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Local 4-hers "Meating the Need" - And raising the bar

Addy Battel national Youth in Action award winner in agriculture, Pearl Daskam finalist

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Michigan's Thumb region recently grabbed part of the national 4-H spotlight, thanks to a pair of local 4-H members whose drive and passion for helping others turned a simple idea into a comprehensive project that has fed thousands of area residents over the past few years.

Officials with the National 4-H Council last week announced that Addy Battel, 16, of Cass City, is the winner of the 2019 4-H Youth in Action Pillar Award for Agriculture. She is only the second Michigan 4-her to be hon-



Addy Battel

ored with the prestigious award. Battel, the daughter of Sue and Bob Battel, will be recognized nationally this spring for her leadership as co-founder of "Meating the Need for Our Village", a program designed to combat food insecurity in the Cass City area.

Another Thumb 4-Her and co-founder of the Meating the Need for Our Village project, Pearl Daskam, 16, of Ubly, was named a finalist for this year's National 4-H Youth in Action Pillar Award for Healthy Living.

As the winner of the Pillar Award for Agriculture, Battel will receive a college scholarship, sponsored by Bayer, and will serve as 4-H's national youth spokesperson for agriculture.

At just 12 years of age, Battel started the Meating the Need program with a team of fellow Huron County 4-H'ers, in-



Pearl Daskam

cluding Daskam, after Cass City became a food desert when the community's only grocery store closed. Recognizing the need for higher quality foods for those in

need, Battel secured grants and contributions from the community and began providing high-quality protein to the Revive Ministries Food Pantry in Cass City.

"When I found out that 17 percent of my community was food insecure, my passion really took off - there was a tangible need in

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Bloody amazing!

THUMB AREA night owls who looked to the sky Sunday night were treated to a great view of the "super blood wolf moon" — the only total lunar eclipse for the next couple of years – and there won't be another one of these moons until Jan. 31, 2037 (the final one of this century). Experts say the moon appeared red because particles in the Earth's atmosphere scatter blue light, leaving only the remaining red light to reach the moon.

Mackinac Center releases '18 grades for Michigan's schools

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The Mackinac Center for Public Policy has released the results of its 2018 Michigan Public High School Context and Performance (CAP) Report Card last week, giving area schools a mixed bag of grades based on a combination academic and socioeconomic factors.

Among the more than 670 Michigan high schools graded in the latest Mackinac City report, Kingston High School topped Tuscola County schools with an "A" grade and a rank of 66th statewide. Kingston was previously ranked 26th two years ago, also earning an A grade.

Cass City High School, meanwhile, which has consistently earned an A grade since the Mackinac Center started releasing its school report card, received a grade of B and was ranked 155th this time around. The district's previous rank, in 2016, was 49th.

Other Tuscola County high schools and their grades are: Akron-Fairgrove, B (ranked 82nd), Caro, B (ranked 170th), Mayville, C (ranked 258th), Millington, D (ranked 476th), Reese, B (ranked 127th), Vassar, C (ranked 247th), and USA, C (ranked 220th). Also in the Cass City area, Owen-Gage High School earned a D grade and was ranked 566th.

Unlike other systems of ranking schools, the "CAP" report card compares multiple years of state test results to the expected result giving the socioeconomic makeup of a school's students. This allows for a more comprehensive view when evaluating school perform-

ance, according to Ben DeGrow, director of education policy at the Mackinac Center and co-author of the study.

"Relying on raw test results may

mislead about how well a school is actually doing," DeGrow said. "To get a fuller perspective, it helps to factor socioeconomic sta-

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Ubly Village officials honor Lola M. Brown

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

In one way or another, Lola Marie Brown touched the life of nearly every Ubly resident before she passed away in December.

Brown became an active member of her community when she and her husband, Bruce, moved to the Huron County village in 1965.

She was an EMT, serving the Bingham Township Ambulance Service for about 25 years. Brown also started the first joint Ubly Community Vacation Bible School in 1978 – a partnership involving the Ubly United Methodist Church, the First Presbyterian Church of Ubly and St. John Catholic Church of Ubly — and for about 40 years she continued her dedication to planning and organizing the annual vacation Bible school program.

To honor Brown's selfless dedication to the community, the Ubly Village Council recently passed a resolution honoring her memory.

"Lola selflessly gave to our community and we were honored to know her," the resolution states in part.

Brown was active in many or-

ganizations, including as a member of the Ubly Lions Club, community club, the historical society, Ubly Village Council, Thumb Vet-



Lola Marie Brown

erans Auxiliary, and as secretary for The Wildwood Flowers for World Travel and Mind Enrichment.

The Browns owned the Brown House restaurant in Ubly, and they

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Happy birthday, baby!

REAGAN THICK and Kyle Becker of Kingston were the first couple in the Cass City Chronicle's coverage area to report welcoming a newborn in 2019. Brooklyn Storm Becker arrived Thursday, Jan. 10, at 4:59 p.m. at Hurley Medical Center in Flint, weighing in at a petite two pounds, one ounce, and measuring 13 inches. Aside from her parents, Brooklyn was welcomed by four siblings; Olivia, Emma, Bristol and Clayton. Her grandparents are Lyle and Cheryl Thick of Deford and Charles and Cheryl Becker of Deckerville. As the first baby of the new year, Brooklyn will be showered with gifts donated by Cass City area merchants.

Owen-Gage Schools honors its December "students of month"

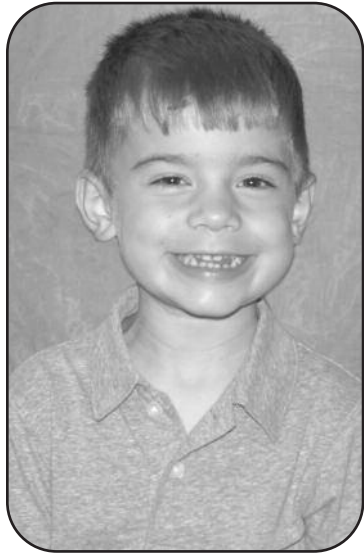
The focus for Owen-Gage's students of the month for December is being a "Cooperative, Collaborative Worker". A student who is a cooperative, collaborative worker communicates without

bias, accepts and involves all members of a group, and is able to function as a leader and/or a follower. He or she also can move effectively from one group to another and demonstrates loyalty and trust in a group.

The following students have been chosen: Nolen Hewitt, kindergarten (elementary level), son of Nicole Keyes; Addison Bach, seventh grade (junior high level), daughter of Ernie and Christi Garcia; Carley Haldane, eleventh grade (high school level), daughter of Robert and Patty Haldane; and Megan Fritz, twelfth grade (senior student), daughter of Randy and Debbie Fritz.

Special recognition goes to the "Senior Student of the Month", Megan Fritz. Fritz has been very active in sports throughout her high school career. She played basketball and softball all four years, volleyball the past three years, and ran cross-country her freshman year. Fritz was a cheer-

leader each year and has been a member of the band all through high school for which she plays the flute and serves as the treasurer.



Nolen Hewitt



Megan Fritz

As a sophomore, Fritz was inducted into the Owen-Gage Chapter of the National Honor Society. As a senior, she is serving as the chapter's historian/publicist. Fritz has been on the honor roll each year as well as a member of the 3.0 Honors Club. She has held the following offices during high school: class representative to the student council (freshman), class secretary (sophomore), class vice-president (junior), and student council treasurer (senior).

As a freshman, Fritz was a class representative for homecoming and as a senior, she was chosen as the homecoming queen. She has been a member of the yearbook staff since her sophomore year. Fritz was a member of the prom committee her junior year and was also chosen as the prom princess. Other organizations that she has been a member of are the Youth Advisory Council, the Post-Secondary Action Council, and the Innovative Vehicle Design Team. Fritz has attended the Huron Area Technical Center the past two years. Her junior year she was enrolled in the architecture, engineering, and design program and her senior year she is enrolled in the cosmetology program.

Fritz plans to attend Saginaw Valley State University in the fall and pursue a career in business.



Addison Bach



Carley Haldane



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Bader joins firm as a sales agent



Gary Bader

Thumb native Gary Bader, Cass City, recently joined MDL Realty as a full-time sales agent.

MDL Realty, which is based in Bay City and serves the tri-city area, has expanded into the great Thumb area, where Bader serves as the primary agent.

Bader has been involved in the business environment for 40 years and is a great addition to the MDL team, according to Mike Loomis, owner of MDL Companies, who noted the firm consists of several divisions, including realty, restorations, construction, investment properties and property management.

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In Our OPINION...

Clarke Haire
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Tom Montgomery
Editor

Try walking a mile in a trustee's shoes

When tensions are high – even when they're not – it can be easy to criticize the folks who serve on a local board of education.

We suspect, however, that there would be more pats on the back and fewer critical remarks if more members of the community would take a mental mile-long stroll in the shoes of a school board trustee.

It can be a thankless job.

Board of Education trustees are charged with the stewardship of multi-million-dollar budgets as well as overseeing policies that guide teaching and administrative staffs and thousands of children.

School board members must understand the ins and outs of public education funding, including the impact of numerous unfunded mandates, new state regulations and standardized tests that seem to change from one year to the next based on the whims of Lansing and/or Washington, D.C. They face shrinking enrollments and, subsequently, shrinking revenues while the cost of doing everything continues to rise.

Boards of education are challenged to keep up with curriculums, weigh financial and other considerations while making policy decisions, ensuring buildings are safe and functional, and serving as the final step in resolving disciplinary matters.

"School boards are charged with making decisions that can sometimes be difficult or require sifting through a great deal of information. They contribute countless hours each year," Cass City School Supt. Jeff Hartel says. "Through their dedication, collaboration with other school district staff, their governance and advocacy, they are building the future of education in Cass City and the state of Michigan."

Trustees not only volunteer thousands of hours attending various meetings and extracurricular functions, many also devote additional time to complete training in an effort to become even more effective board members.

Trustees receive very little compensation for their efforts, yet frequently find themselves in the line of fire when it comes to making unpopular but necessary decisions for the good of all.

January is set aside each year as a time for special recognition of school boards and all they do, and we would like to personally thank each trustee, past and present, serving school districts throughout the area.

In Cass City, we offer kudos to all of those currently serving on the local board of education: President Alice Zaleski, Vice President Jamie Meeker, Secretary Emily Lasceski, Treasurer Dave Osentoski and trustees George Batty, Stacey Bliss and Janet Richards.

We would also like to encourage all area residents to make a point of offering a word of praise, support and encouragement to these volunteers, who give of their time, talent and experience.


Board members come from all walks of life – they're parents, grandparents, neighbors, retirees, bankers, mechanics, health care workers, etc. – but they all share at least one goal; they want to provide our children with a quality education in a safe and healthy environment.

That's a job worthy of both our respect and gratitude year-round.

Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

Ear-worm sharks stuck



A silly child's song has caught on and is actually climbing the charts.

The catchy "Baby Shark" tune has captured the attention of young and old alike as well as reporters on several news networks.

An ear-worm is a song that, once it is heard, sticks in a person's mind and played over and over and over.

The song "Baby Shark" is one of those tunes and goes like this:

Baby Shark, doo doo doo doo doo doo
Baby shark, doo doo doo doo doo doo
Baby shark, doo doo doo doo doo doo
Baby shark!
Mommy shark, doo doo doo doo doo doo
Mommy shark, doo doo doo doo doo doo
Mommy shark, doo doo doo doo doo doo
Mommy shark!
Daddy shark, doo doo doo doo doo doo
Daddy shark, doo doo doo doo doo doo
Daddy shark, doo doo doo doo doo doo
Daddy shark!
Grandma shark, doo doo doo doo doo doo
Grandma shark, doo doo doo doo doo doo
Grandma shark, doo doo doo doo doo doo
Grandma shark!
Grandpa shark, doo doo doo doo doo doo
Grandpa shark, doo doo doo doo doo doo
Grandpa shark, doo doo doo doo doo doo
Grandpa shark!
Let's go hunt, doo doo doo doo doo doo
Let's go hunt, doo doo doo doo doo doo
Let's go hunt, doo doo doo doo doo doo
Let's go hunt!
Run away, doo doo doo doo doo doo
Run away, doo doo doo doo doo doo
Run away, doo doo doo doo doo doo
Run away!
Safe at last, doo doo doo doo doo doo
Safe at last, doo doo doo doo doo doo
Safe at last, doo doo doo doo doo doo
Safe at last!
It's the end, doo doo doo doo doo doo
It's the end, doo doo doo doo doo doo
It's the end, doo doo doo doo doo doo
It's the end!

The tune is accompanied by hand motions. The baby shark part starts out with holding the hands flat and moving them just a little to imitate a small jaw motion. The mother shark segment uses a similar motion but just a little bigger, and the same with daddy shark.


When it gets to the grandparents section, the hand motion is the same but the fingers are curled back to imitate the older sharks don't have teeth.

A number of people have sung the shark tune and posted it on Facebook. One of the best versions I've seen was of a couple of bored farmers getting off their big machines to sing and dance the song in a field. The tune, written by Shawnee Lamb and Robin Davies, and sung by Pinkfong, is available for download on Spotify, Deezer, and I believe Apple tunes doo doo doo doo doo doo.

Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)



The Cass City Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner is slated for Saturday, Feb. 2nd at the VFW Hall.

There, the Citizen of the Year and Junior Citizen of the Year will be announced. Cost to attend is \$30 and includes dinner and open bar. Tickets can be purchased at Rawson Memorial District Library, the Chamber office, Chemical Bank, Independent Bank and Thumb Bank. Hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction start at 5 p.m.

In typical fashion, this year's Citizen of the Year winner is a mystery to most. However, the Junior Citizen of the Year candidates are Shane Auten, Emilee Bruno, Lexi Crase, Kacey Haire, Layna Mathewson and Rebecca Morrish.

If you missed making a donation to the Athletic Booster silent auction there's no reason to fret.

Originally planned for last Friday, the fundraiser date has been changed to Feb. 15 when USA visits Cass City for a Greater Thumb West basketball contest.

Anyone with an item to donate can contact Kate Fernald at (989) 872-2780. She says last year's event raised \$4,000 for our local sports teams and the event has been a huge success for more than a decade.

The Hills & Dales Foundation's 20th annual winter fundraiser will take place at Northwood Meadows on Saturday, Feb. 16 from 7 to 11 p.m.

Guests can have fun at Vegas style events playing Black Jack, Craps, Roulette and Texas Hold' Em games. Additionally, there will be an array of gourmet hot & cold dishes and desserts. Other activities planned include raffles, silent auction, DJ and cash bar.

Ticket price is just \$45 per person. Call Danielle Blaine at 989-912-6401 or email her at dblaine@hdghmi.org for more information.

This year's theme is Wizard of Oz and attending in your favorite costume is encouraged.

Tim Neuman, General Manager of the Pioneer Group, Print Division recently sent me an e-mail that claimed the following:

I am sure you are very aware of the increase in raw materials because of the tariffs that the Trump administration has imposed on the US. Those coupled with drastic increase in newsprint and aluminum have put us in a position to look at pricing for the goods and services we provide. With all of that being said, enclosed will be your new pricing going forward.

That's a lot Donald.

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Wednesday, January 23

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

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

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

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

Thursday, January 24

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

•Community Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.

Saturday, January 26

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

Monday, January 28

•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.

•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.

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

Tuesday, January 29

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

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

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

STANDING COMMUNITY CALENDAR ITEMS

First Saturday:

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

First Sunday:

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

First Monday:

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

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

Second Monday:

•Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.

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

Second Tuesday:

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

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

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

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

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

Second Thursday:

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

Third Monday:

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Third Tuesday:

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

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

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

Third Wednesday:

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

Third Thursday:

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

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

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

Third Friday:

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

Third Saturday:

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

Fourth Monday:

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

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

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

Fourth Wednesday:

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

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

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

Fourth Thursday:

•Community Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.

Last Monday:

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

Last Wednesday:

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

Every Monday:

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

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

Every Tuesday:

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

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

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

Every Wednesday:

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

Every Thursday:

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

Every Saturday

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

Tuscola canine unit tracks down motorist after crash

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Although relatively new on the job, Tuscola County Sheriff's Department K-9 Officer Blek and his handler, Deputy Ryan Robinson, are getting their share of on-the-job training.

Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson recently reported the Tuscola County duo proved invaluable in locating a seriously-injured driver involved in a one-vehicle traffic crash in Huron County's Lincoln Township.

Huron County deputies were dispatched the scene – Tomlinson Road near Cross Road – during the evening hours of Jan. 11, Hanson reported last week.

"Preliminary information indicated that the driver went to a nearby residence and called for help. He was witnessed to be wearing blue jeans and a light-colored jacket and had a bad facial injury. It was also believed that he may have been under the influence of alcohol," Hanson stated in a news release.

"His passenger was still with the vehicle, which was in the ditch on the west side of the road. It was also believed the 54-year-old male passenger from Elkton had a broken leg," the sheriff continued. "Deputies from our office, and the Kinde Area Fire Department, arrived on scene of the rollover accident to only find the passenger. He eventually was transported to McLaren Thumb Region for treatment of his injuries and was released."

The driver had apparently fled on foot prior to the arrival of emergency responders, according to

Hanson, who said deputies started to search the surrounding area and requested assistance from the Tuscola County K-9 Unit.

"When the Tuscola County deputy and his dog arrived on scene, they located the 54-year-old driver from Kinde, with signs of hypothermia, hiding in the vicinity. He was transported to McLaren Thumb Region by Central Huron Ambulance and was later airlifted to an out-of-county hospital after medical staff deter-

mined him to have possible life threatening injuries," Hanson said.

The Kinde Area Fire Department, Central Huron Ambulance Service, Eastern Huron Ambulance Service and the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department assisted Huron County deputies at the scene.

Hanson, who did not release any names, said his department would likely request charges against the driver from the Huron County Prosecutor's Office.



Officer Blek

Circuit court proceedings

Several appear on felony charges

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

*Christopher A. Raymond Jr., 21, Caro, was sentenced to 120 days in the county jail following his pleas of guilty to two counts of assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer June 5 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (two prior felony convictions).

In addition to jail time, he was placed on probation for 12 months and ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$935.

*Alicia M. Palmreuter, 28, Reese, pleaded guilty to charges of operating a motor vehicle with a high BAC (blood alcohol content) and assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer Oct. 12 in Denmark Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$2,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Keith A. Ziegler, 35, Sebewaing, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the

influence of liquor, third offense, Jan. 28 in Reese.

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

*Paul D. Robinson, 43, Vassar, pleaded guilty to conducting a criminal enterprise through a pattern of racketeering involving possession/delivery of cocaine between March 12 and June 20, 2018, in Saginaw, the city of Vassar and the Tuscola County townships of Indianfields and Juniata. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$150,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Roy Kenneth-Edward Little III, 36, Elsie, pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana or a synthetic equivalent, subsequent offense, June 20, 2017, in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (two 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.

*Wayne Nelson, 41, Millington, was sentenced to 60 days in jail following his plea of guilty to domestic violence, third offense, July 11 in Watertown Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

In addition to jail time, he was placed on probation for 36 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,008.

*Matthew W. Austin, 48, Millington, was sentenced to 365 days in jail following his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Jan. 5, 2017, in Vassar Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to jail time, he was placed on probation for 60 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,258 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

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Reporter's notebook

The words we love to hate...

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



In case you missed it, the wordsmiths at Lake Superior State University (LSSU) recently released the school's 44th annual List of Words Banished from the Queen's English for Mis-use, Over-use and General Uselessness.

LSSU's word banishment tradition is now in its fifth decade, and was started by the late W. T. Rabe, a public relations director at Lake Superior State University. For every new year since 1976, LSSU — also known for premier programs in nursing, engineering, robotics and Great Lakes freshwater research — has issued this list, tongue firmly planted in cheek.

Rabe and fellow LSSU faculty and staff came up with the first list of words and phrases that people love to hate at a New Year's Eve party in 1975, publishing it Jan. 1, 1976. Though he and his friends created it from their own pet peeves about language, Rabe said he knew from the volume of mail he received in the following weeks that the group would have no shortage of words and phrases from which to choose for 1977. Since then, the list has consisted entirely of nominations submitted from around the world.

Through the years, LSSU has received tens of thousands of nominations for the list, which now includes more than 1,000 entries. This year's list is culled from nominations that come mostly through a university web site at lssu.edu/banished and a word banishment page on Facebook. Word-watchers target pet peeves from everyday speech, as well as from the news, fields of education, technology, advertising, politics and more. An editor makes a final cut in late December.

And now, the 2019 list, along with some of the reasons for banishment by nominators:

*Wheelhouse, as in area of expertise — Currie, Ottawa, Ontario (Canada), "Irritating, has become a cliché, annoys me, offense to the English language, etc."

*In the books . . . , as in finished or concluded — Sandy, White Lake Township, "It seems everyone's holiday party is in the books this year, and it's all there for friends to view on social media, along with the photos of the happy party attendees."

*Wrap my head around — Linda, Bloomington, Minn., "Impossible to do and makes no sense."

*Platform — Michael, Alameda, Calif., "People use it as an excuse to rant. Facebook, Instagram, Twitter have become platforms. Even athletes call a post-game interview a 'platform.' Step down from the platform, already."

*Collusion, as in two or more parties limiting competition by deception — John, Grosse Pointe Park, "We all need to collude on getting rid of this word."

*OTUS family of acronyms such as POTUS, FLOTUS, SCOTUS — David, Kinross, "Overused useless word for the president, supreme court, first lady."

*Ghosting — Carrie, Caledonia, "Somebody doesn't want to talk with you. Get over it. No need to bring the paranormal into the equation."

*Yeet, as in to vigorously throw or toss — Emily, Sault Ste. Marie, "If I hear one more freshman say 'yeet,' I might just yeet myself out a window."

*Litigate — Ronald, Fredericton, New Brunswick (Canada), "Originally meant to take a claim or dispute to a law court . . . appropriated by politicians and journalists for any matter of controversy in the public sphere."

*Grapple — David, Traverse City, "People who struggle with ideas and issues now grapple with them. I prefer to grapple with a wrestler or an overgrown tree."

*Eschew — Mary, Toronto, Ont. (Canada), "Nobody ever actually says this word out loud, they just write it for filler."

*Crusty — Hannah, Campbellsville, Ky., "This has become a popular insult. It's disgusting and sounds weird. Make the madness stop."

*Optics — Bob Tempe, Ariz., "The trendy way to say 'appearance.'"

*Legally drunk — Philip, Auburn, Ind., "You're a little tipsy, that's all. That's legally drunk. People who are ticketed for drunk driving are actually 'illegally drunk,' and we should say so."

*Thought Leader — Matt, Superior, Colo., "Thoughts aren't ranked or scored. How can someone hold a thought-lead, much less even lead by thought?"

*Importantly — Constance, Pace, Tex., "Totally unnecessary when 'important' is sufficient. 'More importantly' (banned in 1992) apparently sounds more important but is also senseless."

*Accessories — Leslie, Scottsdale, Ariz., "Hard to spell, not specific, and anachronistic when 'accessories' will do."

*Most important election of our time . . . — José, Ozark, Ark., "Not that we haven't had six or seven back-to-back most important elections of our time."

Of course, you may grapple with a few of what you consider to be some crusty selections on this year's word ban list — heck, you may even feel strongly enough to litigate the matter. On the other hand, and more importantly, words are my wheelhouse.

If you can't wrap your head around that platform, too bad. It's already in the books.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2014)

Schneeberger's salutes their "Athlete of the Week" award winner, T.J. Moore. The Red Hawk freshman grappler continues to improve, as is evident by his finish over the weekend in Imlay City, where he helped the Red Hawks to 4th place honors with a team-best 4-1 record. Adding to Moore's accomplishments, he has worked extremely hard to recover from a burst appendix suffered by the Red Hawk quarterback during the junior varsity football season.

Coty Wilson-Cole, 12th grade (senior student), son of Jesse and Kristina Robinson, received special recognition as the January Senior Student of the month for Owen-Gage school. He was active in sports as a member of the football, basketball and baseball teams. He was a snowball representative in his sophomore year, a homecoming representative last year, and a snowball king candidate this year.

10 YEARS AGO (2009)

Elise Pasant, daughter of Carol and Ed Pasant of Cass City, and Michael McNeil, son of Yvonne and Dennis McNeil of Unionville, announce their engagement. Elise is a 2002 graduate of Cass City High School, and a 2006 graduate of Saginaw Valley State University with a Bachelor of Science in nursing. She is currently employed at Covenant Hospital in Saginaw as a nurse in the neonatal critical care unit. Michael is a 1999 graduate of Unionville-Sebewaing Area Schools, and a 2007 graduate of Northwood University with a Bachelor of Business Administration with dual majors in business management, and banking and finance. He is currently employed at Signature Bank in Harbor Beach as a commercial lender. A Feb. 21, 2009 wedding is being planned in Bay City.

Courtney Hacker, a sophomore at Hope College, Holland, Mich., has been named to the school's dean's list for the first semester of the 2008-09 school year. She is the daughter of Brian and Melissa Hacker of Ubyly. To be named to the dean's list, a student must have a minimum 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Making it to the pros in any sport is a long shot, even for talented athletes in the collegiate ranks, but those kinds of odds have never bothered Eric Montreuil. Or kept him from reaching out to a dream of making dirt bike racing a career. At just 16 years of age, the Owen-Gage High School sophomore is well on his way to realizing that dream after joining the professional moto cross ranks last summer, although he's faced some challenges on the road to testing his skills against the best of the best in the sport.

25 YEARS AGO (1994)

Jason Walther and Jami Sting were crowned Snowcoming king and queen during half time of the Laker-Cass City basketball game Friday night at Cass City High School. Sting is the daughter of James Sting and Linda Ware. Her stepparents are Greg Ware and Angie Sting. She plans on attending Great Lakes Junior College to major in business management. She is a member of the National Honor Society, senior class president and works co-op at Huron Industrial Supply. Walther is the son of Leonard and the late Karen Walther. He plans to enter MSU to study business. He is a eucharistic minister and lector at St. Pancratius Church and serves as secretary of the student council.

Navy Seaman Recruit Eric V. Crumby, son of Oscar R. and Freddie A. Crumby of Kingston, recently completed basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. During the cycle, recruits are taught general military subjects designed to prepare them for further academic and on-the-job training in one of

the Navy's 85 occupational fields.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Houghton of Cass City announce the engagement of Krista Grassmann to Dieter Roth of Sterling Heights. The bride-elect is the daughter of Mrs. Ruth Houghton and the late Wallace R. (Tim) Grassmann. She is a senior at Central Michigan University majoring in sports medicine, and is currently doing her internship at Prescription Fitness in Waterford. The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Roth of Cass City. He is employed by Omega Properties in Detroit. A Sept. 10 wedding is being planned.

James L. Blades of Cass City and Carolyn A. Jones of Lehigh Acres, Fla., announce the engagement of their daughter, Julia L. Blades, of Fort Myers, Fla., to Paul Christman, also of Fort Myers. Christman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Christman of Fort Myers. The couple will be married in May 1995.

35 YEARS AGO (1984)

Army PFC Daniel, J. Lewicki, son of Edward, J. and Anna S. Lewicki of Walnut Street, Kingston, has arrived for duty at Camp Casey, South Korea. Lewicki, a portable defense system crew member with the 2nd Infantry Division, was previously assigned at Fort Carson, Colo. He is a 1977 graduate of Kingston High School.

Raymond Ferris and Bonnie Bartell were married at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Ferris last Wednesday evening. Rev. John Wood performed the ceremony. Guests attending the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Randal Ferris, Dayton, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Mead and girls, Vassar; Mr. and Mrs. Dean Ferris and family, Swartz Creek; Joel Bartell, Grand Rapids, and Beckey Bartell, Grand Haven.

Chief Warrant Officer 4 Clinton A. Eskilsen has been presented the Army Achievement Medal for his contribution to improving the Patrick Missile System at the Martin-Marietta plant in Orlando, Fla., where he is stationed. He is the son of Mildred Eskilsen of Cass City and the late Arthur Eskilsen. Eskilsen and his wife, the former Joyce Merchant of Cass City, are currently in Washington, D.C., where he is serving for a month in the Pentagon on the promotion board for warrant officers. Eskilsen, a Cass City High School graduate, has served 30 years in the Army and plans to retire in January of next year.

40 YEARS AGO (1979)

Mr. and Mrs. Theron Eskilsen and son Steve had as Sunday dinner guests, Mr. and Mrs. Kim Hopper of Caro and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Egerer and daughter Elizabeth of Midland. Steve leaves Jan. 29 to return to Olivet Nazarene College at Kankakee, Ill.

Joshua Reese, two-month old son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lounsbury, was christened Sunday in the Good Shepherd Lutheran church. Godparents were Mr. and Mrs. James Schad of Clio. A dinner for relatives in the Leslie Lounsbury home followed the service. Guests, besides the Tom Lounsburys and the James Schads, were Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Norrington of Caro, maternal grandparents of the baby.

Officers were named at the annual meeting Jan. 16 of the Cass City State Bank. Meredith B. Auten remains chairman and Fred B. Auten, president. Arthur R. Randall was elevated from vice-president and cashier to executive vice-president, Larry J. Dickinson from assistant cashier to vice-president, Sherry Lee Seeley from assistant cashier to cashier and Marsha Moore from bookkeeper to assistant cashier.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Long, Sandusky, and Mr. and Mrs. Alex Wheeler, Snover, announce the engagement of their children, Jill Adana Long and Daniel Earl

Wheeler. Both are graduates of Sandusky High School. The couple will be married July 7 at St. Joseph Catholic church, Sandusky.

50 YEARS AGO (1969)

Accepting awards from Harry Whiteley, president of Michigan Press Association, are John Haire and Larry Werner. Werner's feature story about marijuana in Cass City was judged the best feature written by a weekly or semi-weekly in the state. It was in competition with weeklies with circulations of 40,000 and more and against the works of large editorial staffs. It was the only first place writing award won by a Thumb newspaper. In addition the Chronicle was judged third in the state in news coverage among papers in circulation Class C.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kirton and Mrs. Albert Whitfield were Monday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Emigh. Also guests in the Emigh home were Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Sullivan of Irish Hills, who showed pictures of a recent trip to Mexico.

Two youths from Tuscola county were named nominees to compete for the Eighth District's four vacancies at the three major military academies. Named from Cass City was Neil MacCallum, senior at Cass City High School, the son of Mrs. Anna MacCallum and the late Malcolm MacCallum.

Linda Bartle, daughter of Harvey Bartle, Cass City, has been named to the dean's list for the fall term at Saginaw Business Institute. To qualify, students must maintain a 3.5 (B-plus) grade average.

75 YEARS AGO (1944)

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Peasley received a letter from their son Pvt. Leslie L. Peasley, who left on Jan. 8 to join the Air Force. Leslie likes his work very much. Pvt. Peasley will enjoy hearing from his friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ashmore, Sr., and grandchildren, Betty Marie and Samuel Ashmore, Jr., Mrs. DeEtte Mellendorf and son, Norris, went to Gagetown to the Wm. Ashmore, Jr., home to help Mrs. Andrew Kozan celebrate her birthday. Homemade ice cream, cake and cookies were enjoyed by all. Mr. Kozan brought Mrs. Kozan a fine birthday cake from Cass City.

Miss Ludie Shinn of Magnolia, Arkansas, and Sgt. Paul Anthes, son of Walter Anthes, of Cass City, were married at 12:00 noon on Jan. 23 at the First Baptist Church in Magnolia. The bride wore a white winter suit with light blue accessories and, carried a bouquet of rosebuds on a prayer book. The bridesmaid, Miss Beulah Philips, of Little Rock, also carried a bouquet. Sgt. LeRoy Anderson of Chicago, stationed at Camp Fannin, Texas, was best man.

100 YEARS AGO (1919)

I. B. Auten, proprietor of the Cass City Bank, told a Chronicle reporter Tuesday that they were never better. "In my 35 years experience as a banker," he said, "I have never seen paper paid up as well as in the fall of 1918. This is all the more remarkable because of the many demands made upon the people in support of war activities, for Liberty Bonds, War Savings Stamps, Red Cross, etc." Picking up a small bundle of notes, he called attention to the few pieces and said, "This is the smallest bunch of past due paper I ever handled. This community has enjoyed a most prosperous year in 1918. I trace a great deal of this prosperity to the establishment of the condensary here."

Malcolm Gillies and Mrs. Mary Woolner were quietly married in Ubyly on Jan. 8 by Rev. Frank Nathan. They will make their home on the bride's farm. The best wishes of their friends go with them.

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Sanilac County abuse/prevention council plans "taste of Thumb"

The Sanilac County Child Abuse Prevention Council's special event fundraising team has launched a search for the county's top food dishes to feature during the 2019 Taste of the Thumb celebration.

Tickets are \$25 and are sale now for the event, slated for Sunday, Jan. 27, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Carmen Banquet Hall, 5335 S. Sandusky Rd., Peck.

"We are very excited to begin planning for the 15th Annual Taste of the Thumb," said Amy M. Dumaw, program instructional specialist for the Sanilac County Child Abuse Prevention Council. "This event gives our county's restaurants and eateries the opportunity to showcase their signature and specialty dishes.

"We have received such great support over the years from our vendors and supporters, and want to continue this annual event," she added.

Dumaw said her fundraising team's recipe for success includes inviting all of the county's restaurants and eateries to participate in the event, locking in the first 13 vendors to commit, selling all 300 available tickets, and combining 300 hungry people with generous vendors and delicious food.

Proceeds from the event go to support child abuse preventions programs and the child advocacy center, Dumaw noted.

"If you are a restaurant, specialty dessert shop, a BBQ king or queen, or winery... If you have a signature dish or two that you'd like to showcase... If your business is well known, just starting up and waiting to be discovered, or is a best kept secret, please join us," she added.

More information is available by contacting Dumaw at (810) 648-4098 (ext. 144) or by visiting the website www.sanilacchild.org.

Village of Ugly honors Brown

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owned and operated Huron Vending, Huron Ice, Mid-Michigan Ice and Ugly Mini Storage.

In other matters, the council acknowledged receiving a Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) grant for \$150,000 to fund a walking path and updates to the pavilion at Veterans Park. However, village officials aren't taking any action until they've had an opportunity to review the grant paperwork.

The council also:

*Reported there will be a public hearing Thursday, Feb. 7, at 7 p.m. to conduct a second reading of the village's proposed Prohibition of Marijuana Establishments ordinance.

*Noted the community Club will be hosting a chili cook-off and antique snowmobile show Saturday, Feb. 9, and the next Ugly Homecoming celebration has been scheduled for July 12 to 15.



Andy Gray

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Fairgrove Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes December 17, 2018 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Supervisor Keith Aeder, Treasurer John McQuillan, Clerk Katie Gebhardt, Trustees Mike Day and Dennis Hadeway, Sexton Doug Foster, Zoning Admin Bruce Turner, and Assessor Deb Young. Visitors Present: Jim Wissner, Brian Pike, Mark Trumbauer, Erico Lopez, Mike Lienhardt, Greg Ackerman, Pat Sheridan, and Gary Reif. Call to order. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Day moved and Hadeway supported to approve November minutes. Passed. Hadeway moved and Day supported to approve December agenda. Passed. Aeder moved McQuillan supported to authorize the Supervisor to pursue ATM/ITM from FCU, with no rent to be charged. Passed. McQuillan moved Hadeway supported to rescind previous resolution authorizing loan to Juniata Township not to exceed \$25,000 for Juniata's portion of Fairgrove fire truck. Passed. McQuillan moved Aeder supported to extend loan to Village of Fairgrove in the amount, not to exceed, \$25,000. With interest at 3.5% per year over a 10 year term for Fairgrove fire truck, with the Village pledging full faith and credit and no prepayment penalty. Passed. Aeder moved and Hadeway supported to hire Ernie Carpenter to demo garage at old bank building with a 90 day deadline. Passed. McQuillan moved Hadeway supported to supply Karen Goodchild with old Township Epollbook. Passed. Hadeway moved Aeder supported to accept police report. Passed. Aeder moved and Hadeway supported to rescind previous resolution to collect interest and penalty fees on PTA unfiled or filed after 45 days. Passed. McQuillan moved and Aeder supported to waive the requirement to pay penalty and interest fees on PTA unfiled or filed after 45 days. Passed. Day moved and Hadeway supported to accept financial report as presented. Passed. McQuillan moved and Day supported to accept bills as presented. Passed. Day moved and Hadeway supported to adjourn meeting. Passed.

Adjourned 9:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Katie Gebhardt
Fairgrove Township Clerk

State's schools receive latest grades

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 tus into the equation.”
 The CAP report card ranks 674 high schools in all, including public, charter and cyber schools.
 “To make informed choices about their children’s education, parents need a clear and meaningful picture of school performance. Our Context and Performance report card is one key tool that shows how the state’s new school grading system can be shaped into something that parents can both understand and use,” DeGrow said.
 The Mackinac Center’s fourth-edition report card – a school-level assessment of academic performance based on a four-year average of state standardized test scores — offers a unique view of Michigan’s high schools, accord-

ing to DeGrow.
 The study, he explained, takes into consideration the socioeconomic status of students in each high school when assigning grades, and in doing so, the CAP report card is able to provide a more comprehensive assessment of schools by evaluating academic performance in the context of the students being served.
 To capture the socioeconomic differences among Michigan high schools, the Mackinac Center study compares the number of enrolled 11th grade students who were eligible for free school lunches through the federal National School Lunch Program in each school. Although researchers commonly use the percentage of students eligible for either a free lunch or a reduced-price, this report card only employs the per-

centage of students eligible for a free lunch.
 A CAP score below 100 indicates that a high school’s average score was below its predicted level, given student poverty, while a CAP score above 100 indicates a high school’s average score exceeded its predicted level, given student poverty.
 The CAP scores were also used to assign letter grades to each school. The letter grades were based on a standard bell curve distribution, with 10 percent of schools receiving A’s, 20 percent receiving B’s, 40 percent receiving C’s, 20 percent receiving D’s and 10 percent receiving F’s.
 Finally, a percentile rank was also calculated for each CAP Score. This rank is the percentage of schools each high school outperformed.

For example, Cass City High School received a CAP score of 104.65 and a percentile rank of 77.15 (representing the percent of schools that had lower CAP scores than Cass City). While the percentage of local high school juniors who qualify for free lunch was not available, Cass City School officials reported roughly half of all junior-senior students and 54 percent of elementary students qualify for free or reduced-price meals (an average of 52 percent district-wide).
 The CAP scores and percentile ranks for other area districts included Owen-Gage (score of 93.81 and percentile rank of 16.17), Ubyly (score of 100.75 and a percentile rank of 55.49), and Caro (score of 104.02 and a percentile rank of 74.93).
 The report also highlighted schools that made significant gains, and Kingston High School was among them. Kingston, which earned a CAP score of 109.25 this year, has raised its percentile rank from 12.55 in 2012 to 92.59 in 2018.
 The Mackinac Center for Public Policy describes itself as a nonpartisan research and educational institute dedicated to improving the quality of life for all Michigan residents by promoting sound solutions to state and local policy questions. Center officials say they strive to assist policymakers, scholars, businesspeople, the media and the public by providing objective analysis of issues that affect the state.

News briefs

Daley named to committees

LANSING — Newly-elected state Senator Kevin Daley (R-Lum), who represents the 31st District (Tuscola, Bay and Lapeer counties), recently announced he has received his committee assignments for the 100th Legislature.
 Daley will serve on the following committees: Agriculture (chair), Environmental Quality (vice chair), Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture and Rural Development (vice chair), Education and Career Readiness, Finance, Local Government, Insurance and Banking, and the Appropriations Subcommittee on K-12 and Michigan Department of Education.
 “I look forward to sitting down with my new colleagues and getting the new term moving,” Daley said. “The committee process is an important part of what we do here in the Legislature. Each of my colleagues brings a great deal of experience to the process, and I look forward to working with them and taking on some of the state’s toughest issues.”

Library book club sets meets

CASS CITY — The January meeting of the Ravenous Readers Book Club will be held today (Wednesday) starting at noon at Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City. The group will be discussing “I know This Much is True” by Wally Lamb.
 The club’s February meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 27, also at noon at the library, where members will be discussing “The Radium Girls” by Kate Moore.

Author Grimm to visit village

CASS CITY — Rawson Memorial District Library will host Author Joe Grimm, who will share insight into his book, “The Faygo Book”, Saturday, March 2, at 1 p.m.
 The Faygo Book is the social history of a company that has forged a bond with a city and its residents. The story of Faygo, Detroit’s beloved soda pop, began more than 100 years ago with two Russian immigrant brothers who were looking to get out of the baking business. Starting with little more than pots, pails, hoses, and a one-horse wagon, Ben and Perry Feigenson reformulated cake frosting recipes into carbonated beverage recipes and launched their business in the middle of the 1907 global financial meltdown.
 It was an improbable idea. Through recessions and the Great Depression, wartime politics, the rise and fall of Detroit’s population, and the never-ending challenges to the industry, the Feigensons persisted. Out of more than forty bottlers in Detroit’s “pop alley,” Faygo remained the last one standing.
 Grimm is a lifelong Detroit area resident, 25-year veteran of the Detroit Free Press and a Michigan State University journalism professor.
 Light refreshments, including Faygo, will be served following the program.

Village may deck the halls

GAGETOWN — The Gagetown Village Council is considering purchasing some decorations for the next Christmas season.
 The possibility of purchasing 16 holiday decorations was discussed at this month’s meeting. The issue is expected to be taken up again during the council’s 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 4, meeting.
 During discussion, officials noted that if they place an order by March 1, there would be a 25 percent savings.

Ubyly Board names officers

UBLY — During the Ubyly Board of Education’s reorganization meeting, Clint Hagen was selected as board president, Nancy Elliott as vice president, Ryan Kramer as treasurer and Tammy Peruski as secretary.
 In other business, the board agreed to continue conducting regular meetings at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of each month.

Shutdown impact in Thumb

THUMB — Despite the government shutdown, USDA officials recently announced some Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices will open temporarily in the coming days to perform certain limited services.
 The FSA offices include those in Bad Axe, Caro, Lapeer and Sandusky. In almost half of FSA locations, FSA staff will be available to assist agricultural producers with existing farm loans and to ensure the agency provides 1099 tax documents to borrowers by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) deadline.
 The following offices will be open: Caro Service Center, 1075 Cleaver Rd., Caro, (989) 673-8173; Bad Axe Service Center, 1460 S. Van Dyke Rd., Bad Axe, (989) 269-9549; and the Sandusky Service Center at 50 E. Miller Rd., Sandusky, (810) 648-2998.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery

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THE NATIONAL 4-H Council last week announced that Addy Battel, 16, of Cass City (above, third from left) is the winner of the 2019 4-H Youth in Action Pillar Award for Agriculture, and that her partner in helping to establish the local “Meating the Need for Our Village” project, Pearl Daskam, 16, Ubly (fourth from left) was a finalist for this year’s Youth in Action Pillar Award for Healthy Living. They are pictured with their siblings and fellow Boots and Bling Club members (from left) Dori Battel, Evelyn Daskam and Royce Daskam. (Photo courtesy of Sue Stuever Battel)

Battel national 4-H winner

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my community, and there was something I could do about it. Since then, we’ve made a \$54,000 impact through 10,000 pounds of meat, 1,368 gallons of milk and 92 dozen eggs,” Battel said.

Battel credits teamwork as the backbone of the project.

While the teen is a confident, big-picture thinker, her teammate, Daskam, thinks through the details to make it happen. They’ve learned to work together through differences of opinion to create a truly outstanding program in partnership with Revive Ministries. They also encourage other youth to donate to the Meating the Need effort to provide high quality protein to those in need.

The pair have proven to be an effective team. In their efforts to fight hunger, Battel’s focus is on providing food from an animal agriculture perspective, and Daskam is especially interested in nutrition and preserving the dignity of food pantry customers.

Towards that end, Daskam, the daughter of Tamara and Michael Daskam, applied for – and received – a grant to increase dignity at the local pantry by providing shopping carts and increased shelving, as well as education about mental health services available in the community.

Battel’s remarkable efforts to combat food insecurity started with a passion for agriculture.

From the young age of three, she was exposed to 4-H programming through MSU Extension. After putting forth the hard work to raise and show her first market goat, she knew she’d found something she loved to do and wanted to share with others.

Exposing youth with special needs to farm animals is especially important to Battel. When her family adopted her two younger brothers, who both have autism, she quickly realized that exposure to animals sparked a change in them.

“For both of my brothers, animals are very powerful and almost therapeutic. One of my brothers struggles with behavioral episodes, and exposure to animals helps calm him,” Battel explained. “Our family has access to the tools and resources to fight for my brothers’ medical needs, but we’re also able to provide them with the right help behaviorally with our animals.”

When a mom asked if her son Jacob, who uses a wheelchair, could show an animal, Battel leapt into action, thinking creatively to find unique ways to support Jacob as he learned to show his goat. Jacob’s joy at spending time with animals on the farm was a powerful testimony to Addy of the therapeutic impact animals can make in the lives of young people.

Battel will receive a \$5,000 scholarship for higher education and will serve as an advocate and spokesperson for 4-H agriculture programming in the coming year.

She and Daskam are both charter members of the Boots and Bling 4-H Club. Daskam serves as club reporter and Battel, as community service officer. Both are past presidents and have each held a number of other roles in the club, which was formed in 2013.

Daskam, who has taught many youth about nutrition through 4-H, owns Farmhouse Floral, her own cut flower business, selling seasonal flower bouquets to customers directly, at markets and from a roadside stand. Together, both she and Battel have taught sessions at state 4-H events as well as presenting to local children during various programs. Both teens are also past delegates to the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute.

Battel will be officially recognized as the 2019 4-H Youth in Action Pillar Winner for Agriculture during the 10th annual 4-H Legacy Awards in Washington, D.C., Tuesday, March 12. She will be joined by three other 2019 Youth in Action Pillar Winners, Clyde Van Dyke of New York (STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering and Math), Elisabeth Watkins of California (Healthy Living), and Mason McClintock of Georgia (Civic Engagement).

The 4-H Youth in Action Awards program, sponsored in part by Bayer, was established in 2010 to recognize 4-Hers who have used the knowledge they gained in 4-H to create a lasting impact in their community.

“Addy’s accomplishments are proof that, when given the proper tools and knowledge, kids and teens have the power to make society a more accessible, welcoming and healthier place,” said Darren Wallis, vice president of communications at Bayer in North America.

Hills and Dales earns sleep lab accreditation

The Hills and Dales General Hospital Sleep Lab recently received program accreditation from the American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM), making it one of two AASM-accredited sleep labs in the Thumb Region.

“The American Academy of Sleep Medicine congratulates Hills and Dales Sleep Lab on meeting the high standards re-

quired to earn accreditation as a sleep disorders center,” said Dr. Douglas Kirsch, AASM president. “Hills & Dales Sleep Lab is an important resource to the local medical community and will provide academic and scientific value in addition to the highest quality care for patients suffering from sleep disorders.”

To receive accreditation for a five-year period, a sleep center must meet or exceed all standards for professional health care as designated by the AASM. These standards address core areas such as personnel, facility and equipment, policies and procedures, data acquisition, patient care, and quality assurance.

In addition, the sleep center’s goals must be clearly stated and include plans for positively affecting the quality of medical care in the community it serves.

The AASM accredited a sleep disorders center for the first time in 1977. Today there are more than 2,600 AASM-accredited sleep centers across the country.

The Hills and Dales Sleep Lab is directed by Dr. Ifkhar Khan, MD, and is located within Hills and Dales General Hospital.

“We are really proud of this accreditation,” commented Brenda McComb, respiratory therapy manager. “Our team continues to go above and beyond to ensure our patients are receiving the best care close to home. Having a sleep lab with this accreditation is a great resource for physicians and patients who are seeking answers for a sleep disorder.”

The AASM is a professional medical society for clinicians, researchers, and other health care providers in the field of sleep medicine.

More information about the local sleep lab is available by calling (989) 872-2121.

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CASS CITY'S Luke Stern beats Caro's Tyler Foster to the basket during the M-81 Clash contest.

Caro wins M-81 Clash

Despite a game-high 24 points by Cass City's Sandyn Cuthrell, it was visiting Caro that won the M-81 Clash contest Friday with a 58-51 decision.

The Tigers used a balanced attack that featured three double digit scorers to take back the traveling trophy, awarded to the winners of the annual battle between Tuscola

County neighbors.

Tyler Foster and Caleb Cotton each tossed in 16 points to lead the visitors, while Trevin Phillips added 15.

Both teams scored 10 first quarter points, before Caro used a 17-9 run to close out the initial half with a 27-19 advantage on the score board.

Cuthrell scored nine points before the break and then hit a couple of 3-pointers in the third quarter to help slice Caro's margin to 40-36 with eight minutes remaining. The Tigers actually built a 29-19 edge early in the frame, before Cass City was able to draw even with the visitors at 34-34 with just over 10 minutes left in regulation.

However, Caro went on a 12-2 spurt to open the closing period and seemly take control. But Cass City used full court pressure to chisel away at the 46-36 difference and with 57 seconds remaining trailed just 52-49. They would get no closer.

Besides the big three, Caro received eight points from Syrus Strachan, while Clint Davison added a two points and Miles Campbell one.

Completing the list of scorers for Cass city was Bryce Fernald with eight points, Luke Stern with seven, Collen Wrubel with six, Zack Beecher with four and Hadyn Horne with two.

Boys' Basketball Standings

| Greater Thumb West | | | |
|--------------------|---|---|---|
| | W | L | |
| USA | 5 | 0 | 9 |
| Bad Axe | 5 | 0 | 8 |
| Caro | 3 | 2 | 4 |
| Reese | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| EPBP | 1 | 4 | 6 |
| Cass City | 1 | 4 | 4 |
| Vassar | 0 | 4 | 3 |

NCTL - Stars

| | | | | |
|-------------|---|---|---|---|
| Flint Int. | 6 | 0 | 6 | 4 |
| Kingston | 5 | 1 | 9 | 2 |
| Dryden | 4 | 2 | 7 | 3 |
| Mayville | 3 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| North Huron | 2 | 3 | 5 | 4 |
| Deckerville | 1 | 5 | 3 | 8 |
| Genesee | 0 | 5 | 1 | 9 |

Girls' Basketball Standings

| Greater Thumb West | | | |
|--------------------|---|---|---|
| | W | L | |
| Reese | 4 | 0 | 8 |
| USA | 4 | 1 | 6 |
| EPBP | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| Caro | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| Cass City | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| Bad Axe | 1 | 4 | 3 |
| Vassar | 0 | 5 | 2 |

NCTL - Stars

| | | | | |
|-------------|---|---|----|---|
| Kingston | 7 | 0 | 10 | 1 |
| Deckerville | 3 | 1 | 7 | 3 |
| Dryden | 2 | 2 | 8 | 2 |
| Genesee | 2 | 3 | 5 | 5 |
| Mayville | 1 | 4 | 2 | 8 |
| North Huron | 0 | 5 | 2 | 7 |

Hawk gals drop rivalry game

Ellie Hornbacher scored a career-best 24 points and Kaitlyn Arebalo added a season-high 15 points to lift visiting Caro over Cass City Thursday night in Greater Thumb West (GTW) play.

With an exciting 54-50 victory, the Tigers improve to 3-2 in conference play, while the Red Hawks slip to 2-3 in the GTW.

Cass City controlled the action early in the rivalry game and jumped out in front 12-1. But moments later Red Hawk senior Kacey Haire - she's a top defender - was sent to the bench after collecting her third foul.

Hornbacher made the most of Haire's absence and finished the opening half tallying eight points, while Arebalo poured in three second quarter hoops to cut the Cass City advantage to 18-17 at the intermission.

Caro kept the momentum to start the second half and built a 35-32 margin entering the final quarter, where they extended the gap to double digits.

But to their credit, Cass City was able to come all the way back behind a pair of back-to-back treys from Brittany Hamilton and a solo 3-pointer by Abbey Salcido that brought the home team crowd to their feet and helped the Hawks gain a slim 48-47 edge with just over two minutes remaining.

However, Hornbacher and Arebalo proved too much down the stretch, combining for 17 points to secure the win.

Dead-eye Hamilton paced Cass City with 17 points, including three baskets from behind the 3-point arc, while Tiara Anthony added nine points, all coming in the final half. Haire tossed in eight points before being disqualified on fouls.

Kingston posts easy victories

Coach Dave Lester's Kingston Cardinals will take an impressive 5-1 North Central Thumb League Stars record into the second half of conference play following Thursday's 62-48 win at Dryden.

After trading baskets during the opening quarter, Kingston used a 19-7 spurt to lead 31-17 at the break. The visitors then used a similar run to start the final half, before settling for a 47-26 cushion entering the final eight minutes of play.

"Our team worked hard and made a nice run to begin the second half that gave us a 20 point lead. Dryden plays extremely hard and made us work for everything," said Lester.

Aaron Koehler led Kingston (9-2 overall) with 14 points. Hunter James added a dozen points for

the winners, while Evan Neff and Nathan Dawson each added nine.

Jack Kaplan led Dryden (4-2, 7-3 overall) with a game-high 18 points.

Earlier in the week, Kingston entertained Genesee and had little trouble defeating Genesee in North Central Thumb League Stars play.

The hosts jumped out to a 26-2 advantage and never looked back en route to delivering a 67-25 whipping.

"We got off to a quick start and had contributions from everyone," Lester said.

Neff and Nathan Cloyd split 30 tallies to pace the winners, while Dawson added eight points.

Up next for Kingston is Friday's non-conference home game against Burton Academy.



RED HAWK Tiara Anthony looks to pass against defensive pressure applied by Caro's Olivia Bringard during GTW play.

Kingston girls win three

A busy schedule that included three victories last week improved the Kingston Lady Cardinals' record to 10-1 on the season.

After defeating Mayville 63-5 on Monday to kick off the week, Coach Jay Green's squad hosted Genesee on Tuesday, before turning in another defensive gem to defeat Dryden that ended the week's action on Friday.

Kingston held Dryden to just four points in each of the first half quarters, while building a 33-8 margin at the halfway point. The Lady Cardinals then limited Dryden to just two points in the third frame during the 54-18 victory.

"Dryden packed in their zone and we were able to hit a number of wide open 3-point shots," Green said.

Lily Lyons recorded game-scoring honors with 15 points for Kingston, while Camryn MacGuire chipped in 10 and Brooke Mooney, eight.

Hannah Peyer's six points were tops for Dryden.

In the Cardinals' lone home outing last week, Genesee fell 60-15.

A 30-1 run to open the North Central Thumb League Star contest removed all doubt from the game's outcome.

Lyons and Carley Smith reached double figures for Kingston and finished with 14 and 10 points, respectively. Jillyan Dinsmore added eight.

Fabulous Four's Fearless Forecast

2018-19 Basketball Picks



Ray Maurer



Clarke Haire



Geoff Morgan



Doug Hyatt

| BOYS' BASKETBALL | USA | USA | USA | USA |
|-----------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| WEDNESDAY, Jan. 23 | USA | USA | USA | USA |
| USA at Bad Axe | Reese | Reese | Reese | Reese |
| Cass City at Reese | EPBP | EPBP | EPBP | EPBP |
| EPBP at Vassar | Brown City | Brown City | Sandusky | Brown City |
| Sandusky at Brown City | Marlette | Marlette | Marlette | Marlette |
| Marlette at Uby | | | | |
| FRIDAY, Jan. 25 | | | | |
| Caro at Bad Axe | Bad Axe | Bad Axe | Bad Axe | Bad Axe |
| EPBP at Cass City | Cass City | EPBP | EPBP | EPBP |
| USA at Reese | USA | Reese | USA | Reese |
| North Huron at A.Fairgrove | North Huron | North Huron | North Huron | North Huron |
| Barton at Kingston | Kingston | Kingston | Kingston | Kingston |
| Peck at Mayville | Peck | Mayville | Mayville | Peck |
| GIRLS' BASKETBALL | | | | |
| TUESDAY, Jan. 22 | USA | USA | USA | USA |
| USA at Bad Axe | EPBP | EPBP | EPBP | EPBP |
| EPBP at Vassar | Marlette | Uby | Marlette | Marlette |
| Marlette at Uby | Reese | Reese | Reese | Reese |
| Cass City at Reese | Sandusky | Sandusky | Sandusky | Sandusky |
| Sandusky at Brown City | Kingston | Kingston | Kingston | Kingston |
| Kingston at Genesee | | | | |
| THURSDAY, Jan. 24 | | | | |
| Caro at Bad Axe | Caro | Caro | Caro | Caro |
| EPBP at Cass City | EPBP | Cass City | EPBP | EPBP |
| USA at Reese | Reese | Reese | Reese | USA |
| North Huron at A. Fairgrove | North Huron | A. Fairgrove | A. Fairgrove | North Huron |
| Peck at Mayville | Peck | Peck | Mayville | Mayville |
| LAST WEEKS' RESULTS | 16-5 | 17-4 | 18-3 | 17-4 |
| SEASON RESULTS | 72-25/74% | 72-25/74% | 71-26/73% | 72-25/74% |

Cass City wrestles to second place at Mayville tourney

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

Jordan Mester led the Cass City mat men to runner-up honors Saturday at the 8-team Mayville invite with a perfect showing. The Red Hawk freshman had plenty of help, however, as teammates Drew Markel, Lucas Swiderski, Tristan Swiderski, Ryan Pisarek, and Noah Zaleski each posted 4-1 records.

In pool action Cass City defeated Lake Orion's "B" team 49-24 and Ubyly 59-18 but fell to Otisville-Lakeville 65-12. In the championship matches they defeated Mayville 36-30 and Standish-Sterling 54-16 to bring home the second place trophy. Otisville-Lakeville finished with an unblemished 5-0 mark to capture first place.

Mester captured the 171-weight class crown by pinning all four of his opponents. He defeated Nathan Temble, Standish-Sterling, (Fall 0:53); Caleb Szlachtowicz, Richmond, (Fall 1:06); Lance Cooper, Mayville, (Fall 2:20) and Logan Hulburt, Ubyly, (Fall 4:56).

Against Standish-Sterling, other Cass City winners were: Tristan Swiderski over Robby Mitchell (Fall 2:57); Ryan Pisarek over Colin Rodgers (Fall 0:28); Hunter Caister over Nathan Temble (Fall 0:41); Noah Zaleski (Forfeit); Mason Copeland (forfeit); Alie Kalokoh (Forfeit); Drew Markel (Forfeit); Lucas Swiderski (Forfeit) and Hayden Larkin over Sarah Davis (Fall 0:47).

Other winners for Cass City against Mayville were: Ryan Pisarek, Mason Copeland, Alie Kalokoh, Drew Markel, Lucas Swiderski and Tristan Swiderski.

Turning to the match with Ubyly: Tristan Swiderski defeated Hunter Faber (TF 18-2); Race Woloshen defeated Austin Burk (Fall 1:07); Ryan Pisarek defeated Ethan Peruski (Fall 4:25); Dylan Halpin won by forfeit; Noah Zaleski won

by forfeit; Alie Kalokoh won by forfeit; Drew Markel over Michael Mausolf (Fall 3:48); Lucas Swiderski and Hayden Larkin won by forfeits.

Against Lake Orion, Cass City winners by pins were: Race Woloshen over Nolan Reetz (Fall 3:28); Ryan Pisarek over Lincoln Hull (Fall 0:37); Dylan Halpin over Reed Lawlor (Fall 1:33); Hunter Caister over Jack Felder (Fall 0:35); Noah Zaleski over Timo Nurmi (Fall 0:43).

Against champs Otisville-Lakeville, only two Red Hawks earned victory as Noah Zaleski defeated Alex Buckel (Fall 1:22) and Hunter Caister defeated Taneo Schmier (Fall 0:51).

GTC MATCHES

On Wednesday, Cass City wrapped up their dual meet schedule in league play, trading Greater Thumb Conference contests. The Red Hawks lost to Memphis 36-31 in a very exciting contest that came down to the final match. Memphis had beaten Cass City 51-24 earlier in the season. Cass City then went on to beat the host Sandusky 46-30.

Red Hawk wrestlers who recorded two victories were: Alie Kalokoh (119), Tristan Swiderski (135), Hayden Larkin (140), Race Woloshen (145/152), and Hunter Caister (189/215). Cass City finished their GTC dual meet schedule with a 7-3 record. The GTC Tournament will be held at Mayville on Saturday February 2.

"Even though it looks on paper as though we had a good week (going 5-2); in reality, we lost several individual matches that we should have won and looked very lethargic in several other matches. We will focus on recapturing the "fire", focus, and intensity that makes for a good wrestling team," said Cass City Coach Don Markel.

Cass City's dual meet record now stands at 21-9.



THE 2018-19 Cass City junior varsity girls basketball team members are: (front row, l-r) Abby Phillips, Madison Ware, Janelle Hartwick, Madison Cumper, Angel Shiel, Breanna Wolschlager (back row) Marissa Petiprin Ball, Haven Bouverette, Abbey Halabis, Sierra Spry, Kalee Gray, Autumn Sutton and Coach Dave Weiler.



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BOYS' BASKETBALL (FRESHMEN/JV/VARSITY)

| DATE | OPPONENT |
|-------------|--------------------------------|
| 11/30 | CC 79, Owen-Gage 25 |
| 12/5 | Sandusky 50, CC 39 |
| 12/7 | Ubley 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 65, CC 42 |
| 1/9 | CC 57, Vassar 49 |
| 1/11 | USA 51, CC 39 |
| 1/18 | Caro 58, CC 51 |
| 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 | Ubley 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 | CC 58, Bad Axe 46 |
| 1/8 | CC 46, Vassar 20 |
| 1/10 | USA 35, CC 29 |
| 1/17 | Caro 54, CC 50 |
| 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/Ubley | 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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Tuscola Mosquito Abatement gearing up for next summer

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

Although warm weather is still months away, Tuscola County Mosquito Abatement (TCMA) officials are getting ready for their annual suppression campaign.

The department is accepting employment applications until Feb. 1 for seasonal/temporary technician positions.

Applicants must be at least 18 years old, a high school graduate or equivalent, have a clean driving record, and must be able to pass a physical, drug screening, background check, and pass a Michigan Department of Agriculture Applicator Test.

The department employs 30 seasonal positions and four full-time staff. Applications are on line at www.tuscolacounty.org. Those seeking a position may drop off or mail a completed application to Tuscola County Mosquito Abatement Director Kimberly Green, 1500 Press Dr., Caro, MI 48723.

TCMA approach to mosquito suppression is based on the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) practices of: identification of the pest, understanding the biology of the pest, monitoring the pest, developing sound goals to manage the pest, and implementation of an IPM program.

Biological surveillance, disease surveillance, product evaluations, field operations, and public education are all part of the program.

The department primary goal is to keep the public safe from diseases transmitted by mosquitoes by reducing the mosquito population with treatment of public parks, campgrounds, trails, conservation clubs, golf courses and private property.

The department utilizes various forms of treatment, typically beginning in late March, with surveillance and treatment of flooded woodlots.

Once adult mosquitoes are present, usually in mid-May, technicians begin roadside fogging and yard treatments for homeowners where requested.

Early summer activities include routine surveillance and treatment of ditches, catch basins and sewage lagoons. Later in the season, the department conducts surveillance and treats cross country ditches.

During annual spring treatment of flooded woodlots, all technicians will work the day shift 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. When nighttime fogging begins, a night shift is added from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m.

TCMA is one of four counties in Michigan with a formal, comprehensive mosquito control program.

"Mosquito Abatement strives to keep residents safe from mosquito-borne disease, by reducing the mosquito population in our county," said TCMA Director Kimberly Green, who noted her department also partners with Tuscola County Recycling to offer free scrap tire drives, which are scheduled each year to help eliminate potential breeding sites for mosquitoes and to remove unwanted tires from communities.

Communities interested in participating in the program are asked to call Tuscola County Mosquito Abatement at (989) 672-3748 call or Tuscola County Recycling at (989) 672-1673.

The collections are limited to Tuscola County residents only, and each resident is limited to bringing seven tires, which should be clean and not attached to an axle.

According to the county's latest recycling annual report, 5,113 tires were collected in 2017.



Rep. Green ready to serve...

NEW 84TH District state Rep. Phil Green (R-Millington) is sworn in to office as his family looks on. Green, who represents citizens in Tuscola and Huron counties, recently announced his legislative office in Lansing is open and ready to serve his constituents.

'Tis the season -- state treasury officials remind taxpayers to look out for scams

As the state of Michigan begins a new year and the state income tax filing season approaches, Michigan Department of Treasury officials are asking taxpayers to resolve to be ready for tax scams in 2019.

Cybercriminals typically increase their activity in the first part of the year through phone scams and email phishing schemes. These scammers try to obtain personal information using different tricks and tactics so they can file income tax returns and claim refunds on behalf of unsuspecting taxpayers.

Some scammers may also allege a taxpayer owes taxes and aggressively demand payment for a

quick payout.

"Taxpayers need to be extra alert for possible scams and schemes during this time of year and throughout the income tax filing season," said Deputy State Treasurer Glenn White, head of treasury's Tax Administration Group. "When taxpayers proactively look for scams, they are less likely to be a victim of a tax-related identity theft and other cybercriminal activities."

White pointed out that treasury officials will never:

*Initiate a phone call or email to ask for personal information.

*Call or email to demand immediate payment using a specific

payment method, such as a pre-paid debit card, gift card or wire transfer. Generally, Treasury will first send a bill through the U.S. mail to any taxpayer who owes taxes.

*Threaten to immediately bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have the taxpayer arrested for not paying.

*Demand that taxes be paid without giving the taxpayer the opportunity to question or appeal the amount owed.

*Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.

Cybercriminals often alter caller ID numbers and emails to make it look like the state Treasury Department, the Internal Revenue Service or another official agency is contacting a taxpayer. Scammers may use employee titles, a person's name, address and other personal information to sound official.

Taxpayers who are contacted by a scammer should immediately end the call or delete the email.

Since 2016, the state Treasury Department's increased security measures protected more than 4,500 taxpayers who confirmed their identity was stolen and used to request state of Michigan income tax refunds. This prevented more than \$19 million from being distributed to scammers.

Taxpayers who have received a call or email from a scammer should report the case to the IRS through the web or by calling 800-366-4484. To learn more about tax-related identity theft, go to www.michigan.gov/identitytheft.

Tuscola commissioners honor mounted division

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

Despite all of the latest equipment and technology available, there are times when old-fashioned methods are the best.

Tuscola County Commissioners recently recognized that when they wrote a resolution honoring the Tuscola County Sheriff's Office Mounted Division.

"The resolution was not able to be presented (during the board's last meeting) because members of the mounted division were not available," said county Controller Mike Hoagland.

In August 1963, former Tuscola County Undersheriff Hugh Marr and 19 citizens were sworn in as volunteer deputies in the department's newly-established sheriff's posse, which later became known as the Tuscola County Sheriff's Mounted Division.

Since its inception, there have been 124 mounted division members. One individual has been a member since the unit began 55 years ago.

In 1969, the group became members of the Michigan Sheriff's Mounted Association, and as members of that organization hosted a Pony Express in 1989 and again in 1994. The rides raised over \$13,000 for the Make-A-Wish foundation.

The Tuscola County Sheriff's Mounted Division has also been involved in providing security for numerous events over the years, including both the KKK Rally in Caro in 1997 and a train crash near Silverwood in 1980. The group was also selected as one of two units in the state to ride with the Michigan Multi-Jurisdictional Mounted Police Drill Team and Color Guard in the inauguration of President Barack Obama in 2013 in Washington D.C.

The county resolution also noted that that: "Numerous fundraising events have been hosted by the Tuscola County Sheriff's Mounted Division, including 4-H, the Senior Christmas Dinner, Toys for Tots, and Shop-With-A-Cop. To-date the unit has also awarded 43 scholarships totaling \$23,250."

Currently, five members remain active in the reorganized unit, now known as the Tuscola County Mounted Division and Security. They are Robert Ward, Charlie Curell, Ray Rendon, Barbara Thayer and Kay Engelman.

"The Tuscola County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes the Tuscola County Sheriff's Mounted Division for all of their dedication to numerous entities in Tuscola County. We sincerely thank them for their outstanding service for making this a better community," the county resolution states.

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Obituaries

Russell Bradley, Jr

Russell Lee Bradley, Jr., 73, of Deford died following many health struggles Monday, January 14, 2019 in University of Michigan Medical Center, Ann Arbor. He was born August 1, 1945 in Grayling to Russell Lee and Rosa (Tincham) Bradley. He married Janet Mae Hurd Parrish July 27, 2001 in Ubyly.

After graduating from high school, Russell joined the U.S. Army. He served with the First Cavalry in Vietnam serving from 1962 through 1966. Russ worked for the Village of Cass City Department of Public Works for 34 years. He enjoyed deer hunting, fishing, and riding his motorcycle. Russ was a member of Deford Community Church. He truly loved nature and watching all the wildlife in his back yard. Russ was an animal lover and his cats, Shasta and Misty, miss him already.

Russell is survived by his wife, Janet; children: Juanita (Floyd) Myers of Midland, Dawn (Steve) Bradley of Kissimmee, FL, Bradford (Mary) Bradley of Cass City and Andrew (Amanda) Bradley of Caro; daughter-in-law, Lisa Bradley of Cass City; grandchildren: Kristen, William and Jeremiah; sisters: Janet Dudock of Flint, Ida (Norman) Jones of Pinconning and Kathy (William) Lang of Rose City; and many nieces and nephews.

He will also be remembered by Janet's family: Dawn (Carl 'Chip') Parrott of Branchville, SC, David (Lisa) Parrish of Grand Junction, CO, Jeff (Cyndi) Parrish of Cass City, Michael Parrish of Branchville, SC, and Jamie (Amanda) Parrish of Clarkston and their families.

He was preceded in death by his son, Gary Lee Bradley; sister and brother-in-law, Luanna and Lowell Chestnut, and his parents.

A funeral service was held Friday, January 18, in Deford Community Church with Pastor David Cooper officiating.

Memorials may be made to Tuscola County Pet Friendz or Deford Community Church. Military honors were under the direction of VFW Post #3644 and U.S. Army. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and photos with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.



Bertrand Clincke

Bertrand Hector Clincke, 89, of Cass City died following a short illness Saturday, January 19, 2019 in Northwood Meadows Medical Care Unit, Cass City.

He was born November 19, 1929 in Belgium, the fourth of eight children born to Basiel Theophil and Irma (VanDeWalle) Clincke.

He married Ghislaine Marie Maes July 21, 1956 in Our Lady of Sorrow Catholic Church, Detroit.

Bert was a commercial carpenter and member of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters Union. He worked mostly in commercial concrete form work and was a union carpenter his entire working life. He retired in 1988. After retirement Bert spent his time in his beautiful workshop creating many pieces of furniture for family and friends. In 1979 Bert and Marie moved to Almont where he planted over 4000 trees on their property. Bert took great pride in his beautiful gardens and flowers. After moving to Cass City in 1999 friends encouraged him to take up golf, which he enjoyed, especially the comraderie. Bert loved and appreciated the outdoors and enjoyed riding his bike all around the area. Bert was a member of Our Lady Consolata Parish, St. Pancratius Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus Council #8892.

Bert is survived by his wife, Marie; son, Bernard (Sue) Clincke of Murfreesboro, TN; siblings: Maria Vandaele of Belgium, Agnes Vandaele of Belgium and Franciscus (Thea) Clincke of Winnipeg, Canada; and many nieces and nephews.

He was also a godparent of: Vera De Moor and Ray Clincke.

He was preceded in death by his son, Roger G. Clincke in 1973; brothers: Roger Clincke, Joseph Clincke and Florimond Clincke and infant sister, Antoinette Clincke.

A funeral service was held Monday, January 21, in Our Lady Consolata Parish, St. Pancratius Catholic Church with the Rev. Adam Maher officiating.

Memorials may be made to Compassus Hospice, Northwood Meadows, Our Lady Consolata Parish or Michigan Parkinson Foundation.

Pallbearers for Mr. Clincke: Bernard Clincke, Ed LaBelle, Tom Osentoski, LaVerne Rutkowski, Bob Butucel and Daryl Iwankovitsch.

Interment is in Christian Memorial Gardens West, Rochester Hills. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and photos with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com. Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.



Legal Notices

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to MCL 600.3212, that the following will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on February 7, 2019:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): James Burnham Jr., a single man
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Flagstar Bank, FSB
Date of Mortgage: March 27, 2003

Date of Mortgage Recording: April 1, 2003
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$36,807.77

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Village of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: The East 1/2 of Lot 19, Lot 20 and the West 27 feet of Lot 21, Block 2, Johnson's Addition to the Village of Fairgrove, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Liber 1, Page 28A, 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).

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This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: January 9, 2019
Trott Law, P.C.

1-9-4

Mortgage Co. East MI dated the 24th day of April, 2002, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 19th day of June, 2002, in OR Liber 882 Page 611 - 625 of Tuscola Records, which said mortgage was assigned to Independent Bank, thru mesne assignments, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$21,807.76 (twenty-one thousand eight hundred seven and 76/100) plus accrued interest at 7.125% (seven point one two five) percent per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on, the 7TH day of February, 2019, at 10:00:00 AM said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI, Tuscola County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows:

All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Village of Cass City, in the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit: Lot 8, Block B - James L. Hitchcock's First Addition to the Village of Cass City, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 4A, Tuscola County Records.

Commonly known as: 4209 South Seeger Street, Cass City, MI 48726 Parcel Number: 035-500-320-0800-00 If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale the borrower, pursuant to MCLA 600.3278 will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. The redemption period shall be one year from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 9, 2019 By: Foreclosing Attorneys Attorney for Plaintiff Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A. 323 W. Lakeside Ave. Suite 200 Cleveland, OH 44113
WWR# 10147469

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by David Renee Bootz and Sharon L. Bootz of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgage to Independent

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

FOR THE COUNTY OF TUSCOLA
Case No. 18-30552-CH

US BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST, BY ITS SERVICER CALIBER HOME LOANS, HON. AMY GRACE GIERHART Plaintiff, v. UNKNOWN HEIRS, CLAIMANTS, DEVISEES OF MICHAEL C. DAVIS, Deceased and SHANNON DAVIS and MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF STATE, Defendants.

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AMENDED ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

This matter having come before the Court on Plaintiff's Ex Parte Motion to Amend Order for Service by Publication; and the Court having reviewed the motion; and the Court granting the motion; and the Court otherwise advised"

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the following be published in a newspaper in Tuscola County:

To the Unknown Heirs, Devisees and Assigns of Michael C. Davis:

1. You are being sued in this Court by the Plaintiff in an action to Quiet Title to the mobile home affixed to the real property commonly known as 4160 Birch Ln., Vassar, MI 48768-9123.

2. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this Court at the Court's address of 440 N. State St., Caro, MI 48723, on or before the 28th day after publication of this order is completed.

3. If you fail to answer or take other action permitted by law in this Court on or before the 28th day after this order is completed, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

4. A copy of this order shall be published once a week in a newspaper in a newspaper in Tuscola County for three consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed with the Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that no mailing of this Order is required. IT IS SO ORDERED. This is not a final order. Dated: 12-18-18
Hon. Amy Grace Gierhart
1-9-3

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Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Dale R. Tewksbury, a single man, mortgagor, to Mayville State Bank, mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated December 17, 2009, and was recorded on December 23, 2009, in Liber 1189, on page 1341 of the Tuscola County records. The balance owing on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is \$18,938.18, including interest at 4.25% per year. The Mortgage contains a power of sale clause and no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owing.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on February 7, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the Tuscola County Court Facility, 440 N. State Street, Caro, Michigan, that being the place of holding Circuit Court for Tuscola County, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

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

Parcel 1:
Beginning at the SE corner of Lot 1, Block 10, Village of Mayville, Tuscola Co., Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 35; thence N 84 ft; thence W 80 ft; thence S 84 ft; thence E 80 ft to the place of beginning.

Parcel 2:
Beginning at the SW corner of Lot 1, Block 10, Village of Mayville, Tuscola Co., Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 35; thence N 84 ft; thence E 52 ft; thence S 84 ft; thence W 52 ft to the place of beginning.

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

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

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

Dated: January 4, 2019
By: Henry L. Knier, Jr.
(P46393)

Attorney for Mayville State Bank, Mortgagee

900 Washington Ave., P.O. Box 219
Bay City, MI 48707 - (989) 892-4574

1-9-4

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 February 14, 2019:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Jennifer J. Gilley a single woman
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

Date of Mortgage: August 26, 2005

Date of Mortgage Recording: August 30, 2005

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$57,140.14
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Village of Cass City, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 2, Block 4, Ale's Addition to the Village of Cass City, Elkland Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, as per Plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 5, now being Page 6A of Tuscola County Records

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

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

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: January 16, 2019

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1372679

1-16-4

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 February 14, 2019:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Dennis Johnson and Bonnie Johnson, husband and wife
Original Mortgagee: TCF National Bank
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Metropolitan Life Insurance Company
Date of Mortgage: May 30, 2012

Date of Mortgage Recording: June 19, 2012

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$139,605.86
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 41 of Northwood Heights Subdivision No. 2, Section 34, Township 13 North, Range 9 East, Tuscola County

Records.

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

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

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: January 16, 2019

Trott Law, P.C.
1372688

1-16-4

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 February 14, 2019:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Wendy Marie Ralston, an unmarried woman

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): AmeriFirst Financial Corporation

Date of Mortgage: May 29, 2015

Date of Mortgage Recording: June 5, 2015

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$109,142.92

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Indianfields, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 5, Township 12 North, Range 9 East, described as: Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of Section 5, Township 12 North, Range 9 East; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, 38.50 feet along the West line of said Section 5 to the point of beginning; running thence South 89 degrees 43 minutes 58 seconds East, 295.20 feet; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, 295.20 feet; thence North 89 degrees 43 minutes 58 seconds West, 295.20 feet; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, 295.20 feet along the West line of said Section 5 to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 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 re-

demption period.

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: January 16, 2019

Trott Law, P.C.
1373242

1-16-4

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 February 7, 2019:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): James Burnham Jr., a single man

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Flagstar Bank, FSB

Date of Mortgage: March 27, 2003

Date of Mortgage Recording: April 1, 2003

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$36,807.77

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Village of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: The East 1/2 of Lot 19, Lot 20 and the West 27 feet of Lot 21, Block 2, Johnson's Addition to the Village of Fairgrove, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Liber 1, Page 28A, Tuscola County Records

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

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

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: January 9, 2019

Trott Law, P.C.
1372262

1-9-4

FORECLOSURE NOTICE (ALL COUNTIES) AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY (248) 362-6100 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Gary L. Hiser of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Independent Mortgage Company dated the 8th day of November, 2007, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 14th day of November, 2007, as Instrument Number

200700901981 of Tuscola Records, which said mortgage was assigned to Independent Bank, thru mesne assignments, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$78,661.72 (seventy-eight thousand six hundred sixty-one and 72/100) plus accrued interest at 6.750% (six point seven five zero) percent per annum. And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on, the 21st day of February, 2019, at 10:00:00 AM said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI, Tuscola County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage.

Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel

of land situate in the Township of Almer, in the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit: Lot(s) 28, ASHBRECK SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2, page 8, Tuscola County records. Commonly known as: 401 Breck Drive, Caro, MI 48723 PIDN: 79-002-035-110-2800-00 If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale the borrower, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

The redemption period shall be one year from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: January 23, 2019 By: Foreclosing Attorneys Attorney for Plaintiff Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A. 323 W. Lakeside Ave. Suite 200 Cleveland, OH 44113 WWR# 10148351

1-23-4

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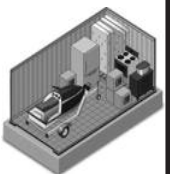
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Chase away winter blues with Lego club, American Girl Dolls

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

Rawson Memorial District Library, Cass City, is offering a hands-on activity for children whose parents might think they spend too much time on high-tech devices. The local library has also organized a special program that encourages learning about history by playing with dolls.

The library started its Lego Club in an effort to help children stretch their imagination while creating with their hands.

"A lot of other libraries offer the Lego Club. It is a great way to... get kids interested in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math), which ties in with robotics, and building and mechanics," explained library Director Kate Van Auken. "We thought if we could get kids a little younger, it would help them when they got to the middle school level. The Lego Club might give them a little extra help."

The first Lego Club meeting earlier this month drew about 15 children.

"It was a good turnout for the first one. It was an interesting mix of ages that ranged from five to about 13 years old, and drew a mix of both boys and girls," she said.

The library provides the Legos for the club, which meets from 3:30 to 5 p.m. on the second Tuesday and third Thursday of each month. Upcoming meeting dates include Thursday, Jan. 17, Tuesday Feb. 12, and Thursday, Feb. 21.

Legos come in a range of shapes and sizes, which smaller hands need to learn how to assemble and take apart. These small twists and turns of their hands, fingers and arms promote coordination and dexterity which children need for handwriting, crafts and independent dressing.

The Lego Club members' creations are on display throughout the library.

"Kids and parents see the Legos and ask about them. So, it is drawing interest," Van Auken noted.

The library's other special activities include the American Girl Doll lending program in which patrons can check out one of the dolls along with the kit it comes with and take them home for a week.

"The dolls are in and we are processing them. Once that is done, they will be able to go out. The American Girls come with a doll, books accessories, pajamas, a pillow, and a hairbrush. That all comes in a beautiful backpack kit," Van Auken said. "We are really excited about offering that, especially in our area. We have a lot of grandparents here who have their grandchildren for the weekend or over breaks and summer."

The program offers a literacy angle, with books and materials accompanying each doll.

In the American Girl lending program, the dolls come with a carrying case, original fictional character, and doll book from historical periods.

It is a unique way to explore historical periods, Van Auken added, noting the American Girl Doll lending program is a collaborative effort with the Friends of Rawson Memorial District Library.

The American Girl Dolls that will be available are: Kit Kittredge (1934), Kaya (1764), Josefina Montoya (1824) and Melody Ellison (1964).

Kit Kittredge is a clever girl with a can-do attitude who creates better tomorrows while growing up in the Great Depression. Kaya is an adventurous Nez Perce girl with a deep respect for nature and a dream of being a leader. Josefina Montoya is a quiet New Mexican girl, who uses her caring heart to heal others. And, Melody Ellison is a hopeful and positive girl who lifts her voice for equality and justice during the civil rights movement in the 1960s.



RAWSON Memorial District Library has organized its own Lego Club, and the first session drew about 15 children ages from five to 13. The free activity is offered from 3:30 to 5 p.m. on the second Tuesday and third Thursday of each month. (Photos courtesy of Jesika Struve, special programming librarian at Rawson Memorial District Library)

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- Clear a path to the meter free from snow and ice for easy access.
- Remove soft snow build-up gently, using only a broom or your hand rather than a shovel that could damage the meter.
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