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Ready to roll, Cass City FFA style...

THE CASS CITY FFA chapter recently showcased its new livestock trailer. The \$6,000 purchase was made possible, in part, by a \$3,000 grant awarded by the Future Youth Involvement (FYI) Fund through the Tuscola County Community Foundation. Pictured above are chapter members (from left) Dori Battel, Leigh Osentoski (advisor), Addy Battel, Marissa Petiprin Ball, Alexis Kile and Grace Keyser.

Home coming?

Gilford Township welcoming \$12 million soybean plant

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

The developers behind a planned soybean processing operation may have finally found the location they’ve been searching for in Tuscola County.

The Gilford Township Planning Commission is scheduled to meet Monday, Jan. 21, at 4 p.m. to conduct a site plan review of the proposed \$12 million processing facility in the township.

“The township officials we met with have been very welcoming. They asked why we didn’t come

there first. It sounds promising, so hopefully we will have a facility in Gilford in the near future,” said Quality Roasting Inc. CEO Scott Rabe.

“We are waiting for the official okay, which hopefully will happen in January,” Rabe added. “We will know for sure then.”

If the facility is approved, the company would start construction in early spring with hopes to have the plant operational in time for next fall’s soybean harvest.

“The processing area would be about 20,000-square feet, with eight employees to start with,”

said Rabe.

The plant will include a processing building with a small office, truck scale, soybean storage bins and finished product storage. The operation would be 24/5 (Sunday evenings through Friday evenings).

The proposed site is located north of the Star of the West facility on Bradleyville Road, Rabe noted.

Quality Roasting officials plan to process raw soybeans into soybean meal designed for high-producing dairy cattle. The processing is solvent-free with no use of any chemicals. The soybeans are processed naturally using only heat and pressure.

If approved, the facility would process about 2.2 million pounds of soybeans a year. The soybean harvest covers a period of roughly three weeks between September and November.

Tuscola County produces about 3.67 million bushels of soybeans annually, and the factory would need about two million bushels.

With its 428,000 cows and 96

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Tuscola RTL planning Sanctity of Life service

The Tuscola County Right to Life affiliate has scheduled its annual Sanctity of Life memorial service for Sunday, Jan. 20, on the front steps of the Tuscola County Courthouse, on State Street (M-81) in Caro.

The ceremony is scheduled to begin at 3 p.m., and this year’s keynote speaker will be newly-elected 31st District state Rep. Phil Green, who represents citizens in Tuscola and Huron counties.

The service will include a brief message from Green, a prayer, the singing of God Bless America, and the taking of a group photograph. The event, open to the public, is one of numerous similar events being planned throughout Michigan.

A reception with refreshments will follow at the Blessing Center, located at 209 N. State St., in downtown Caro.

“Nearly 46 years have passed since the landmark Supreme Court rulings that changed our nation’s response to pregnancy. Forty-six years and the words ‘Roe v. Wade’ and ‘Doe v. Bolton’ still darken the hearts of all who defend the right to life,” said Right to Life of Michigan President Barbara Listing.

“Because of Roe and Doe, abortion is legal through all nine months of pregnancy. Because of Roe and Doe, some do not have the right to live and breathe and grow and laugh and love. Because of Roe and Doe, hundreds of thousands of people will peacefully march in January in Washington, D.C., to be a prolife witness, protesting the so-called right to abortion,” Listing said.

“After 46 years, we are still here, still ready to march and defend the lives of babies preparing to be born,” she added. “Positive changes are being made in Michigan, the prolife movement is thriving, but our life-saving work continues because there is a need to value human life.”

According to the Michigan Department of Community Health, a total of 26,594 abortions were reported in 2017. This is a 46-percent decrease since 1987 – the year when the largest number of abortions was reported. More than half were repeat abortions in 2017.

“We celebrate the decrease in abortions performed in Michigan and mourn the lives of lost,” Listing said. “Abortions represent a void in

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Condom distribution at library results in campaign of protest

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

Libraries are known for loaning out a variety of books, DVDs and magazines – not to mention providing a number of other services to their patrons.

Now, some libraries are also considering offering free condoms as part of a campaign designed to prevent sexually transmitted diseases (STDs).

The Tuscola County Health Department is promoting the “Wear One” campaign, which includes distributing free condoms in a number of locations, according to Ann Hepfer, health officer for both the Tuscola and Huron county health departments.

While Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City isn’t among the libraries participating in the campaign, officials at the Caro District Library are considering being one of those distribution site locations.

And that possibility has some patrons upset. “There was the sign, ‘Wear One,’ on the library’s door,” said Colleen McLoskey of Caro. “I don’t want an open bin of condoms near children. I don’t think the library is the place for that — just putting them out with no counseling. A seven-year-old kid could get them.”

The sign on the library’s door has been taken down, and the Tuscola County Health Department’s website listing of free condom distribution sites now indicates the Caro Library is pending as a possible location.

The Caro District Library Board, which meets at the library at 840 W. Frank St., is expected to discuss the issue during its next meeting, scheduled for Monday, Jan. 14, starting at 4:45 p.m.

In the meantime, McLoskey is urging residents living in other towns to contact their library boards about the issue.

“I completely understand that some residents might be uncomfortable when seeing a discreet basket of condoms in their public library,” Hepfer said. “The Wear One campaign is a condom distribution program that provides local businesses with free condoms and also education (materials) on sexually transmitted diseases/infection services, including testing and treatment.”

The Wear One campaign was developed in order to increase the availability of free condoms, create awareness and promote acceptance of condom use. The goal is to decrease STDs and unplanned pregnancies by removing barriers such as cost, embarrassment and lack of access.

“The ultimate goal is to decrease sexually transmitted infections and unplanned pregnancies. This is a statewide campaign available to any health department who signs on,” Hepfer noted.

Public health officials say they would feel irresponsible if they did not try to reduce the incidents of STDs.

“Chlamydia is the most common sexually transmitted disease that can be easily treated. If left untreated, Chlamydia can make it difficult for a woman to get pregnant and causes infertility. It often times does not present enough symptoms in women, so they don’t seek treatment,” Hepfer explained.

“The best way to avoid these infections is to remain in a long-term, monogamous relationship with someone who has tested negative for sexually transmitted diseases, or to practice abstinence,” she said. “Unfortunately, this is not the choice that many people make, so the next best thing to reduce these infections is to use a condom every single time” someone makes the choice to be sexually active.

Tuscola County’s STD statistics are staggering, according to Hepfer. She reported the number of Chlamydia cases in Tuscola County in 2001 totaled 96, compared to 277 cases in 2017.

Hepfer said the Huron County Health Department has not yet implemented the Wear One program. “We have new staff on board who are learning (current) programs first before we start a new program,” she added.

In Cass City, Rawson Memorial District Library Director Kate Van Auken said the local library has no plans at this time to be a Wear One distribution site for free condoms. “We have not been approached to be a site, but ultimately it would be a board decision,” she said.

Among the locations currently participating in the campaign are: List Psychological Services, 651 N. State St., Caro; Lori Kueffner, PA, Caro Health Plaza, 1525 W. Caro Rd., Suite A, Caro; Mid-Michigan Medicine PC and Dr. Aqil, 1070 E. Caro Rd., Caro; Thumb Pediatrics – Dr. Wade, 6190 Hospital Dr., Suite 105, Cass City; Kingston Family Care - Dr. Kramer-Harrington, 5854 State St., Kingston; and Kingston Family HealthCare of Marlette Regional Hospital, 5988 State St., Kingston.

Hills and Dales welcomes new doctor

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Hills and Dales General Hospital officials recently welcomed Dr. Blake Putman, family practice physician, to their medical staff.

Dr. Putman will begin seeing patients in Cass City until the completion of the Hills and Dales Caro Family Practice, which is located at 1514 W. Caro Rd (within the VG’s complex).

Dr. Putman joins Hills and Dales after seeing patients in Pigeon for the past year. He earned his bachelor’s degree in biology from SVSU in 2010

and his medical degree from Ross University in 2014. He is board certified in family medicine and was a chief family medicine resident at Central Michigan University’s Medical School until 2017.



Dr. Blake Putman

Dr. Putman also continues to serve as a faculty preceptor at CMU’s College of Medicine, Walden Univer-

sity, and SVSU.

“We couldn’t be more excited to welcome Dr. Putman to our staff,” Hills and Dales General Hospital President and CEO Jean Anthony commented.

“Adding another clinic in Caro will offer our patients more options to receive great care close to home. Dr. Putman is a great addition and we look forward to our patients getting to know him.”

Dr. Putman sees patients ranging from birth to elderly and looks forward to serving the Caro and surrounding area. Beginning today (Wednesday), patients can schedule an appointment with him by calling (989) 672-1399.

Cass City Elementary officials announce "students of month"



Nominated by:
Mrs. Stoutenburg

Characteristics I display:
Bryn is always smiling. She is eager to learn new things. Bryn is very polite and helpful to others.

Some of my favorite things:

- Swimming
- Playing on the swings

**Kindergarten Student of the Month is
Bryn Wallace**



Nominated by:
Fifth Grade Teachers

Characteristics she displays:
Carla Cortes regularly displays the characteristics of BOAR. In addition, she regularly participates in class discussions, is very cooperative, and extremely reliable. She always has a smile on her face. Her work is neat and turned in on time.

Some of my favorite things:

- Reading
- Spending time with my family
- Watching movies on tv

**Fifth Grade Student of the Month is
Carla Cortes**



Nominated by:
Mrs. Panuzki

Characteristics I display:
Molly is someone who does the right thing, naturally and consistently, not just when someone is looking. She is honest, kind, friendly, hard working, helpful, and interested in learning everything!

Some of my favorite things:

- Going on vacation
- The movie Polar Express
- Going on rides like Skyhawk and Gemini

**First Grade Student of the Month is
Molly Haag**



Nominated by:
8th Grade Team

Characteristics I display:
Positive attitude and willingness to take on tasks without hesitation.

A smile, personality and a goal to succeed always mark my work.

Some of my favorite things:
Anything robotic or musical. Reading and learning are fun too.

**Sixth Grade Student of the Month is
Kian Hoppe**



Nominated by:
Mrs. Dorland

Characteristics I display:
Corbin Lenhard is a well-mannered young man. He always does his best and is a great helper and is very responsible. He thinks of others before himself. Corbin is an example for others to follow.

Some of my favorite things:

- Hockey
- Steak
- Fortnite

**Second Grade Student of the Month is
Corbin Lenhard**



Nominated by:
Mrs. Milligan

Characteristics I display:
Jenna is very responsible. She is honest and always will go the extra mile to do her best. She is able to help others and is a good friend to her peers.

Some of my favorite things:

- Junie B. Jones books
- Gymnastics
- Playing

**Third Grade Student of the Month is
Jenna Bartnik**



Nominated by: The fourth grade teachers.

Characteristics Haylee displays:
Haylee is a kind and caring fourth grader. She gladly lends a helping hand to her classmates. She is a hard worker who takes the time to check her work for accuracy and neatness. Great work Haylee!

Some of Haylee's favorite things are: playing with her dogs Remi, Bristol, and Dixie after school. She loves to eat pizza and her hobby is making beautiful artwork.

**Fourth Grade Student of the Month is
Haylee Mahoney**

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DECEMBER 13, 2018- MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting called to order at 7:30 P.M., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present: D. Strasz, Treasurer; R. Haines, Clerk; J. Stockmeyer, Supervisor; A. Goss, Trustee; K. Houghtaling, Trustee. Order of agenda approved, with addition of Fairgrove Fire news.

Public Comment: Are wind turbine components taxable before erected? Are junk cars still at South end of cemetery?

Minutes of Previous Meetings: Motion by D. Strasz, second by A. Goss to approve minutes of November 8 meeting. Motion approved. Motion by A. Goss, second by J. Stockmeyer to approve minutes of November 19 Special meeting. Motion approved. Motion by J. Stockmeyer, second by D. Strasz to approve minutes of December 4 Special Meeting. Motion approved.

Treasurers Report: Motion by A. Goss, second by J. Stockmeyer to approve Treasurers Report. Motion approved.

REPORTS: Reese fire runs: 1 run, 12 total this year, new contract coming for next year.

Supervisor: Fairgrove meeting: Juniata not paying for their share of Fairgrove fire truck, meeting set for Monday December 17 to discuss options. Motion by D. Strasz, second by K. Houghtaling to rescind Parcel Division Application for R. Wagner Jr. Motion approved. Discussion on Marihuana Establishment Ordinance. Motion by J. Stockmeyer second by D. Strasz to adopt OR 2018-01 Prohibition of Marihuana Establishments Ordinance. Roll call vote: 5 years, 0 nays. Ordinance adopted, will become effective today December 13, 2018. Spicer proposal regarding Quality Roasting Site Plan Review. Motion by J. Stockmeyer, second by K. Houghtaling to appoint J. Kajjala and T. Gruber to the Planning Commission. Motion approved. Motion by D. Strasz, second by A., Goss to appoint P. Budry, B. Keyes, D. Janson, and B. Wagner (alternate) to the Board of Review. Motion approved. Soybean plant update, moving forward.

Treasurer: Taxes have been mailed and payments are coming in. Fire, Ambulance, and Trash accounts need to be combined. Motion by A. Goss, second by K. Houghtaling to open a new Fire, Ambulance, and Trash account. Motion approved. Motion by K. Houghtaling, second by J. Stockmeyer to appoint R. A. Kajjala as deputy Treasure. Motion approved. BS&A issues with UCA numbers, we are working out glitches, and learning.

Clerk: Motion by J. Stockmeyer, second by D. Strasz to amend budget by moving \$6,000 from Miscellaneous to Hall. Motion approved. Motion by D. Strasz, second by A. Goss to amend budget by moving \$5,000 from Elections, and \$4,000 from Bridge Repair to Attorney Fees. Motion approved. Election in May 2019 possible with Reese and AF schools and Gilford Request. Motion by A. Goss second by D. Strasz. to approve payment of the bills. Motion approved.

Trustees: PC meeting: new zoning is progressing. Soybean plant discussion, concerns about water usage. Reese Parks meeting: People are requesting ice rink, yoga area, and RC area. Tennis courts in poor condition.

Ambulance Representative: 3 runs in October, total responses for the 9 townships/cities was 164. Nice Advertiser article about R. A. Kajjala service. MMR was presented with American Heart Association GOLD Award. Be specific when giving directions to Dispatch, there are many streets with similar names in different townships.

Fire Department Representative: Fairgrove Chief & Assistant running for re-election, light parade, shop with a hero. Reese: CPR training, Christmas in village, life insurance, new trainees. Fairgrove Board meeting: 2018 report, fundraiser allowed purchase of \$8200 in equipment. New truck scheduled for delivery, must be paid in full on delivery. Draft for 3 year contract presented. Juniata TWP could not commit to making payment on fire truck, fish fries coming up, CPR training in new year.

Zoning Administrator: 1 zoning permit issued, 1 demolition permit, progress on roadside issues on Bradleyville Rd. in Gilford. Public Comment: None. Motion by J. Stockmeyer, second by R. Haines to adjourn at P.M. Motion approved.

Respectfully Submitted:
Robert L. Haines,
Gilford Township Clerk

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In Our OPINION...

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Adoption changes lives for the better

This new year could bring a new, life-changing outlook on life for youngsters in need of a permanent home – as well as for families interested and willing to consider sharing their love with a new addition.

That's the hope of officials with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), who say dozens of children in Michigan's foster care system are waiting for adoptive families to open their hearts and homes to kids in need of love and stability.

MDHHS officials say that finding homes for children in the state's foster care system remains one of the agency's top priorities.

People can adopt whether they're single or married. They don't have to be wealthy or own their own home, although they must have adequate financial resources to provide for their family.

Children in the foster care system become eligible for adoption following termination of parental rights due to abuse and neglect.

There are about 13,700 children in foster care in Michigan, but the goal for most of these children is reunification with their families. When the state cannot return a foster child to their home, the goal is to place children into adoptive homes as quickly as possible after parental rights have been terminated.

Currently, there are more than 300 who are in need of a forever family through adoption.

In fiscal year 2018, more than 1,900 children were adopted through MDHHS and its partner adoption agencies.

Michigan's Adoption Services Program provides financial help to families who adopt children from foster care. The money paid through the public child welfare system is based on each child's situation or needs. According to the MDHHS, there are about 24,000 adopted children who receive ongoing adoption assistance, with the total amount paid by the state estimated at \$200 million annually.

Together with private agencies, MDHHS staff searches for adoptive families that will best meet the needs of the child. Whenever possible, adoptive placements are made with relatives and foster parents, and every effort is made to keep siblings together.

Having a permanent family and home can help children in two important ways; a caring and loving family that is committed to providing a safe and permanent home promotes healthy growth and development and provides children with a sense of belonging. Secondly, children can gain confidence in their family's ability to function independently without feeling that someone from the child welfare system could disrupt their family's life.

Without permanency, children often experience doubt, uncertainty, and hesitancy about where they belong and who is going to care for them.

Anyone interested in adopting can contact the Michigan Adoption Resource Exchange at 800-589-6273 or learn more about the children available for adoption at www.mare.org. For more information about adoption in Michigan, visit www.michigan.gov/adoption.

Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

For whom the bell rings



We are now into the new year of 2019. It seems hard to believe another year has gone by. It just seems strange to write 2-0-1-9.

This was the first time that I didn't do anything to celebrate the arrival of a New Year. I remember a time when I was the first to arrive at a New Year's Eve party and the last to leave when it was well into the New Year Day. It doesn't seem like that was all that long ago, but when I stop to think about it, it was. Sigh!

I remember growing up and hearing talk about the year 2000. I didn't think about it too much because I would be in my late 40s by then; which I thought back then was really, really old, so I probably wouldn't still be around.

Well, 2000 came and went. Now, 19 years later, I'm still here. I'm much older and, hopefully, a little wiser.

This year my New Year's resolution was simple. I had always started out the year setting the bar high with grand plans that never worked out as the days passed. So, I made simple resolutions this year because doing otherwise was just setting myself up for failure. Like I said older and wiser now...

This year I decided I was going to do things that make me happy and take better care of myself. I should be able to accomplish that without too much hassle or effort.

One of the first things that I did with that promise to myself was to go to bed before midnight Dec. 31, 2018. I was tired. There wasn't much on television

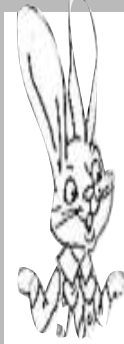
to watch and it was kind of depressing ringing in the next year without Dick Clark, so why bother fighting to stay awake just to watch a lighted ball drop in New York with millions of people screaming?

I made myself happy and went to bed early, which should be good for my health, too.

I slept soundly for about an hour. Just before midnight I woke up. Looked at the clock and debated whether or not to get up and help ring in the New Year.

For once, I kept my resolution. I stayed in bed and smiled as I pulled the warm blankets over my shoulders.

Hope the New Year is a happy one for those who rang it in without me.



Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Most of us have seen videos on news broadcasts or Facebook catching porch bandits in the act of stealing delivered packages from unsuspecting homeowners who are at work or otherwise away at the time of the crimes.

The thefts always seem to pick up around the holidays, and Cass City's Pat Davis says crooks don't appear to be too particular about their targets. In fact, Davis recalled hand-delivering a seasonal tip to the waste pick-up crew that serves his neighborhood, and they thanked him for handing the gift to them because they had witnessed "dumpster divers" stealing Christmas cards, etc., attached by residents to their home waste receptacles.

It's a real shame, but thankfully a number of these thieves have learned that crime doesn't pay, thanks to security camera footage that enables police – often with the help of alert Facebook friends – to track down the culprits.

That was the case last October when a Cass City mother and daughter team was arrested on suspicion of stealing cash from a roadside stand in Huron County's Sheridan Township – after being photographed in the act by a game camera.

The Cass City Athletic Boosters Silent Auction is coming up quickly. This year's fundraiser will take place on Friday, January 18, 2019 during the boys Greater Thumb West basketball games against Caro.

Anyone interested in making a donation can contact Kate Fernald at (989) 872-2780.

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

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

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

Tough act to follow by our newly-elected governor. Do you know – here's a hint – her name?

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Wednesday, January 2

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

Thursday, January 3

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

Saturday, January 5

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

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

Sunday, January 6

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

Monday, January 7

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

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

•Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.
•Shabbona Outreach Baby Pantry, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Shabbona Outreach 5448 Shabbona Rd. Decker, MI. Gently used clothing and equipment, diapers, bottles, toys, formula, baby food. For more information contact Judy Doerr (989) 658-8625.

Tuesday, January 8

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

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

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

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

•Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7 p.m., fire hall in Gagetown.

•Tuscola County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., HDC Intergenerational Building, 430 Montague Ave., Caro. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

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

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

STANDING COMMUNITY CALENDAR ITEMS

First Saturday:

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

First Sunday:

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

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Second Monday:

•Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.

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

Second Tuesday:

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Second Wednesday:

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

Second Thursday:

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

Third Monday:

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

Third Tuesday:

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

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

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

Third Wednesday:

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

Third Thursday:

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

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

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

Third Friday:

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

Third Saturday:

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

Fourth Monday:

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

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

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

Fourth Wednesday:

•Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m.

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

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

Fourth Thursday:

•Community Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.

Last Monday:

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

Last Wednesday:

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

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

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Barn fire damage set at \$22,000

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A Cass City area pole barn sustained more than \$20,000 in damage early Saturday afternoon, but a quick response enabled Elkland Township fire fighters to extinguish the blaze before flames could destroy a large amount of equipment stored inside the structure.

Elkland Township Fire Chief Glenn Guilds reported firemen were dispatched to the Scott Hutchinson residence, 5787 Elm-

wood Rd., at about 12:15 p.m.

Guilds, who described the structure as being a standard 36-foot by 40-foot pole barn with a shingled roof and steel sides, said Hutchinson had been using a bench grinder to sharpen an axe and was on his way into town to run an errand when he turned around and went back home to retrieve his glasses.

"When he got back to get his glasses, it (pole barn) was pretty well burning," the fire chief noted, adding a spark from the bench grinder had evidently started the blaze.

The building suffered significant heat and smoke damage. However, Guilds said fire fighters' response time was about six minutes, reducing the amount of damage to equipment – boats, hunting gear, tools, etc. – stored inside the barn. "Ninety-five percent of his equipment was saved. The guys did a great job," he added.

Guilds estimated the damage at \$22,000. He said Hutchinson is insured.

Fire fighters remained at the scene for about 90 minutes.

County veterinarian convicted of failure to bury cat carcasses

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A Tuscola County veterinarian will face a sentencing date later this month in Tuscola County District Court after being convicted by a jury, following a two-day trial last month, on 56 misdemeanor counts accusing him of improperly burying animals.

Dr. Douglas E. Link, 64, owner and operator of the Vassar Veterinary Clinic, could be sentenced to up to 90 days in jail or a fine of

\$50 to \$500 on each count when he is sentenced Wednesday, Jan. 30.

Link's arrest and, later, his conviction of the crimes stemmed from a raid at Link's property in Juniata Township, where investigators discovered the remains of 56 euthanized cats in cages.

Prosecutors alleged the crimes took place between Nov. 22, 2017, and Jan. 8, 2018.

Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark E. Reese said his concern with the case involved more than the ille-

gal disposal of carcasses. He cited a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Fact Sheet that addresses the risks inherent in failing to bury the remains of animals euthanized via sodium pentobarbital injection.

According to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service officials, each year a number of eagles and other wildlife, as well as domesticated dogs are intoxicated or killed after ingesting pentobarbital residues in the tissue of exposed euthanized carcasses.

Circuit court proceedings

Several appear on felony charges

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

*Shawn A. Trigger, 34, Shelby Township, pleaded no contest to unlawfully driving away an automobile Oct. 1 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case, bond was set at \$5,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Mark A. Smith, 41, Taylor, pleaded no contest to domestic violence, third offense, Oct. 23 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$3,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Mark S. Jacobs, 48, Fostoria, pleaded no contest to delivery/manufacture of marijuana Nov. 29, 2016, in Watertown Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

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

*Katelynn D. Trisch, 24, Caro, pleaded no contest to charges of child abuse, second degree, assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault), and two counts of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of

liquor – with an occupant under the age of 16 years Sept. 13 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$15,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Devon M. Jobson, 20, Mayville, pleaded no contest to fleeing a police officer, reckless driving, and being a minor and operating a motor vehicle with any BAC (blood alcohol content) Aug. 18 in Watertown Township.

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

*Mark C. Gwyn, 48, Lapeer, pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana or a synthetic equivalent, second offense, July 3 in Dayton Township.

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

*Franklin B. Holcomb, 65, Deford, received a one-year delayed sentence following his plea of no contest to assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) Aug.

19 in Novesta Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

He was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,008.

*Robert A. Strahan, 36, Sandusky, was sentenced to 330 days in the county jail following his plea of no contest to embezzlement of \$1,000 to \$20,000 while employed by Forward Enterprises/People's Choice Market, Cass City, between March 9 and March 12. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

Strahan was placed on probation for 24 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$508 plus restitution of \$4,151.17.

*Brent T. Langford, 42, Silverwood, received a one-year delayed sentence following his pleas of guilty to assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer, and operating a motor vehicle while impaired, second offense, June 23 in Dayton Township.

He was placed on probation for 12 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,308.

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Reporter's notebook

Beauty's skin deep? On my planet, yes

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



This is the time of year when my email inbox becomes saturated with tons of emails urging me to act now so I can lose 25 pounds fast and fit into that bikini by summer.

Aside from the frightening vision that thought conjures up, these types of emails irk me. They waste my time and, more importantly, encourage women and men to take another look at themselves in the mirror so they'll feel bad about themselves and then spend money on something that probably isn't going to work.

As if most of us could ever look in the mirror and not obsess (at least a little) about this wrinkle or that sag or...well, you get the idea.

Let's face it; most of these pitches are gimmicks that promise results with little or no effort (something most companies don't exactly go out of their way to emphasize in their zeal to sell another membership/product).

Sure, they're certain to guilt someone into buying their magic shake or food plan — that's why many of them are still in business — but it's not exactly a win-win, right?

Okay, so weight can be a health issue. I get that. But some of these companies target just about every woman who isn't a size six. As if having hips is a crime or disease.

It's unfortunate that we're so delusional when it comes to our bodies and our self-esteem. I suppose we can blame television shows, commercials and movies for much of that. But we have ourselves to blame, too, for believing that the images we're bombarded with represent reality.

They don't.

I'm willing to bet that a number of the beautiful people you see on the big screen aren't nearly as perfect before spending a couple hours in a make-up chair. You might be a bit shocked if you saw them in person without benefit of the sort of technology they have at their disposal today — computer programs that soften images, smooth here, lift there, etc.

Of course, the same sort of technology is available to all of us on social network websites, where a click or two will transform a person's headshot into a hazy glamour photo.

Unfortunately, most of us are forced to live with our unsightly bulges, imperfect skin, thinning hairlines and arm flab here on Planet Reality.

Even if we didn't, how many of us would really like to live the sort of lives many of these extraordinarily beautiful people seem to live — filled with drama, divorce, domestic violence, substance abuse and criminal behavior, not to mention the sort of narcissism that defies logic of any kind?

I guess I can understand how a celebrity could become completely self-centered when they have more money than they know what to do with and are surrounded by people telling them they're beautiful. What I can't figure out are the sort of people who pay money to watch them do whatever it is they do that made them famous.

But I digress (plus, that's a whole other column).

Anyway, it seems to me all the time and effort spent on beauty is, eventually, going to go by the wayside, courtesy of time.

But back to reality, where the most fortunate of us have figured out that beauty really is just skin deep, where those fortunate enough to have found their soul mate feel blessed for a lifetime, regardless of their better half's physical imperfections.

And where, if we're smart, we make an effort to let our friends and loved ones know that they are beautiful people, and that we value their presence in our lives because of what they bring — not for how much they weigh or because of their flawless complexion.

That thought always occurs to me when my wife is tempted to point out something she isn't happy about after looking into a mirror. I hate that, because I can't help but see the same beautiful woman she's always been.

If she could see herself the way I do — the way many men on this planet see their soul mates — I probably wouldn't be so critical of those silly emails littering my inbox.

Tuscola RTL planning Sanctity of Life service

Continued from page one.

our communities. This reality leaves many heartbroken. Abortion hurts women, babies and families.

"To think that an abortion only impacts a mother and her child preparing to be born removes the genuine pain family members experience when abortion touches our lives. That is why Right to Life of Michigan is made up of local prolife groups in the cause of protecting life," Listing said. "As communities pulling together, prolife people join to offer real options to women facing untimely pregnancies.

"I am honored to represent Right to Life of Michigan," she continued. "We are people who acknowledge that human life is precious and irreplaceable. The values we embrace lead us to reject the taking of human life to resolve the challenges of life itself."

More information about Tuscola County Right to Life can be found on the organization's Facebook page.

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Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2014)

The winter of 2013-14 has been a bitter one so far, with temperatures in the single digits on several days already. The season also recently brought an ice storm that left thousands of Mid-Michigan residents without electricity during the holidays.

Nancy Mason of Deford was the lucky winner of a free La-Z-Boy chair given away in a drawing sponsored by Schneeberger Furniture.

Schneeberger's first "Athlete of the Week" honor in 2014 goes out to Cass City gymnast Katie Hacker. The Red Hawk senior opened her final season in splendid fashion, where she recorded a winning score of 31.875. Hacker placed first on the balance beam, third on the uneven bars and floor exercise and fifth on the vault to walk away with the day's most coveted title. A four-year standout for Coach Kathy Bouverette, Katie is the daughter of Melissa and Brian Hacker.

10 YEARS AGO (2009)

Noah Gould was never a young man to walk away from a challenge while pursuing a goal. When the 2002 Cass City High School graduate sought an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., he secured the needed recommendation. When he decided to pursue an interest in karate there, he eventually earned his black belt and the title of 2005-06 East Coast Grand Champion in the U.S. Naval Academy Karate Team league. And when he decided to serve his country as a pilot, he did what it took to earn his wings, literally. First Lt. Noah T. Gould, 24, the son of the Rev. Todd and Tara Gould of Cass City, recently received his Naval aviator wings at Heltraron Twenty-Eight in Milton, Fla. The "winging ceremony" was the culmination of 2 years of intense aviation training.

Sarah Langmaid, daughter of Gerald and Marlene Langmaid of Cass City, and Craig Heckman, son of Wayne and Cindy Heckman of Tucson, Az., announce their engagement. Sarah is a 2006 graduate of Cass City High School. She will receive her Associate's Degree from Pima Community College in Tucson, Az., and will pursue a Bachelor's Degree in marketing in Washington, D.C. Craig is a 2005 graduate of Ironwood Ridge High School, Tucson, Az., and a 2009 graduate of the University of Arizona with a Bachelor's Degree in engineering management. He will be pursuing a career in Washington, D.C. A June 6, 2009 wedding is being planned at the First Baptist Church in Caro.

25 YEARS AGO (1994)

Two Cass Cityans were recognized last Tuesday for contributing to the welfare of the community in little known activities conducted without fanfare or previous publicity. The Cass City Rotary Club presented plaques to Dotty Scollon and Wellington Hendra for their efforts.

Andrea Ruth Rasdale of DeWitt announces the arrival of her new baby sister, Megan Elizabeth, Dec. 21. Megan weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces and was born in Sparrow Hospital in Lansing. Parents are Tom and Becky Rasdale. Grandparents are Gerald and Ruth Whittaker of Cass City and Charles and Joan Rasdale of St. Johns.

Word has been received by Harry and Harriet Hartwick of Deford, from Wake Tech. Community College, Raleigh, N.C., that their daughter, Dawn Bills, was named to the President's Honor Roll for scoring a perfect 4.0 grade-point average for the fall quarter. Students must have completed 12 hours of study to achieve this honor.

Robert Steil and Karen Kerbyson of Lake Surin, Ill., gradu-

ated Dec. 12 from Northern Illinois University, each earning a master's degree in business administration. Their parents, Norm and Barb Steil of Holly and Gerry and Mary Kerbyson of Higgins Lake, attended the ceremony. The Kerbysons are former residents of Cass City.

35 YEARS AGO (1984)

LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON — Beth and Bradley Sprague of Sebawaing are the parents of Joshua Duane, the first baby born in 1984 at Hills and Dales General Hospital. Bradley Sprague was the first baby born in Bay City in 1960. Joshua, delivered by Dr. Sang H. Park, MD, was born at 10:51 p.m. Sunday, weighed 6 pounds and was 20-1/4 inches long. The Spragues win prizes from several Cass City merchants for having the first baby born this year. Joshua is their first child.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Tracy attended the wedding Friday in Sutton-Sunshine Church of his son, Tim Tracy, and Hazel Yates. His daughter, Anne Tompkins, and daughters of Fostoria also attended and spent until Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Tracy.

Patricia Toner and Mrs. Myrtle Murphy had as guests Saturday morning, Dec. 24, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Toner and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dorland and son Adam. The birthdays of Jerry Toner and Adam Dorland were celebrated along with Christmas.

Stacey and Tyson Marker of Essexville spent the weekend with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Garrison Stine. They were visitors Sunday at the Roger Nicholas home at Kawkawlin and then returned to their home at Essexville.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Doerr announce the birth of a daughter, Malissa Joelle, born Dec. 20. She weighed eight pounds and 13 ounces at birth in Bad Axe Huron Memorial Hospital. She joins a sister, Christina Marie, three years old at home. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Windy and Shirley Doerr, all of Cass City.

40 YEARS AGO (1979)

First Baby — Linda Aguilera holds her baby, Rebecca, the first infant born at Hills and Dales General Hospital in 1979, thus qualifying for various prizes from local merchants. Linda and her husband, Jacinto, who live in Sebawaing, have one other daughter, Rachel, 4. Rebecca was born at 2:40 p.m. Tuesday and weighed 8 lbs., 9 oz. She was delivered by Dr. Rosemary Havey, D.O. of Sebawaing.

Mari Beth Butler and Kenneth James Lowe of Cass City were married Dec. 9 at the Good Shepherd Lutheran church in Cass City. Rev. James Van Dellen officiated for the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Butler of Cass City and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lowe of Snover. The bride was given in marriage by her father and wore a formal gown fashioned of polyester sheer in a full A-line silhouette. Bands of lace adorned the sheer full sleeves and graced the skirt, which fell to a double flounce at the hemline, flowing into a full semicathedral train. Her waltz length veil of French illusion was edged in cluny lace and held by a cap of matching lace accented with pearls.

Mr. and Mrs. Ryerson Puterbaugh and Lena were Christmas Eve guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Pallas and family.

50 YEARS AGO (1969)

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Mrs. Michael O'Hare of Bay City couldn't quite manage a New Year's baby, but she was still the winner of the annual village baby contest with a boy born at 3:45 p.m. Thursday. Mrs. O'Hare is a Unionville native and was visiting there when her son signaled his arrival. Dr. H. P. Schwartz of Unionville was the doctor.

A Snover resident, Mrs. Freda

Auvil will be a winner on the "Personality" show that appears over NBC-TV Friday. Her name had been drawn for an all expense trip to Miami, Fla., by Jack Cassidy, the show's MC. Mrs. Auvil was notified by letter of her free trip. Complete details will follow after the show, the letter said. Mrs. Auvil is not sure how long or when the trip will take place.

Marine Private First Class Richard R. Kaake, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Kaake of Bruce St., Deford, is serving with the First Marine Division in South Vietnam. As "a member of the division he helps capture or destroy enemy forces. During large and small scale operations he is supported by Marine air units, tanks, artillery, amphibian tractors and engineers. His unit is also engaged in a civic action program designed to assist the Vietnamese people in completing self-help projects, such as the building of wells, culverts, small bridges and schools.

75 YEARS AGO (1944)

On Saturday evening, Jan. 1, the John Kennedy farm home in Evergreen Township was the scene of a pleasant party when about 40 neighbors gathered in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Kennedy, who left the first of the week for East Lansing where Floyd Kennedy has accepted a position as superintendent of the swine department of the Michigan State College farms. The evening was spent pleasantly by social visiting of friends and piano music by Miss Eunice Herber, with singing by Alex Lindsey. A purse of money, given by the group, was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy by Rev. R. W. Herber with a few fitting remarks for the occasion. A lunch of sandwiches, pickles, cake and ice cream followed.

Lt. Dwight E. Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Turner, of Cass City was recently decorated with an air medal, an award made in recognition of courageous service to his combat organization, his fellow American airmen, his country, his home and his family. He was cited for meritorious achievement while participating in an aerial flight over islands in the Southwest Pacific area. As a member of the crew of a B-25 type aircraft, he was engaged in an attack on enemy shipping. Attacks were made on a badly damaged ship and then a village was strafed. Bombs were then dropped on several small transports which, were also strafed. A direct hit on one vessel resulted in its complete destruction. Throughout these attacks, intense and accurate anti-aircraft fire was encountered.

100 YEARS AGO (1919)

January first not only marked the beginning of the New Year at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Abram Houghton, but was an epoch in the history of their married life, being their 50th wedding anniversary.

The marriage of Alfred B. Howe and Miss Sylvia Coulter, two of Shabbona's popular young people, took place at the Fort St. Presbyterian church, Detroit, Friday, Dec. 20, at 2:00 p. m., Rev. E. C. Smith officiating. The young couple were entertained at Xmas dinner at the groom's home at Shabbona, twelve guests being present. The bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Coulter, entertained at a wedding dinner in their honor Dec. 26. Only the immediate family were present. The bride has been the recipient of many beautiful and useful gifts.

Sergt. Howey has just recently been honorably discharged from Government service, having been a student in the Officers' Training school at Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. and Mrs. Howey will reside in Pontiac for the present. They have the best wishes of a host of friends.

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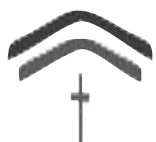
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DATE	OPPONENT
11/30	CC 79, Owen-Gage 25
12/5	Sandusky 50, CC 39
12/7	Ubyly 47, CC 44
12/11	CC 53, Deckerville 51
12/14	Lakers 62, CC 37
12/19	CC 57, Marlette 55
12/28	Imlay City 55, CC 38
1/4	Bad Axe
1/9	Vassar
1/11	USA (F, JV, & V)
1/18	Caro (F, JV, & V)
1/21	Mayville
1/23	Reese (F, JV, & V)
1/25	Lakers (F, JV, & V)
2/1	Bad Axe
2/6	Vassar
2/8	USA (F, JV, V)
2/15	Harbor Beach
2/20	Caro (F, JV, & V)
2/22	Reese (F, JV, & V)
2/25-3/1	DistrictsTBA

All games begin at 6 p.m.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL (FRESHMEN/JV/VARSITY)

DATE	OPPONENT
12/4	Sandusky 26, CC 18
12/6	Ubyly 49, CC 29
12/10	CC 58, Mayville 9
12/13	Lakers 31, CC 24
12/18	Marlette 41, CC 40
12/21	CC 50, Deckerville 38
12/27	CC 55, Capac 31
1/3	Bad Axe
1/8	Vassar
1/10	USA
1/17	Caro (F, JV, & V)
1/22	Reese (F, JV, & V)
1/24	Lakers (F, JV, & V)
1/31	Bad Axe
2/5	Vassar
2/7	USA
2/12	Harbor Beach
2/19	Caro (F, JV, & V)
2/21	Reese (F, JV, & V)
2/28	Lakeville (JV, V).....5:30 p.m.
3/4-8	Districts.....TBA

All games begin at 6 p.m.

WRESTLING

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

GYMNASTICS

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

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Homelessness down overall in Michigan, latest study reveals

The overall homeless population in Michigan has decreased for the third year in a row, according to an annual report released by the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) in conjunction with the Michigan Campaign to End Homelessness.

"In the past year, we have seen drastic improvements in certain homeless populations, including a 20 percent decline in the area of the chronically homeless," said Earl Poleski, executive director at MSHDA. "This annual report tells a story about our collective work, and the story is that we are making progress where it matters most."

In 2017, there were an estimated 63,024 homeless people (individuals and families residing on the streets, in emergency shelters or in other places not fit for human habitation) statewide. The number of homeless in 2015 was estimated at 69,163.

Other facts include: 53 percent of the homeless population in Michigan is African American (yet they make up 14 percent of the state's overall population), seven percent of families experiencing homelessness are getting larger (with the number of children in families increasing by seven percent while the number of adults has remained stable), four percent are homeless seniors ages 55 and older, 44 percent of the homeless have long-term disabilities (compared to 14 percent of the state's general population), and \$649 is the average monthly income of the homeless population statewide.

While the level of homelessness is down overall, the number of individuals and families considered homeless increased between 2015 and 2017 in the Thumb, northeastern Michigan and in the Upper Peninsula.

The homeless population in Michigan's Region Six, which includes Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties, increased by about five percent from 2015 to 2017, according to the MSHDA report.

MSHDA officials say the steady overall decline in homelessness across Michigan is largely due to the coordinated efforts of state and local partners and their ongoing commitment to prioritize those most in need using the Housing First model. In this model, people are moved to housing as quickly as possible while being provided a support structure that improves physical and mental health.

"Housing is fundamental to the overall health and well-being of Michigan's residents," said Nick Lyon, director of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. "Our department manages more than \$30 million in funding for outreach, shelter and permanent housing resources so that we can assist residents in removing any barriers to housing security."

Data suggests that a network of critical supportive services and transitional living programs are equipping youth with skills to better prepare for adulthood. The results show that since 2015, there has been a 10 percent drop in homelessness among youth ages 18-24.

"In the (transitional living) program, I learned adult responsibilities and worked with a case manager who helped me understand rent, utilities, driving tests, budgeting and saving... I wouldn't have learned these things living at home," said a youth living in Livingston County who sought help at a local drop-in center.

On the other side of the state, the Greater Grand Traverse Area Continuum of Care is earning recognition for being selected as a Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project (YHDP) site by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. This group is one of only 10 YHDP sites in the nation and one of four rural communities in the program.

Michigan's response to homelessness extends past housing.

The campaign is working with new partners in other sectors such as healthcare and employment to improve key social determinants of health and increase access to stable income. This is especially important because the statewide Homeless Management System (HMIS) shows the average income for a person experiencing homelessness is \$649 a month, while the 2017 Census Bureau data puts median rent in Michigan at \$835.

In addition to rent overburden, action is needed to create innovative housing solutions for people with disabilities.

The top three disabilities affecting Michigan's homeless population are mental health (66 percent), physical health (39 percent) and substance use disorders (29 percent). In September, MSHDA's Board approved more than \$5.1 million in grants related to addressing homelessness, the bulk of that amount—\$4.8 million—went to Emergency Solutions Grants that fund work to rapidly re-house homeless individuals and families and homeless prevention efforts, among other services.

"Each year MSHDA allocates more than \$70 million in state and federal funding to help individuals experiencing homelessness with the end-goal of getting them into permanent housing," said Kelly Rose, chief housing solutions officer at MSHDA and governor-appointed chair of the Michigan Interagency Council on Homelessness. "This report shows us that we are making an impact, but there is still work to be done."



Another successful holiday campaign...

THE CASS CITY Rotary Club recently wrapped up another successful Christmas for Kids campaign, providing gifts to roughly 80 area families, including dozens of children. Pictured above, preparing for distribution of toys and other gifts at this year's headquarters – space provided courtesy of Hills and Dales General Hospital – are (from left) club members Colleen Langenburg, Alice Zaleski, Mary Cunningham, Kate Van Auken and Joe Langenburg.

Commissioners to elect chairman

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

From midnight Dec. 31 until about 8 a.m. today (Wednesday), Tuscola County Clerk Jodi Fetting has been "in charge" of the county — until county commissioners take the oath of office and select a board chairman for the coming year.

Newly-elected District Five Commissioner Daniel Grimshaw is joining incumbent District One Commissioner Tom Young, District Two Commissioner Thom Bardwell, District Three Commissioner Kim Vaughan and District Four Commissioner Mark Jensen on the board.

Grimshaw previously served as the county's register of deeds.

After calling the meeting to order and taking a roll call, Fetting will ask for nominations to select a chairman for the board.

Election of a board chairman may be done a secret ballot. If the board chooses to conduct the election of the board chairperson by secret ballot, a majority of the board must first vote to do so.

Unless a secret ballot is chosen, the clerk calls for nominations for the office of chairperson, and when nominations are closed by majority vote or no other nominations are forthcoming, the clerk calls for a vote, according to Fetting.

When one nominee receives a majority of the votes of the members elected and serving, the nominee is declared chairman.

At that point, the person selected as chairman takes over the meeting.

Then the vice chairman nominations are requested.

There is no statutory provision for the election of the vice-chairperson by secret ballot or to have a two-year term, so the vice-chairperson is elected to serve a one-year term.

The next order of business is setting the meeting dates and time, and appointment of commissioners to committees.

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Cass City mat men capture tourney title

by Clarke Haire
 Publisher

Cass City's mat men closed out their 2018 schedule on a high note Saturday, in Mayville, bringing home the championship trophy from the 13-school invite.

Veteran Coach Don Markel saw several things he liked during practices leading into the weekend affair and now hopes they will carry over into the New Year.

"We had three very good practices during the holiday break leading into the Mayville tournament and the results of those practices showed. Our technique was better and we were more aggressive than we had been earlier in the season. In order to continue our improvement we will need to maintain and even increase the effort we put into our practices," he said.

Alie Kakoloh (119) and Hunter Caister (171) led the way for Cass City over the weekend with first place finishes. Kalokoh's path to become champion included wins over: Jagger Carruba, Millington (Fall 4:33); Samuel Budreau, North Branch (Fall 0:46); Kyle Konopaska, Perry (Fall 0:18) and Lucas Jackett, Millington (Fall 0:51). Caister's big day included wins over: Caleb Wilson, Avondale (Fall 0:54); Eric Martus, Brown City (Dec 7-4) and Wesley Peters, Richmond (Fall 1:28). Finishing with runner-up honors

for Cass City were Lucas Swiderski (125), Tristan Swiderski (130), and Race Woloshen (145), while Caden Caister (215), Mason Copeland (112), and Drew Markel (125) placed third. Completing the list of medal winners for Cass City was Jordan Mester. He placed (189) 4th.

Cass City topped the team standing with 197 points. The followers: Bad Axe (139.5), Richmond (128), Perry (127), Mayville (126), Lake Orion (101.5), Sandusky (94.5), Millington (85.5), Brown City (73), Avondale (67), North Branch (50), Michigan Lutheran Seminary (46) and Pontiac (41).

For Red Hawk Lucas Swiderski, in the quarterfinals – he defeated Natasha Cox, Bad Axe (Fall 0:59). In the semifinals, he defeated Blake Wiltse, Brown City (Fall 0:34) before bowing in the first place match to Anthony Hobbs, North Branch (Fall 0:49).

For Red Hawk Tristan Swiderski, in the quarterfinals – he defeated Kole Campbell, Millington (Fall 2:56). In the semifinals, he defeated Murphy, North Branch (Dec 3-2), but lost to Chase Hartz, Sandusky (Fall 6:00) in the finals.

For Red Hawk Woloshen, in the quarterfinals – he defeated Nolan Reetz, Lake Orion (Fall 4:29). In the semifinals, he defeated Jerry Gilbert, Mayville (Fall 4:00), but dropped his final bout to Tanner Orweller, Perry (Fall 2:52).



CASS CITY'S Tristan Swiderski, on top, and North Branch's Spencer Murphy battle Saturday at the Individual Tournament in Mayville.

Kingston girls three peat at Brown City

Kingston made sure the third time wasn't a charm for hosts Brown City Friday at their annual holiday tournament.

Instead, for the third time in as many years, Kingston defeated the Green Devils for championship honors.

With the 43-30 decision, Brown City suffers its first loss. "This was a matchup of two of the top teams in the Thumb. (Kendall) Muxlow came out hot, but we did a good job of executing the game plan the rest of the game. Offensively our ball movement and inside/outside game ended up being the difference," said Kingston Coach Jay Green.

Kingston led 15-12 after one quarter and then held Brown City to eight points in the middle two frames.

Carley Smith led the champs with 13 tallies, while Lily Lyons added 10.

Kendall Muxlow had 17 points for Brown City.

In the semifinals, on Thursday, Kingston delivered Peck a 51-31 setback.

The Cardinals built a double digit lead in the game's opening eight minutes and slowly in-

creased their cushion before Coach Green emptied his bench early in the final period.

Lyons tossed in 15 and Camryn MacGuire had a dozen to pace Kingston.

Cardinal boys fall in finale

Kingston battled North Branch for four quarters Friday, but was unable to defend their title at the Brown City Holiday Tournament.

With the 57-52 come-from-behind win, the Broncos improved to 5-3 entering play in 2019, while Coach Dave Lester's Cardinals slip to 5-2.

"We played our best game of the year tonight against a quality team. We had some breakdowns late in the game that were costly, but they are correctable. We'll get back to work and continue to improve," he said.

The 2017 tourney champs looked well on their way to another showpiece for the Cardinal trophy case as they grabbed a 17-10 early advantage, before settling for a 24-19 edge at the intermission.

Both teams traded baskets throughout the final half, before North Branch used a 22-14 run to close out the game.

Hunter James led Kingston with 21 points and five rebounds. Evan Neff added eight points and five rebounds. Nathan Dawson added eight points, while Nathan Cloyd had a big game with seven points, 16 rebounds and five assists.

On Thursday, Kingston defeated Peck 67-44 to advance into the championship contest.

The Cardinals outscored the Pirates in each quarter, but failed to impress their veteran coach.

"We struggled and were outworked by Peck. We had some decent stretches where we went on some runs. Our bench was huge tonight. They gave us instant energy," Lester said.

Neff and Aaron Koehler led Kingston with 12 points apiece, Jack Green added nine for the Cardinals.

Hawk teams travel to Port Huron for showcase event

Cass City's girls and boys basketball teams traveled to Port Huron last week to take part in the St. Clair County Community College Holiday Basketball Showcase – a three day event that consisted of 42 teams and 21 games.

On Thursday, the Lady Red Hawks defeated Capac to kick-off the event.

Cass City trailed 5-2 in the early going, before Brittany Hamilton heated up for the Lady Red Hawks and tossed in three consecutive hoops, the final basket providing Cass City their first lead – 7-5 – that they wouldn't surrender en route to a 55-31 victory.

Leading 23-9 entering the third, Kelly Ziegler and Morgan Russell took over the scoring chores for the final half. Ziegler scored six points in the third quarter, while Russell came off the bench and connected on three tries from the perimeter, including a trey, which prevented any comeback thoughts Capac may have been entertaining.

Russell finished with a career-high 11 points to lead Cass City, while Hamilton and Ziegler split 20 markers. Layna Mathewson chipped in eight for the Lady Red Hawks.

Turning to action the boys team, Cass City surrendered to Imlay City 55-38 on Friday.

The Red Hawks fell behind 17-5 after one quarter and never seriously challenged afterwards.

Sandyn Cuthrell was the lone player from Cass City to reach double figures and finished with 11 points, while Zac Beecher scored eight.

Girls' Basketball Standings

Greater Thumb West				
	W	L	W	L
Reese	2	0	6	1
Caro	1	0	3	2
EPBP	1	0	1	3
Vassar	0	0	1	2
Bad Axe	0	1	1	4
USA	0	1	2	3
Cass City	0	1	3	4

NCTL - Stars				
Deckerville	2	0	4	1
Kingston	1	0	4	1
Genesee	1	0	3	2
Dryden	0	1	2	1
Mayville	0	1	1	4
North Huron	0	2	2	4

Boys' Basketball Standings

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

NCTL - Stars				
Flint Int.	3	0	3	2
North Huron	2	0	5	1
Mayville	2	1	3	1
Kingston	1	1	5	2
Dryden	1	1	3	2
Genesee	0	2	1	4
Deckerville	0	3	1	5

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THURSDAY, Jan. 3

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State's first pediatric flu death of season prompts reminder

Michigan health officials are again reminding residents of the importance of flu vaccinations following the state's first pediatric death of the 2018-19 flu season.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has confirmed the death of a child from Osceola County who was infected with influenza A/H1N1.

Influenza claims the lives of children every year across the United States, which is why MDHHS is urging residents to get vaccinated for protection this season.

Nationally, there have been six influenza-associated pediatric deaths reported during the 2018-2019 flu season.

Flu is a contagious respiratory disease caused by different strains of the influenza virus and can result in mild to severe illness.

Although Michigan has only experienced localized flu activity over the past few weeks, MDHHS strongly recommends that everyone six months of age and older get a seasonal flu vaccine. Flu vaccine is the best way to prevent against getting the flu and can also reduce the severity of flu illness.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), last year's flu season was estimated to be the deadliest since the 2009 H1N1 pandemic. More than 79,000 deaths were attributed to the flu, 185 of which were children. In Michigan, two children died last year due to flu-related complications.

A majority of the positive influenza specimens confirmed by MDHHS Bureau of Laboratories this flu season have been an H1N1 virus.

During the 2017-18 flu season, only 39.5 percent of Michigan residents were vaccinated against flu, below the national rate of 41.7 percent.

The vaccine is especially important for persons at increased risk for complications from flu, including children, adults aged 65 years and older, persons of any age with underlying medical conditions, and pregnant women.

Children less than six months of age are too young to be vaccinated and need to be protected by vaccination of their close contacts, including parents, siblings, grandparents, child care workers and healthcare personnel.

Health officials say there is still plenty of flu vaccine available. To find flu vaccine near you, call your healthcare provider, local health department, or check the Health Map Vaccine Finder at Flushot.healthmap.org. For more information about the flu, visit Michigan.gov/flu.

Township welcoming plant

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million bushels of soybean production annually, Michigan is the perfect area to develop a third processing center, according to Quality Roasting officials, who say their facility will provide farmers in Tuscola County and the surrounding area with an estimated additional income of \$500,000 annually.

During a planning commission meeting held last month, some citizens voiced their support for the company, but some residents also indicated they have concerns about whether or not the processing operation would impact local wells.

Company officials say water usage would be minimal, with the processing requiring five gallons of water per minute — equal to using a garden hose — and there would be no discharge.

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

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

PARCEL A Covering Land described as: Situated in the Township of Juniata, Tuscola County, Michigan Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Northwest 1/4 of Section 36, Town 12 North, Range 8 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the North and South 1/4 line of said Section 36, which is South 00°09'13" East, 1839.91 feet from the North 1/4 corner of Section 36; thence continuing South 00°09'13" East, 307.68 feet; thence North 89°27'21" West, 1307.74 feet to the West line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4; thence along said West line North 00°14'58" West, 487.99 feet; thence South 89°27'21" East, 958.55 feet; thence South 00°09'13" East, 180.30 feet thence South 89°27'21" East, 350.0 feet to Point of Beginning. **PARCEL B** Covering Land described as: Situated in the Township of Juniata, Tuscola County, Michigan The Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 36, Town 12 North, Range 8 East;

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

PARCEL C Covering Land described as: Situated in the Township of Juniata, Tuscola County, Michigan Part of the East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 36, Town 12 North, Range 8 East, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the East line of said East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 36, which is South 89°19'15" East, 1311.35 feet along the North line of Section 36 and South 00°14'58" East, 1317.72 feet from

the Northwest corner of said Section 36; thence continuing along said East line, South 00°14'58" East, 1251.73 feet; thence 66.00 feet Northerly of and parallel to the East-West 1/4 line of said Section 36, North 89°35'28" West, 243.49 feet; thence North 00°14'58" West, 1252.31 feet; thence along the North line of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 36, South 89°27'20" East, 243.50 feet to the Point of Beginning;

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

JOHN W. BUTLER (P 33908) Attorney for Plaintiff 24525 Harper St. Clair Shores, MI 48080 586-777-0770

12-5-7

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This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made BY Mark L. Weatherwax and Brenda Weatherwax, husband and wife, whose

address is 8387 Vassar Road, Millington, Michigan 48746, as original Mortgages, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., being a mortgage dated June 18, 2014, and recorded on June 27, 2014 in Liber 1310 Page 315, Tuscola County Records, State of Michigan and then assigned to J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Corp., as assignee as documented by an assignment dated August 15, 2017 and recorded on August 18, 2017 in Liber 1380 Page 293, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY AND 89/100 DOLLARS (\$132,180.89).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, at public sale to the highest bidder AT THE PLACE OF HOLDING THE CIRCUIT COURT WITHIN TUSCOLA COUNTY, at 10:00 a.m. on January 10, 2019. Said premises are situated in the Township of Millington, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, and are described as: A strip of land 12 rods wide North and South off the North end of the West 27.40 acres of the Southwest Fractional 1/4 of the Southwest Fractional 1/4 of Section 7, Township 10 North, Range 8 East. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA § 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCLA § 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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

12-12-4

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

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

10:00 AM, on January 10, 2019:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): William J. Ihle A/K/A William Joseph Ihle and Janet K. Ihle, husband and wife, as tenants by the entirety
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Matrix Financial Services Corporation
Date of Mortgage: September 25, 2013

Date of Mortgage Recording: October 11, 2013
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$73,434.27

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

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

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

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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to MCL 600.3212, that the following will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on January 10, 2019:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Roy C. Jobson and Kathy D. Jobson, husband and wife

Original Mortgagee: PNC Bank, National Association, successor by merger to National City Bank
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): None

Date of Mortgage: June 7, 2002
Date of Mortgage Recording: July 5, 2002
Amount claimed due on date of notice:

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

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

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
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MORTGAGE SALE - Pursuant to the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by KEVIN PARRISH AKA KIVIN R. PARRISH, an unmarried man, Mortgages, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS) as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Mortgagee, dated the 16th day of October, 2006 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 6th day of November, 2006 in Liber 1101 of Tuscola County Records, page 515, said Mortgage having been assigned to U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONAS TRUSTEE OF THE BUNGALOW SERIES III TRUST on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Sixty Five Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Eight & 28/100 (\$65,658.28), by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that on the 17th day of

January, 2019 at 10:00 AM o'clock Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in Village of Caro, Tuscola Cty MI, of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, with interest thereon at 6.62500 per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows:

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During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed 30 days after the foreclosure sale or when the time to provide the notice required by the statute expires, whichever is later. Pursuant to MCLA 600.3278, the mortgagor(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney Dated: 12/19/2018 U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONAS TRUSTEE OF THE BUNGALOW SERIES III TRUST Mortgagee

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

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241, in which case the redemption period shall be 1 month, or under MCL 600.3241a

30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later, or extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure

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This 2 bedroom, 2.5 Bath home in the Caro has been updated and could offer a 3rd bedroom. Nice kitchen, pantry, and eat-in area, as well as a formal dining room. Master bedroom is on main level with a private full bath and large walk in closet. Upstairs also has a bathroom and bedroom. Other living spaces include a den and half bath, which leads to a 2-car garage with workshop. Partial basement, fenced yard, French patio doors.
038-18-0178

REDUCED! POSSIBLE LAND CONTRACT!
Formerly known as Curtis Chrysler in downtown Cass City, this property includes 4 parcels that cover almost a full block, with road frontage on M-81 with fantastic visibility and traffic flow! The show-room/office is approx 3,600 +/- feet, service garage area 5,200 +/- feet, smaller garage area is 676 +/- feet. Possible Land Contract for well-qualified buyers. Many different types of businesses could thrive at this location, so get creative!
038-17-0128

10 die on roads during '18 Operation C.A.R.E

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

It was a deadly Christmas holiday on Michigan roadways. Michigan State Police officials last week reported that 10 people lost their lives in nine separate traffic crashes during the 2018 Operation C.A.R.E. (Crash Awareness and Reduction Efforts) Lifesaver Weekend. That's more than twice the number of fatalities recorded during the same period in 2017, when four people died as a result of four separate traffic crashes.

Of the 10 fatalities in 2018, four were pedestrians, three of the fatal crashes involved alcohol, and four of the occupants were either not wearing seat belts or restraint use was unknown, MSP Special First Lt. Jim Flegel, State Services Bureau, said.

The 2018 Operation C.A.R.E. Lifesaver Weekend ran from 12:01 a.m. Friday, Dec. 21, through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 23, 2018. Flegel noted the preliminary numbers reflect fatalities reported to the MSP as of 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 26.

"This long-running traffic safety initiative focuses on dangerous driving decisions and behaviors that result in serious injury and fatal traffic crashes," Flegel explained, adding the New Year's holiday is also traditionally a busy travel period, and law enforcement would be out in force through the national "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" impaired driving traffic safety campaign, which ended Dec. 31.

Operation C.A.R.E. is a nationwide initiative aimed at reducing traffic crashes and fatalities on highways across the country. It began in 1977 as a collaborative effort between the MSP and the Indiana State Police.

Today, Operation C.A.R.E. is one of the nation's longest-running traffic safety initiatives and includes state and highway patrol agencies from all 50 states, as well as some American territories and Canadian provinces. Operation C.A.R.E. also includes participation from police agencies affiliated with the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP).

In Michigan, impaired driving represented 45.7 percent of all traffic fatalities in 2017. There were 937 fatal crashes in Michigan in 2017, and 320 of those (34.2 percent) were alcohol-related. The percentage of alcohol-related fatalities was roughly 11.6 times higher than fatalities in all other crashes.

In addition, 174 drivers who tested positive for cannabinoid drug use were involved in 169 motor vehicle crashes in 2017 in Michigan, resulting in 144 fatalities and 156 persons injured.

Nationally, 10,874 people were killed in drunk-driving crashes in 2017, equating to one person killed every 48 minutes. In December 2017, 885 people lost their lives in traffic crashes involving a drunken driver.



MEMBERS OF the Owen-Gage National Honor Society and Owen-Gage PTO planned and organized a free holiday breakfast for retired individuals, senior citizens and others who have relatives that attend the Owen-Gage Schools. Elementary students sang Christmas songs for the guests, who were able to take home some Christmas cookies as well.



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News briefs

Tougher penalties for cruelty

LANSING — Gov. Rick Snyder recently signed legislation increasing prison time for aggravated animal cruelty crimes.

"This legislation demonstrates how seriously we take animal cruelty in this state and that Michiganders won't tolerate it," Snyder said.

House Bill 4332 authorizes up to seven years in prison for certain "aggravated" animal cruelty crimes, and up to 10 years for killing or torturing an animal with the intent to impose control over or cause mental suffering to a person. The bill would also extend the current animal cruelty law's other provisions to breeders and pet shops. The bill is now Public Act 452 of 2018.

State revises sub teacher rules

LANSING — Under legislation signed today by Gov. Rick Snyder, individuals with professional career expertise can substitute teach in grades nine through 12 without a teaching certificate.

"This legislation will help schools fill teacher shortages in programs that offer high-demand career skills so that our students can be prepared for a 21st century economy," Snyder said.

HB 4421 allows individuals, to substitute teach in grades nine to 12 without a teaching certificate in an industrial technology program or a career and technical education program if the individual satisfies prescribed requirements and has achieved expertise, as determined by the local school board.

The legislation also allows individuals under 22 years of age, who don't have a teaching certificate, to substitute teach in grades nine through 12. The bill is now PA 418 of 2018.

Safety of students focus of bills

LANSING Gov. Rick Snyder has signed legislation creating new safety initiatives designed to better protect Michigan schoolchildren. Senate Bills 982, 983, and 990 create the Office of School Safety in addition to requiring that schools develop emergency operations plans and conduct school safety assessments in conjunction with local law enforcement.

One of the bills specifically requires school districts and public school academies to consult with local law enforcement and adopt building plans at a public meeting prior to construction or major renovation of a school building. The bills are now Public Acts 435-437.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery

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

Third Thursday of every odd month at 7:00 p.m.

January 17, 2019 July 18, 2019
March 21, 2019 September 19, 2019
May 16, 2019 November 21, 2019

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

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

Third Thursday of every even month at 7:00 p.m.

February 21, 2019 August 15, 2019
April 18, 2019 October 17, 2019
June 20, 2019 December 19, 2019

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