•Al-Anon meeting, 7 p.m., Cakima Serenity Home, Mayville. Call 989-912-5478 for more information.  
•Living with Parkinson's Support Group, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Holiday Inn Express, 55 Rapson Lane West, Bad Axe. For more information, call Merry at (989) 673-4121.  
•Family Caregiver Support Group, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Harbor Beach Community Hospital Administration Building/Conference Center, 147 S. First St., Harbor Beach. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121  
•Ubyly Lions Club meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Ubyly Thumb Veterans Organization Hall, 2165 Bingham St., Ubyly MI 48475. A pot luck is served prior to the meeting. Everyone is welcomed.

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

#### Third Monday:

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

#### Third Tuesday:

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

#### Third 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.  
•Families Against Narcotics, 6 p.m., Hills and Dales Corporate Services and Regional Education Center, 6667 Main St. Cass City. For more information, call (989) 551-4326.

#### Fourth Wednesday:

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

#### Fourth Thursday:

•Community Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.

#### Last Monday:

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

#### Last Wednesday:

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

#### Every Sunday:

•Thumb Area Companions, 3 p.m., hosted by Dawn Woidan at Hills and Dales Boardroom 4675 Hill Street. Social support group that strived to benefit from social contact with others experiencing grief/loss.  
•Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubyly. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.  
•AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.

#### Every Tuesday:

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

#### Every Thursday:

•Spoonfuls of Plenty Free Community Meal, 3:30-6 p.m., Humand Development Commission at 429 Montague Ave., Caro. Open to anyone wanting a hot, home-style meal.  
•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.

•Grief/loss meetings, 9:45 a.m., Novesta Church of Christ.

## City of Caro lands \$984,625 grant

State Rep. Phil Green last week announced a major investment in the heart of downtown Caro by the Michigan Strategic Fund.

A Community Development Block Grant of \$984,625 will be used to create a permanent home for the existing farmers market in Caro, said Green, who represents

the 84th District composed of Tuscola and Huron counties.

"I am very excited to announce this investment," Green said. "This is big news for our community. Having a permanent spot with improved facilities for our farmers market will make downtown Caro more vibrant and give

our farmers and crafters more room to set up their stands."

The project will create a facility intended to be used for events during all four seasons. Features will include new market areas, a pavilion with a metal roof and a concrete floor, and space for restrooms, food trucks and community events.

## Motorist injured in crash Thursday

Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle rollover accident Thursday morning in Sanilac County's Greenleaf Township.

The crash, on North Van Dyke Rd. (M-53), south of Ritter Road, was reported shortly after 10:10 a.m.

"Deputies on scene determined

that a 1999 Ford F-250 being driven by 22-year-old Lindsay Dunn of Marlette was southbound on North Van Dyke Road when she lost control of the vehicle, causing it to enter the west side ditch and overturn before coming to rest in a ditch on its passenger's side," said Lt. Nathan Smith of the sheriff's department.

"The female was transported to McLaren (Thumb Region) in Bad Axe for treatment of possible injuries," he added.

"The driver reported wearing her seatbelt and alcohol was not a factor in the crash. However, speed was believed to be," Smith said.

Elkland Township fire fighters assisted deputies at the scene.

## Trio injured in one-vehicle accident

Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies say three people recently suffered injuries in a one-vehicle traffic accident in Sanilac County's Moore Township.

According to reports, deputies were dispatched to Ubyly Road, north of Snover Road, at about 12:45 p.m. Dec. 1.

Investigators determined that a 2020 GMC Yukon driven by a 52-

year-old Macomb woman was southbound on Ubyly Road when the driver lost control of the vehicle, causing it to enter the east side ditch and go airborne before overturning and coming to rest in a drainage ditch.

The driver and two passengers, a 24-year-old female from Macomb and a 16-year-old female from Macomb, were all treated at the

scene and transported by Sanilac EMS to McKenzie Memorial Hospital in Sandusky for additional treatment of their injuries.

Alcohol was not a contributing factor in the crash and all occupants reported wearing seatbelts, according to deputies, who noted the Moore Township Fire Rescue Department assisted deputies at the scene.

## Circuit court proceedings

## Several appear on felony charges

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

\*Shameka S. Williams, 34, Flushing, was sentenced to 90 days in the county jail following her plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle with a high BAC (blood alcohol content) June 15 in Millington Township. She was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

In addition to jail time, she was placed on probation for 60 months and ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$758.

\*Jenna E. Gould, 33, Cass City, was sentenced to 180 days in jail following her plea of guilty to being a prisoner in possession of contraband (controlled substance) July 26 in Caro. She was also convicted of being an habitual offender (two prior felony convictions).

In addition to jail time, she was placed on probation for 36 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$508.

\*Paul G. Stoner, 60, Saginaw, pleaded no contest to a charge of home invasion, second degree, June 29 in Vassar 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 and bond was continued at \$15,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*Christopher B. Vanderpoel, 31, Kingston, pleaded no contest to domestic violence, third offense; two counts of possession of a firearm by a felon; and one count of possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony Aug. 26 in Koylton Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$25,000. Sentencing

is to be scheduled.

\*Timothy J. Ziegler, 63, Vassar, pleaded no contest to delivery/manufacture of a controlled substance, subsequent offense, and two counts of possession of a controlled substance, subsequent offense, April 3 in Indianfields Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*Timothy R. Yale, 58, Caro, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Aug. 9 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued

at \$1,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*Jordan J. Banaszak, 29, Bay City, pleaded no contest to charges of home invasion, third degree, and malicious destruction of personal property totaling \$200 to \$1,000 July 13 in Wisner Township.

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

\*Allan K. Daubenspeck, 60, Vassar, was sentenced to two days in jail following his pleas of no contest to two counts of larceny in a building between Feb. 6 and Feb. 23 in Vassar Township.

He was also placed on probation for 12 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$326.

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## Reporter's notebook

### It'll be bittersweet Christmas this year

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor



Another Christmas season has begun to unfold around my family, and although our kids have grown and left the nest years ago, my wife, Deb, and I are looking forward to seeing them all and hosting a small army of grandchildren for our annual gift wrap shredding bonanza in a couple weeks.

The season has always been filled with anticipation and excitement, but I've found myself feeling a little down this year every time I glance at the large, comfortable recliner in our living room.

It's the chair my mom always preferred (and we always reserved for her) when she visited – and she spent most of her Christmas "vacations" at our place.

But not this year.

Mom passed away peacefully in June, just a couple months shy of her 81st birthday, after a lengthy battle with a variety of health issues. She enjoyed a full life, overcoming more than her share of challenges, disappointments and sorrow along the way, and my siblings and I were blessed with the opportunity to visit with her just days before her death.

Still, we're feeling the loss now as much as ever. Our children are having an especially difficult time imagining Christmas Day without their grandma nearby. Honestly, so is their dad.

I suppose that's natural when someone completely embraces everything Christmas, and mom certainly did that. She never passed over the true meaning of the season, but she also enjoyed everything that came with the celebration, from the decorations, to the joy of watching grandchildren and great-grandchildren open presents, to the traditional holiday meals.

She was always a welcome guest, especially to our children as they were growing up, because who isn't crazy about grandma at Christmastime?

What the kids probably don't think about is that my mom was also an amazing mother who instilled the same sort of holiday spirit in me.

I can remember Christmases back when I was just a youngster. She never said it outright, but I guessed mom was a close second (to us kids) when it came to believing this was the best time of the year – ever. She decorated, baked, made sure we didn't miss classic shows such as Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer and Frosty the Snowman on TV (keep in mind this was back in the day when if you missed it, you missed it – there was no cable television or DVDs, etc.). She also never neglected to sit us down for a full rendering of the story depicting the birth of Jesus.

And, of course, Christmas morning always brought what seemed to be a mountain of gifts.

Times were a great deal leaner in some of the years that followed, but even as a single mom struggling emotionally as well as financially, she somehow managed to never miss a beat when Christmas approached, working late into the night to make sure everything was perfect.

Those were memorable Christmases, too, and I'd wager the next one for our family will follow suit by sharing plenty of laughter, good food and love.

Sure, that empty recliner will leave all of us with a certain sense of sadness and loss, but hopefully there will also be an appreciation for the legacy mom left behind, including her love of family and celebration.

That's something we'll always have in our hearts.

# Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



## 5 YEARS AGO (2014)

Owendale Gagetown Schools announced "Senior Student of the Month", Sidney Bencheck. Sidney participated in volleyball as a freshman, junior and senior. She was a member of the varsity softball team her sophomore year. Sidney has also been a member of the Owen-Gage Band all four years, in which she plays the flute. Academically, Sidney has been on the honor roll and a member of the 3.0 Honors Club each year. She was inducted into the Owen-Gage Chapter of the National Honor Society as a sophomore. She served as the N.H.S. treasurer her junior year. Sidney plans on attending Delta College in the fall and then transferring to Central Michigan University to pursue a degree in speech pathology with a minor in audiology.

## 10 YEARS AGO (2009)

You would be hard-pressed to find a stronger or more passionate supporter of the Owen-Gage School District than Liz Roemer, but her devotion to Bulldog country has little to do with the fact that she has earned a living in the district for the past 24 years or so. Roemer's love of Owen-Gage goes much deeper than that. And, while she's preparing to retire at the end of January, it's clear Roemer will always be a part of the tiny Huron County school, which boasts all of about 216 students in grades K-12. "Five generations of my family have been through here. My grandmother graduated from here in 1922 - she was one of the first graduates." Roemer will retire next month after more than 2 decades of service.

For the past 38 years, Mary Ann Vandemark has served the people of the Thumb area as financial director/deputy director, and 30 years as executive director of the Human Development Commission (HDC). After almost 4 decades of service to the people of Huron, Lapeer, Tuscola and Sanilac counties, she will be retiring from her position.

U.S. Air Force Airman Kevin L. Goniwicha has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. The airman completed an intensive, 8-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Airmen who complete the training earn 4 credits toward an associate's degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force. Goniwicha, a 2008 graduate of Cass City High School, is the son of Robin and Sylvester Goniwicha of Cass City.

## 25 YEARS AGO (1994)

Frank and Marie Lasceski of Ubyly announce the engagement of their daughter, Tammy, to Jerry Sache of Gardner City. Jerry is the son of Norman Sache of Westland and the late Nancy Sache. The bride-elect is a 1989 graduate of Ubyly High School. She is currently working at Shear Pointe as a stylist. The prospective groom is a 1984 graduate of Franklin High School. He is currently employed at Hume Window Co. as a window installer.

Dear Santa, My name is Kelsey and this is my first Christmas and it's all new to me. My mommy and daddy say that I've been a very good girl, and that I should tell you all the things I want, so here is my list - a dolly, a wagon, new clothes, and anything that I can rip up. I also would like to put in a wish for my daddy - a new snowmobile, so I can ride with him. Kelsey Pohlod.

Dear Santa, My name is Carley Rae Hendrick. I live at 5420 Pringle Rd., Decker. I am only 9 months old so there aren't too many things I need for Christmas, but I would like a doll and some

new clothes. I have been a really good girl. Please bring my big sisters, Lindsey and Ashley, something too because they are really great sisters. I will leave cookies and milk for you and some carrots for Rudolph. Love, Carley Hendrick

Dear Santa, My name is Anthony Langlois. I am 6 years old and I've been real good this year. Please bring me some K-nex blocks and some color Fx cars. I'll leave some sugar for your reindeer and a piece of pumpkin pie for you. P.S. Don't forget my cousins, Christina, Melissa and Mason. Love, Anthony Langlois

## 35 YEARS AGO (1984)

Mrs. Sharon Reid and children, Ryan, 10, and Christie, 6, left Wednesday of this week from Metropolitan Airport in Detroit for Washington, D.C., where they will be guests of Lt. Col. James Reid and his wife until Friday. They will leave for Mainz, Germany, to join Second Lt. Roger Reid, U.S. Army. Formerly of Huntsville, Ala., Lt. Reid left Nov. 5 for Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Don Reid took them to Metropolitan Airport Wednesday.

Air Force Airman 1st Class Dale P. Keyser, son of Helen M. Keyser of 6594 Pine St., Cass City, has graduated from the U.S. Air Force aircraft fuel systems mechanic course at Chanute Air Force Base, Ill., where he was an honor student. During the course, students were taught to inspect and repair intricate aircraft fuel systems. They also earned credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. His wife, Lisa, is the daughter of Gene and Donna Wilson of Cass City. He is a 1983 Cass City High School graduate and joined the Air Force in July, 1984.

## 40 YEARS AGO (1979)

Mark Guinther is the only student at Cass City High School to have finished in the top 4 percent on part I of the 3rd annual Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition. He was among approximately 1,000 Michigan students who competed in the final examination this Wednesday.

Marine Lance Cpl. Michael J. Novinski, son of Dale R. and Pat Moore of 3176 Vatter Road, Snover, has deployed to the Indian Ocean. He is a member of the Marine Detachment aboard the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk, homeported in San Diego, and currently operating as unit of the U.S. 7th Fleet. The Kitty Hawk is part of a carrier task force which departed the Philippines for the Indian Ocean to join another task force operating there. A 1978 graduate of Sandusky High School, Novinski joined the Marine Corps in September of that year.

Dorothy Chaffee's annual Christmas party was held Dec. 11, complete with tree, Christmas cookies, punch and coffee. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. James Bauer, Rev. Harry Capps, Tom Proctor, Bill Kritzman, next door neighbors Tina and Cheryl, Betty Jo Agar, and Norma and Becky Speirs.

Mr. and Mrs. James Karr and daughters, Cindy and Cheryl, will have as Christmas Eve guests, Cheryl's fiancé, Jeffrey Chambers of Unionville, Mr. and Mrs. Don Karr and daughters of Caro, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Reid, Carl Wright and Mrs. Phyllis Lester. The entire group except for Mrs. Lester will be Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chambers and family at Unionville.

## 50 YEARS AGO (1969)

A very rare triple birth occurred at the farm of James A. Milligan, 3 miles east of Gagetown. It is the second time that triplet calves were born and lived in the last 20 years in the area. They are worth

about \$30 each at 100 pounds.

William R. Klinkman, a 19-year-old resident of Cass City and a sophomore at Delta College, has been named one of the 14 new members of Phi Theta Kappa, Delta's chapter of the national honorary scholastic society. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dorus Klinkman, Cemetery Road.

Violet Loretta Sattelberg became the bride of Ronald Edmund Patera Saturday, Nov. 29, at St. Pancratius Catholic Church. Father Leo Gengler performed the afternoon ceremony for the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sattelberg of Caseville and the son of Mrs. Chesterine Patera of Deford and the late Edmund Patera.

Army Sergeant William H. Hutchinson, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grant W. Hutchinson of Cass City, was assigned to Company C, 1st Battalion, 51st Infantry of the 25th Infantry Division near Cu Chi, Vietnam, Nov. 15. His wife, Prudence, lives at Niles, Mich.

One of the Army badges that soldiers wear with special pride is the Combat Infantryman Badge. It was awarded to Private First Class Robert D. Fader, 20, near Quang Tri, Vietnam, Nov. 4. Pfc. Fader, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vern E. Fader, Hoppe Road, Unionville, is assigned as a driver with Troop C, 3d Squadron, 5th Cavalry of the 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized). The CIB is awarded for sustained ground contact against an enemy.

Rev. and Mrs. S. P. Kim and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Kim and family spent Thanksgiving with relatives in Cleveland, Ohio. Also guests there were the John Kirns of Geneseo, N. Y., and Miss Marjorie Kim of Flint.

## 75 YEARS AGO (1944)

Mr. and Mrs. Manley McComb and Mr. and Mrs. Asel Collins and son and Pvt. Frank McComb will spend the week end with relatives in Detroit and on Sunday the McComb family will have an early Christmas dinner while Pvt. Frank McComb is home on furlough. The dinner will be with Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McComb.

Establishing a new alltime price, the grand champion steer at the 15th annual Michigan 4-H stock show in Detroit sold for \$1,520 or \$1.60 a pound, at auction. The champion, a 950 pound Angus, was owned by Matthew Woods Jr. and was bought by Standard Beef Co. of Detroit.

S-2-c Cameron Connell has been transferred from Great Lakes to Camp Peary at Williamsburg, Va. He completed his boot training Nov. 2. The other son of Mr. and Mrs. Bower Connell, Pvt. Max A. Connell, is stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Frank Lincoln Morris, Jr., of Cass City, was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army of the United States Nov. 21 upon successful completion of the Officer Candidate course at the Infantry School at Port Benning, Georgia. Lieut. Morris is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Frank L. Morris, Sr., of Cass City. The new lieutenant entered the Army on Aug. 31, 1943, and served with the 42nd Rainbow division before going to Officer Candidate School four months ago. He held the rank of Tec-5 before being commissioned.

## 100 YEARS AGO (1919)

M. P. Freeman has purchased of Mrs. Helen Gage the store property occupied by himself and John Fournier. Mr. Freeman will remodel these store buildings in one large building. This will be a great improvement to our little village. Let someone else get busy and make improvements.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jeffry and three daughters of Pontiac, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kelly of Elsie, Fred Cooper of Kingston, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Cooper and son, Gene, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schell and family will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Cooper on Christmas.

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## News briefs

# Hospital officials announce additions to leadership team

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Hills and Dales General Hospital last week announced the addition of three new members to the hospital's senior leadership team.

They are Mary Cunningham, who has joined Hills and Dales as the chief financial officer (CFO); Peggy Davidson, who was promoted from director of radiology to vice president of ambulatory services; and Dave Wohl, who has been promoted from director of rehabilitation services to vice president of population health and business development.

Cunningham, a long-time member and supporter of the Cass City community, brings to her position a wealth of finance and accounting experience, having served in the role of CFO since 2005 in the private sector with the financial services industry and the non-profit sector in public education and job training.

"Her knowledge and expertise in critical access hospitals and healthcare was gained over her years while serving on the Hills and Dales Board of Trustees as well as her successful completion of the Michigan Hospital Association Governance Fellowship, which is a year-long program that immerses professionals in all areas of healthcare administration," said Danielle Blaine, director of marketing for Hills and Dales.

Cunningham, who has a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting Degree and a Master of Business Administration Degree in Management, began her role as CFO in November.

In preparation for the retirement of Craig Bellew, who currently serves as vice president of ambulatory services, Davidson has also already started her new duties and will be working closely with Bellew to ensure a smooth transition.

Davidson has been with Hills and Dales for 23 years, working in various roles in the hospital's radiology department. As vice president of ambulatory services, she will direct and evaluate the administrative and operational functions of ambulatory services across multiple sites of care.

"This position exercises leadership and management responsibility, ensuring efficient services that are designed to meet the needs of our patients and their families, as well as the hospital's goals, objectives and strategic plan are met," Blaine explained.

Dave Wohl has also been with Hills and Dales for 23 years, with more than 18 years of hospital management experience.

"Dave spearheaded the current program for Hills and Dales Population Health and has been vital

in the understanding of population health for all our providers and employees," Blaine noted.

"As the vice president of population health and business development, Dave will continue to lead the development and implementation of the hospital's population health management strategy from volume based to value based care, as well as oversee business development, strategic planning and organization planning and transformation."

Hills and Dales President and CEO Jean Anthony congratulated the trio on their new positions.

"I am thrilled to welcome these new leaders to our senior leadership team," Anthony said. "With the ever-changing healthcare arena, each of them brings a new perspective to the table for Hills and Dales, which is important to help keep us moving forward. I am very excited to see the innovation this team will offer."

A celebration honoring Bellew on his retirement has been scheduled for Friday, Jan. 10, from 4 to 6:30 p.m. at Northwood Meadows in Cass City. All are invited to attend.

## Safe Sitter class slated Dec. 23

CASS CITY – Hills and Dales General Hospital will host a Safe Sitter babysitter course Monday, Dec. 23, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Hills and Dales Regional Education Center (formerly Baker College), 6667 Main St.

The class is designed to prepare students in grades six through eight to be safe when they're home alone, watching younger siblings or babysitting.

The instructor-led course includes games and role-playing exercises. Students also have the opportunity to use manikins to practice rescue skills such as CPR and responding to choking.

The fee to participate is \$20, and students are asked to bring a sack lunch. Partial scholarships are available for youths in need.

To register or learn more about the class, call (989) 912-6365 or email Kdropeski@hdghmi.org.

## Free ice safety class set Dec. 14

UNIONVILLE — Officers from the U.S. Coast Guard Station Saginaw River, Essexville, will host a free ice safety class Saturday, Dec. 14, at 6:30 p.m. at the Gateway Sportsmen's Club of Unionville.

The class will run for about an hour and a half and is open to the public — kids are welcome to attend as well, and they will have an opportunity to participate in ice fishing.

The Gateway Sportsman's Club is located at 126 W. Bay City Forestville Rd. (M-25), Unionville.

## Santa is coming to Kingston

KINGSTON — In Kingston, children can have breakfast with Santa at the Kingston Elementary Cafeteria from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 15.

Those who are planning to attend are asked to RSVP by turning in a registration form (available on the school's Facebook page) or by calling (989) 683-2284 to ensure there is enough for everyone.

There is a \$5 charge for those who preregister, and the cost is \$7 on the day of the event. The proceeds will go to the Kingston Days Committee for the Kingston Gift Project to help make the holidays brighter from families in the area. Checks should be made payable to Kingston Elementary School.

## Christmas events galore set

CASS CITY — Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City is celebrating Christmas with a variety of events this month.

There will be a community Christmas carol sing-along Monday, Dec. 16, at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join the festivities at the sing-along. Even if you are not a singer, come and enjoy a fun evening of fellowship, music, and refreshments.

The event is sponsored by the Cass City Area Historical Society and the Friends of the Library.

And, in an effort to ensure a merry Christmas for several families in the area, the library is partnering with the Cass City Rotary to contribute dozens of new books for the service club's annual Christmas for Kids program.

For those who would like to participate, purchase a new book for children from newborns to age 18 years old. Bring the unwrapped book to the library by today (Wednesday) and they will be forwarded to the Rotary club. Library officials hope to collect more than 200 books to donate.

Also this month, the library is hosting a book sale. Hardcover books are \$3 and paperback books are \$2. The books make excellent Christmas gifts.

The library is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, call (989) 872-2856.

## Courthouse lawn nativity set

CARO — The Caro Women's Interfaith Committee has been given permission to place its annual nativity scene on the front lawn of the Tuscola County Courthouse in Caro.

The display will remain on the lawn through Saturday, Jan. 4.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery



**MEMBERS OF the leadership team at Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City are pictured above (from left): Craig Bellew, retiring vice president of ambulatory services; Jean Anthony, president and CEO; Jennifer TerBush, vice president of patient services; Peggy Davidson, new vice president of ambulatory services; Dave Wohl, new vice president of population health and business development; and Mary Cunningham, new CFO.**

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STATE SENATOR Kevin Daley (R-Lum), far right, was joined by Staff Sgt. Eugene Alex's wife, Melissa, and son, Zack, at a hearing of the Senate Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure regarding legislation to name a portion of M-81 after her husband in honor of his heroic service.

## Lawmakers host family of fallen Tuscola County soldier, honor set

State senators Ken Horn and Kevin Daley welcomed the family of a fallen Tuscola County soldier — Staff Sgt. Eugene Alex — to the state Capitol last week.

Alex's wife, Melissa, and son, Zack, traveled to Lansing to share with lawmakers the husband and father's heroic service to this nation during a committee hearing on legislation that would honor his service.

"It's been a truly humbling experience working with Melissa on this legislation honoring Staff Sgt. Alex," said Horn (R-Frankenmuth). "He will forever be an American hero, and he should certainly be recognized as one. I hope this memorial reminds his friends, family and members of his community of the courage with which he served."

Daley agreed. "As I listened to Melissa's testimony this afternoon, I couldn't

help but be amazed at her husband's strength, courage and devotion to our country," said Daley (R-Lum). "This man was as dedicated of a soldier as they come. His commitment to his fellow soldiers and the mission at hand were beyond admirable, and I only wish we could do more to thank him and his family."

Staff Sgt. Alex was born in Saginaw and spent most of his life in Reese. He deployed to Iraq in 2005, and a few months into the deployment his vehicle hit a roadside bomb. He suffered a concussion and whiplash and was flown back home for convalescent leave.

Alex returned to Iraq, where he stood by on radio watch and worked around the forward operation camp. He stayed in this position for the remainder of his deployment. As his brigade was preparing to come home, the violence in Baghdad had spiraled out

of control. Alex sat on the airfield of the Baghdad International Airport and watched as flights came to a halt. He would be one of 4,000 troops ordered to stay beyond their standard one-year tour.

After doing months of radio watch, his medical issues were resolved, and he held that prevented him from joining soldiers in the field was lifted. Alex requested that he be returned to a line unit so he could return to duty with fellow soldiers. His request was granted, and he was again serving alongside the men of Charlie Troop.

On Aug. 30, 2006, on his 32nd birthday, Alex was hit by a sniper while watching over his fellow soldiers as they were conducting inspections. He was evacuated to Germany, where it was determined he was brain dead.

His service to others didn't end with his life, however; Alex saved or improved the lives of six people by donating his heart, eyes, kidneys and liver.

Horn and Daley, with help from Staff Sgt. Alex's wife, introduced legislation to recognize his bravery and honor his service by naming a portion of state highway M-81 in Saginaw and Tuscola counties after him.

The Staff Sergeant Eugene H.E. Alex Memorial Highway would begin at the intersection of M-81 and North Gera Road in Saginaw County and continue east to the highway's intersection with South Van Buren Road in Tuscola County.

This section of road holds great significance to Melissa Alex, as it is the stretch of road that she and her husband had driven on while they were dating.

# Green supporting effort to restore funds for hospitals

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

State Rep. Phil Green voted with the Michigan House to reverse Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's cuts to health care, public safety and other essential services important to residents of the Thumb.

Green (R-Millington), who represents the 84th District, comprised of Tuscola and Huron counties, joined with others fighting to restore the more than \$16 million the governor vetoed supporting rural hospitals, which have relatively higher rates of Medicaid and low-income patients. "Hospitals help form the foundation of our rural communities, and that foundation must be strong," said Green, who has been married to a nurse for two decades.

"These vetoes shouldn't have happened," he added. "But I am going to do all I can to restore this funding — for health care, public safety and many other services I know are absolutely critical to Michigan families."

The first-term Democratic governor signed the 2020 budget to avert a government shutdown, but used line-item vetoes to trim it.

Officials at rural hospitals such as Hills and Dales General Hospital are hoping the vital funding will be restored.

Covenant Healthcare is working with rural hospitals in the Thumb Region, including Hills and Dales General Hospital, to maintain access to quality health care through the CRTN Group (Covenant Regional Thumb Network) which is encouraging the governor and legislature to restore funding quickly.

A letter from Covenant President and CEO Ed Bruff state, in part, "The loss of this funding is a catastrophic blow to these small hospitals... and will hurt quality and access to care for residents of the Thumb."

If the funding is not restored, Hills and Dales General Hospital Director of Marketing Danielle Blaine estimated the Cass City hospital will not receive \$450,000 in funding.

The Michigan Hospital Association (MHA) has also vowed to work diligently with the Whitmer administration and state Legislature to restore hospital funding, which received bipartisan support.

The state's fiscal year started Oct. 1. In finalizing the budget, Whitmer vetoed 147 line items totaling nearly \$1 billion from various budgets and declared another 72 provisions unenforceable due to constitutional or statutory flaws.

In addition, in an unprecedented decision, the governor bypassed the legislature, shifting \$625 million within departments.

Thumb area hospitals are faced with a \$25 million budget shortfall in the Rural Access Pool and OB (Obstetrical) Stabilization Fund.

Nearly \$322 million of Whitmer's \$941 million in line-item vetoes occurred in the Department of Health and Human Services budget.

Whitmer's veto pen nixed reimbursement rate increases for hospital outpatient services totaling \$95.2 million, critical access hospitals funding was cut \$34.3 million, pediatric psychiatry cut \$10.7 million, neonatologists cuts were \$5.2 million, and private duty nursing funds cut \$3.9 million.

Included in the governor's cuts were \$16.6 million in special payments for rural hospital operations and nearly \$8 million for hospitals in rural areas that run obstetrician departments for live birth deliveries.

Green and other lawmakers in the House voted to restore \$7.9 million for rural hospitals providing obstetrician care, \$10.7 million to improve pediatric psychiatric services, and additional money to help children with autism and Michigan residents battling opioid drug abuse.

The House-approved measure reverses the governor's cuts impacting sheriff's department secondary road patrols, school safety grants and services for military veterans, along with educational programs, including literacy and dropout recovery initiatives.

## Searchers locate victim

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after a caller reported seeing a vehicle submerged in a ditch on Thomas Road near Gotham Road in the Unionville area.

The preliminary investigation indicated the vehicle probably entered the water sometime after midnight, Skrent reported, noting the water in the ditch is wide and deep in that area and runs into Saginaw Bay.

"The deputies had a wrecker pull the vehicle out and Sgt. (Justin) Nitz dove and checked the immediate area for a body. Nothing was found. The area around was searched by our K-9 and also K-9s from MSP," Skrent reported Friday.

Divers from Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola County searched the area Saturday with assistance from the Michigan State Police. Search teams also walked the nearby woods and utilized a drone in an effort to locate the driver. The Unionville Fire Department assisted as well.



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# Tribe, state to co-manage petroglyphs

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State Park) in 2003. But these early conversations involving the tribe, the Michigan Archaeological Society and the state broke down.

As the tribe considered how to move forward, between 2005 and 2010 it joined and worked with the Intellectual Property Issues in Cultural Heritage (IPinCH) Project, an international study of issues related to cultural and intellectual knowledge, how that knowledge is used, who has access and who benefits.

The IPinCH report affirmed the tribe's commitment to protect and preserve the petroglyphs site and concluded that it should continue working with state officials toward co-management.

"This site is special and sacred to the Anishinabe. It is a clear indication of the unique origins and history of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. We know our ancestors were thinking of us when they left the lessons in stone," said tribal elder and former Director of Ziibiwing Bonnie Ekdahl.

"The MOU creates a relationship that ties us to this beautiful site and marks an important step of acknowledgement and inclusion of the tribe," she added. "I am very thankful and proud of the team at the Ziibiwing Center who preserved and carried the vision for over 15 years."

"This culturally significant site will be enhanced through a partnership that this MOU creates," said tribal Chief Ron Ekdahl. "We are excited to be working alongside the state of Michigan in preserving this unique piece of Native American history."

"It will also allow for future opportunities for preservation and historical education. This is just another example of the collaboration between our tribal government and the state and we will continue to work together on important issues like these."

The IPinCH report prompted the tribe to engage in conversations about using advanced technology to record the carvings. The petroglyphs are carved in relatively soft Marshall sandstone, and after centuries of natural weathering and decades of recent human activity, some carvings have faded, disappeared or been vandalized.

In April 2018, Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) specialists used terrestrial Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) along with detailed close-up photographs to build digital models that will document the site and can be used to track changes in the petroglyphs over time.

MDOT's partners in the project included the State Historic Preservation Office (Michigan State Housing Development Authority), the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture and Lifeways (Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan), the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Historic Preservation Office, and the DNR's Michigan History Center and Parks and Recreation Division.

Images and information from the petroglyphs preservation project were featured on the 2018 Michigan Archaeology poster. The free poster is available upon request from the State Historic Preservation Office or at the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture and Lifeways.

Guided tours of Sanilac petroglyphs are available in the summer months. More information can be found regarding the Sanilac Petroglyphs Historic State Park on the DNR website. To see the 2018 Michigan Archaeology poster featuring the petroglyphs and the LiDAR survey, visit Michigan.gov/Archaeology.



PROBABLY the most familiar example of a carving at the Sanilac Petroglyphs depicts a man with a bow and arrow.



A GROUP of young people and their chaperones enjoy a nature hike at the Sanilac Petroglyphs Historic State Park near Cass City.



PICTURED ABOVE during the signing of the Sanilac Petroglyphs MOU between the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources are (from left) Shannon Martin, director of Ziibiwing; Sandra Clark, director of the Michigan History Center; tribal Chief Ron Ekdahl; and Sarah Hegyi, tribal historic preservation officer.



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**MEMBERS of the Cass City 2019-20 wrestling team are: (front row, l-r) Willian George, Hunter Turnbull, Zachary Cowdry, Matthew Ferri, Cameron Gottschalk, Drew Markel (middle row) Donovan Loomis, Sarah Kane, Logan Kaake, Lucas Swiderski, Tristan Swiderski (back row) Hunter Caister, Caden Caister, Ryan Pisarek and Matt Mihalic.**

## Cass City wrestlers open season tonight

By Clarke Haire  
 Publisher

With over 1,000 career matches under the belt of their hall of fame coach, Cass City will have plenty of experience along the sidelines when they open their 2019-2020 wrestling season.

On the mat, however, the Red Hawks will rely on untested grapplers in several weight classes.

Don Markel, who retired from his administrative duties – he was Cass City’s Athletic Director and Asst. Principal - at the end of the 2019 school year, returns for his 34th year as leader of the Red Hawk mat men.

He has six returning letter winners from the Red Hawks’ 2018-19 squad to mold this year’s team around. Last year, Cass City finished third in the 11-school Greater Thumb Conference with a 7-3 record.

Cass City’s graduation toll includes four starters who will need to be replaced in 2019-20. Among them was Race Woloshen (38-15) an honorable mention all-conference performer and Hayden Larkin (27-12) a team captain. Gone, too, are Mason Copeland and Ali Kalokah. Copeland had a 21-22 record during his senior season and Kalokah – he was a

foreign exchange student – was 36-13 during his only season under Markel.

Although a total of nine players will be missing from a year ago when Cass City went 30-11 overall, nearly half of that team’s starting line-up is back. Highlighting the list is senior first team all-conference and regional qualifier Lucas Swiderski, who compiled a 40-15 mark as a junior. Cass City also has returning second team all-conference performers in seniors Drew Markel and Tristan Swiderski. Both were regional qualifiers that posted 38 and 42 wins, respectively. Senior Hunter Caister was an honorable mention all-conference recipient last year and completes the list of regional qualifiers for 2019 for Cass City who also welcomes back junior starters in Caden Caister and Ryan Pisarek.

“We have nine incoming freshmen who could play a significant role as the season progresses,” said Markel, adding “Matt Mihalic, junior, is back on the team. He played a key role on the league championship team in his freshman year and will fill the 189 weight class this season.”

Hoping to make immediate contributions from the Class of 2023 for Cass City are William George, Zachary Cowdry, Hunter Turn-

bull, Matthew Ferri, Cameron Gottschalk, Jacob Graves, Evan Beaudin, Logan Kaake and Donovan Loomis.

Markel looks for Caro to be the odds on favorite to win the Greater Thumb Conference crown in 2020, noting they have a quality program with several returnees this year.

Both Memphis and Capac return several starters and should do well this season, according to Markel, who feels other solid teams this season include both Bad Axe and Brown City. Cass City is in somewhat of a rebuilding year and should finish somewhere in the middle of the pack.

“Our four seniors – Markel,

Swiderski, Swiderski and Caister – should have good seasons. Over half of our team are freshmen. How this group of freshmen progress will dictate how successful the team will fare this year,” he said.

Cass City travels to Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port High School tonight for their opening contest.

## Lady Hawks have big shoes to fill

by Clarke Haire  
 Publisher

Justin Ketterer returns to the helm of the Cass City girls’ basketball program in 2019-20. However, he’ll be missing several key players from his rookie coaching season that saw the Lady Red Hawks finish with an 11-10 overall record.

In fact, gone from a year ago is Cass City’s entire season-long starting lineup including 3-year stars Kacey Haire and Brittany Hamilton, both who were named Greater Thumb West all-conference second team choices in 2019. Add the names of all-conference honorable mention players Kelly Ziegler and Layna Mathewson – plus inside threat Jalene Krol – to the list of graduation losses and it’s easy to see Ketterer has several big shoes to fill in his second season in charge.

Expected to ease the transition for Cass City are returnees Abbey Salcido, Tiara Anthony and Morgan Russell, while newcomers Saylor Cuthrell, Abbey Halabis, Sierra Spry and Haven Bouverette will need to develop quickly for

this year’s team to be competitive. Rounding out the Red Hawk roster, and sure to see action in the early season, are Madison Cumper, Elizabeth Morrish, Tiana Tageson and Marissa Petiprin Ball.

If the results of last week’s contests are any indication, for Cass City to be successful going forward freshman Cuthrell will need to handle a good portion of the scoring chores. The first year varsity player was the team’s leading scorer in road losses to Harbor Beach and Saginaw Nouvel to kick off the season last week.

“She’ll be fun to watch this year,” Ketterer said of his sharp shooter guard, “but we need to find ways for everyone to contribute offensively. We have some work to do.”

In the team’s season opener Tuesday at Harbor Beach, both teams struggled to find the basket early, allowing the visitors to take a 5-4 lead into the second quarter. There, the Pirates used a pair of baskets by Jenna Guza and Maya Pfaff to help build a 15-10 cushion at the break. Meanwhile, Cuthrell Please turn to page 10.

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# Lady Cards win opener at Cros-Lex

by Clarke Haire  
Publisher

It would seem Jay Green, entering his 9th year as the Kingston girls' basketball coach, will have a huge job trying to replace the graduation losses from last year's history-making squad that advanced all the way to the MHSAA Division 4 semifinal rounds, while picking up league, district and regional crowns, as well as the Brown City Tournament championship.

Gone from the Cardinals' 2018-19 squad that posted a lofty 24-3 overall record, 10-0 in the NCTL, is the team's entire starting lineup. Sure to be missed during this year's campaign are Camryn MacGuire – a Thumb Sportswriter Association (TSA) 1st team pick and Defensive Player of the Year; Lily Lyons – also a TSA 1st team choice in her final year; Gerilyn Carpenter – a NCTL 2nd team selection; Carley Smith – a TSA 2nd team choice and Jillyan Dinsmore, who earned NCTL 1st team honors.

However, Green does have five returning letters winners eager to showcase their talents and if Friday's season opener at Croswell-Lexington is any indication the Cardinals should once again be in the conversation for league honors.

"We lost a lot of experience and leadership in addition to over 80% of our scoring and rebounding," Green said, adding, "We have good size and athleticism, hopefully the girls can take their performance individually and collectively to the next level. The NCTL overall should be much better this year with most teams returning a number of key players. Most think Deckerville should be favored, but if we develop the necessary depth and team leader-

ship, we hope to compete for the league championship."

After hanging on to defeat Cros-Lex 36-32, Green felt the Cardinals displayed traits of a veteran team. The visitors led 8-6 after one quarter and 20-12 after two.

Cros-Lex cut into the Kingston lead during the third quarter, but couldn't overtake the visitors who remained cool at the stripe throughout the night.

"Cros-Lex put on a good run, but we were able to hold on. Our inexperienced team grew up a lot. Our free throw shooting was the difference, making 13 of 18 for the game and 4 of 4 in the last minute," said Green.

Pacing the Cros-Lex comeback bid was Lily Connelly, who had a game-high 19 points.

Brooke Mooney and Hannah James led Kingston with double digit performances, scoring 15 and 20 points, respectively. Senior Mooney is quick and athletic with the ability to score inside and outside, while junior James – a third year varsity player – is a good shooter and defender who will be running the offense, according to Green.

The Cardinals' other key returnees are seniors Anna Ahern and Payton Kolacz. Ahern is a good shooter, passer and shot blocker who can play multiple positions, while Kolacz is an athletic inside scorer, rebounder and shot blocker.

Other returnees and newcomers Green expects to make contributions include seniors Danielle Crisman and Wren Murdoch, junior Ella Retan and sophomores Isabel Hurd, Brooklyn Walker and Callie Becovic, who are all high energy players who bring their own unique individual talents.

Up next for Kingston is Thursday's road contest against Bay City All Saints.



**THE 2019-20 Kingston girls' basketball team members are: (front row, l-r) Brooke Mooney, Isabel Hurd, Danielle Crisman, Brooklyn Walker, Wren Murdoch (back row) Hannah James, Ella Retan, Callie Becovic, Anna Ahern and Payton Kolacz.**



**THE 2019-20 Cass City Lady Red Hawk basketball team members are: (front row, l-r) Tiana Tageson, Abbey Salcido, Saylar Cuthrell, Abbey Halabis, Madison Cumper, Morgan Russell (back row) Coach Justin Ketterer, Haven Bouverette, Tiara Anthony, Sierra Spry, Elizabeth Morrish and Marissa Petiprin Ball.**

## Tough non-conference schedule continues for Cass City gals

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seemed to shake off some first game nerves and recorded all 5 of Cass City's points in the frame before the break, including the first of three treys on her way to a game-high 16 points.

Although Harbor Beach padded its cushion in the third quarter, Cuthrell hit on back-to-back tries from beyond the arc to keep the visitors close. But trailing 29-23 to start the final 8 minutes, Harbor Beach used 5 points from Annika

Kirsch to hold off Cass City's comeback bid that was led by Salcido and Russell, who combined for 10 tallies down the stretch.

Pfaff and Guza each scored a dozen points to lead the winners, while Kirsch chipped in eight – all coming in the final half.

Cuthrell was the only player to reach double figures for Cass City, who had Russell chipping in eight markers.

### SAGINAW NOUVEL

On Thursday, Cass City traveled

to face perennial power Saginaw Nouvel and suffered a 58-14 non-conference defeat.

The Panthers scored 12 points in both opening half quarters to lead 24-5 at the intermission and then outscored their guests 34-9 in the final half to complete the whipping.

A swarming Saginaw Nouvel defense limited Cass City to a pair of field goals by Cuthrell before the half and then allowed just two buckets for the remainder of the contest.

Cuthrell scored seven points to pace Cass City, who had just four girls enter the scorebook on the night as Salcido and Tiara Anthony split six tallies and Bouverette added a solo free throw.

"We ran a really good Nouvel team, but I'd rather play a team like that instead of a team we know we can beat. Hopefully we can learn from games like this," Ketterer said.

After entertaining Sandusky Tuesday, Cass City continues a tough non-conference schedule on

Thursday at Ubyly.

When asked about this year's Greater Thumb West title race, Ketterer said, "Reese will be tough again this year and Caro has a lot of players returning."

The Red Hawks start Greater Thumb West play on Dec. 19 against Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port.

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12/13	Ubly
12/20	EPB Lakers
1/08	Marlette
1/10	Bad Axe
1/15	USA
1/17	Vassar
1/22	Caro
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2/05	Capac
2/07	Bad Axe
2/12	USA
2/14	Vassar
2/19	Caro
2/21	Harbor Beach
2/26	Montrose
2/28	Reese
3/05	Nouvel
3/9-13	Districts @ USA.....TBA

**All games begin at 6 p.m.**

## Fabulous Four's Fearless Forecast

2019-20 Basketball Season Dec. 11-17	 Clarke Haire	 Ray Maurer	 Geoff Morgan	 Doug Hyatt
<b>GIRLS' BASKETBALL</b> Thursday, Dec. 12 Cass City @ Ubly	Ubly	Ubly	Ubly	Ubly
Kingston @ BCAS	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
Genesee @ Owen-Gage	Genesee	Genesee	Genesee	Genesee
Monday, Dec. 16 Deckerville @ Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
Tuesday, Dec. 17 Birch Run @ Cass City	Birch Run	Birch Run	Birch Run	Birch Run
Owen-Gage @ North Huron	North Huron	North Huron	North Huron	North Huron
Ubly @ Caro	Caro	Caro	Caro	Ubly
<b>BOYS' BASKETBALL</b> Wednesday, Dec. 11 Ubly @ EPBP	Ubly	Ubly	Ubly	Ubly
Sandusky @ Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City
Friday, Dec. 13 BCAS @ Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
Cass City @ Ubly	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City
Genesee @ Owen-Gage	Genesee	Genesee	Genesee	Genesee
Tuesday, Dec. 17 Deckerville @ Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
Owen-Gage @ North Huron	North Huron	North Huron	North Huron	North Huron
<b>SEASON RESULTS</b>	0 - 0 (0%)	0 - 0 (0%)	0 - 0 (0%)	0 - 0 (0%)

GIRLS' BASKETBALL (JV/VARSITY)	
DATE	OPPONENT
12/03	Harbor Beach 43, CC 32
12/12	Nouvel 58, CC 14
12/10	Sandusky
12/12	Ubly
12/17	Birch Run
12/19	EPB Lakers
12/27	Capac @ SC4 (Varsity)..12:30
1/07	Marlette
1/09	Bad Axe
1/14	USA
1/16	Vassar
1/21	Caro
1/24	S.A.A.S. ....6:30
1/28	EPB Lakers
1/30	Reese
2/06	Bad Axe
2/11	USA
2/13	Vassar
2/18	Caro
2/25	Reese
3/2-6	Districts @ Bad Axe...TBA

**All games begin at 6 p.m.**

WRESTLING		
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
12/11	Lakers	6:00 p.m.
12/14	Birch Run Team Tourney	9:00 a.m.
12/18	Mayville/Marlette	6:00 p.m.
12/21	Ryan Mercer Memorial Tourney	9:00 a.m.
1/04	Ogemaw Hgts. Team Tourney	9:00 a.m.
1/08	Vassar/Ubly	6:00 p.m.
1/11	Flushing Team Tourney	8:00 a.m.
1/15	Caro/Capac	6:00 p.m.
1/18	Mayville Team Tourney	9:00 a.m.
1/22	Bad Axe/Brown City	6:00 a.m.
1/25	Yale Team Tourney	9:00 a.m.
1/29	Sandusky/Memphis	6:00 p.m.
2/01	Clio Team Tourney	9:00 a.m.
2/08	GTC League Meet-Memphis	9:00 a.m.
2/13	Team Districts - Cass City	6:00 p.m.
2/15	Ind. Districts - New Lothrop	9:00 a.m.
2/19	Team Regionals @ TBA	TBA
2/22	Ind. Regionals @ TBA	TBA
2/28-29	Team State Finals @ Kalamazoo	TBA
3/6-7	Ind. State Finals @ Ford Field	TBA

GYMNASTICS		
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
12/7	Holt Invitational	9:00 a.m.
1/7	Vassar	6:30 p.m.
1/11	Fraser Invitational	9:00 a.m.
1/20	Bounce Meet - Hartland	TBA
1/25	Huron Valley @ Lakeland	8:00 a.m.
2/1	Haslett Invite	10:00 a.m.
2/8	Vassar Invite	10:00 a.m.
2/19	Port Huron	TBA
2/20	Vassar	6:30 p.m.

BOWLING		
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
1/7	Harbor Beach	4:00 p.m.
1/9	North Huron @ Bad Axe	4:00 p.m.
1/14	USA	4:00 p.m.
1/16	Caro	4:00 p.m.
1/21	CPS	4:00 p.m.
1/23	Reese	4:00 p.m.
1/28	Brown City	4:00 p.m.
1/30	Bad Axe	4:00 p.m.
2/04	Sandusky	4:00 p.m.
2/06	Boys @ Cass City	TBA
2/08	Singles @ Sandusky	TBA
2/11	Girls @ Capac	TBA
2/15	Team @ Caro	TBA

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## Tuscola jurors will serve fewer days

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County court administrator.

"Previously, someone selected for jury duty would be on duty for the entire month. Due to the number of jury trials scheduled in a month, there was a potential that a juror would have to make themselves available for up to six days out of the month," Long said.

"Starting in 2020, a juror's duty will be limited to one week," she added. "This means that a juror can expect their time in court to be limited to two to three days."

"While we think most jurors have a positive experience from their time in court, we understand the issues of taking potentially six days away from your work and family," Tuscola County District Court Judge Jason E. Bitzer said. "This new process is a way to be mindful and respectful of the jurors' personal time."

Another change involves the way jurors are compensated. Currently, paper checks are issued to citizens following their service to the court.

"Starting in 2020, jurors will be

paid instead with a debit card that can be used by jurors like their bank-issued debit card," Long explained.

"The Tuscola County Circuit Court went to this same system recently and the program has been a resounding success," Bitzer pointed out. "It has provided jurors (with) a more convenient way to use their funds while also eliminating the cost...of the court in executing and monitoring paper checks. I believe it will have the same success in district court."



Cass City student shines at career quest

CASS CITY'S tenth grade students recently attended a field trip to MiCareerQuest East 2019 at the Dort Event Center, organized GST Michigan Works! That's where local student Caleb Richards was one of roughly 4500 students who tried their hands at the "electrical conduit fishing lab" competition, and Richards posted the fastest time of 3.8 seconds. Rick Mason, training director from the Flint and Saginaw Electrical JATC (pictured above, left), and Evan Allardyce, business manager of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 557 (right) later presented Richards with a set of Ideal Electrical hand tools valued at \$300. Caleb's step-father, Ken Shaw, along with uncle Greg Whitney, attended the surprise presentation.

## Dan Erla retiring as township supervisor

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Erla agreed.

"I enjoy going down there (township hall), but I'm 85 years old. I don't want to die down there," joked Erla, who has always made a habit of keeping an eye on the township's major departments. "I go out to the cemetery...and check up on the boys out there - that's a big operation. That and the fire department - that's another big one," he said.

A 1953 Imlay City High School graduate, Erla worked for the Michigan Milk Producers Association for a few years before moving to Cass City to help the family-owned Erla's Food Center, a tradition in the community for nearly 60 years before the business was sold in 2011.

Erla, who managed the grocery store's meat department for many years, eventually also took an interest in local government. A former Cass City Village assessor, he sought a seat on the township board at the urging of another local resident.

"Dave Milligan got after me to run (for trustee)," he recalled. "I thought, I don't know anything about that."

That was then. In time, Erla became very familiar with operations, and he's since seen many

changes.

"We furnished the ambulance service" for many years. "We would have to collect for runs - that was a pain," he recalled. These days, he noted, Elkland along with Elmwood and Novesta townships in Tuscola County and Evergreen and Greenleaf townships in Sanilac County contract with MMR for ambulance service, paying a per-capita fee to cover the cost.

Another big-ticket item is paying for road upgrades and paving, a subject that invariably draws frequent disagreement over prioritizing road work, according to Erla.

"It's \$130,000 for (paving) one mile, and we want to maintain what we've got," he said. "I remember when we used to do a mile of road for \$90,000."

Taking care of township roads has been made a bit easier following a special millage approved by voters last year, according to Muntz, who says he expects the multi-year tax will enable officials to gravel a majority of roads over the next few years and still enable the township to pave one mile annually.

Erla, who lauded Muntz' leadership in road maintenance, indicated he's also leaving township government with the knowledge

that both the local fire department and cemetery operations are in good hands, with Fire Chief Glenn Guilds and cemetery Sexton Steve Wright on the job, respectively.

Looking back, Erla said he's enjoyed his watch on the township board.

"It's not bad. You have a say (in township matters). I didn't mind it at all," he said. "We don't have a lot of people come to our meetings. We have a good board, and when you have good board members, it makes it a lot easier."

Township Clerk Ed LaBelle, who has served in his role for 11 years, agreed.

"It's a pretty good team there. We all do our job, and everything runs pretty smooth," he said, adding Erla has been a consistent member of that team.

"It's been just a good relationship," Labelle said. "He's been a good supervisor."

"Over the years we've had very, very smooth operations. It's been a great board - we've always worked well together," commented Muntz.

"Dan has always been a steady fixture on the board. He's always had a calm demeanor," Muntz added. "He's just been very steady."

## Former trooper sentenced to one year in jail

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to four years in prison and a \$5,000 fine.

He was also convicted on two misdemeanor charges - aggravated domestic violence, punishable by up to a year in jail and a \$1,000 fine, and assault and battery, punishable by up to 93 days in jail and a fine of \$500.

Mullin, who was assigned to the MSP post in Caro and was on duty at the time of the offenses, was originally charged with assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, a 10-year felony, but the jury opted to convict on the lesser charge of assault and battery.

According to reports, Mullin and his partner were having an affair at the time of the assault, which took place Feb. 10 at the Michigan State Police detachment building in Bad Axe. Prosecutors said

Mullin physically attacked the other trooper, causing injuries to her head and back. Later, Mullin conducted a traffic stop under false pretenses in an effort to cover up the assault by stating his partner had fallen and injured herself.

Mullin, who joined the state police ranks in July 2016, was arrested two days later. He was immediately placed on unpaid suspension.

Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel's office authorized the charges against the officer.

"Adam Mullin's actions violated the very trust we put in our law enforcement officers," Nessel said. "We are grateful to the Michigan State Police and to Huron County Circuit Judge Prill for ensuring justice is served."

Nessel also commended Assistant Attorney General Danielle

Hagaman-Clark, who successfully prosecuted Mullin, for securing his conviction.

"Domestic violence is a choice batterers make to abuse their intimate partner," said Hagaman-Clark. "That choice stems from their desire to control and manipulate their partners at the cost of all else. In this case, Mullin made a choice to put his desire to control his partner over his oath to serve and protect the community."

The charges against Mullin were the result of a Michigan State Police investigation. Following his conviction, MSP officials moved to permanently revoke Mullin's law enforcement certification and terminate his employment.

In 2018, Michigan State Police's Incident Crime Report indicated that there were 48,264 domestic violence offenses reported to Michigan law enforcement.

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**Redhawk Review**  
by  
Taryn Pisarek  
**The season of giving upon us**

Well, the season of giving is officially upon us. No matter what holiday you celebrate, if any, this is the time to reflect on the year you've had, plan for the next year, and give back however you can.

This year, Cass City High School students are finding many ways to give back and spread joy in the community.

For example, over the past few weeks, the school and students formed a partnership with the Cass City Rotary Club's annual Christmas For Kids campaign. In this project, students had the chance to bring in family friendly games or kits to donate to kids this Christmas. Even with how busy most students are, we were able to bring in around a hundred games.

Throughout the year, a few high school students spend their Wednesday mornings packaging backpacks for the elementary school. These bags are part of a backpack program that provides kids in need with nutritious food to take home for the weekend.

More recently, Cass City's Christmas in the Village celebration brought many opportunities for students to give back to their community. Over the weekend, students helped at the VFW Hall with Santa, as well as during Saturday's craft show.

This year, students have been especially giving around the holiday season, but it doesn't just have to be their joy that is spread — you can also volunteer!

There are plenty of opportunities to give back this time of year. You can do something big, like adopting a family for Christmas, or send care packages to troops overseas. You could also choose a more local route by offering some cookies to your neighbors.

No matter what you decide this giving season, remember to find at least one way you can give back and do your small part to help our community thrive.

# Obituaries

## Nora McMillen

Nora Lee McMillen, of Gagetown, passed away Tuesday, December 3, 2019, at the Tuscola County Medical Center in Caro.

Nora was born March 22, 1934, in Erie, Michigan, to Orville and Leona (Mills) Belknap.

She married Howard McMillen on April 29, 1952, in Erie, Michigan. She was a member of the Gagetown Women's Study Club, Owendale United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women. She worked at Erla's Food Center for 14 years in Cass City and retired in 1984 from IGA in Cass City. Nora enjoyed gardening, snowmobiling, motorcycles, horseback riding and camping.

Nora is survived by her son, Manley (Kathy) McMillen of Deford; siblings: Dolores Harris and Chuck Belknap; grandchildren: Jeff (Heather) McMillen, Jennifer (Josh) Brown and Kelsey McMillen; 7 great-grandchildren; 1 great great-grandchild.



She was preceded in death by her ex-husband and friend, Howard in 2003; granddaughter, Mindy McMillen; and siblings: Robert, James, Marvin, Dale, Carolyn and Mary Ann.

The funeral service was held Monday, December 9, 2019, at Juengel & Mellendorf Funeral Home in Sebawaing.

Burial will be at Elmwood Township Cemetery in Gagetown.

Memorial donations may be given to Owendale United Methodist Church.

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11-27-4

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 9, 2020. Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Dennis R. Geitman II, a single man Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns Foreclosing Assignee (if any): U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee for the NRZ PASS-THROUGH TRUST XIV Date of Mortgage: August 24, 2004 Date of Mortgage Recording: Sep-

tember 10, 2004 Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$86,776.93 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 35, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the South line of said Section 35, which is East, 465.00 feet, from the South 1/4 corner of said Section 35; thence continuing along said South line East 186.02 feet; thence North 00 degrees 05 minutes 50 seconds West 350.00 feet; thence West 186.02 feet; thence South 00 degrees 05 minutes 50 seconds East 350.00 feet to the South line of said Section 35 and the point of beginning. Except an undivided 1/2 interest in and to all oil, gas and other minerals. 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 damage to the property during the redemption period. This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: November 27, 2019 Trott Law, P.C. 1402757

11-27-4

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 9, 2020. Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Alden J. Dean And Donna M. Dean, Husband And Wife Original Mortgagee: Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, a Subsidiary of Lehman Brothers Bank, FSB Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust Date of Mortgage: November 24, 2003

Date of Mortgage Recording: February 25, 2004 Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$166,012.40 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) in Section 12, Town 10 North, Range 8 East. Excepting therefrom: Parcel E: Part of the Northwest quarter of the Northwest of Section 12, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the West Section line that is South 2 degrees 58 minutes 13 seconds West 1057.73 feet from the Northwest corner of said Section 12; thence north 87 degrees 0 minutes 33 seconds East 573.23 feet; thence South 15 degrees 12 minutes 11 seconds West 338.48 feet; thence North 83 degrees 0 minutes 57 seconds West 489.27 feet; thence along said West Section line, North 2 degrees 50 minutes 13 seconds East 283.93 feet to the point of beginning. Excepting therefrom: Parcel D: Part of the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 12, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point that is South 2 degrees 56 minutes 23 seconds West 907.73 feet and the North 87 degrees 0 minutes 33 seconds East 291.96 feet from the Northwest corner of said Section 13, thence North 87 degrees 0 minutes 33 seconds East 314.01 feet; thence South 18 degrees 12 minutes 11 seconds West 157.05 feet; thence South 07 degrees 0 minutes 33 seconds West 281.27 feet; thence North 2 degrees 56 minutes 13 seconds East 150.00 feet to the point of beginning.

Excepting therefrom: Parcel C: Part of the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 12, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the West Section line that is South 2 degrees 56 minutes 13 seconds West 917.73 feet from the Northwest corner of said Section 12; thence North 97 degrees 0 minutes 33 seconds East 291.56 feet; thence South 2 degrees 56 minutes 13 seconds West 150 feet; thence along said West line, North 2 degrees 56 minutes 13 seconds East 150.00 feet to the point of beginning. Excepting therefrom: Parcel A: Part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of section 12, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the North Section line that is South 84 degrees 35 minutes 31 seconds East 897.00 feet from the Northwest corner of said Section 12; thence continuing South 84 degrees 35 minutes 31 seconds East 485.39 feet; thence South 3 degrees 10 minutes 0 seconds West 233.18 feet; thence North 84 degrees 35

minutes 31 seconds West 474.51 feet; thence North 5 degrees 24 minutes 29 seconds East 233.00 feet to the point of beginning. Excepting therefrom: Parcel B: Part of the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 12, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at the Northwest corner of said Section 15; thence along the North section line of said Section 12, South 84 degrees 38 minutes 31 seconds East 710.00 feet; thence South 6 degrees 24 minutes 29 seconds West 607.76 feet; thence North 64 degrees 36 minutes 31 seconds West 608.09 feet; thence along the West section line of said Section 12, North 2 degrees 06 minutes 13 seconds East 608.09 feet to the point of beginning. Excepting therefrom:

Part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 12, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the North line of Section 12 which is South 84 degrees 35 minutes 31 seconds East 710.00 feet from the Northwest corner of Section 12; thence continuing along said North line, South 84 degrees 35 minutes 31 seconds East 197.00 feet; thence at right angles to said North line, South 05 degrees 24 minutes 29 seconds West 233.00 feet; thence parallel to said North line, North 84 degrees 35 minutes 31 seconds West 187.00 feet, thence North 05 degrees 24 minutes 29 seconds East 233.00 feet to the North line of section 12 and the point of beginning. Subject to the use of the northerly 33.00 feet thereof as Murphy Lake Road. 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 damage to the property during the redemption period. This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: November 27, 2019 Trott Law, P.C. 1402778

11-27-4

SCHEIDERMAN & SHERMAN P.C., is attempting to collect a debt, any information obtained will be used for that purpose. MORTGAGE SALE - Amy Jo Fox, a single woman, granted a mortgage to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 7, 2014, and recorded on October 21, 2014, Liber 1317, on Page 891, and assigned by said mortgagee to Quicken Loans Inc., as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Seven and 48/100 Dollars (\$36,587.48). Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on January 09, 2020. Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as: Commencing at a point 10 rods 5 feet 6 inches North of the Southeast corner of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 34, Town 14 North, Range 8 East, and running thence West 10 rods, thence North 4 rods, thence East 10 rods and South 4 rods to the place of beginning. The redemption period will be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless 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 damage to the property during the redemption period. Quicken Loans Inc. Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 1402804

11-27-4

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 9, 2020: Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Billy J Turner, a single man Original Mortgagee: Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust

Date of Mortgage: October 30, 2008 Date of Mortgage Recording: November 25, 2008 Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$133,662.85 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Dayton, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 320, Shay Lake Subdivision No. 2, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 111, now being Liber 2 of Plats, Page 1A. 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 damage to the property during the redemption period. This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: December 4, 2019 Trott Law, P.C.

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12-4-4

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foregoing Mortgage can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE MORTGAGE SALE-A mortgage was granted by JORDAN TURNER, a single woman, Mortgagor(s) to FRANKENMUTH CREDIT UNION, 580 NORTH MAIN STREET, FRANKENMUTH, MI 48734, Mortgagee dated FEBRUARY 11, 2019,

and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Tuscola County, and State of Michigan on FEBRUARY 14, 2019, in LIBER 1416 on PAGE 335 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of SEVENTY SIX THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY THREE AND 55/100THS (\$76,283.55) at 5% percent per annum and attorney fees as provided for in said Mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof; NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on JANUARY 9, 2020, AT 10:00 A.M. local time, said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder in the main lobby of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, aforesaid, on said mortgage with interest thereon and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Which said premises are described as follows: VILLAGE OF FAIRGROVE, COUNTY OF TUSCOLA AND STATE OF MICHIGAN, to wit: LOT 27 OF HILLCREST SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGES 27-28, 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 600.3241 a, the property may be redeemed during the thirty (30) days immediately following the 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. JOHN W. BUTLER (P 33908) ATTORNEY FOR MORTGAGEE 24525 Harper Avenue St. Clair Shores, MI 48080 (586) 777-0770 Dated: 12-11-19

12-11-5

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF TUSCOLA NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate FILE NO. 19-36634-DE Estate of ADRIAN LESLIE HUTCHINSON, Deceased. Date of birth: 04-05-1934 TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Adrian Leslie Hutchinson, died 11-16-2019. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to David. A. Hutchinson, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 7788 Cass City Road, Cass City, MI 48726 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: 11-26-19  
David A. Hutchinson  
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# Christmas in the Village

## Annual holiday celebration a record-breaker

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

A brisk but beautiful day set the stage for a Christmas in the Village celebration in Cass City that saw attendance records shatter across the board Saturday.

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

The Christmas in the Village Craft Show continues to grow in popularity, with even tighter quarters at Cass City Junior-Senior High School, where vendors filled the gym and overflowed throughout the hallways.

"It was a record number of vendors. We probably had at least 93

different vendors," Keller said, noting there more 63 different vendors last year.

Keller said it's just about impossible to estimate attendance, but she was looking forward to seeing the totals from the volunteers who collected admission fees – the cost to get in was a food item or \$1 donation. The proceeds go to Revive Ministries in Cass City.

Saturday kicked off with a near-record attendance at the Breakfast with Santa event sponsored by the local McDonald's restaurant at the Cass City VFW Hall. Keller said roughly 137 residents were on hand for the event – fewer than last year's record of about 150, but still far busier than in previous years when attendance averaged 35 to 40 kids.

The hotly-contested Christmas in the Village Chili Cook-off and

Chili for Charity competitions also broke new records, with 230 people signing up as tasters/judges for this year's contest. There were 220 tasters last year.

"That's the most we've ever had," said Peters. "It looks like it was a stellar day all around."

In all, 26 businesses entered this year's regular competition, and there were another seven entries in the Chili for Charity category, for a total of 33 participants. In 2018 21 businesses competed, with an additional seven entries in the Chili for Charity event.

Among the entrants claiming a full year of chili champion bragging rights following the 16th annual competition was the Cass City Chamber of Commerce, named the Chili for Charity winner. The club will be donating its cash prize to the charity of its choice.

In the Best Tasting category, Chemical Bank brought home another first-place finish. Also repeating as a chili champ in 2019 was Anderson, Tuckey, Bernhardt and Doran in the Zesty and Spicy category, while voters named Knights Insurance their top Most Creative chili winner.

All in all, it was another tremendously successful town-wide celebration, said Keller, who lauded all of the businesses and volunteers who make it possible to stage the holiday celebration year in and year out.

"It was great," she added Saturday night as dozens of families poured into the VFW hall for the annual community gathering following the lighted Christmas parade down Main Street. Keller noted the crowds were expected to devour 70 gallons of hot bean soup along with 20 dozen cookies and 250 bags of popcorn.

"I don't know how bigger it can get," she said.



OUR LADY Consolata Parish sponsored a float featuring a nativity scene during the lighted Christmas parade Saturday night.



THE CASS City Chamber of Commerce was named this year's Christmas in the Village Chili for Charity winner. Above, chamber volunteer Dave Keller serves up some samples to (from left) Katrina Sarles, 13, Brooklynne Limberger, 12, Mia Caister, 12, and Quenten Hartwick, 14, all of Cass City.



CHAMBER of commerce Administrator Judy Keller described this year's Christmas in the Village Craft Show as a record-breaker, with 93 different vendors temporarily setting up shop in gymnasium as well as throughout hallways at Cass City Junior-Senior High School Saturday.



A YOUTH heads for Santa's lap to share her Christmas list this year during Saturday's community gathering at the Cass City VFW Hall.

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

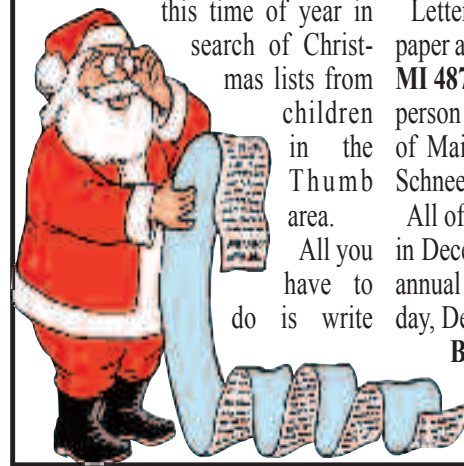
Hey kids, get busy writing those letters to Santa. The easiest way is to have mom or dad e-mail your note along with a photo of yourself to:

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