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**HILLS AND Dales General Hospital officials hosted an estimated 200 people during an open house Friday celebrating completion of the hospital's \$6 million expansion/renovation project. Above, Pat Curtis, hospital board of trustees chairman, cuts the ribbon next to (from left) Jean Anthony, Hills and Dales president and CEO; Dr. Donald Robbins Jr., hospital chief of staff; 31st District state Senator Kevin Daley (R-Lum); 84th District state Rep. Phil Green (R-Millington); and Herb Spence, president of the commercial construction firm, Spence Brothers. (Photo courtesy of Dave Wohl)**

## Local man rejects plea offer, faces a jury trial Feb. 26

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

A Cass City man charged in the stabbing of an acquaintance in Cass City last summer will be going to trial later this month after rejecting a plea offer from the Tuscola County Prosecutor's Office. Details of the offer were not released.

The case stems from a late-night confrontation that turned violent July 19 between the defendant, Cal Bradley Richards, 31, Cass City, and another man. Richards allegedly stabbed the victim multiple times.

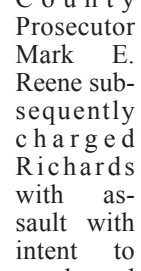
The assault took place just after 11 p.m. in the area of Pine and Brooker streets. "It actually occurred out in the street," said Cass City Police Chief Craig Haynes, who noted the assault was not a random act of violence. "They knew each other. They live a block apart."

Richards felt the victim had allegedly taken something that belonged to him months prior to the assault, according to Haynes, who reported alcohol was involved in the confrontation, which escalated to the point in which Richards allegedly pulled out a small folding

knife with a three- to four-inch blade and stabbed the victim multiple times in the upper torso – in front and behind.

The victim, identified only as a 37-year-old Cass City resident, was transported to a hospital where he underwent surgery and was recovering from his wounds.

Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark E. Reese subsequently charged Richards with assault with intent to murder and a s s a u l t with intent to do great bodily harm, both felonies, punishable by up to life in prison or any term of years, and up to 10 years in prison, respectively.



Cal Richards

Richards also faces charges of tampering with evidence and lying to a peace officer involved in a violent crime investigation.

Richards' bond was set at

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## Top cops

### Tuscola County sheriff honors officers

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

It's no secret law enforcement officers put their lives on the line on a daily basis, but many other acts of bravery and compassion — from easing the fears of a traumatized youngster to saving lives —

frequently go unnoticed by the public.

In Tuscola County, sheriffs have made an effort to ensure those acts are recognized, and current Sheriff Glen Skrent is no exception.

The Tuscola County Sheriff's Department honored its own during annual departmental meeting

last week, with Skrent handing out a number of awards and citations.

Highlighting the gathering was the presentation of the 2018 Officer of the Year Award to Jonathon Ramirez.

"Deputy Ramirez started employment in the corrections division in August of 2008 and put himself through the road patrol academy in 2009. He has shown throughout his career that he has conducted himself well under pressure. He has taken action when necessary and de-escalated situations whenever possible," said Skrent, who described the officer as a humanitarian, using his abilities, judgment and compassion to help many people when they needed it the most.

Skrent also presented Ramirez with a citation for bravery.

"In February of 2018... Deputy Ramirez was dispatched to a residence (in Vassar Township) and found a suspect holding a knife to a victim's throat. Deputy Ramirez assessed the situation, switched from his firearm and deployed a Taser to end the assault," the sheriff said.

"As soon as the scene was secure, he compassionately consoled a handicapped child who had witnessed the assault, transitioning from warrior to helper. The award was presented for his actions taken, remaining calm and professional throughout the event."

Also recognized were the following officers and other staff members:

\*Sgt. Michael Mattlin and Deputy Spencer Coleman - life-saving award; and intern Ryan Hull - citizenship award.

"In June of 2018, Sgt. Mattlin, Deputy Spencer Coleman and Intern Ryan Hull assisted the Caro Police Department at a personal injury accident on Van Geisen Road. A vehicle had left the roadway and struck a tree. The driver was found to be unresponsive," Skrent explained. "Mattlin, Coleman and Hull, along with a Caro PD officer, initiated CPR/activated AED, saving the victim's life."

\*Deputy Ryan LaFlure - citation for meritorious service.

"In September of 2018, Deputy

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**TUSCOLA COUNTY Sheriff Glen Skrent (left) presented the 2018 Officer of the Year Award to Deputy Jonathon Ramirez last week, saying Ramirez "has shown throughout his career that he has conducted himself well under pressure. He has taken action when necessary and de-escalated situations whenever possible."**

## Area school officials counting the (make-up) days 'till spring

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

Between dangerous below-zero temperatures and icy roads, a number of Thumb schools could be forced to extend their school years to compensate.

By making some minor changes now, Cass City School District officials are hoping to ease that obligation due to snow days.

The Cass City Public Schools were closed for a week because of sub-zero temperatures, and classes were again canceled on two days last week – Wednesday and Thursday – due to icy roads.

In an effort to offset those lost days, school officials are revising the school calendar to comply with the state's required days and clock

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## Thumb counties gearing up for 2019 Walk for Warmth

Thumb residents know a thing or two about bitter cold. Human Development Commission (HDC) officials are hoping that experience – along with a healthy dose of compassion – will spur them on to participate in this year's Walk for Warmth (W4W) events.

The 29th annual W4W, which will raise funds to assist people with utility emergencies, is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 23, with walker registration starting at 9 a.m. Simultaneous walks in four Thumb counties, including Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac, will get underway at 9:30 a.m.

Walk for Warmth is a statewide event sponsored by Community Action Agencies, such as HDC, to raise money to help local families in need heat their homes. Local citizens gather pledges and walk a one-mile route in the cold to keep others warm.

Last year, with the support of community volunteers and businesses, HDC raised more than \$55,000 to help struggling families and senior citizens in Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac and Tuscola counties. Money raised in each county stays in that county.

In Tuscola County, this year's walk will begin at the American Legion

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**A SEMI-TRUCK driver faced a tense wait for rescue after colliding with a Tuscola County Road Commission truck (above) at the intersection of Bay City-Forestville and Grassmere roads last week. The impact of the collision caused the road commission truck to roll onto its side and the semi to leave the road, hitting a utility pole and tree, causing a power line to come down on top of the vehicle. See story, page 4. (Photo courtesy of the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department)**

# Cass City Schools announce January Students of the Month



**Young 5's  
Student of the Month is  
Brendalynn Aldis**

Nominated by:  
Mrs. Schefka

Characteristics she displays:  
Brendalynn is a person who can be counted on to be responsible. She consistently follows directions and is a good friend to others.

Some of her favorite things:  
Tap dancing class  
Going to the movies  
Staying at my grandma's house



**1st Grade  
Student of the Month is  
Joslyn Bartnik**

Nominated by:  
Mrs. LeValley

Characteristics she displays:  
Joslyn is a top-notch student. She always listens and follows directions. Joslyn always wears a smile and has a contagious giggle. Joslyn is a wonderful example of a SOAR student.

Some of her favorite things:  
Playing with her sisters  
Playing with her cats and dog



**2nd Grade  
Student of the Month is  
Tayler Wood**

Nominated by:  
Mrs. Sweeney

Characteristics he displays:  
Tayler gives his best in everything that he does. He is very attentive, and always has a positive attitude. He is honest, kind, and caring., and helpful.

Some of my favorite things:  
School, My Family, Friends, Nintendo, Legos, Baseball & Basketball



**3rd Grade  
Student of the Month is  
Landen Whetstone**

Nominated by:  
Mrs. Stec

Landen is a great student! He always follows the school and classroom rules. He is well liked by his classmates and for many good reasons. Landen also works hard at his school work and takes it seriously.

Some of his favorite things:  
Playing with his dog  
Playing his Xbox  
Swimming



**4th Grade  
Student of the Month is  
Aby Wright**

Nominated by:  
4th Grade Teachers

Characteristics she displays:  
Aby's positive demeanor is a pleasure to be around. She is conscientious about her work and shows responsibility each day. Aby consistently volunteers in class and is always willing to help when she sees a need. Keep up the awesome attitude, Aby!

Some of her favorite things:  
Gymnastics, Reading, Ice cream, Sugar



**5th Grade  
Student of the Month is  
Kilee Hopper**

Nominated by:  
Fifth Grade Teachers

Characteristics she displays:  
Kilee is a very caring, studious, and conscientious young lady. She works hard on her studies and is always willing to help others. She is an absolute joy to have in our class-rooms. Some of my favorite things: I love pizza, I love playing with my baby brother Grant, and I love to play with my Golden Doodle, Gracie



**6th Grade  
Student of the Month is  
Shelby Ignash**

Nominated by:  
6th Grade Team

Characteristics she displays:  
Shelby has been chosen because she is dedicated to being successful academically. She seems very goal oriented and respectful, thoughtful and caring toward others.

Some of her favorite things:  
Shelby enjoys eating watermelon, playing ping pong, sports and playing with her dog.



**8th Grade Student of the Month is  
Blake Wooter**

"Blake came into 8th grade ready to work, showing great improvement from 7th grade. He's a nice kid with a bright future." - Mrs. Jane Ignash

"He is a very hard working young man that I would go to bat for" at any time. He is a quiet leader and leads by example." - Mr. Adam Dorland

Some of his favorite things:  
Favorite Subject - Social Studies, Hobbies - Sports, Weekend Fun - Sleeping, Favorite Movie - Cool Runnings, Favorite Snack - Apples.

## Cass City Elementary announces honor roll

**4th Grade**  
Jack Betts\*  
John Bulla  
D'Angelo Clement  
Conor Currier\*  
Zachary Dooley  
Marissa Dorland  
Corbin Forster  
Michael Gaul  
Robert Gibbons  
Evelyn Gniewek  
Kirsten Guc\*  
Tyler Healy  
Alyvia Hollis  
Elyse Hoppe\*  
Lilly Jaworski  
Elizabeth Kohaif\*  
Braxton Kolacz  
Kadyn Kruse  
Lindsey Langenburg\*  
Lillianne Little\*  
Blake Mackowiak  
Haylee Mahoney\*  
Sophia Mathewson  
Brady Mellendorf  
Justin Murdoch  
Aleksander Nika  
Rylyn Pringle  
James Ringle  
Ryan Robinson  
Grace Rockwell  
Toby Sattelberg  
Brody Schefka  
Milo Schwendinger  
Jannah Sheikh  
Kenna Sigmund\*  
Ethan Speirs\*  
Ella Steadman  
Alexis Tamlyn\*  
Elijah Villalpando  
Aby Wright  
Grace Zartman

**5th Grade**  
Jackson Anthony  
Kelsey Anthony  
Dylan Barrigar\*  
Lauren Bartnik\*  
Justin Bergman  
Rylee Bliss\*  
Evan Bogart  
Alli-Lynn Connolly  
Carla Cortes\*  
Braeden Dewey  
Noah Dexter  
Joseph Estep  
Chloe Franzel  
Gavin Franzel  
Richard Gibbons JR  
Braylon Gutierrez  
Brady Halabis\*  
Owen Hall\*  
Olyviya Hartwick  
Laurny Hempton\*  
Ethan Hennessey  
Madelyn Hicks  
Kilee Hopper\*

Natalie Horning  
Ashley Jones\*  
George Kile III  
Kaleigh Kubacki\*  
Madison Kulinski  
Ali Learman\*  
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Drew Lowman  
Anna Mecomber  
Breanna Miller  
Veedell Moore  
Kenton Nicholas\*  
Haven Osentoski  
Brynn Pallas\*  
Destiny Periso  
Kylie Perkins\*  
Kaylee Peters  
Jeevesh Prabaharan\*  
Trenton Roberts  
Eloisa Ross  
Sawyer Ross  
Blayk Santos  
Zachery Schram  
Nickole Shimer  
Zoe Speirs\*  
Alivia Spencer\*  
Nathanael Urban  
Michael VanWongerghem  
Ryker Wallace  
Griffin Weiler\*  
Makaylah Westendorf  
Ashley Ziemba

**6th Grade**  
Romina Basanez-Gastelum  
Carson Anthes  
Elizabeth Binder  
Mason Brown  
Taryn Burpee  
Alexis Champagne  
Danielle Curtis  
Justin Daniels  
Madyson Elston  
Maia Estrella\*  
Alysa Fritz\*  
Mason Gniewek\*  
Kacee Gray\*  
Kian Hoppe\*  
Mackenzie Hudson  
Elsa Ibarra  
Shelby Ignash\*  
Taylor Jones  
Eric Kester  
Jarod Mathewson  
Brianna McKee  
Kylie McKee  
Matthew Mellendorf  
Roman Muter\*  
Mia Myers-Caister  
Trent Patrick  
Angelina Periso  
Isabelle Phillips  
Madison Radabaugh  
Garrett Reinke  
Dylan Severance\*  
Emily Speirs\*  
William Steely



for **Robert Brown**

**When:**  
Tuesday,  
February 26  
from  
5 to 9 p.m.



Robert & Marsha Brown

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Cass City

**Cost:**  
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Children (6-12)  
\$5

Robert Brown is 47 years old. He was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis (MS) about 8 years ago. He will undergo treatment called Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant in March. This is a very costly procedure of approximately \$55,000. Insurance covers none of it.

## SUDOKU

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9			6	5	3			6
			4		6			1
3								4
7			2		9			
	2							9
			5	7	4			
		4			6			5

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# In Our OPINION...

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**Tom Montgomery**  
Editor

## Learn the risks of facing liver cancer

*Between 2004 and 2015, liver cancer incidence increased 46 percent in Michigan, prompting Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) officials to urge Michigan residents to learn about the leading causes of liver cancer and the steps they can take to reduce their risk.*

*Liver cancer is the sixth leading cause of cancer deaths in Michigan, but early detection can help lower liver cancer risk.*

*Chronic hepatitis B and hepatitis C are leading causes of liver cancer, making up 65 percent of factors contributing to liver cancer incidence in the United States.*

*The hepatitis B virus (HBV) is transmitted from person to person through contaminated blood or body fluids. HBV can spread from infected mothers to their infants at birth, through unprotected sex or through contact with blood or body fluids of a person who has the virus.*

*In 2017, there were 1,237 newly reported diagnoses of chronic hepatitis B in Michigan.*

*Hepatitis B disproportionately affects Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI). In Michigan, Asian Americans had the highest incidence of chronic hepatitis B from 2012 to 2017 compared to other racial or ethnic counterparts. In addition, AAPI have historically been the racial/ethnic group most affected by liver cancer.*

*The hepatitis C virus (HCV) is a blood-borne pathogen and is transmitted from person to person through the contaminated blood of an infected individual.*

*In 2017, there were 12,062 newly reported cases of chronic hepatitis C in Michigan. In the United States, an estimated 3.5 million Americans are living with a hepatitis C infection, and persons born from 1945 to 1965 make up 75 percent of those cases.*

*Only 50 percent of the 3.5 million Americans living with chronic hepatitis C infection, however, are aware of their current infection.*

*MDHHS urges persons born from 1945 to 1965 to lower their risk of liver damage and liver cancer by asking their healthcare provider for a hepatitis C blood test. MDHHS also recommends testing for persons with hepatitis C risk factors.*

*More recently, there have been increases in the rate of new hepatitis C infections related to injection drug use and young adults. The primary risk factor for HCV transmission is sharing needles, syringes or drug preparation equipment.*

*Residents can lower their risk of liver cancer by:*

*\*Identifying your risk for hepatitis B or hepatitis C. Take the CDC's 5-minute online Hepatitis Risk Assessment tool: [Cdc.gov/hepatitis/riskassessment](http://Cdc.gov/hepatitis/riskassessment).*

*\*Getting tested if you are at risk— ask your healthcare provider for the test.*

*\*Protecting yourself and your loved ones from hepatitis B. Ask your healthcare provider for the hepatitis B vaccine.*

*\*Talking to your doctor about treatment options if you are currently infected with hepatitis B or hepatitis C.*


*\*Avoiding excessive alcohol consumption.*

*For more information on viral hepatitis and testing and vaccination recommendations, visit [Cdc.gov/hepatitis](http://Cdc.gov/hepatitis) or [Mi.gov/hepatitis](http://Mi.gov/hepatitis). For more information on liver cancer and viral hepatitis, visit [Cdc.gov/hepatitis/featuredtopics/livercancerandhepatitis.htm](http://Cdc.gov/hepatitis/featuredtopics/livercancerandhepatitis.htm).*

# Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

New student in school



The Akron-Fairgrove School District prides itself for being on the cutting edge of new ideas in education.

They were the first, and are the only district in Tuscola County, to use a “balanced calendar” schedule in which students attend classes year around with breaks throughout the year.

They also have a new staff member on board that does not have a degree — or even a pedigree, for that matter. The new staffer is a puppy, about eight weeks old, that will serve as a therapy dog.

It is not unusual for therapy dogs to visit schools on special occasions, but in the Akron-Fairgrove School District, the puppy belongs to the school and will be raised by those in the school.

They named the puppy Garth. He will be at the school to comfort students, and for the students to learn compassion, responsibility and love.

Because the school district’s mascot is the Vikings, I think a better name for the four-pawed member would be Thor.

Students in sixth through twelfth grades will participate in getting Garth to learn commands. I totally love that concept.

I’m a dog lover. I’ve always had a dog since I was a little girl, and while I’ve had a lot of dogs over the years, two were very special to me. One was Brandy and the other was Sergeant.

I was in the process of getting Sergeant when my son was killed in Iraq. So, I named my little ball of

fur for the rank my son had held.

No matter how sad you are, you have to laugh or at least smile at a puppy’s antics. And, he was there to support me when I went through cancer surgery, and during chemo. It was while dealing with chemo that Sgt. started sleeping with me, and his escapades provided fodder for many a column over the years.

He grew to be a very big dog. He weighed 120 to 130 pounds, and he was not overweight. I had a friend who would visit Sergeant with her daughter regularly. The little girl grew to love the dog that was about as big as her, and he also loved her.

When he had a major health issue, she made a get-well card for him and wanted regular updates on how he was doing. Because he had stitches, he couldn’t have visitors for a few days when he returned home because he would get so excited.

When he was healed enough to have company, those friends were the first to arrive.

Later, my friend told me her daughter was concerned and worried that I wouldn’t let him stay in the house at night while he was recovering. She laughed as she told her daughter that Sergeant slept beside me every night.

Sergeant passed away almost three years ago now. I still miss him greatly. Dogs are the only thing that will truly love you no matter what.

It is wonderful Akron-Fairgrove students will have the opportunity to experience that.

## Letters to the Editor

### What happened to transparency vow?

I noticed there was no mention of the public hearing and adoption of opt-out recreational marijuana ordinances in last Wednesday’s (Jan. 30) paper, nor any mention of the first reading of an ordinance to allow a marijuana grow and processing facility in Cass City.

Ordinance #183 was not on the mid-month committee of the whole agenda where month end agenda items are presented for discussion. With such a hot topic item, it’s odd that two council members were apparently unaware that it was going to be on the agenda until they received their council packets two days before the meeting. Jenny Zawilinski specifically asked at the end of the meeting, why she as a council member was unaware it was being presented for a first reading...and asked if there were meetings being held by some council members at the exclusion of others.

Manager (Debbie) Powell explained that personnel and public safety committee representative Rob Piskowski asked that the ordinance be placed on the agenda. A village resident indicated council Trustee (Joe) Leeson mentioned prior to the meeting that he was surprised to see it on the agenda, since it wasn’t discussed or brought up at the committee of the whole.


Since Cass City residents were evenly divided on this hot topic in July, it begs the question of why the rush to quietly push through a proposed first reading of this ordinance? Residents should have the right to transparency in government....the right to have ample time to review, research and question aspects of such an important ordinance. Especially one that has the potential to impact property values, safety and use and enjoyment of outdoor spaces for residents who live and pay taxes in town.

December 2018 news reports about issues in Chesaning and how that may impact residents here, fell on deaf ears at the meeting.

Just wondering...two months after the election — what happened to the pledge of “transparency”?

Nancy Barrios  
Cass City

*Editor’s note: There was no mention of the public hearing and discussion of/action on the marijuana ordinances in the Jan. 30 issue of the Chronicle because that meeting of the village council (rescheduled due to the weather) was held after we had already gone to press that week. A story outlining the council’s action was published on the front page of the Chronicle’s next edition, Feb. 6.*



## Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Michiganders have the chance to help protect children when they file their state income tax returns.

A checkoff box on the state income tax return form allows residents to donate \$5, \$10 or more to go toward preventing child abuse in Michigan through the Children’s Trust Fund.

The Children’s Trust Fund — a nonprofit within the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services — serves as a voice for Michigan’s children and families and promotes their health, safety and welfare by funding effective local programs and services that help prevent child abuse and neglect.

“As Michiganders file their taxes this year, we hope they will check the Children’s Trust Fund box on the Voluntary Schedule Form,” said Michael Foley, director of the Children’s Trust Fund. “We appreciate the generous support that we receive every year from residents as they file their state taxes. Checking the box allows us to fund local programs throughout the state that prevent child abuse and neglect.”

The Children’s Trust Fund checkoff box is on the Voluntary Contribution Schedule Form 4642.

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There are a few old timers in the area that may remember my uncle Lew Fenton - including Marilyn Peters who work with him in the Owen-Gage school district many years ago.

Lew passed away last week. He was in his early 80s. Uncle Louie was a great story teller and a man’s man. He like to hunt, fish, introduced me to snowmobiling, and was a long-time varsity football coach for Saginaw Eisenhower.

One year as skipper of the Saginaw Eisenhower gridiron team, his squad had 80 players. Can you image that Scott Cuthrell?

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In typical fashion, Cass City High School foreign exchange students were introduced during halftime of the Red Hawk basketball contest with visiting USA. In total they were eight announced by Jon Zdrojewski (how he pronounced they names was beyond me).

Anyway, there’s names were Alie Kalokon, Serigne Mbodji, Ghazi Shawish, Shahrom Saidahmadzod, Savina Terpe, Maelys Christien, Orsolya Pleban, and Ishak Mamutov.

Can you guess any of their nationalities from those spellings? We’ll revel the answers in next week’s Rabbit Tracks. Best of luck.

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This just in — courtesy of Connie Iwankovitsch. The Cass City Jr. High Musical is scheduled for Saturday, February 23 at 7PM. Original performance was to be in November, but we had ineligibility issues, rescheduled for January, then had to reschedule again for February. The show must go on... we hope! “Fee Fi Fo Fum” is a One-Act musical comedy with a cast of 11. And YES... Jack will save Cass City from the Giant! The Cass City High School play “Murder at Crimson House,” is a musical comedy mystery. With a cast of 16, performances are scheduled for March 8, 9, and 10, if snow days are kept to a minimum.

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## CALENDAR EVENTS

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### Wednesday, February 13

•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.

### Thursday, February 14

•AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.  
•Caregiver Connection, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., Country Gardens, Scheurer Hospital, 203 N. Caseville Rd., Pigeon. For more information, call Merry at (989) 673-4121.

### Friday, February 15

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

### Saturday, February 16

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

### Sunday, February 17

•Thumb Area Companions, 3 p.m., hosted by Dawn Woidan at 6048 Delong Rd. Deford. social support group that strives to benefit from social contact with others experiencing grief/loss.

### Monday, February 18

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

### Tuesday, February 19

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

#### STANDING COMMUNITY CALENDAR ITEMS

##### First Saturday:

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

##### First Sunday:

•Hillside Community Brunch, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., All you can eat. Free will offering.  
•Thumb Area Companions, 3 p.m., hosted by Dawn Woidan at 6048 Delong Rd. Deford. social support group that strives to benefit from social contact with others experiencing grief/loss.

##### First Monday:

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

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

##### Second Tuesday:

•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 Sunday:

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##### 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.

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##### 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.

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

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# Tuscola Co. man facing 26 charges in police shooting

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

A Tuscola County man arrested after shooting a Saginaw Township police officer was formally arraigned on more than two-dozen charges last week in Saginaw County District Court.

In all, Joshua Rosebush, 29, of Vassar, faces 26 charges, including two counts of assault with intent to murder in connection with the Jan. 22 incident in which he allegedly shot Saginaw Township Officer Jeff Koenig, 48, and shot at a second officer — the Shiawassee County detective who apprehended him — during a crime spree that covered three counties.

Rosebush, who has been in the custody of the Michigan Department of Corrections for parole violations, appeared in court via video.

In addition to assault with intent

to murder, he faces felony charges of receiving and concealing a stolen firearm, three counts of vehicle theft, six counts of being a felon in possession of a firearm, 13 counts of possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony, and one count of obstructing a police officer.

Investigators say Rosebush allegedly shot Koenig in the face during a traffic stop in Saginaw County's Kochville Township while driving a stolen pickup truck. Koenig, who underwent surgery and is recovering from his injuries, was able to radio



Joshua Rosebush

for help. Rosebush fled the scene and allegedly stole a construction equipment truck that police later found abandoned in Flint Township.

According to reports, Rosebush was next spotted driving a stolen van on I-69. Shiawassee County Sheriff's Detective Scott Shenk started following the suspect vehicle, but before back-up officers could arrive, Rosebush exited the freeway, stopped and engaged the detective in a gunfight. Rosebush suffered a minor facial injury, and Shenk was not hurt.

Rosebush, who was wanted in Tuscola County in connection with a series of vehicle break-ins and thefts when the shootings took place, remains in jail and was scheduled to be back in court Thursday.

If convicted of the charges, Rosebush could spend the rest of his life in prison.

## Tense wait after semi hits road truck

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

A Bay City semi-truck driver faced a tense wait for rescue after colliding with a Tuscola County Road Commission truck last week.

The accident occurred Tuesday at about 9:30 a.m. at the corner of Bay City-Forestville and Grassmere roads in Elkland Township, according to Tuscola County Sheriff Glen Skrent, who noted Tuscola County Weighmaster Deputy Ryan Herford and Sgt. Michael Mattlin, along with the Elkland and Elmwood Township

Gagetown fire departments responded.

"There was a report that a subject in a semi-truck could not get out of the truck as fuel was leaking and a power line had fallen on the truck," Skrent reported.

Investigators determined that the Tuscola County Road Commission truck had been traveling east on Bay City-Forestville Road, and that the 53-year-old driver from Unionville began to turn north onto Grassmere Road. "As he did, a semi-truck, driven by a 24-year-old Bay City man, (who was) behind the road commission truck, attempted to pass the road com-

mission truck, striking it," Skrent said.

"The impact caused the road commission truck to roll onto its side and the semi to leave the road, hitting a utility pole and tree, causing the power line to come down on it," he added. "Emergency personnel had to wait until Detroit Edison responded before getting the semi-truck driver out."

The sheriff said both drivers suffered minor injuries in the crash and were transported to Hills and Dales General Hospital by MMR Ambulance for treatment.

The names of the drivers were not released.

## Circuit court proceedings

# Several appear on felony charges

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

\*Zachary D. Perkins, 27, Bremen, Ga., was sentenced to 13 months to 10 years in prison following his plea of no contest to child abuse, second degree, June 26 in Vassar.

He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$258.

\*Robert V. Pratt, 63, was sentenced to 539 days in prison following his pleas of no contest to assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) and assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer June 7, 2017, in Watertown Township; no contest to assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer May 13, 2017, in Tuscola Township; and no contest to absconding or forfeiting bond May 22, 2017, in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

Pratt, who is listed as being homeless, was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$842.

\*Hether L. Zeckser, 31, Caro, pleaded no contest to assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer Sept. 28 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was

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

\*Andrea M. Webster, 30, Saginaw, pleaded no contest to three counts of stealing/retaining a financial transaction device without

consent of the device-holder Aug. 15-17 in Gilford Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$6,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

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## Reporter's notebook

You can't go home again. It's a shame

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor



I was born in a year that marked some amazing times in this country, an era that feels hundreds of years in the past when I look around at the pessimistic, angry, largely lost society in which I live today.

Maybe it's my rose-colored glasses, but it seems to me Americans were ambitious and hopeful and knew who they were in 1962.

The year saw the oral polio vaccine developed by Albert Sabin given to millions of children to combat polio. John Glenn became the first American to orbit the Earth in February 1962. Then-President John F. Kennedy's speech the same year, pushing this nation to be the first to put men on the moon, came to fruition seven years later when Apollo 11 landed and Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin Jr. became the first human beings to walk on the moon's surface.

The United States, a powerful and respected nation then, stood firm as the Cold War continued to worsen. The Cuban Missile Crisis unfolded in 1962 when the Russians placed ballistic missiles in Cuba, just 90 miles away from the coast of Florida, and Kennedy called the bluff by threatening war unless they were removed.

Americans knew who they were and what they stood for then, at least those were my thoughts as I marked by 57th birthday last week.

Folks still know who and what they are these days — many of them have just decided they "identify" as being someone (or something) else, and they along with various vocal minorities expect the rest of the world to accept their twisted view of reality or risk the label of being a hater. In short, we're constantly being pelted with the thinly-veiled message that everything is acceptable (spoiler alert: it's not).

The value of just about everything has risen — except the value we place on life, a horrifying trend we continue to see with all-too-frequent random acts of violence and in abortion clinics across the nation.

A multitude of our national leaders continue to reach new heights when it comes to being self-serving and just plain ridiculous — and worse — so desperate to hang on to their party labels no matter the cost to the citizens they're supposed to be serving.

And for what?

We seem to have forgotten that old adage, "United we stand, divided we fall."

Of course, the technology that has consumed this country — and world — in recent decades has contributed to the cause.

We've never had so much information so readily (and instantly) available. That's good, and bad, considering much of the information that is so readily available is also inaccurate, spread across social network sites and many media outlets, all in a race to be first.

We've become lazy, all too willing to point fingers without looking in the mirror and opening up to the fact that too many of us are content to be spoon-fed reports, swallowing everything we hear, hook, line and sinker, because we can't find the time to do a little research (rather ironic in an age when the facts are just a few keyboard taps away, don't you think?).

I suppose it's age, but there are times when I yearn for the much (seemingly) simpler way of life we left behind in the 1960s. Who wouldn't love to see common decency drown out the level of anger we face on a daily basis these days?

At least people talked to each other, face to face, back then.

Oh, well. I suppose Author Thomas Wolfe was right; you really can't go home again.

But there certainly are days — these days — I wish he was wrong.

## Community foundation set to accept applications for spring grant funding cycle

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Tuscola County organizations looking to share in more than \$100,000 in grant funding to be distributed through the Tuscola County Community Foundation (TCCF) in the spring have just over two weeks to file an application.

That's according to John Hunter, executive director of the foundation, who said applications must be postmarked by Friday, March 1.

"The Tuscola County Community Foundation is offering grants to fund projects within Tuscola County. Approximately \$110,000 will be available to apply for during this upcoming spring grant cycle for eligible Tuscola County organizations," Hunter said.

Applications are available on the website [www.tuscolaccf.org](http://www.tuscolaccf.org) under the "grant application" drop-down section. Those planning to submit an application are asked to first review the grant guidelines document and, if they have any questions related to the application process, contact Hunter via email at [tcfc534@century.net](mailto:tcfc534@century.net) or by calling (989) 673-8223.

Representatives of the following funds will be awarding funding in the spring:

- \*Janks Fund, \$50,000 available for unrestricted projects.
- \*Andrews Fund, \$15,000 for children's activities.
- \*Future Youth Involvement (FYI) Fund, \$30,000 for youth programs.
- \*Tuscola County Homelessness Fund, \$2,000 to aid the homeless in Tuscola County.
- \*Healthy Youth/Healthy Seniors Fund, \$4,000 for health-oriented programs for youth/seniors.
- \*Founders Fund, \$3,000 for unrestricted projects.
- \*Greater Millington Area Fund, \$5,000 for the betterment of the Millington community.
- \*Anne S. Laethem Fund, \$500 for the preservation of historic buildings in Tuscola County.
- \*Don List Fund for Special Needs Children, \$900 to provide for special needs children.

In December, TCCF officials distributed nearly \$142,000 as part of the organization's annual fall distribution cycle.

The total included a combined \$10,000 in grants awarded to the village of Cass City for a new water filtration system and needed lifeguard equipment for the Helen Stevens Memorial Pool.

"TCCF maintains over 90 funds, most endowed," noted Hunter, who is in his first year as executive director of the foundation following the retirement of longtime director and former veteran Cass City educator Ken Micklash.

Hunter said the foundation's current assets top \$13 million, with more than \$4.7 million awarded from the various funds, to-date, for the purpose of helping to make Tuscola County a better place to live.

## Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



### 5 YEARS AGO (2014)

Schneeberger's congratulates Shania Chambers as their "Athlete of the Week" award winner. The Cass City senior recorded a game-high 14 points Thursday to lead the Lady Red Hawk cagers past visiting Bay City All Saints. Chambers hit 3 treys, passed for 4 assists and recorded 3 steals in the 50-16 victory. Coach Clarke Haire says Chambers' statistics don't tell the whole story. "Shania is the best girl athlete I've ever coached. She's our best ball handler and defender. She's the glue that holds this team together," says Haire of his 4-year letter winner. "I would like to see Shania take more shots, but she would rather pass. She's the best true point guard in the Greater Thumb West Conference, in my opinion," said Haire. Chambers, a 3-sport star, is the daughter of Shelly and Bill Chambers.

Kudos to Sgt. James M. Freeman of the Cass City Police Department. He was lauded at Monday's village council meeting for his handling of an employee embezzlement complaint, filed by a manufacturing company in the village. According to Freeman's boss, Chief of Police Craig Haynes, his detailed investigation required several search warrants for banking records, along with many interviews. At the conclusion of his investigation, a felony warrant was obtained for embezzlement.

### 10 YEARS AGO (2009)

Elkland Township Fire Chief Ron Pawloski will end a 36-year tenure with the fire department, including 12 years as chief, at the end of 2009. Pawloski's emergency response career has also included 28 years with various ambulance services in the village.

Alicia Leipprandt and Clark Walsh have a lot in common; both Ubly teens are high school seniors - Leipprandt in Ubly and Walsh in Cass City - both are good students and standout athletes. And, both have a dream to fly. The area seniors recently earned a shot at that dream with their acceptance into the U.S. Air Force Academy. U.S. Rep. Candice Miller (MI-10) announced the appointments last week. "These 2 seniors have shown themselves to be role models for their peers both in their schools and in their communities," Miller said. "Their commitment to American values is apparent in their accomplishments thus far, and it is my honor to have nominated each of them to our nation's Air Force Academy."

### 25 YEARS AGO (1994)

A new effort is underway to save the historic "Round Barn" near Gagetown. The Thumb Octagon Barn Committee was formed last fall and has been meeting since late January, according to Betty Pattullo, a member of the group, who explained the renewed effort falls under the umbrella of the Tuscola 2001 project. The committee's first priority is to repair the barn, which in recent months has shown increasing evidence of the toll exacted by the elements over the years.

1993 proved to be the busiest year ever for Rawson Memorial Library in Cass City, with a whopping 94,000 items checked out. The total figures out to 11.5 items per capita - more than double the state average of 5.2. The count doesn't include items used but not checked out, such as reference materials and newspapers. The banner year comes as no surprise to library officials, who say community support has always played a vital role in the local library's history.

Air Force Airman Jason D. Klein has graduated from the special purpose vehicle and equipment mechanic course at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio. Students were taught vehicle maintenance inspection systems, policies, and procedures for special purpose vehicles and equipment. Examples are aircraft de-icers, cargo loaders, crawler tractors, snow removal equipment and sweepers.

Marine Pfc. Jason P. Griswold,

son of Brenda K. Griswold of Snover, recently reported for duty at Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C. He joined the Marine Corps in February 1993. As of Feb. 1, the U.S. Navy had 417 ships: 174 of them are underway; 87 of them are deployed. It has 12 exercises ongoing with 14 countries and port visits to 10 countries.

### 35 YEARS AGO (1984)

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ferris were honored at a wedding reception after the Sunday evening service at First Baptist Church. A buffet meal was served. The Ferrises are living in Grand Rapids.

Douglas and Tammy Laurie of Hoppe Road announce the birth of a son, Guthry John, Jan. 31 at Huron Memorial Hospital, Bad Axe. He is their first child and weighed six pounds and five ounces. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Laurie of Cass City and Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Wissner of Sebawaing.

The last freight train left Cass City at 4:40 p.m. last Thursday. It consisted of two locomotives, snowplow car, two empty cars it picked up in Cass City, one at the Pillsbury elevator and the other at General Cable, and a caboose. It stopped in Owendale on its way north to pick up six empty fertilizer cars at Sohigro Service.

After almost seven years as Elkland Township supervisor, Jack Gallagher has decided this will be his last. The Koepfgen Road resident told the Chronicle there was no special reason for his deciding not to seek reelection, simply that he has "just decided not to." He admitted there are some pressures to the job of being supervisor and assessor.

### 40 YEARS AGO (1979)

Mrs. Glenn McClorey and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Crawford of Caro visited their sister-in-law, Mrs. Arthur Crawford at St. Joseph's Hospital, Pontiac, Sunday afternoon. Clare Crawford, a brother of Mrs. McClorey and Lewis and Arthur Crawford, returned to his home in Pontiac after being a surgical patient at Crittendon Hospital, Rochester.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Thane of Cass City announce the engagement of their daughter Sherril Kay Thane, to John Edwin Tarplee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pike Tarplee of St. Paul, Ind. An April 28 wedding is being planned at the Colwood United Brethren Church.

Several Cass City High School vocational agriculture students were among those who placed in the bash crop production projects sponsored by Wickes Agriculture elevators for Future Farmers of America members.

Awards were presented by the firm at its 22nd annual Big Acre awards banquet Feb. 14 in Frankenmuth. Senior Dwight Loeding won major gold awards for outstanding individual performance in corn and soybeans. He also took first place awards in oats and wheat. Other winners were Matt Heronemus, first in navy beans; Bob Leslie, second in corn; Randy Vollmar, second in oats; Barb Broecker, second in soybeans and navy beans; Dan Hunt, fourth in oats and third in corn; Ed Zimba, third in oats; Don Hunt, fourth in corn, and Larry Leppke, sixth in corn. Entrants were judged on such factors as record keeping, preparation of an article with photographs about their project, yields and varieties used.

### 50 YEARS AGO (1969)

Chloe Ann Wills entertained 16 friends at a birthday party Saturday afternoon at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wills. Refreshments were served and games were played. Guests included: Terry Lynn and Bobbi Jo Mac Kay, Debbie and Mary Jo Lockwood, Laurie Frederick, Laurie Ware, Kelli Jo Winter, Sandra Guinther, Kristine Bresky, Lisa Frederick, Sharon Osantoski, Lorna and LuEllen Lowe, Lisa White, Karen Schmidt and Sherry Wells. It was Chloe Ann's eighth birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bond of Lansing are the parents of a new daughter, born Friday, Feb. 7, in Sparrow hospital. The baby weighed seven pounds and six ounces. The Bonds also have a son Greg, 6, and daughter, Gayle, 3.

Kenneth Hayes, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hayes, has been injured by enemy shrapnel in S. Vietnam near Saigon. The Hayes family received word Feb. 1 in a letter from their only son that he had been hit in the lower abdomen area and was hospitalized at Cam Rahn Bay in Vietnam. Mrs. Jim Hayes reported they were "slightly shook" when they received the letter they had as of Monday received. no confirmation from U.S. government officials. He was hit Jan. 27. Kenneth wrote his parents that he was not injured seriously and that at the time of the letter writing, he was "feeling better". He has been awarded the Purple Heart.

### 75 YEARS AGO (1944)

Among the 10 Michigan men who were on Jan. 7 commissioned and given the wings of the military pilot is 2nd Lt. John Arnold Reagh, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Reagh, Twin Lakes Club, Branch, Mich. The Reaghs were formerly residents of Cass City and John Arnold was graduated from the high school here in 1937. He qualified as an aviation cadet April 10, 1943.

Howard Taylor son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy M. Taylor, of Cass City, is one of nine First Lieutenants recently promoted to Captain at Fort Sheridan, Ill. Capt. Taylor, assistant registrar at the station hospital, received his promotion this week. He has been stationed at Fort Sheridan since June, 1942. After graduating from Michigan State College, he remained in the school's employ until he entered the Army as a private in 1941. He was commissioned in 1942.

Lt. Ralph W. Rawson has been recalled from duty outside the United States and ordered to post graduate training in Annapolis, Maryland. The course is scheduled to last 18 months and Lt. Rawson will specialize in Ordnance Engineering (aviation). Two officers of the regular Navy were appointed to take the course during 1944. Lt. and Mrs. Ralph W. Rawson will be in Annapolis after Mar. 6, Lt. Rawson has been with the U. S. Navy patrol squadron flying patrol planes.

### 100 YEARS AGO (1919)

Lieut. Leslie P. Koepfgen, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Koepfgen of Cass City, arrived at New York Tuesday from overseas service wearing a distinguished service cross for downing two German planes at Stenay. Lieut. Koepfgen was up at the front from August until the armistice was signed bombing German troops, towns, railways and roads. Twice he narrowly escaped being made a prisoner, and had it not been for the fact that the Americans had made big advances during the day, he would have been captured. One of these times, his plane was shot down with one of the wings nearly gone and one cylinder torn off. He was in many fights and has four German planes to his credit which are official and a couple more unofficial.

Cyrus Wells of Kingston township is getting together a fine herd of Hereford cattle. Last Thursday, he brought home a nice thoroughbred heifer of this breed which he had purchased from James Profit of Elkland township. The animal was nine months old.

S. F. Bigelow returned Thursday evening from his trip to the Agricultural College at Lansing where the convention of breeders and feeders of Michigan was held last week. Mr. Bigelow was on the program for a speech in the Hereford section of the convention, having for his topic "Why Breed Herefords." While there he purchased a fine heifer from the college herd, a Hereford of course. This is the second animal Mr. Bigelow has secured from this institution.

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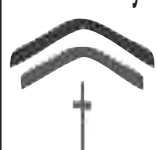
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# Spirit of community

## Thumb teens distinguished finalists in Prudential program



**ORGANIZERS OF the 15th annual Taste of the Thumb event, held recently in Peck, say the 2019 fundraiser proved to be a big success, generating nearly \$5,000 for the Sanilac County Child Abuse Prevention Council.**

### “Taste of Thumb” event raises \$5,000 for Sanilac kids in need of support

Organizers say the 2019 Taste of the Thumb event in Sanilac County proved to be a big success, generating nearly \$5,000 for the Sanilac County Child Abuse Prevention Council.

“This year’s 15th annual Taste of the Thumb was held on Sunday, January 26, in Peck. A large crowd of patrons enjoyed food and spirits from ten great vendors,” reported Amy Dumaw, prevention education specialist with the Sanilac County Child Abuse Prevention Council. “Comments were positive, indicating that this was one of the best Taste of the Thumb events yet.”

The Sanilac County Child Abuse Prevention Council is part of the S.A.V.E. (Sanilac Area Violence Elimination and Education) Partnership, which is a consolidated collaboration of Sanilac County entities that provide programs related to child abuse, domestic violence, sexual assault and homelessness, according to Dumaw.

“The Sanilac County Child Abuse Prevention Council would like to thank all of the vendors and patrons for their generous support, which allows the council to provide child abuse prevention education, programs and intervention services to child victims of sexual and physical abuse,” Dumaw said.

More information about the council, including its mission, and ways residents can support their efforts is available by contacting Jennifer Gezequel at (810) 648-4098 (ext. 155) or Dumaw at (810) 648-4098 (ext. 144), or by visiting the agency’s new website at [www.sanilac-child.org](http://www.sanilac-child.org).

They’re supporting people with disabilities, kids experiencing homelessness and communities affected by Hurricane Harvey. A few have made it their mission to focus attention on teen mental health. Others are raising money and awareness to help children with cancer.

Those are just some stories of the 102 youth volunteers – two from each state and the District of Columbia – who were named state honorees/recipients of the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, a nationwide program honoring students in grades 5-12 for outstanding volunteer service.

This year’s Michigan honorees are Emma Eimers of New Haven and Emily Potter of Dowagiac.

In addition, the program’s judges recognized 234 students nationwide as Distinguished Finalists for their impressive community service activities, and three of Michigan’s finalists hail from the Thumb. They are Addy Battel of Cass City, Pearl Daskam of Ubyly and Amber Essenmacher of Bad Axe. Each will receive an engraved bronze medallion.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, now in its 24th year,

is conducted by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP). “These young volunteers learned a n d demonstrated that they can make meaningful contributions to individuals and communities through their service,” said Prudential CEO Charles Lowrey. “It’s an honor to recognize their great work, and we hope that shining a spotlight on their service inspires others to consider how they



Addy Battel



Pearl Daskam

might make a difference.” “Each of these honorees is proof that students have the energy, creativity and unique perspectives to create positive change,” said JoAnn Bartoletti, executive director of NASSP. “We commend each of the 2019 honorees for their outstanding volunteer service, and for the invaluable example they’ve set for their peers.”

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards represents the United States’ largest youth recognition program based solely on volunteer service. All public and private middle level and high schools in the country, as well as all Girl Scout councils, county 4-H organizations, American Red Cross chapters, YMCAs and affiliates of Points of Light’s HandsOn Network, were eligible to select a student or member for a local Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

Local honorees were then reviewed by an independent judging panel, which selected state honorees and finalists based on criteria that includes personal initiative, effort, impact and personal growth.

## Cass City’s Benjamin Schott named new CEO of Thumb Bank and Trust

The board of directors of Thumb Bank and Trust recently announced that, following the retirement of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Jay C. Dubey, the bank has appointed Benjamin F. Schott of Cass City as the new CEO.



Benjamin Schott

Schott began his banking career with Thumb Bank and Trust as a co-op student in 1991. Early in his career, he held positions in credit administration and financial planning. Schott progressed through the ranks at Thumb Bank and Trust and most recently served as chief operating officer.

“We have a great team and I am excited to build upon that team as we continue to provide quality products and services to our customers throughout the Thumb and Bay regions,” Schott said. “The incredible support from the board, the executive team, employees,

and customers is inspiring. I feel honored to be a part of this organization.”

Schott graduated from Central Michigan University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in business administration with a major in finance. He also attended the Robert Perry School of Banking and the Midwest Trust School and

is a certified financial planner. Schott is currently a member and past president of the Cass City Gavel Club, and current treasurer of the Cass City Boys Little League.

He and his wife, Tonya, reside in Cass City with their three children.

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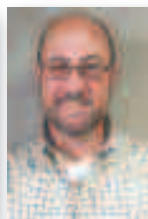
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**Sheriff Skrent recognizes officers' efforts**

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LaFlure was dispatched to a woman-in-labor call. Deputy LaFlure remained calm and assisted the family for the impending birth. The woman who had given birth appreciated Deputy LaFlure for his assistance on several occasions, and believed that he went above and beyond in his duties," Skrent said.

\*Deputy Bradley Spangler - life-saving citation.

"In August of 2018, Deputy Spangler answered a call in Millington Township, reference a juvenile in emotional distress. The juvenile had left her home, however, Deputy Spangler did not give up on locating her," Skrent said. "He used several investigative techniques and eventually found her just as she was trying to commit suicide. Deputy Spangler's diligence paid off and a life was saved."

\*Deputy Ryan LaFlure and Deputy Cory Jacobs - citations for bravery.

"In March of 2018, Deputy LaFlure and Deputy Jacobs were dispatched to an address on South Van Buren Road, reference a suspect who had made threats of harming and/or killing her children," the sheriff said. "Officers from Vassar and Reese also responded (and) were confronted by a suspect who pointed a gun at them. Officers were able to remove the children from the house during the standoff. Eventually, Deputy LaFlure seized a moment, placed himself in harm's way and disarmed the suspect, thereby ending the incident."

\*Deputy Shannon Gwizdala - citation for professional excellence. "Deputy Gwizdala keeps track of all evidence, releases reports, consults with the prosecutor's office, handles FOIA requests and assists covering the lobby, to name a few of her duties. She has modernized the evidence process at the sheriff's office. Deputy Gwizdala is classified as one of the 'unsung heroes' at the department," Skrent explained.

\*Administrative Assistant Heidi Chicilli - citation for professional excellence.

"Heidi Chicilli has shown professional excellence every day that she works," Skrent noted. "She is always willing to help any employee without complaint. Her organizational skills are outstanding. Heidi goes above and beyond in her duties and is a great member of the community with her school activities."

\*Deputy Jordan Alexander - citation for professional excellence.

"In June of 2018, Deputy Alexander was dispatched to (Kingston) for someone threatening a business. The business provides treatment for victims of abuse and neglect, specializing in children who are treatment-resistant and often hard to place. In today's society, these types of complaints are cause for harm," said Skrent, who added he received a letter from the business director commending Alexander on her responsiveness, professionalism and diligence in resolving the incident.

\*Detective Scott Jones, Detective James Hook, Deputy Steve Roland, Deputy Jon Ramirez and Deputy Ryan LaFlure - meritorious service; and Sgt. Josh Herman - professional excellence.

"In April of 2018, officers responded to a call in Arbel Township, reference a missing person call. Officers quickly deter-

mined that this was more than what was being reported. All officers involved worked diligently to establish and protect the crime scene, investigate, collect evidence and conduct follow-up in order to obtain a warrant for murder," Skrent said.

Also recognized were staff members for various years of service to

the department: five years — Rodney Friday, Jordan Alexander, Sgt. Brent Dawson, Deputy Shannon Gwizdala, Deputy Mike Kennedy, and Deputy Brittany Kirk-Glumm; 10 years — Sgt. Nate Licht; 15 years — Deputy Kirk Dutcher and Deputy Ryan Herford; and 20 years — Deputy Steve Anderson.



**DEPUTIES Ryan LaFlure (right) and Cory Jacobs received citations for bravery in connection with their actions in responding to a call involving an armed suspect who had made threats to harm or kill her children, and who pointed a gun at responding officers. The incident ended with no one being hurt.**



**SGT. MICHAEL Mattlin (left) and Deputy Spencer Coleman received lifesaving awards after helping to save the life of a motorist whose vehicle left a roadway and struck a tree last summer.**



**DEPUTY Jordan Alexander was awarded a citation for professional excellence for her role in responding to threats made against a Kingston business last summer.**



**SGT. JOSH Herman (from left), Deputy Ryan LaFlure, Detective Scott Jones, Detective James Hook, Deputy Steve Roland and Deputy Jonathon Ramirez all were awarded professional excellence citations for their efforts in responding to a missing person complaint that led to a warrant for murder last spring in Arbel Township.**



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## Cass City has little trouble winning Team District crown

by Clarke Haire  
 Publisher

Cass City claimed their fourth district team wrestling championship in five years early last week and then advanced four Red Hawk mat men into the Individual Regionals over the weekend.

Up first for Coach Don Markel's wrestlers is tonight's (Wednesday) team regional action in Cass City. The Red Hawks will take on a familiar foe in Greater Thumb Conference Bad Axe in one semifinal match, while New Lothrop meets the winner of the St. Louis District - that was to be determined Monday - in the other semifinal bout. Both semifinal matches are slated to start at 6 p.m.

"We had a good week, but need to continue to improve if we expect to defeat Bad Axe to move on to the team regional final," said Markel.

Cass City, who will take a 29-10

record into their own team regional, had little trouble earning their 6th district team title over the last nine years. They defeated visiting Vassar 57-13 to open Wednesday's affair to advance into the district finals and then captured district honors against Mayville.

"Unfortunately Mayville had to forfeit (the district championship match) as they were not able to attend because of inclement weather conditions," explained Markel.

Vassar won just two matches - other than by forfeit - against the champs as Colton Huizar came out on top in the 171-weight class and Max Kukulski in the 152-weight class.

Cass City, meanwhile, had Mason Copeland defeating Winter Green by fall in the 112-weight class; Lucas Swiderski defeating Mateo Pedretti in the 130-weight

class (fall 1:02); Tristan Swiderski defeating Michael Sander in the 140-weight class (fall 1:57); Race Woloshen defeating Ethan Dunham in the 145-weight class (fall 1:52); Dylan Halpin defeating Connor Rayment in the 160-weight class (dec 2-1); Hunter Caister defeating Marshall Woplert in the 189-weight class (fall 1:54) and Caden Caister defeating Ian Sutherland in the 285-weight class (fall 1:47).

### INDIVIDUAL DISTRICT

At the Individual District over the weekend in Mayville, four Red Hawks placed in the top four spots of their weight class to advance into the Individual Regionals this Saturday.

Leading the way for Cass City was runner-up Lucas Swiderski (125-weight class) who enters the

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LUCAS SWIDERSKI, Cass City, defeated Vassar's Mateo Pedretti, right, by pin in 1:02 in a Team District semifinal match.

## Lady Hawks win third straight GTW tilt

Don't look now, but the Cass City Lady Red Hawk basketball team collected their third straight Greater Thumb West (GTW) victory Monday with a 53-46 decision against hosts Bad Axe.

Victors in seven of their last 10 outings overall, including last Tuesday's 44-30 victory at Vassar where Brittany Hamilton's career-best 20 points led the way, the Red Hawks now stand in a tie for third place in the GTW standings.

Two ties and four lead changes highlighted Monday's first quarter action, when the hosts actually built a 13-8 advantage, before jumpers from seniors Kacey Haire and Hamilton sliced the gap to 14-13 entering period two.

Haire and Hamilton continued to carry the scoring load before the half and Abbey Salcido came off the bench to pour in five quick

points and suddenly Cass City enjoyed a 26-19 cushion, their largest in the opening half.

However, to their credit, Bad Axe scored the final six points of the half and trailed just 26-25 at the break.

Hamilton and senior Kelly Ziegler took over the scoring chores early in the third, but Bad Axe used consecutive hoops from Kate Clancy, Jelena Prescott and Laken Chapin to jump back in front at 32-30.

Cass City answered with pretty drives from Ziegler and Haire, combined with a Salcido 3-point basket to gain a 38-22 cushion that the Red Hawks wouldn't relinquish for the remainder of the night as free throws by Hamilton and senior Layna Mathewson held off a late charge by the hosts. "Bad Axe has gotten a lot better.

Our senior leadership won tonight's game," said Cass City Coach Justin Ketterer.

Hamilton again scored 20 points to pace Cass City, while Ziegler added nine and Haire eight.

### Girls' Basketball Standings

Greater Thumb West			
	W	L	W L
Reese	8	0	12 2
USA	6	2	8 4
EPBP	5	4	7 7
Caro	5	4	8 6
Cass City	5	4	8 7
Bad Axe	1	8	3 12
Vassar	0	8	2 10

NCTL - Stars			
	W	L	W L
Kingston	7	0	13 1
Deckerville	5	1	10 4
Dryden	3	2	10 2
Genesee	3	5	7 7
Mayville	1	6	2 12
North Huron	0	6	2 10



CASS CITY'S Jalene Krol, left, and Bad Axe's Laken Chapin battle for a rebound in GTW action.

## Fabulous Four's Fearless Forecast

### 2018-19 Basketball Picks



Ray Maurer



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### BOYS' BASKETBALL

#### WEDNESDAY, Feb. 13

Reese at Vassar

Caseville at Owen-Gage

#### THURSDAY, Feb. 14

EPBP at USA

#### FRIDAY, Feb. 15

Vassar at Bad Axe

Reese at Caro

Harbor Beach at Cass City

Ubyly at Brown City

Marlette at Sandusky

Kingston at Deckerville

Owen-Gage at Akron-Fairgrove

#### MONDAY, Feb. 18

Cass City at Vassar

### GIRLS' BASKETBALL

#### TUESDAY, Feb. 12

Vassar at Ubyly

Caro at Saginaw MLS

Marlette at EPBP

Sandusky at USA

#### WEDNESDAY, Feb. 13

Akron-Fairgrove at North Huron

#### THURSDAY, Feb. 14

Vassar at Bad Axe

EPBP at USA

Ubyly at Brown City

Reese at Caro

Harbor Beach at Cass City

Marlette at Sandusky

Kingston at Deckerville

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Owen-Gage

LAST WEEKS' RESULTS  
 SEASON RESULTS

18 - 2  
 106-33/76%

16 - 4  
 103-36/74%

14 - 6  
 100-39/72%

18 - 2  
 103-36/74%



THE 2019 Cass City High School Snowcoming King and Queen are seniors Zack Beecher and Brittany Hamilton, who highlighted the half-time ceremonies Friday night against visiting USA. (Game coverage on page 10.)

# USA wins Snowcoming tilt

Visiting USA spoiled Cass City's Snowcoming contest Friday with a 56-43 Greater Thumb West victory.

Despite nine Cass City turnovers in the opening quarter – compared to just one for the Patriots – the Red Hawks actually led 14-13 late, before entering the second frame tied at 16-all.

Offsetting the hosts' turnover woes was a solid effort on the glass that included a pair of timely put backs by Red Hawk Landon Schenk in the opening eight minutes.

"Too many turnovers that turned into USA points. That is really hard to overcome," said Cass City Coach Aaron Fernald, adding, "I thought we did a solid job on defense and we did a good job offensive rebounding but need to clean up the turnover problem."

USA scored 17 unanswered points to open period two before settling for a 38-25 advantage at the halfway point. A pair of treys from Landin Zimmer and Tyler Heckroth accounted for most of the damage in the frame.

Heckroth continued his antics in the final half and seven third quarter points helped to hamper any

comeback thoughts by Cass City.

Leading 47-34, USA and Cass City traded baskets to the final whistle that improved the visitors to 13-0 on the season. Neither team went to the foul line in the final half.

Heckroth finished with 18 points to pace USA, while Micah Cramer added 14.

For Cass City, Sandyn Cuthrell netted 14 points to lead the way and Collen Wrubel chipped in nine tallies on three shots from behind the 3-point arc.

## Boys' Basketball Standings

	W	L	W	L
USA	8	0	13	0
Bad Axe	7	2	11	4
Reese	5	3	12	5
Caro	4	4	6	9
EPBP	2	6	7	7
Cass City	2	7	6	10
Vassar	0	6	3	9

	W	L	W	L
Flint Int.	7	1	8	5
Kingston	6	1	12	3
Dryden	5	3	10	5
Mayville	5	3	6	8
North Huron	3	5	9	6
Deckerville	1	7	3	12
Genesee	1	6	2	11



CASS CITY'S Hunter Caister, top, pinned Vassar's Marshall Woplert in 1:54 during Team District action in a 189-weight class match.

# Four Red Hawk mat men advance

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week with a 39-12 season record, while Tristan Swiderski (135-weight class) and Hunter Caister (171-weight class) each recorded third place honors. Drew Markel (125-weight class) came in fourth place to complete the list of Red Hawks who advanced on the day.

Tristan Swiderski holds a record of 39-12, Caister a record of 45-7 and Markel a record of 36-15 prior to this week's play.

Lucas Swiderski posted wins against Gavin Tetreau, BADA, and Jackson Knieper, NEWL, while Tristan Swiderski defeated Harry Helmick, NEWL, Ethan Dove, BLMO, and Robert Rus-

sell, STLO. Caister defeated Cody Bailey, BADA, Gunner Fraser, SAGM, and Colton Huizar, Vassar and Markel defeated Gavin Tetreau, BADA, and Josh Steffes, BLMO.

Adding to Tristan Swiderski's big day Saturday, he recorded his 100th career victory, according to Markel.



RED HAWK Collen Wrubel looks to pass before pressure from USA's Conner Gettel (25) arrives during Friday's GTW clash.

# Kingston knocks off IAF

Not so fast, Flint International.

After winning four straight contests against Kingston – including an early season victory in North Central Thumb League Stars play - Coach Dave Lester's Cardinals used a late fourth quarter rally to knock the International Academy of Flint (IAF) Phoenix from the unbeaten ranks in conference play.

The Academy proved to be Kingston's nemesis a year ago, as they handed the Cardinals three of their four losses in a successful campaign, the last one coming during a season ending defeat in regional semifinal action.

But with the conference crown on the line Thursday, Kingston refused to quit and emerged with a thrilling 59-57 decision to draw even in the standings with the defending league champions.

It was a contest every bit as exciting as the final score indicated. After the hosts took a 20-16 first quarter lead, Kingston was able to slice a point from the margin by the intermission, where they trailed 32-29.

Both teams traded baskets to start the final half and with eight minutes remaining in regulation the visitors trailed 48-45. However, to the delight of Coach Lester, his Cardinals turned up their defensive intensity in the final frame to prevail.

"We had a great team win in a huge conference game with league championship implications. Our guys played a gutsy game and made some big stops on the defensive end in the fourth quarter. We showed a lot of mental toughness tonight. So proud of our effort," he said.

Evan Neff led Kingston (6-1, 11-3) with 18 points, Hunter James added 16 points, while Nathan Cloyd had 15 for the Cardinals.

Jamarion Willie and Gerrius Williams led IAF (6-1, 7-8) with 13 points apiece.

# Lady Cards win two more

Ho hum, two easy victories last week improved Jay Green's Kingston Lady Cardinals to 13-1 on the season.

In non-league play, the North Central Thumb League Stars undefeated leaders trounced Greater Thumb East Conference Marlette and Blue Water Area Conference Croswell-Lexington.

Against the league leading Pioneers Tuesday, a strong defensive effort held the visiting Blue Water Area leaders to single digits in each of the opening three quarters to prevail 55-34, handing Cros-Lex just their second defeat on the campaign.

"We had a great defensive effort, we were able to neutralize their inside game and offensively we passed well and got a lot of points in the paint," said Green.

The hosts led just 11-7 after one quarter, but pushed the gap to 30-13 after two. The winners then outscored the visitors 11-8 in the third and 14-13 in the fourth frames to win easily against a quality team.

Lily Lyons tossed in 18 points to lead Kingston, while Jillyan Dinsmore added a dozen and Hannah James, 10.

Lily Connelly's eight points were tops for Cros-Lex.

On Thursday, Kingston picked up a lopsided 56-6 win at Marlette.

"Offensively, we moved the ball well and got contributions from everybody," Green said.

Lyons and Carley Smith reached double figures for Kingston with 14 and 11 points, respectively.

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## 2018-19 Winter Sports Schedule

### BOYS' BASKETBALL (FRESHMEN/JV/VARSITY)

DATE	OPPONENT
11/30	CC 79, Owen-Gage 25
12/5	Sandusky 50, CC 39
12/7	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	CC 49, Mayville 19
1/23	Reese 58, CC 47
1/25	CC 69, Lakers 52
2/1	Bad Axe 50, CC 39
2/8	USA 56, CC 43
<b>2/15</b>	<b>Harbor Beach</b>
2/18	Vassar
2/20	Caro (F, JV, & V)
<b>2/22</b>	<b>Reese (F, JV, &amp; V)</b>
<b>2/25-3/1</b>	<b>Districts .....TBA</b>

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 69, CC 25
1/24	CC 48, Lakers 33
2/5	CC 44, Vassar 30
<b>2/7</b>	<b>USA</b>
<b>2/12</b>	<b>Harbor Beach</b>
2/19	Caro (F, JV, & V)
<b>2/21</b>	<b>Reese (F, JV, &amp; V)</b>
2/28	Lakeville (JV, V).....5:30 p.m.
<b>3/4-8</b>	<b>Districts.....TBA</b>

### WRESTLING

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
12/5	Lakers/Mayville/Marlette	6:00 p.m.
12/8	Marlette Team Tourney	8:00 a.m.
<b>12/12</b>	<b>Vassar/Ubley</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
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.
<b>1/23</b>	<b>Lakers</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
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.
<b>2/16</b>	<b>Vassar</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>
2/21	Vassar	6:30 p.m.

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# News briefs

## Daley hosts photo contest

LANSING — State Senator Kevin Daley recently announced his office will be hosting an online photo contest featuring photos from the 31st District.

“The Bay Area and Thumb region are full of terrific landscapes,” said Daley (R-Lum). “I look forward to the many photos highlighting what makes the 31st District one of the most beautiful places in the state.”

Residents of Bay, Tuscola or Lapeer counties have until 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22, to submit their photos on the Pure Michigan Photo Contest page on Daley’s senate website at [www.SenatorKevinDaley.com](http://www.SenatorKevinDaley.com).

After the submission period, finalist photos will be posted to the State Senator Kevin Daley page on Facebook. Visitors to the page will then be able to vote for the photos they like the most. Each finalist photo will receive one vote for each “like” it gets on Facebook and one vote for each vote it garners on a website poll.

“At the end of the contest, the three photos with the most votes will win and will be displayed in my Lansing office,” Daley said. “The goal of this photo contest is to help promote our state by giving residents a fun and creative opportunity to showcase what makes the 31st District such an incredible place to live.”

The contest is limited to residents of the 31st Senate District. Only one submission will be allowed per person, and the photo must have been taken in Bay, Tuscola or Lapeer counties. Please be sure to include the location the photo was taken, when it was taken, and who took it.

## Daley sets his office hours

LANSING — State Senator Kevin Daley (R-Lum), will hold office hours with constituents throughout the 31st Senate District during the month of February.

The senator will be available to answer questions and provide information and assistance, as well as take suggestions on issues affecting communities and businesses in the district. No appointment is necessary.

Locally, Daley will meet with constituents Friday, Feb. 15, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Oven Restaurant and Lounge, 875 S. State St., Caro.

For more information or to contact Daley, visit the website [SenatorKevinDaley.com](http://SenatorKevinDaley.com) or call (517) 373-1777.

## Heat credit paperwork due

LANSING — Applications for the Home Heating Credit (HHC), which helps low-income Michiganders with their winter energy bills, are now being processed for the 2018 tax year, according to the Michigan Agency for Energy (MAE).

Last year, 315,000 state residents applied for the credit, and the average credit was \$191.

Instruction booklets and forms have been mailed out by the Michigan Treasury Department. Individuals may apply for the credit even if they do not file a Michigan tax return. Forms and instructional materials are available on the internet at [Michigan.gov/IncomeTax](http://Michigan.gov/IncomeTax) or by calling (517) 636-4486.

Forms also will be available at many libraries, Northern Michigan post offices, and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) offices across the state. Heating assistance information is available at [Michigan.gov/HeatingAssistance](http://Michigan.gov/HeatingAssistance).

Some 82 percent of the credit applications were filed electronically in 2018. E-filing speeds processing and reduces HHC processing errors. To find an authorized e-file provider and information on free services, visit Treasury’s website at [MIFastFile.org](http://MIFastFile.org).

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery



**THIS WAS** the third World Clydesdale Show for Kenna Nye, a 2018 Cass City High School graduate, who earned her third World Champion Youth Driving award, as well as placing in each class she participated in. After completing all the youth competitions, Nye began her career in the adult classes, placing fifth in driving a four-horse hitch against 40 other contestants.



**ELLIE PERKINS**, a seventh grade student at Cass City Junior-Senior High School, was one of just two junior youth to compete in all six youth events at the 2018 World Clydesdale Show in Madison, Wis., and she placed in four events, including both driving contests. The world event marked only the second show in which she has competed in driving a team.

## Cass City pair turn heads at world Clydesdale competition

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

A pair of Cass City residents recently turned some heads at the

2018 World Clydesdale Show, an event held every three to four years.

Seven countries were represented at the show, held in Madison, Wis., with more than 650 Clydesdales on hand. The youth competition categories were riding, decorating, showmanship, driving a single horse on a cart, driving a team of horses on a wagon, and judging.

The classes averaged 50 to 60 entries, with only the top ten competitors placing.

This was the first world show for Ellie Perkins, a 7th grader at Cass City Junior-Senior High School and the daughter of Rich and Heidi Perkins. One of only two junior youth to compete in all six events, she placed in four of the events, including both driving contests – an impressive feat considering this was only the second show in which she has competed driving a team.

Perkins, who started competing three years ago, was recently awarded Michigan Draft Horse Breeders Overall Junior Youth Showman honors during the Michigan Great Lakes International Draft Horse Show in Lansing.

This was the third world show for Kenna Nye, a 2018 Cass City High School graduate, who earned

her third World Champion Youth Driving award, as well as placing in each class she participated in. She also competed in the first-ever Clydesdale barrel racing competition.

On the last day of the show, after completing all the youth competitions, she began her career in the adult classes, placing fifth in driving a four-horse hitch against 40 other contestants.

Nye, the daughter of Gary and Christie Nye, is currently attending Black Hawk College in Kewanee, Ill., where she is pursuing a degree in Equine Sciences. She has been competing since she was eight years old and has won National Overall Youth honors several times.

Both girls are the granddaughters of Glen and Pat Perkins of Cass City, the owners of Glenview Farm Clydesdales, a perennial favorite in the annual Cass City Freedom Festival Parade.

A Cass City Area Historical Society meeting planned for this month will feature a program on the Glenview Farm Clydesdales.

Pat Perkins will be the guest speaker at the event, slated for Monday, Feb. 18, starting at 2 p.m. at Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Cass City man faces trial

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\$500,000 cash. He remains lodged in the Tuscola County Jail.

A jury trial expected to last three to four days is scheduled to get underway Tuesday, Feb. 26.

Richards’ girlfriend, Ashley Elizabeth-Michelle Smith, 31, of Cass City, was also charged in the case in circuit court and has since been convicted and sentenced to 365 days the county jail.

Smith, who pleaded no contest to two counts of lying to a peace officer conducting a violent crime investigation, was also placed on probation for 24 months and ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,026.

According to court records, the charges levied against Smith stemmed from “her knowledge of a knife in her residence that had the presence of human blood (on it) after being used in an assault and/or her knowledge of moving the same knife into or within the residence to hinder the investigation being conducted by the Cass City Police Department and Michigan State Police.”

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**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 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 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**

**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 March 7, 2019:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Herold M. Kester, an unmarried man  
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.  
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Selene Finance LP  
Date of Mortgage: July 31, 2008

Date of Mortgage Recording: August 8, 2008  
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$45,812.47  
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Northwest quarter of Section 12, Town 10 North, Range 8 East; thence North 8 rods; thence East 10 rods; thence South 8 rods; thence West 10 rods to the point of beginning.

Also commencing at a point 8 rods North of the Southwest corner of the Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 12, Town 10 North, Range 8 East; thence Northerly 8 rods; thence Easterly 10 rods; thence Southerly 8 rods; thence Westerly 10 rods to the place of beginning.

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

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

Date of notice: February 6, 2019  
Trott Law, P.C.  
1375225 **2-6-4**

**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 March 14, 2019:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Gary R. Miller and Darlene L. Miller, Husband and Wife

Original Mortgagee: Argent Mortgage Company, LLC  
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST INC., ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-SHL1

Date of Mortgage: May 19, 2006  
Date of Mortgage Recording: June 14, 2006

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$123,103.33

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Indianfields, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing at a point 22 rods South of the Northeast corner of the East 1/2 of the South half of the Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 22, Town 12 North, Range 9 East and continuing South for 10 rods thence West for 20 rods, thence North for 10 rods, thence East for 20 rods to point of beginning.

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

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

This notice is from a debt collector.  
Date of notice: February 13, 2019  
Trott Law, P.C.  
1375511 **2-13-4**

**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 March 14, 2019:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Eugene F Partridge and Terra Partridge, husband and wife

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.  
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC

Date of Mortgage: December 22, 2011

Date of Mortgage Recording: December 29, 2011  
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$75,697.77

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Dayton, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: The land is situated in the Township of Dayton, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, as follows:

The East 281 feet of the North 310 feet of the Northwest quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 18, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, Dayton Township, Tuscola County, Michigan

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

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

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: February 13, 2019  
Trott Law, P.C.  
1375847 **2-13-4**

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeremy L. Whitehead, a married man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Cason Home Loans, its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 27, 2014 and recorded July 15, 2014 in Liber 1311, Page 389 and Loan Modification Agreement recorded on August 1, 2016, in Liber 1355, Page 1330, Tuscola County Records, Michigan.

Said mortgage is now held by U.S. Bank National Association, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the

date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Forty-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Five and 67/100 Dollars (\$242,765.67), including interest at 4.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on MARCH 14, 2019.

Said premises are located in the Township of Arbel, Tuscola County Michigan, and are described as:

Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 23, Township 10 North, Range 7 East, Arbel Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as commencing at the West 1/4 corner of said Section; thence South 88°22'00" East (assumed bearing) 2252.25 feet along the East-West 1/4 line of said Section to the point of beginning; thence South 88°22'00" East, 200.00 feet; thence South 01°38'00" West, 300.00 feet; thence North 88°22'00" West 38.55 feet; thence South 02°38'00" West 616.00 feet; thence South 33°28'53" East, 481.07 feet; thence North 86°47'48" West, 985.79 feet; thence North 01°19'06" West 1018.27 feet; thence South 88°22'00" East 600.00 feet; thence North 01°38'00" East 300.00 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

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# Obituaries

## Sonya Teller

Sonya Lenora Teller, 45, of Cass City, died unexpectedly, Thursday, February 7, 2019. She was born March 6, 1973 in Caro to Isaac "Ike" and Lena (Randall) Teller.

Sonya graduated from Cass City High School with the class of 1991. She received her certification as a Certified Nursing Assistant and worked as a CNA for Huron County Medical Care Facility in Bad Axe. Sonya was kind and giving to a fault. She enjoyed spoiling her grandchildren with slushies. Sonya loved spending time with her family and friends. She also loved going to concerts and having a good time. She loved music very much. Sonya was a great cook and had a very ironic sense of humor. In the past six years, even though Sonya lost herself along the hard, painful road of life, deep down inside she was still the loving, caring person she always was.



Sonya is survived by her children: Ashley (Chris Green) Farkas of Cass City, Christian Mellendorf of Cass City, Mariah Mellendorf of Cass City; siblings: Sandi (Steve) Wright of Cass City, Linda Brooks of Gaylord, Teresa Draper of Cass City, Susie (Rob) Hartwick of Holland; step-mother, Marty Teller of Munger, brother, Kristopher "Kris" Teller of Munger; many nieces and nephews; grandchildren: Audrina, Damian, Deklin, Sadee and Jordin.

She was preceded in death by her sons: Andrew Teller and Kyle Hodder; grandson, Dominik Green; parents: Lena Teller and Ike Teller.

A funeral service was held Monday, February 11, in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Brad Speirs of Novesta Church of Christ officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Interment will take place in the spring.

Family and friends may share memories, prayers and photos with the family at [www.kranzfuneralhome.com](http://www.kranzfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.

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**Tuesday, March 12, 2019** 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
**Monday, March 18, 2019** 3 p.m. - 9 p.m.

The purpose of the March Board of Review is to hear taxpayer appeals regarding valuation determinations, personal property, disabled veteran's exemptions, poverty exemptions, property classifications, and uncapping determinations.

The 2019 tentative ratios and multipliers are:

	Ratio	Multiplier
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# Schools facing make-up days

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hours. Although there was no school scheduled for Monday, Feb. 18, it will now be a full day of school. The same goes for Friday, May 24, which was a scheduled day off but will be a half-day of school. Those changes were made because the district has exceeded the number of days the state will forgive, and it is still early in the winter season, school Supt. Jeff Hartel explained.

Other area school officials are facing the same issue. "We have missed 13 days for weather/road conditions. The state gives six and there is a waiver for up to three additional days that can be requested from MDE (Michigan Department of Education). We are four days beyond the threshold," Kingston Community Schools Supt. Matt Drake said Thursday. "We do not have a plan at this time beyond adding days in June."

"We are all hoping for some relief through the Legislature and we have heard talk of them potentially doing something for schools across the state," Drake said. "With much of winter still ahead of us, we are nervous about the prospect of even more days of potential unsafe travel."

"We have missed 10 days due to weather," said Ubly Schools Supt. Joe Candela said Thursday, a day before icy roads prompted him to cancel Friday's classes as well.

"Most likely the missed days — whatever the number — will be made up at the end of the school year," he said.

Under Michigan law, school districts are allowed six canceled days due to circumstances beyond their control such as severe storms, fires, epidemics, power outages, or water or sewer failure.

At the same time, state law requires districts to offer at least 1,098 hours of instruction per year over the course of a minimum 180 days.

Schools that have exceeded the six days can request, in writing, "forgiveness" for an extra three days from the state superintendent. However, the request is not automatically approved because districts have to show a need for extra time along with the inability to reschedule missed days later in the school year.

Schools that fail to meet the required instructional time could lose part of their state school aid funding.



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Hall Post 7, located at 110 W. Frank St. in Caro; the Sanilac County walk begins at the HDC office, 215 N. Elk St., in Sandusky; Lapeer County's walk starts at the courthouse; and Huron County's Walk begins at the Wilcox Park Community Center, located at 650 Whitelam St. in Bad Axe.

To make a donation to the W4W Fund, obtain more information on the event, or to have a pledge sheet sent to you, contact one of the following local HDC offices: Tuscola County (989-673-4121), Huron County (989-269-9502), Sanilac County (810-648-4497) or Lapeer County (810-664-7133).

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