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## Gierhart sentences Gniewek to 46 to 120 years

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

A 37-year-old former Cass City area pastor could be in his 80s before he’s released from prison, assuming he completes the minimum term handed down to him in Tuscola County Circuit Court last week.

Judge Amy Grace Gierhart sen-

tenced Brad Joseph Gniewek to nine prison terms of 23 years to 60 years – two of those terms consecutively, meaning his sentence adds up to 46 years to 120 years – following his conviction by a jury on nine counts of first degree criminal sexual conduct stemming from years of abusing his now ex-wife.

Gniewek was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling

\$802.

A Tuscola County jury deliberated for about 2 ½ hours Jan. 11 before returning verdicts of guilty on all counts against the former Cass City resident.

Gniewek, who was extradited to Michigan from Minnesota to face his four-day trial, had been free on bond since his arrest, but Gierhart revoked his bond following his

convictions and remanded him to the custody of the sheriff’s department.

First degree criminal sexual conduct involves penetration. In this case, the crimes also involved personal injury in the form of physical harm and mental anguish, according to Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark E. Reene, who indicated Gniewek repeatedly assaulted the victim over a period of years during the couple’s marriage.

Court records state the offenses took place between July 2005 and May 2010 in Elkland Township.

“This was a case where...just a classic example of where you’re trapped in a circumstance as she was, concerned about the well-being of her children,” Reene said,

noting the defendant victimized his wife while threatening to take the couple’s five children and leave.

And, Reene added, the wife’s pain didn’t end with the abuse.

“The victim demonstrated extraordinary courage to come forward and withstand the rigors of a criminal sexual conduct case, including having to testify at length on three separate occasions.”

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Brad J. Gniewek



IT’S BITTERLY cold at times, snowy and even a bit depressing thanks to a lack of consistent sunshine, but winter is also a picturesque season in the Thumb if you look around. This photo was taken facing east on the Cemetery Road bridge over the Cass River, just south of Cass City.

## Count down

### School officials not concerned with winter enrollment dip

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

The Cass City School District has lost 15 students since schools across the state conducted their last official enrollment tallies last fall.

That’s the bad news. The good news is that the winter count – conducted Thursday – doesn’t have nearly the impact as the statewide tally completed annually in the fall.

According to Cass City Schools Supt. Jeff Hartel, the latest count revealed 533 students in the elementary grades, a dip of six students since last fall. At the junior-senior high school, there were 440 students, down nine students compared to the fall count.

Compared to the February 2018 enrollment tally, local school officials counted five more students last week.

And those numbers fluctuate fre-

quently – sometimes week to week – according to Hartel, who a year ago reported an identical loss of 15 students, only to learn months later, in October 2018, that the district’s student population had grown by a whopping 20 kids after decreasing by 20 to 25 students annually for the past several years.

“This (February) count isn’t that important. We’re not shocked by these numbers or anything,” Hartel commented Friday, noting the fall count is far more important in terms of determining how much state funding school districts gain, or lose, in any given year.

Enrollment plays a key role in school funding from the state, which “blends” student counts conducted twice a year by districts; once in February and again the following October. The state’s blending formula places the greatest emphasis on the fall count, which is worth 90 percent of the

total.

The blended enrollment number is multiplied by schools’ foundation allowances to determine how much revenue they will receive for the year. The Cass City Public Schools, for example, received \$7,871 per student for the 2018-19 school year.

For nearly two decades, Cass City officials have watched local student numbers fall by hundreds of youngsters – losing an average of 3.7 percent of the district’s student population annually since the 2005-06 school year, when the

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## Honored trooper now faces assault charges

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

A Michigan State Police trooper assigned to the Caro post is facing multiple felony charges in connection with an alleged assault earlier this month.

Trooper Adam Mullin, 25, who joined the MSP ranks in July 2016, was arraigned Friday in Huron County District Court on charges of assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, obstruction of justice, misconduct in office, aggravated domestic violence, possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony, and assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer.

He is being held on a \$250,000 cash bond.

“The charges were authorized by the Michigan Attorney General’s Office and are the result of an investigation conducted by the Michigan State Police,” said Lt. James Lang, assistant post commander, MSP Tri-City Post, Free-land.

Lang did not release information

related to specific details of the incident that led to Mullin’s arrest Feb. 12.

Mullin was lodged in the Lapeer County Jail after his arrest, according to Lang, who noted the trooper has been placed on unpaid suspension and could face discipline regardless of whether or not he is convicted of any crimes.

“The MSP has a long-standing tradition of demanding the highest possible standards of professional conduct from its enforcement and civilian members,” he said. “Regardless of whether a criminal charge results in a conviction, employees can still be subject to administrative penalties resulting from violations of department policy. All policy violations are investigated thoroughly and acted upon in a manner consistent with current labor-relations law and bargaining unit agreements.”

MSP officials earlier this month announced that Mullin had been named a recipient of the Cpl. Samuel A. Mapes Criminal Patrol and Investigation Award.

The annual award established in Mapes’ name honors the top five percent of troopers in each district for looking “past the traffic stop” to excel in proactive criminal patrol and criminal investigations closed by felony arrests.

Mullin was recognized at a ceremony held Feb. 6 in Lansing.



Trooper Mullin

## Snow day count reaches 15 in Cass City School District

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Another winter storm last week has further shortened Cass City students’ upcoming summer vacation.

After canceling two more days of classes – Tuesday and Wednesday – due to heavy snowfall and sustained winds of up to 40 miles per hour, Cass City School officials say the last day of the 2018-19 school year will now be Wednesday, June 12, instead of Thursday, June 6.

But they acknowledge there’s still plenty of winter left. “This is by far the most (snow days) we’ve had,” Cass City School Supt. Jeff Hartel said of his experience in nine years as superintendent. In fact, Hartel, who ordered a two-hour delay Thursday, added he can’t

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THIS IS A photo of one of Quality Roasting’s Wisconsin plants. The company will be building a processing facility in Tuscola County’s Gilford Township that is expected to be completed this fall.

## Support pours in for Tuscola soybean plant

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

The state is providing more financial support to a Wisconsin-based company that will be building a soybean processing plant in western Tuscola County.

In January, the Michigan Strategic Fund approved investing \$10 million in bonds for Quality Roasting LLC to construct its new processing facility in Gilford Township. Company officials say they plan to be up and running in the Thumb this fall.

More recently, the Michigan Business Development Program

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# Ubly Junior-Senior High School Honor Roll students announced

**12th Grade**  
 Isaac Booms  
 Joshua Brandel  
 Jaelynn Burton  
 Eli Emming  
 Amber Essenmacher  
 Rebekka Foster  
 Bethany Gornowicz\*  
 Anna Greyerbiehl\*  
 Haili Gusa  
 Dylan Hagen  
 Cassie Holdwick  
 Kelsey Knoblock\*  
 Ethan Lemke  
 Parker Lipskey  
 Jaleesa Mattox  
 Anna Messing\*  
 Nolan Murray\*  
 Kylie Ogryski  
 Arisa Osentoski\*  
 Natalie Pallas  
 Nathan Particka  
 Madelyn Peplinski  
 Alexis Pionk  
 Cheyenne Porzondek\*  
 Ashley Puvalowski\*  
 Brooke Ritter  
 Rych Roggenbuck\*  
 Luke Rutkowski  
 Sadie Souva\*  
 McKenzie Stomack  
 Mackenzie Uhl  
 Mikaela Van Erp\*  
 Mikkayla Verellen  
 Amanda Weaver  
 Carson Woolner

**11th Grade**  
 Olivia Brown\*  
 Grace Conley  
 Austin Cregeur\*  
 Kali Dutcher  
 Grant Geiger\*  
 Andrea Grifka  
 Amanda Halifax  
 Rachel Leppek  
 Caitlyn Maurer  
 Shelby May  
 Claire Melnik  
 Hannah Melnik  
 Ellie Peruski  
 Caleb Powers  
 Isle Roggenbuck  
 Hannah Schroeder  
 Jaiden Schulte\*  
 Haley Smith  
 Abigail Sorenson  
 Katelyn Sweeney  
 Jaelyn Toth  
 Danielle Tschirhart  
 Alexia Vogel  
 Sierra Walker\*  
 Jazmyn Warchuck  
 Isaac Warczynski

**10th Grade**  
 Alyson Benson  
 Alivia Bischer\*  
 Kylee Brandt  
 Austin Burk  
 Kendra Glaza  
 Josephine Gusa\*  
 Katie Heilig\*  
 Carson Heleski  
 Amanda Hill  
 Kalli House  
 Markus Howard  
 Haley Klama\*  
 Haley Krueger\*  
 Shelby Kuntze\*  
 Allison Lautner  
 Dajnae Leipprandt  
 Erin McCarty\*  
 Reese McLellan\*  
 Cole Messing  
 Shelby Messing\*  
 Sarah Peplinski\*

**(10th Grade Cont.)**  
 Samantha Souva\*  
 Gabriel Sweeney  
 Nolan Van Erp\*  
 Elizabeth Weber\*  
 Hally Ziehm

**9th Grade**  
 Jenna Arntz\*  
 Matthew Brandel  
 Alexander Foote  
 Nora Franzel\*  
 Trinity Franzel\*  
 Ethan Gillig  
 Katelyn Grifka\*  
 Tess Grifka\*  
 Alexiss Guigar\*  
 Lindsey Guza  
 Theron Harris\*  
 Ryan Hill  
 Carter Hughes  
 Lily Kieliszewski\*  
 Kylie Maurer  
 Hailey Mausolf  
 Logan Mueller\*  
 Colin Oberski  
 Tomasa Saenz  
 Myah Schulte\*  
 Emma Smalley\*  
 Annisa Smith  
 Leah Stringer\*  
 Kyle Sweeney  
 Hunter Walker\*  
 Emma Widger\*

**8th Grade**  
 Haylee Arlitt  
 Joy Auman  
 Jeanna Bischer\*  
 Gabrielle Bukoski  
 Michael Cook  
 Cameron Ferris  
 Elizabeth Glentz  
 Christopher Gosdzinski  
 Maze Gusa\*  
 Abigail Guza\*  
 Carly Guza  
 Mark Heilig  
 Jalyn Kolar  
 Anthony McCarty\*  
 Abigail Michalski

**(8th Grade Cont.)**  
 Jarrett Nast  
 DeLaney Peruski\*  
 Taylor Peruski  
 Jacob Schroeder  
 Jenna Stambough  
 Jace Susalla  
 Seth Sweeney  
 Andrew Vogel  
 Logan Volmering  
 Samantha Warczynski  
 Mercedes Wolschleger

**7th Grade**  
 Christopher Arlitt  
 Brianna Beaver  
 Rose Brilinski  
 Jady Brown  
 Landon Dekoski  
 Mitchell Foote\*  
 Austin Franzel  
 Austin Gentner  
 Emily Greyerbiehl\*  
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 Brett Mueller  
 Caiden Parker  
 Jenna Particka  
 Camden Peruski  
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 Courtney Puvalowski  
 Leah Schumacher  
 Kelcie Shaltonis  
 Tori Shaltonis  
 Miranda Smigelski  
 Jaxson Susalla\*  
 JaeLynn Wallace  
 Aaron Weber

\*Denotes all A's

# Engaged



**Nicholyn Guigar and Bradley Haag**

Dave and Pauline Guigar are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Nicholyn to Bradley Louis Haag, son of Virginia Haag of Cass City and Brian Haag of New Hudson.

Nikki is a 2010 graduate of Cass City High School and is currently attending Delta College, pursuing a degree in nursing. She works at McLaren Thumb Region in Bad Axe. She is the granddaughter of Joyce and the late Melvin Winkel of Port Hope and Penny and the late Archie Guigar of Ubly.

Brad is a 2009 graduate of Cass City High School and is employed as a supervisor at Valley Enterprise of Ubly. He is the grandson of the late Iva and Louis Nauka of Decker and the late Dawn and Ronald Haag of Cass City.

A June 8, 2019 wedding is planned in Cass City.

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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.

# O-G School officials announce honor roll

**3rd Grade:**  
 Hailey Forman  
 Cailum Hewitt  
 Hunter Mihacsi  
 Sierra Miller\*  
 Madalyn Rabun

**4th Grade:**  
 Jessica Bowers\*  
 Wynter Brinkman  
 Logan Carter  
 Steven Hicks  
 Hunter Hoppe  
 Rylin LaCroix  
 Mya McCreedy\*  
 Faith Morrish  
 Jayden Prokop  
 Jessie Rolston  
 Ava Sheufelt\*  
 Ellen Tyler

**5th Grade:**  
 McKenzie Baker\*  
 Olivia Craig  
 Chloe Fritz  
 Aubrey Hellebuyck\*

**(5th Grade Cont.)**  
 Brooklyn Hunt\*  
 Izabela Matuszak  
 Logan Mihacsi  
 Alan Sagash  
 Kennedy Selden\*

**6th Grade:**  
 Danielle Hunt\*  
 Lucas McKnight\*

**7th Grade:**  
 Shelby Bowers  
 Karsyn Gruehn\*  
 Isaac Miller  
 Conner Snear

**8th Grade:**  
 Cristal Crandall  
 Allison Haldane\*  
 Amber Haldane\*  
 Dagon LaCroix\*  
 Emily Schultz\*

**9th Grade:**  
 Haden Gruehn  
 Madelyn Haldane\*

**10th Grade:**  
 Boyd Evans\*  
 Clay Evans\*  
 Jameson McKnight\*  
 Libby Ondrajka.

**11th Grade:**  
 Carley Haldane\*  
 Chase Howard  
 Kaitlyn LaCroix\*  
 Madyson Menzel  
 Andrew Roemer\*  
 Victoria Smith  
 Seth Waske.

**12th Grade:**  
 Jade Androl\*  
 Cordell Clarkson  
 Matthew Fritz\*  
 Megan Fritz\*  
 Carlee Rievert\*.

\*Denotes all A's

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# In Our OPINION...

Clarke Haire  
Publisher

Tom Montgomery  
Editor

## Fight child abuse during tax season

*Unless you're in the business of completing tax forms for paying customers, chances are good tax season isn't going to make it on your top 10 list of favorite times of the year.*

*But what if you could make a difference in the lives of Michigan's youngest victims while tackling this annual frustrating chore?*

*You can.*

*Officials at the Children's Trust Fund (CTF) are reminding people filing their state income taxes to remember to check a box that will help prevent child abuse.*

*A check-off box on the state income tax return form allows residents to donate \$5, \$10, or more to fund programs in local communities that prevent child abuse. Through the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), the CTF serves as a voice for Michigan's children and families and promotes their health, safety and welfare by funding local programs and services statewide that prevent child abuse and neglect.*

*The check-off box can be found on both the online and paper versions of the Voluntary Contribution Schedule Form 4642.*

*"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."*

*Established by the Michigan Legislature through Public Act 249/250 of 1982, the CTF is the Michigan Chapter of Prevent Child Abuse America. Funding is awarded through a competitive bid process and is focused on families with risk factors or challenges that, if left unattended, could impact positive parenting and optimal child development.*

*The goal is to work collaboratively with other services and funding sources so that communities build a framework of protection and support for all children and families.*

*Grants from the organization support a wide range of programs and services through the statewide network of Child Abuse and Neglect councils.*

*Based on local priorities, those councils use funding for initiatives such as shaken baby and safe sleep education, parent support and child sexual assault prevention and education. CTF also funds 37 competitive grants that target at-risk families with services such as home visitation, support for families with incarcerated parents and respite care.*

*The CTF relies heavily on the contributions donated through the state income tax campaign to fund direct service and local prevention programs across the state of Michigan that help build strong, healthy families and keep children safe.*

*Since its creation in 1982, the CTF has raised more than \$70 million and provided support to more than seven million children and families.*

*For more information about the Children's Trust Fund, how to contribute and the tax campaign, visit [www.michigan.gov/ctf](http://www.michigan.gov/ctf).*

## Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

"Deep Blue" is no baby shark



I had not really thought much about it before, but I guess I have rather an unhealthy fascination with sharks and the movie Jaws.

When Jaws first came out in theaters, I was single. Every date I went out on, the guy wanted to see that movie. I saw it so many times, I had most of the actors' lines memorized.

Since then, I have seen the Jaws movie several times on TV and I own the DVD. I've also seen all of the Sharknado movies, and I watch shark documentaries.

In the movie Jaws, whenever the shark shows up, cello music plays. It got to the point that, whenever I saw anything to do with sharks, I would automatically hear the Jaws cello music play in my mind. That is called an ear-worm. Once a person hears a song, it sticks in a person's mind and is played over and over and over again.

For over a week now, news broadcasts have reported on finding a real life huge great white shark — just like in the movie. They named the shark "Deep Blue".

According to reports, that great white shark is believed to be the biggest of its kind in the world. It is estimated to be about 20 feet long (which is about half the length of a school bus), weighs about 2.5 tons, and is believed to be about 50 years old.

To me, that news report adds even more validity to Steven Spielberg's movie, Jaws, an additional chill factor.

## Letters to the Editor

### Citizens have a voice in what happens here

Among the many important components of Ordinance #183 (in addition to camera security, safety, odors, and environmental issues) that village residents should be aware of and understand prior to council approving this ordinance at its Feb. 25th meeting is the following "hold harmless" clause regarding potential impact on property values (see Ordinance #183, page 5):

(f) Village liability and indemnification:

(2) By accepting a permit issued under this ordinance, the permittee agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless, the village, its officers, elected officials, employees and insurers against all liability, claims or demands arising on account of bodily injury, sickness, disease, death, property loss or damage or any other loss of any kind, including, but not limited to any claim or diminution of property value by a property owner whose property is located in proximity to a permitted medical marijuana facility, arising out of, claimed to have arisen out of, or in any manner connected with the operation of a medical marijuana facility or use of a product cultivated, processed, distributed or sold that is subject to the permit, or any claim based on an alleged injury to business or property by reason of a claimed violation of the federal Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act ("RICO"), 18 U.S.C. Sec. 1954(c).

A copy of Ordinance #183 can be obtained at the village office or found on the village website (pages 87-101) in the January 2019 council packet under the government tab.

The public hearing for adoption of this ordinance is set for Monday, Feb. 25. Residents are provided up to five minutes each to make their views known to council during the public hearing. You have a voice in what happens in this Community — if you choose to use it. Your silence will be perceived as your approval.

As a point of clarification, Rob Piaskowski noted that he does not serve on the personnel and public safety committee.

Nancy Barrios  
Cass City

### Support of abortion evil

Editor,

It's really unbelievable that one could find enough people to run a brutal death camp like Hitler had. And yet we currently have a death camp called

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Several divers have had their photo taken swimming alongside Deep Blue while they were in Hawaii.

But now, thanks to all of the attention that has been focused on that darn silly-child's song, "Baby Shark", it has over taken my cello theme as my ear-worm. I'm not sure what to think about that.

Normally, cello music brought small goosebumps, but thinking of the "Baby Shark" song just makes me want to smile. To me, smiling about sharks seems wrong.

For those who missed a recent column about the "Baby Shark" song, or are unfamiliar with the song, it can be downloaded from the websites Spotify, Deezer.



The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Thumb Michigan Chapter's 23rd Annual Banquet & Auction is slated for Saturday, March 2, 2019 at the Ugly Heights Golf & Country Club, 2409 E. Atwater Rd, in Huron County. Doors open at 5:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m., and a live auction at 8:00 p.m.

A silent auction and raffles will take place from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

For tickets or more information contact Alisha Geiger at (989) 600-8273.

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Joining the Arbor Day Foundation is an ideal way to get in the mood for spring planting. Anyone who joins the Foundation in February 2019 will receive 10 free Colorado blue spruce trees or 10 free red-bud trees to plant when the weather turns warm.

The free trees are part of the Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

"These trees will help beautify your home for many years to come," said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "The trees will also add to the proud heritage of your state's existing Tree City USA communities."

The Tree City USA program has supported community forestry throughout the country for the past 40 years.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between March 1 and May 31, with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's colorful bimonthly publication, Arbor Day, and The Tree Book, which contains information about planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, visit [arborday.org](http://arborday.org)/February or send a \$10 contribution by February 28, 2019 to: Ten Free Colorado Blue Spruce Trees or Ten Free Eastern Redbud Trees, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410.

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The final ice race for the 2019 season at Lucky Thumb Motorcycle Club near Deford was held over the weekend. President Raymond Ellis reports 191 riders in front of nearly 800 race fans enjoyed another great night of racing.

Log onto the Chronicle website at [www.ccchronicle.net](http://www.ccchronicle.net) for complete results and pictures from the Bevens Road track.

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Michigan State University opened its 135th season of baseball with the first pitch of the 2019 ledger on Friday, Feb. 15, 2019 at New Orleans in a three-game series against the UNO Privateers in the first of a 56-game regular-season slate.

On the mound for the Spartans was 2016 Cass City High School graduate Mason Erla, who collected the win.

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If you missed January's Super Blood Wolf Moon, make sure you set a reminder to catch this month's because it will be the largest supermoon of 2019.

Because it is so close to Earth, the full moon will appear as much as 7 percent larger and 15 percent brighter. The phenomenon is called a supermoon.

While these supermoons can happen any month of the year, February's full moon is called the Snow Moon specifically. According to the Farmer's Almanac, the tradition of naming full moons goes back to Native American traditions in North America. Tribes kept track of seasons by giving names to each full moon.

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Last week I challenged readers to guess the nationalities of Cass City High School's foreign exchange students by the spelling of their names and wrote that we would reveal the answers in this week's Chronicle.

Unfortunately, I wasn't able to secure the answers in time to make this week's printing — yes I am a procrastinator.

But the good news is you have some extra time to do some figuring. Once again their names are Alie Kalokon, Serigne Mbodji, Ghazi Shawish, Shahrom Saidahmadzod, Savina Terpe, Maelys Christien, Orsolya Pleban, and Ishak Mamutov.

Stay tuned, I'm going to ask teacher Jon Zdrojewski to help me out.

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# CALENDAR EVENTS

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## Wednesday, February 20

•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.  
•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.

## Thursday, February 21

•AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.  
•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.  
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## Saturday, February 23

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

## Monday, February 25

•Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubyly. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.  
•AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.  
•Cass City School Board meeting, 7 p.m.  
•Hills & Dales General Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 11:30 a.m., Gilligans (no meetings July, August, December).  
•Tuscola County Right to Life meeting, 6:30-8 p.m., Caro Area District Library, 840 W. Frank St., Caro. For more information, call (989) 872-3259.  
•Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.

## Tuesday, February 26

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

#### Second Monday:

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

#### Second Tuesday:

•Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7 p.m., fire hall in Gagetown.  
•Tuscola County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., HDC Intergenerational Building, 430 Montague Ave., Caro. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.  
•Kedron OES #33 of Caro meeting, 7 p.m.  
•Huron County Family Caregiver Support Group, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Human Development Commission, 150 Nugent Rd., Bad Axe. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.  
•Al-Anon meeting, 7 p.m., St. Francis Parrish, Pigeon.

#### Second Thursday:

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

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#### Third Tuesday:

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

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#### Third Friday:

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

#### Third Saturday:

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

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•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:

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## Cass City hearing set Feb. 25

# One by one, municipalities say no to rec pot businesses

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

Cass City isn't the only Thumb municipality saying "no" to the prospect of becoming home to a company in the business of selling recreational marijuana.

One by one, local units of government throughout the area are following suit — the Owendale Village Council and the Evergreen Township Board among them. Both recently adopted ordinances prohibiting the development of marijuana businesses within their village/township.

In addition, the villages of Sebewaing and Unionville, and officials in Akron Township have each passed similar laws.

Ordinances prohibiting establishment of recreational marijuana businesses stem from the passage of Proposal One last November, when a majority of Michigan voters (56 percent) supported legalization of recreational marijuana. State officials are continuing to develop rules regulating retail sales of the drug.

The Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) will govern the recreational-use market but rules and regulations have not been developed yet, so recreational marijuana won't be able to be sold commercially until regulations are developed. Officials estimated it would take up to a year or more to complete that process.

Under the state's Medical Marijuana Act (MMA), if municipalities take no action, then the state automatically excluded them from hosting medical marijuana processing/sales businesses. However, under the new recreational marijuana law, a municipality must have a specific ordinance in place prohibiting marijuana businesses. That is one of the primary reasons municipalities are approving ordinances prohibiting such enterprises from setting up shop in their towns.

And more municipalities are expected to pass ordinances pro-

hibiting those businesses.

Although Michigan law allows for recreational marijuana use by those over age of 21, it is still a violation of federal law.

As of Dec. 6, 2018, under the recreational use law, residents over the age of 21 can grow up to 12 plants for personal use and possess 2.5 ounces for personal use. The law outlines a 10-ounce limit at a residence, and requires amounts of more than 2.5 ounces to be in locked containers.

The recently-passed law allowing for recreation use is different than the medical marijuana law passed by voters in 2008. There are strict regulations governing medical marijuana growing, distribution and use.

At last count in Michigan, there were 1,277,752 people who had medical marijuana cards and 43,131 caregivers allowed to grow up to 72 plants for up to five cardholders, according to LARA statistics. The numbers show there are 395 Michigan Medical Facilities Licensing Act patients in Huron County, with 51 caregivers; 944 patients and 170 caregivers in Sanilac County; and in Tuscola County, there are 1,928 patients and 407 caregivers.

### Cass City debate

While the Cass City Village Council recently adopted the ordinance prohibiting recreational marijuana retail sales businesses in the community, local officials have not ruled out allowing a medical marijuana processing facility to open.

The council recently reviewed a proposed Ordinance 183, which if passed would establish regulations and licensing requirements for certain aspects of medical marijuana businesses, including one proposed in 2018 by long-time businessman Gary Vollmar.

A public hearing on the ordinance is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 25, at 7 p.m.

Last summer, in a split decision,

the council told businessmen Vollmar and Gus Ploss that their proposed medical marijuana processing plant isn't the right fit for the community.

Their proposal — rejected on a vote of 3-4 — eliminated the need to craft an ordinance to establish a Class C licensed medical marijuana growing operation that would have allowed for the growing, cultivation and curing of up to 1,500 marijuana plants in an unused, 25,000-square-foot area inside the Millennium Industries factory at 6285 Garfield Ave.

The rejection came in spite of Vollmar's assurances to village officials that the proposed plant would be a well-controlled operation featuring a state-of-the-art H/Vac system to control any odor, 24/7 security with camera monitoring, a hydroponic growing system, and a carefully selected workforce required to undergo criminal background checks.

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

In the vote last summer, trustees Nancy Barrios, Marilyn Biefer, Jenny Zawilinski and village President Carl Palmateer all voted against the proposed medical marijuana processing operation, while trustees Michael Kirm, Tom Heron and Rob Piaskowski supported the proposal.

However, Barrios, Biefer and Palmateer have since left the council or were unseated in the November general election, and their new village President Dan Delamater and new trustees Joe Leeson and Don Ball have indicated support for medical marijuana use.

Still opposing the marijuana use of any sort in Cass City is Zawilinski, who cast the lone vote against Ordinance #183.

*Chronicle Editor Tom Montgomery contributed to this story.*

## Circuit court proceedings

# Several appear on felony charges

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

\*Elizabeth H. Deline, 27, Vassar, pleaded no contest to charges of interfering with electronic communications and malicious destruction of a building totaling less than \$200 Oct. 15 in Fremont Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$8,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*Keon V. Bowens, 23, Saginaw, was sentenced to 365 days in the county jail, with worksite privileges, following his pleas of guilty to delivery/manufacture of cocaine, heroin or another narcotic (less than 50 grams) and possession of cocaine, heroin or another narcotic (less than 25 grams) Aug. 2 in Caro.

He was also placed on probation for 36 months and ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,326.

\*Aaron B. Craig, 33, Caro, was sentenced to 365 days in jail following his pleas no contest to two counts of fleeing and eluding a police officer and one count of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor June 17 in Caro.

He was also placed on probation for 36 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,876.

\*Michelle L. Perez, 36, Vassar, was sentenced to 30 days in jail following her plea of guilty to embezzlement of \$1,000 to \$20,000 while employed at the Admiral gas station in Caro Oct. 8, 2017. Court records note she stole cash and/or lottery tickets and/or personal property.

In addition to jail time, the defendant was placed on probation for

24 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$258 plus restitution of \$1,210.40 to the business.

\*David M. Monroe Jr., 26, Saginaw, was sentenced to 23 months to 40 years in prison following his pleas of guilty to two counts of delivery/manufacture of cocaine, heroin or another narcotic (less than 50 grams), subsequent offense, Aug. 13 in Caro.

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

\*Zachary S. Ellis, 24, Vassar, pleaded no contest to two counts of attempted unlawful use of a motor vehicle Aug. 21 in Vassar Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$10,000. Sentencing is to be

scheduled.

\*Jeffrey C. Hammond, 62, Saginaw, pleaded guilty to breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny Sept. 7 in Denmark Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

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

\*Michael C. Farrar, 32, Lapeer, pleaded guilty to assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer Nov. 4 in Dayton Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (two prior felony convictions).

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

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**"HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON 3"**  
**THE HIDDEN WORLD** (PG)

## Reporter's notebook

'Till death do us part? Yup

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor



I had just turned 20 years of age when I said "I do" to my lovely bride 37 years ago today.

Deb and I spoke our vows after a whirlwind year-long courtship following a blind date. The thought of moving in together before our wedding day never crossed our minds, and we didn't start our family until a couple years later.

Yeah, we're a couple of weirdoes.

And, yet, in spite of a myriad of faults and irritating habits, we're still together.

That's not to say our marriage is still intact because we've done everything right. They say a couple should never go to bed angry, for example. We've violated that rule a number of times, and I might have even been to blame once or twice.

Of course, there's no shortage of advice designed to keep marriages strong and intact:

\*Choose to love each other, even in those moments when you struggle to like each other.

\*Make time together a priority.

\*Make laughter the soundtrack of your marriage.

\*In every argument, remember that there won't be a "winner" and a "loser".

\*Realize that a strong marriage rarely has two strong people at the same time.

\*Remember that marriage isn't 50/50 — divorce is 50/50.

\*Give your best to each other, not your leftovers, and don't put your marriage on hold while you're raising your kids.

\*Learn from other people, but don't feel the need to compare your life or your marriage to anyone else's.

\*Be honest with each other.

\*When you've made a mistake, admit it and seek forgiveness.

\*Be your spouse's biggest encourager, not his/her biggest critic.

\*Never talk badly about your spouse to other people.

\*Pray together.

\*When you have to choose between saying nothing or saying something mean to your spouse, say nothing every time.

\*Never consider divorce as an option.

If this were a test, I'm not confident my grade would be anything to shout about.

I mean, laughter is the soundtrack of our marriage, but all-too-frequently I'm the one laughing and Deb is the one giving me "the look".

I can honestly say Deb has always been willing to admit when I'm wrong and should seek her forgiveness. I try not to focus on being the "winner" in any argument, but it's a challenge when you win so few of them, you know?

And, I don't talk badly about my spouse to other people, but once in a great while I might mention her name in a column. Does that count?

Truth is, I've made far too many mistakes to count along the way.

It's been said that love is a commitment, not a feeling. I think it's both.

However you define it, I'm guessing couples whose marriages last eventually find themselves examining their relationship and realizing that they can't even begin to imagine life without the other.

That's the sort of marriage my grandparents had, and the bond that kept them together until death separated them is still an inspiration. Like Deb and I, they didn't achieve perfection, but they were living proof that love without absolute commitment is a broken relationship waiting to happen.

So, here's to commitment, Deb — and to another 37 years together.

## NOTICE FOR GILFORD TOWNSHIP

JANUARY 10, 2019- MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

Public Comment: Pig on Bradleyville Rd. is disturbing neighbors. Complaints about blight at corner of VanBuren and M-138. Some residents not using wheeled carts for garbage, windy days garbage blows out of open cans.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion by A. Goss, second by D. Strasz to approve 12/13/2018 minutes. Motion approved. Motion by J. Stockmeyer, second by D. Strasz to approve 12/24/2018 minutes. Motion approved.

Treasurers Report: Motion by K. Houghtaling, second by A. Goss to approve Treasurers Report. Motion approved.

### REPORTS:

**Supervisor:** 1 Reese fire run. 13 runs total for the year. Roasting plant meeting January 21 for site plan review. Resolution for Road Millage 2019-01 presented by D. Strasz, supported by K.Houghtaling. Roll call vote: 5 yeas, 0 nays. Resolution declared adopted, millage will appear on ballot in May 2019. Parcel division for R. and D. Stockmeyer. Motion by D. Strasz, second by A. Goss to approve the division. Motion approved. Decision not to do chip and seal on roads in 2019. Motion by J. Stockmeyer, second by K. Houghtaling to approve Wilkinson dust control for 2 applications. Motion approved. Budget discussion, need 2017-18 expenses. Robert Strasz appointed as new Deputy Treasurer and given oath of office. Consensus to investigate possibilities for tire collection site and recruit workers.

**Treasurer:** Taxes coming in.

**Clerk:** County asking for Gilford Township contact information to be updated. Motion by J. Stockmeyer, second by A. Goss to pay bills. Motion approved.

**Trustees:** New zoning ordinance is nearing completion.

**Ambulance Representative:** 10 runs in November, new EMT hired, CPR instructions.

**Fire Department Representative:** Reese Fire thanked retirees, discussed truck repairs.

**Zoning Administrator:** One Zoning Permit in December. 16 Permits for the year, 2 Demolition Permits, 5 Junk Car letters.

**Public Comment:** What is being done with deep ruts on Bradleyville Rd. north of Gilford Rd? Any news on Juniata issues?

Motion by R. Haines, second by A. Goss to adjourn at 9:05 P.M. Motion approved.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Robert L. Haines,  
Gilford Township Clerk

# Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



## 5 YEARS AGO (2014)

The latest Cass City Red Hawk Award of Excellence presentation turned out to be a family affair, with sisters Lauren and Erin Hartsell, the daughters of Stazha and Cole Hartsell, receiving the coveted honor.

Schneeberger's congratulates the entire Kingston girls' basketball team as their choice for this week's "Athletes of the Week" award winners. Under the guidance of coaches Jay and Dave Green, the Lady Cardinals captured their own Class D district Friday with an easy 14-point victory over Carsonville-Port Sanilac. The district title was the Lady Cardinals' second since 2012 and complements nicely the team's 2 consecutive North Central Thumb League banners. The Kingston Lady Cardinals include Taylor Chorba, Elissa Chambers, Cassidy MacGuire, Jelena Marjanovic, Madison Cofer, Jenna Boyl, Kim McCormick, Sarah Savage, Kali Powell, Bailey Barden, Michayla McComb, Ashton Fetting and Emma Cumper.

## 10 YEARS AGO (2009)

Decker area resident Les Phillips was elected chairman of the Marlette Regional Hospital Board of Directors last week. He is pictured with long-time former board Chairman Gordon Miller, who will now serve as vice chairman.

Outwit. Outplay. Outlast. Deford's Sloane Stimpfel figures she has the "stuff" to do all 3, and she's willing to give it her best shot in front of a television viewing audience numbering in the millions. Which is why Stimpfel traveled to Bay City recently to take part in a casting call for the reality television show, "Survivor". Stimpfel, an Uby native, has already had plenty of "survivor" training in the real world, judging by the schedule she keeps. She and husband, Tom, are raising 2 boys — Bransen, 10, and Carlee, 8. For the past 15 years, Stimpfel has also owned and operated her own home-based pet grooming business, Sloane's Wash 'N Wag, she spearheaded the Cass City PTO 2 years ago and has since served as the group's president, she volunteers a full day each week at Campbell Elementary School and Cass City Middle School, and she has managed to adhere to a self-imposed personal training program every morning for the past 8 years.

Three area residents were recently named to the dean's list at Michigan Technological University, Houghton. They are: Zachary A. Hopper, a freshman computer science major from Cass City; Ryan J. Cooper, a senior electrical engineering technology major from Owendale; and Kyle W. Smith, a sophomore electrical engineering major from Caro. Each of the students earned a minimum 3.5 grade point average.

## 25 YEARS AGO (1994)

Heidi Nowaczyk and Richard Perkins, together with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Nowaczyk of Owendale and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Perkins of Cass City, announce their engagement. A May 21 wedding is being planned.

Willis Atkinson was recently honored by United Parcel Service for completing 20 years of service with the company. Atkinson, as on-car supervisor with UPS in Cass City, was cited for his loyal service contributions to UPS. Atkinson began his career in 1973. Atkinson and his wife, Pam, live in Decker. They have 2 children, Chip, 23, and Chad, 21.

Thomas Davis of Cass City has enrolled and been accepted at In Technical Institute in Troy. A 2-year program in electronics engineering technology will prepare him for an entry level position in the electronics field. The school is one of a nationwide network of technical institutes operated by Indianapolis-based ITT Educational Services, Inc. After completing this program of study, Davis will be entitled to assistance from the ITT Technical Institute placement

office in securing a job in his chosen field.

Navy Seaman Recruit Victor A. Pohlod, son of Roger J. and Maryann Pohlod, Deford, recently completed basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Army Spec. Grant J. Hulburt, a member of the 6th Infantry Division (Light), has deployed to the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, Leesville, La., for a training exercise.

## 35 YEARS AGO (1984)

The Fisher families met Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Les Hartwick for a co-operative supper and to celebrate February birthdays. Included were those of Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Hartwick, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Keating of Saginaw and Blake Fisher. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Brock (Dawn Hartwick) of Sneads Ferry, N. Carolina, joined them in the evening. Brock is in the Marine Corps and stationed at Camp Lejeune.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tuckey and children are in Florida for a week. They left Saturday and will visit Mr. and Mrs. Luke Tuckey at Holiday and will visit EPCOT.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schwartz Sr. of Cass City announce the engagement of their daughter, Dorothy Schwartz, to Kim Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hill Jr. of Cass City. Both are Cass City High School graduates. Dorothy is employed at the Cass City IGA Foodliner and Kim farms with his father. Wedding plans are indefinite.

First division ratings at the solo and ensemble festival were received by Yvette Hurd, Annette Stachura, Craig Schuette, Jeanne Marshall, Scott Harding and Susie Scollon.

## 40 YEARS AGO (1979)

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Sugden announce the birth of a daughter, Marie Lynn, Feb. 11 in Saginaw General Hospital. The baby weighed seven pounds and 11 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Auten went to Boyne City Saturday and returned home Sunday. Her mother, Mrs. Lester Jersey, returned with them to spend a few days here. Mrs. Jersey will then go to visit her sister, Marian Callan, in Saginaw.

Mrs. Edna Malcolm of Kingston was the subject of a surprise birthday party last Thursday evening. She became 91 Sunday and has lived in the Deford and Kingston area all of her life. Present were her daughter, Mrs. Althea Kritzman of Deford; grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kelley of Cass City and Mrs. Shirley Bills and Mrs. Kathy Dalton, both of Caro; great-granddaughter, Mrs. Shirley Albin of Caro, and great great-granddaughters, Kimberly Albin of Caro and Barbie Kelley of Cass City, a total of five generations. Also present was Mrs. Lena Mausolf, who lives with Mrs. Malcolm.

Marine Lance Corporal Gerald R. Langmaid, son of Marge A. Langmaid of Van Dyke Road, Cass City, has reported for duty with the 1st Marine Division, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif. A 1975 graduate of Cass City High School, he joined the Marine Corps in June of that year.

## 50 YEARS AGO (1969)

A personal shower for Mrs. Jim Evans and daughter Brenda was sponsored by the Baptist Women's Missionary Union Thursday evening at the church. Thirty-seven ladies attended. Gifts were presented which will be used during the Evans' second four-year term as missionaries in Peru.

Mrs. Esther McCullough was in Grand Rapids for the week end attending the State Republican convention, as one of the delegates from Tuscola county. She was accompanied by Mrs. Harold Perry, who remained in Grand Rapids to spend the week with her daughter, Miss Janet Perry. Mrs. C. W. Price accompanied them to Lansing and

spent the week end with relatives.

Mrs. Lafey Lorentzen received two valentines when a great-granddaughter and a great great-granddaughter were born Feb. 14. The great-granddaughter was born to the Donald Lorentzens of St. Charles, and the great great-granddaughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Daily Parrish (Linda Anthes) in Pontiac.

Born Feb. 9 to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Laurie in a Bad Axe hospital, an eight-pound, six-ounce son, David John. He joins a brother Douglas and a sister Dana at home. Mrs. Laurie's mother, Mrs. Stanley Morell, telephoned the news to another daughter, Mrs. Gerald Houghton, in Hawaii.

Born Feb. 15 to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Nye in Hills & Dales General Hospital, a son, Gary Ray. The new baby joins two brothers and two sisters at home.

Tom Fulcher, 17, a senior at Cass City High School, played at three locations Saturday evening. He sang and played the guitar at a banquet in Bad Axe. He then appeared for two hours at a dance at Cass City High School. Finally he played and sang at a wedding reception in Caro. Earlier in the week Fulcher cut a demonstration record at Delta College. He will be a featured soloist in the school choir at the school's open house Sunday. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Fulcher.

## 75 YEARS AGO (1944)

Five Tuscola County men will be members of the next contingent to go to the induction station at Fort Sheridan, Ill., Feb. 24. They are: Chas. Dyer and Edward Jankowski of Caro, David Elliott of Cass City, Richard Perry of Mayville, and Robert Simpson of Vassar. They passed their pre-induction examinations at Detroit three weeks ago. Kenneth Marsh of Cass City will join the Navy forces Feb. 22. Lewis Siarowski of Caro, listed as a conscientious objector, was scheduled to have a hearing Thursday before the grand jury in federal court in Bay City.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Reagh are the proud parents of three sons, all of whom are now serving in the armed forces. The last to enter the Service was Delbert, who has been living with his wife and small daughter in Port Huron. He left Friday night for Fort Sheridan, Ill., and from there will go to Miami Beach, Fla., for training in the Air Corps.

One of the outstanding ensemble groups of the senior band of Cass City High School is the cornet trio consisting of Kenneth Price, Dean Robinson and Gail Goodall. This group has played at various programs throughout the semester and now have had an audition and won an opportunity to play over WBCM, Bay City, Feb. 19, at 12:30 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Horner were very much surprised on Sunday afternoon when Mr. and Mrs. Keith Horner and two children of Flint, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rickwalt and four children and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Graham, all of Caro, came to help them celebrate their 43rd wedding anniversary, which is Feb. 14, St. Valentine's Day.

## 100 YEARS AGO (1919)

Mrs. Win. Crandell has been entertaining for several days her grandmother, Mrs. John Morley, sr., and Mr. and Mrs. John Morley, jr., and two children of Harbor Beach and Miss Nora Walls of Caro.

Melvin Herford of Elkton, son-in-law of D. F. Schiele, moved his family here to the T. Loundsbury house on Houghton St. where, they will reside in the future. Mr. Herford is employed at the John Cole garage.

Wm. McIntyre, son of Dougald McIntyre of Argyle and a cousin of Mrs. A. J. Knapp, visited Mrs. Knapp Saturday, having just returned from France. Mr. McIntyre has not visited his Cass City and Argyle relatives for 18 years. He is spending some time with his father before going to his home in the west.

## Pastor's Corner

# Masculinity should be celebrated, not condemned

"Toxic Masculinity" is a new term being tossed about frequently these days. Kutztown University professor, Colleen Clemens, is largely credited for its origination seen in a tweet she put out that said: "When men feel disenfranchised, and usually it's white men, they will find a way to feel enfranchised — and killing a room-full or street-full of people is them trying to fill that empty feeling. That drive is motivated by toxic masculinity... It can be rabid white, misogynistic nationalism and it can be ISIS."

In January the American Psychological Association got on the PC bandwagon, stating "traditional masculinity" is harmful to men and boys, submitting professional guidelines on how psychologists should deal with it. Clinicians are to encourage men to "discard the harmful ideologies of traditional masculinity and find flexibility in the potentially positive aspects."

Amazing how institutions of higher learning and human development are willing to come out and condemn one-half of the human race, isn't it? Surely we have come to the place predicted by Paul in Romans 1:21, 22: "...they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools." But when the Word of God is abandoned in a society like it has been in ours, anything goes. Like the APA, we follow our own guidelines and live by our own rules, which accounts for the insanity running amok in America today. It is as the book of Judges reiterated during the time of Israel's apostasy: "Every man did what was right in his own eyes," Judges 17:6; 21:25.

Since the beginning, what God created and called very good, Satan has attempted to destroy. Genesis 1:27 declares: "God cre-

ated man in his own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them." Like it or not, God made an intentional difference between the two (not several) genders, and one is no more toxic than the other. Imagine the hue and cry if professor Clemens had come up with "toxic femininity!" In fact, if you really want to go there, how is the daily murder of 3,000 innocent children in the womb not "toxic femininity?"

The toxicity of our race is not gender specific. The toxicity of our race can only be understood when we call it by its real name — SIN. That problem was taken into account by God from all eternity past when He planned man's rescue through the shed blood of His only begotten Son — the only agent that can neutralize and wash away the deadly effects of human sin.

We don't need the APA to create

guidelines that mitigate traditional (toxic) masculinity. The Lord gave us all the guidelines we need written down in His book, the Holy Bible. We just need to obey them. Traditional masculinity, tempered by God's truth, was able to spread the faith of Christ throughout the entire globe by just 12 men. Traditional masculinity, tempered by God's truth, crossed vast oceans and settled whole continents. Traditional masculinity, tempered by God's truth, wrote a Declaration of Independence, created a great Constitution, designed amazing inventions, won world wars, and directed the next generations.

Ultimately, we should teach and train men and boys their masculinity is a good thing, and to express that gift through the guidance of God's Word. Masculinity should be celebrated, not condemned. As one Facebook meme put it: "Toxic Masculinity

— keeping snowflakes safe since 1775." We might add: "Saving them since AD 4." Remember, it was Jesus the man who defeated sin and Satan once and for all.



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**To receive comments on  
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**The proposed ordinance can be found on the  
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Drop down to Government, Ordinances,  
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The Public is invited to attend.  
Nanette S. Walsh  
Clerk/Treasurer

**Notice of  
BOARD OF REVIEW  
for  
Elkland Township**  
will be held

**Wednesday, March 13, 2019**  
2 p.m. - 5 p.m. & 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

**Thursday, March 14, 2019**  
9 a.m. - noon & 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

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

The 2019 tentative ratios and multipliers are:

	Ratio	Multiplier
Agricultural	55.32	0.9038
Commercial	49.86	1.0028
Industrial	45.85	1.0905
Residential	48.43	1.0324
Personal	50.00	1.0000

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**Notice of  
BOARD OF REVIEW  
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will be held

**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
Agricultural	49.69	1.00624
Commercial	39.00	1.28205
Industrial	50.00	1.00000
Residential	46.10	1.08460
Personal	50.00	1.00000

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Organizational Meeting:

**Tuesday, March 5, 2019 ~ 6 p.m.**

Valuation appeals will be heard on:

**Monday, March 11, 2019** 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
**Tuesday, March 12, 2019** 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real and personal property for 2019 are as follows:

Class	Ratio	Multiplier
Agriculture	49.61%	1.00786
Commercial	50.29%	0.99423
Industrial	49.35%	1.01317
Residential	50.28%	0.99443
Personal	50.00%	1.00000

**Greenleaf Township Hall,  
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**Notice of  
BOARD OF REVIEW  
for  
Novesta Township**  
will be held

**Tuesday, March 12, 2019**  
3 p.m. to 9 p.m.

**Thursday, March 14, 2019**  
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tentative Equalization Factors:

	Multiplier	Ratio
Agricultural	0.8889	56.25
Commercial	0.8980	55.68
Industrial	0.0000	00.00
Residential	1.0373	48.20
Personal	1.0000	50.00

Meetings will be held at the  
Cass City Gun Club  
2676 Englehart Road, Cass City, MI 48726  
Pennie Rienas, Clerk

# Burnouts are back!

## Kingston Days fest has new leadership, new plans

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

The annual Kingston Days celebration not only has a new leader, but also a new attitude focusing on looking back to some past events to pump new life into the festival. "An old favorite will be back this year. The burnout was always popular and brought a lot of people in, especially vendors into town," said Amy Fetting, who now chairs Kingston Days, which is scheduled to take place Aug. 22-25.

"To come to a festival, vendors and crafters want to know what events there will be," she added. "They want to know what attendance is expected for them to decide on whether or not they want to participate."

For the uninitiated, participating drivers keep their vehicles in place while holding down the brake and pushing on the accelerator, causing their tires to spin and creating a lot of black smoke.

"The burnout was dropped from the festival a few years ago be-

cause of the high cost of insuring the event," explained Fetting, who indicated she hopes that bringing the popular event back will draw more visitors – along with more vendors and crafters — to the annual celebration.

Vendors and crafters interested in signing up for this year's festival can register and learn more by calling (989) 683-2003.

Fetting said that thanks to the efforts of village Trustee Scott Fetting, who is also her husband, organizers were able to secure insurance at a reasonable rate, enabling them to revive burnouts this year.

Scott Fetting met with representatives of Decker and Decker Insurance Agency and was able to get coverage at a reasonable rate.

"The burnout is expected to be on Saturday at about 6 p.m.," Amy Fetting said, noting officials are still working on this year's schedule of events.

Among the activities planned for 2019 include: a corn hole tournament, a three-on-three tournament, a dunk tank coordinated by

the Kingston football team, bounce houses, a kids' candy drop, and a parade.

"We will be having a scavenger hunt for toddlers and another one for teenagers. That will be a lot of fun for them," Fetting said. "And, there will be a dance for teenagers."

The events will take place primarily in Memory Park, located next to Kingston High School.

To help fund the event and also to assist with community improvements, Kingston Days Committee members are selling 300 raffle tickets for \$27 each. The drawing will run from March 1 to Aug. 16. Prize money ranges from \$50 to \$1,000.

Also, the Kingston Days Committee members are selling tickets for \$10 to win a 65-inch smart television. The drawing for that will be March 16, with proceeds earmarked for community improvements.

Kingston Days is a celebration of community and offers something for the entire family to enjoy. The festival, for many, is also viewed as a homecoming.

## Snover farmer re-elected president of the National Sugarbeet Growers

Snover farmer Richard Gerstenberger was recently re-elected president of the American Sugarbeet Growers Association for a one-year term.

The American Sugarbeet Growers Association has more than 10,000 sugar beet farmers in 11 states.

Gerstenberger has a long history of community service in the Thumb. He served on the Sandusky Board of Education, the Argyle Township Board of Review and the Michigan Farm Bureau State Dry Bean/Sugarbeet Advisory Committee.

He has also been an independent sales agent for Betaseed and is a member of the Sanilac County Farm Bureau, the Sanilac County Corn Growers and the Michigan Corn Growers Association.

Gerstenberger was re-elected chairman of the Michigan Sugar Company Board of Directors in January. He has served on the board since 2007 and as board chairman for 11 years.

Michigan Sugar Company was founded in 1906 when six smaller sugar companies merged their operations. In 2002, Michigan Sugar Company became a grower-owned cooperative and in 2004 merged with Monitor Sugar Company to form the company that exists today.

Michigan Sugar Company is headquartered in Bay City and has sugarbeet processing facilities in Bay City, Caro, Crosswell and Sebawaing.



Richard Gerstenberger



### Veteran businessmen honored

TUSCOLA COUNTY Economic Development Corporation (EDC) official Jim McLoskey presented tribute plaques to brothers and longtime Cass City businessmen Bud (left) and Russ Schneeberger in honor of their contributions to the local business community for nearly six decades. The tributes were signed by former Gov. Rick Snyder and former Thumb legislators Dr. Edward (Ned) Canfield and Mike Green.

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# Kingston Village officials revive community's police department

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

The village of Kingston will once again have its own police department.

The village council made the decision last month and named Albert Pearsall to serve as Kingston's chief of police. He was interviewed by village council trustees Scott Fetting and Cory Skinner; Tim Ruggles, who represents Kingston Township; and Akron Village Chief of Police Matt Symerson.

For the last few years, the village has contracted with the Mayville Police Department to provide 40 hours of law enforcement protection. That agreement ends at midnight Thursday, Feb. 28.

Pearsall knows the Kingston community well. He worked part time for the Mayville Police Department, which covered Kingston, and worked as an officer on the Sandusky Police Department. A native of Kingston, he also served on the Kingston Fire Department and as medical first responder.

Over the next few weeks, Pearsall will be working on reestablishing the Kingston Police Department, including completing and filing the necessary paperwork with the state.

He will be a one-man department, according to the council, which approved \$2,600 for purchases for the police department.

In other business during the recent meeting, the council noted water rates will go up next month

to meet U.S. Department of Agriculture requirements. The rate will increase from \$2.50 per 1,000 gallons to \$3.50 per 1,000 gallons.

Also, some new members joined or took different positions on the council.

Corey Skinner is now village president. He replaces Robin LaFond, who resigned. Trustee Bob

Phaghan was selected as president pro tem. New council member Jennifer Proctor-Krug took the oath of office. She fills the vacant seat created when Skinner took over as president.

In addition, Heather Baker is now the village clerk. She replaces Carrie Gilley, who also resigned.



**NEWLY-HIRED** Kingston Village Chief of Police Albert Pearsall takes the oath of office from village Clerk Heather Baker.



**KINGSTON** Village Clerk Heather Baker (left) administers the oath of office to new Trustee Jennifer Proctor-Krug, who fills the vacant seat on the council created when Robin LaFond resigned and Corey Skinner took over as the new village president.

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## Sheriff: beware of SSA scams in area

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"The FTC (Federal Trade Commission) is getting reports about people pretending to be from the Social Security Administration (SSA) who are trying to get your Social Security number and even

your money," the department posted on its Facebook page.

"In one version of the scam, the caller says your Social Security number has been linked to a crime — often, he says it happened in Texas — involving drugs or sending money out of the country illegally. He then says your Social Security number is blocked — but he might ask you for a fee to reactivate it, or to get a new number. And he will ask you to confirm your Social Security number.

"In other variations, he says that somebody used your Social Security number to apply for credit cards, and you could lose your benefits. Or he might warn you that your bank account is about to be seized, that you need to withdraw your money, and that he'll tell you how to keep it safe.

"But all of these are scams. Here's what you need to know:

\*The SSA will never (ever) call and ask for your Social Security number. It won't ask you to pay anything. And it won't call to threaten your benefits.

\*Your caller ID might show the SSA's real phone number (1-800-772-1213), but that's not the real SSA calling. Computers make it easy to show any number on caller ID. You can't trust what you see there.

\*Never give your Social Security number to anyone who contacts you. Don't confirm the last four digits. And don't give a bank account or credit card number — ever — to anybody who contacts you asking for it.

Remember that anyone who tells you to wire money, pay with a gift card, or send cash is a scammer.

Always. No matter who they say they are."

Anyone concerned about a call they receive from someone who claims to be from the Social Security Administration is urged to hang up and call the real SSA at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778). If you've spotted a scam, then tell the FTC at [ftc.gov/complaint](http://ftc.gov/complaint).

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**MEET THE champs from Kingston High School. They are: (front row, l-r): Kendra DeLong, Ashtian Davis, Danielle Crisman, Emily Warrington, Gerilyn Carpenter, Camryn MacGuire (back row) Brooke Mooney, Lily Lyons, Carley Smith, Jillyan Dinsmore, Anna Ahern, Payton Kolacz and Hannah James.**

## Lucky seven for Kingston gals hoop team

Kingston Community School District's Lady Cardinals basketball team continues to be a powerhouse on the court.

Coach Jay Green's squad won their seventh straight league title Thursday at Deckerville with a convincing victory in North Cen-

tral Thumb League Stars (NCTL-S) play.

With the 51-25 decision, Kingston improves to 9-0 in the conference and 15-1 overall. They have not lost a league game since 2014, and have suffered just one league setback in seven years.

For a while against the Eagles, it looked like the hosts would challenge the NCTL-S champs. Deckerville trailed just 9-7 early, before Kingston's 1-2-2 press produced a 35-11 cushion for the visitors, who led 14-7 after one quarter and 29-11 after two.

"We improved our defensive intensity during the middle quarters," said Green.

Kingston had a trio of players reach double figures on the night, led by Hanna James with 12 points, while Lily Lyons and Camryn MacGuire split 22 markers.

Ella Watson scored 11 points to pace Deckerville.

Earlier in the week, Kingston entertained North Huron on Monday and cruised to a 58-8 win against the NCTL-S cellar-dwellers.

The Cardinals led 39-2 at the break, before settling for the lopsided triumph.

Carley Smith recorded game scoring honors with 10 points for Kingston, while James chipped in nine and Jillyan Dinsmore, seven.

Paige Koroleski had five tallies for the Warriors.

### Girls' Basketball Standings

Greater Thumb West			
	W	L	W L
Reese	10	0	14 2
USA	6	3	8 5
EPBP	6	4	8 7
Cass City	5	4	9 7
Caro	5	5	8 7
Bad Axe	2	8	4 12
Vassar	0	10	2 12
NCTL - Stars			
Kingston	9	0	15 1
Deckerville	5	2	10 5
Dryden	3	2	10 2
Genesee	3	5	7 7
Mayville	1	6	2 12
North Huron	0	7	2 11



**CASS CITY foreign exchange student Alie Kalokoh, shown behind Bad Axe's Clark Wehner, was the only Red Hawk double winner in last week's Team Regional action.**

## Hawk wrestling season ends

by Clarke Haire  
 Publisher

Wrestling season came to a close over the weekend for the Cass City mat men.

After Coach Don Markel's team was eliminated for the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) team playoffs Wednesday, the Red Hawks failed to advance any of their four grapplers from individual competition Saturday in New Lothrop.

"Even though it was disappointing that we were unable to qualify any individuals or the team for the State Finals, the future looks bright for the Hawks. We far exceeded what many thought we would do this season and we will return a solid core to the mats next season," Markel said.

At the Individual Regional, Red Hawks Drew Markel (125-weight class), Tristan Swiderski (135-weight class), and Hunter Caister (171-weight class) each went 1-2 for the day but were unable to qualify for the State Finals. Lucas Swiderski - the final Cass City qualifier - suffered an injury in practice earlier in the week and

unfortunately was unable to compete.

At the MHSAA Division 4 Individual Regional, Markel suffered defeat by Noah Cantu, Hartland, in a quarterfinal match (TF 15-0, 4:14), before his consolation Round 1 forfeit against teammate Lucas Swiderski. In Markel's final match, he was pinned by Curtis Perry of Lakeview (Fall 0:45).

Tristan Swiderski, was defeated in his quarterfinals match by Andrew Whitney, Hartland, in an exciting match (Dec 6-4), but rebounded nicely in his consolation Round 1 bout by pinning Lakeview's Brenden Kurtze (Fall 4:32). Swiderski's day ended when Hartland's Jordan Mallory earned a convincing win in the consolation semis (MD 9-0).

For Caister, Nash Akin, Carson City-Crystal, was the winner in his opening match (Dec 11-4), while Caister pinned Luke Mobley from Martin High School in a consolation Round 1 matchup (Fall 3:51). In the consolation semifinals, Alex Holladay, Hartland, sent Caister home with a

## Cass City continues to improve

Cass City gals spoiled the day for Harbor Beach Thursday with a surprising 40-29 victory.

Not only did the Red Hawks put a damper on any Valentine's Day festivities the Pirates were entertaining, they tainted the birthdays of Harbor Beach twins Haylie and Hallie Essenmacher by halting the visitors' seven game win streak.

Senior Kacey Haire was the ring-leader for the home team as the 3-year varsity starter poured in a career-high 18 points that only tells a portion of her contribution on the night.

"Kacey got the double-double," said Cass City Coach Justin Ketterer while noting her 11 boards, three assists and two steals. "These kids are tough. Truly tough and it's been their toughness that's got them playing well right now. It stems from the leadership of the seniors coming to work every day to get better and committing themselves to this team."

Harbor Beach actually doubled the score on their hosts in the first quarter and took a 12-6 spread into the quarter before the break. However, behind seniors Haire, Kelly Ziegler and Brittany Hamilton the Red Hawks were able to draw even at 17-17 by the intermission.

The trio continued to shoulder the scoring chores after the break - they scored every point for Cass City in the two middle frames - and combined with a solid team defensive effort built a 29-20 edge entering the final eight minutes of play and never looked back.

Hamilton, the team's leading scorer, finished the night with nine points, two assists and four steals, but it was her defensive effort that caught the eye of her rookie coach.

"Britt dove and sacrificed her body to knock a tip out of bounds to save a layup," said Ketterer, adding, "They continue to get better and they're starting to believe

they can accomplish big things." Ziegler chipped in nine points, four steals and two assists, while Tiara Anthony had 10 rebounds

for Cass City. Harbor Beach, which suffered just their fourth loss, had Jessica Weber with 11 points.



**RED HAWK ABBEY Salcido has her head up looking to pass despite heavy pressure from Harbor Beach defender Megan Pawlowski.**

# New Lothrop dominates on mats

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major decision (12-0).

## TEAM REGIONAL

It was a familiar foe that ended Cass City's team run in the MHSAA tourney.

Host Cass City defeated Greater Thumb Conference foe Bad Axe 48-30 in their regional semifinal contest to advance into the final, where Cass City bowed for the second year in a row to perennial

powerhouse New Lothrop, 62-6. The Hornets also ended the Red Hawks' gridiron playoff hopes in the fall.

The only double winner for Cass City was foreign exchange student Alie Kalokoh in the 119-weight class. He pinned Bad Axe's Clark Wehner in 1:06 and New Lothrop's Isaac Richardson in 5:54.

Cass City finishes the 2018-19 season with a 30-11 dual meet record.

# Cass City wins crossover battle

In need of a statement game late in the season, Cass City edged visiting Harbor Beach Friday in a Greater Thumb Conference crossover battle.

The host Red Hawks notched win number seven on the season, turning back the Pirates 53-51. It was Coach Aaron Fernald's squad's third victory by two points on the season and Cass City's first over a team with a winning record.

"I was real happy with the win Friday. Harbor Beach has a solid team. The win was a good way to start our last week of the season. We play three games this week, so it gives a little momentum heading to Vassar and Caro," he said.

After traveling to Vassar Monday, Cass City faces Caro tonight (Wednesday), before wrapping up the regular season Friday against visiting Reese.

Hayden Horne and Collen Wrubel led the way for the winners in the opening half, before Sandyn Cuthrell took over the scoring duties late.

Horne tallied seven markers in the opening quarter as Cass City took a slim 13-12 advantage. Wrubel heated up in the second stanza and eight points from the

junior sharp shooter had the hosts enjoying a 26-21 cushion at the intermission.

Harbor Beach was able to slice into the margin during the third quarter as Mason Jahn was able to penetrate the Cass City defense and finish with easy looks in the lane.

Jahn continued to produce for Harbor Beach in the closing frame and with just under four minutes remaining gave the visitors a 48-46 edge with a basket from close range.

Cuthrell would answer with a pretty drive of his own for the Red Hawks, only to see Harbor Beach regain a 49-48 lead after Parker Jahn split a pair of free throws.

It would have been easy for Cass City to fold, but Wrubel wasn't having any of that. His third trey of the night moments later put the Hawks on top for good as free throws by Kendall Anthes and Cuthrell in the closing seconds sealed the outcome.

Cuthrell finished with 17 points and Wrubel chipped in 11 to lead Cass City.

For Harbor Beach, Mason Jahn recorded game scoring honors with 21 points.



CASS CITY sophomore guard Bryce Fernald uses a between the legs dribble to protect the ball.

# Kingston boys roll to victories

Evan Neff scored 16 points and Aaron Koehler added 12, as Kingston edged closer to the North Central Thumb League Stars boys' basketball championship Friday with a closer than expected victory over host Deckerville.

Despite winning 49-42, Kingston was actually outscored 28-21 during the final half, after jumping out in front 17-6 in the opening stanza.

"We got off to another good start, but struggled to score all night. Deckerville shot the ball well and worked hard," said Kingston Coach Dave Lester.

For Deckerville, Isaac Keinath poured in 11 points, while Carlos Ibarra added 10.

Earlier in the week, a big first half remove most of the doubt from Monday's outcome against North Huron.

Kingston took control early in the North Central Thumb League Stars affair and built a 45-20 advantage at the halfway point and then pushed the gap to 64-24 entering the final eight minutes.

"We got off to a good start. Our defensive pressure caused some turnovers that led to some easy transition points," Lester noted.

Neff and Nathan Cloyd led Kingston with 13 points apiece. Nathan Dawson added 11, while Hunter James had 10 for the Cardinals.

De'Andre Morris led North Huron with 11 points.

# Gymnasts shine in home meet

In their only home meet of the season Saturday, the Cass City gymnastic team posted the Lady Red Hawks' first regional qualifying team score. Still, it was Vassar that came out on top over the weekend, 131.725 to 120.05.

Coach Kathy Bouverette explained that although Cass City posted their first regional qualifying score, we unfortunately need three more to go as a team to regional play, but have just one meet left - Thursday in Vassar.

"I do, however, have some girls going individually (into the regional competition). Riley Copeland is going on vault, beam and floor. She needs one more (qualifying score) on bars and she will go on all around. Olivia Schuette received her 4th qualifier on floor. Hanna Dobson re-

ceived her 4th on beam. Madison Beckrow received her 4th qualifier on vault. Katelyn Grifka (Ubyly) received her 4th qualifier on vault. Lauren Peters and Alaina Fluegge (Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port) are going on vault," said Bouverette.

Needing one more qualifying score to advance into the individual regional round for the local co-op team are Lauren Peters on floor, Alaina Fluegge on beam, Katelyn Grifka on beam and Kristin Stimpfel on vault.

"We had a really good home meet and it was exciting to see the girls who normally don't see a lot of competition themselves get to compete. They were really nervous, but they did their part and did a good job for the team," Bouverette said.

# Fabulous Four's Fearless Forecast

## 2018-19 Basketball Picks



Ray Maurer



Clarke Haire



Geoff Morgan



Doug Hyatt

### BOYS' BASKETBALL

#### WEDNESDAY, Feb. 20

Bad Axe at EPBP	Bad Axe	Bad Axe	Bad Axe	Bad Axe
Cass City at Caro	Cass City	Caro	Caro	Cass City
USA at Vassar	USA	USA	USA	USA
Brown City at Marlette	Brown City	Brown City	Brown City	Brown City
Sandusky at Ubyly	Sandusky	Sandusky	Sandusky	Ubyly

#### FRIDAY, Feb. 22

Bad Axe at USA	USA	USA	USA	USA
Reese at Cass City	Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese
Vassar at EPBP	EPBP	EPBP	EPBP	EPBP
Brown City at Sandusky	Sandusky	Brown City	Brown City	Brown City
Ubyly at Marlette	Marlette	Marlette	Ubyly	Marlette
Dryden at Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
Caseville at Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage	Caseville	Owen-Gage	Caseville

### GIRLS' BASKETBALL

#### TUESDAY, Feb. 19

Bad Axe at EPBP	EPBP	EPBP	EPBP	Bad Axe
Sandusky at Ubyly	Sandusky	Sandusky	Sandusky	Sandusky
Cass City at Caro	Cass City	Cass City	Caro	Cass City
Kingston at Oxford	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Oxford

#### THURSDAY, Feb. 21

Bad Axe at USA	USA	USA	USA	USA
Vassar at EPBP	EPBP	EPBP	EPBP	EPBP
Ubyly at Marlette	Ubyly	Ubyly	Marlette	Marlette
Reese at Cass City	Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese
Brown City at Sandusky	Sandusky	Sandusky	Sandusky	Sandusky
Dryden at Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
Flint Int. at Akron-Fairgrove	Flint	Flint	Owen-Gage	Flint
BCAS at Owen-Gage	BCAS	BCAS	BCAS	BCAS

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# Cass City Jr./Sr. High School

## 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	Ubyly 47, CC 44
12/11	CC 53, Deckerville 51
12/14	Lakers 62, CC 37
12/19	CC 57, Marlette 55
12/28	Imlay City 55, CC 38
1/4	Bad Axe 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
2/15	CC 53, Harbor Beach 51
2/18	Vassar
2/20	Caro (F, JV, & V)
2/22	Reese (F, JV, & V)
2/25-3/1	Districts .....TBA

All games begin at 6 p.m.

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

DATE	OPPONENT
12/4	Sandusky 26, CC 18
12/6	Ubyly 49, CC 29
12/10	CC 58, Mayville 9
12/13	Lakers 31, CC 24
12/18	Marlette 41, CC 40
12/21	CC 50, Deckerville 38
12/27	CC 55, Capac 31
1/3	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
2/11	CC 53, Bad Axe 47
2/14	CC 40, Harbor Beach 29
2/19	Caro (F, JV, & V)
2/21	Reese (F, JV, & V)
2/28	Lakeville (JV, V).....5:30 p.m.
3/4-8	Districts.....TBA

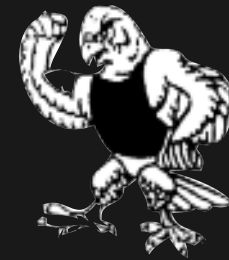
### WRESTLING

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

### GYMNASTICS

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

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**THE TUSCOLA County Sheriff's Department recently welcomed its newest employee in the corrections division. Nolan Harrison of Bay County, pictured above (right) with Sheriff Glen Skrent, is a graduate of Delta College and has started his training at the sheriff's department.**

## Letters to the Editor

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Planned Parenthood.

It's horrifying to see we have two governors that want to kill infants at nine months old. What really got to me is when Gov. Cuomo of New York signed an abortion bill and the whole assembly cheered and applauded. I truly believe these people are evil.

If they have the gall to do this to babies, what will stop them from doing it to the elderly and the handicapped people? If they passed a single-payer health care system, they would have to wipe out the elderly and handicapped for it to work. Otherwise, you couldn't get enough money to sustain it.

If we the people cherish a good life and all the good policies that come with that, we'd have to divorce these Democrats. I would be willing to give them half of the United States and let them live in their evil and filth. Their half would look like Los Angeles and Detroit in no time.

Democrats never learn from their mistakes, and the people that are leaving California because of high taxes and other bad policies are moving to other states, such as Washington, Oregon and Texas. Once they get there, they vote for the same party that ruined the state they ran away from.

Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer said that President Trump is brutal to separate children and parents at the southern border, but they have no problem killing infants. How can abortion doctors kill infants all day and then go home to their families as though nothing had happened?

If our representatives supported President Trump, who is 100 percent for the American people, we would have a booming economy like never seen before.

Robert Peruski  
Ubly

## Cass City at 15 snow days so far

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remember this many days of classes canceled in his 30 years in education.

"The safety of our staff and students remains the number one focus when determining whether to have school or not," Hartel told community members in a post on the district's Facebook page last Wednesday.

"As of today, Feb. 13, we have had 15 weather-related days off from school. We are allowed six days to be forgiven plus an additional three (days) can be requested," he explained, noting school officials will be requesting forgiveness of the three additional days.

"If we get all nine days forgiven, that leaves us with six days to make up. We have added two days to the calendar - Feb. 18 (full day) and May 24 (half day). That puts us at four days to make up so far.

"That is the best-case scenario if we have no further weather-related days off," Hartel said.

"Starting before Labor Day and having a shorter holiday vacation puts us in a better position than a lot of schools that didn't start before Labor Day and took a longer holiday break," he continued. "They will need to add additional days on to their calendar as well, which puts them into late June."

Hartel invited residents with questions to contact him at (989) 912-1821 or via email at jhartel@casscityschools.org.

In the meantime, the superintendent is taking the remainder of another Michigan winter, one day at a time.

"We will try our best to have school every day, but the weather this year is winning the battle," he said. "Should we have additional days off from school, the end date

## Enrollment

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district boasted 1,500 students. In 2001-02, Cass City had more than 1,600 kids enrolled.

In contrast, school officials three years ago reported the then-latest enrollment dip that left the district with fewer than 1,000 students for the first time in memory. Based on last week's numbers, the district's total enrollment currently totals about 973 kids.

of the school year would be pushed back accordingly.

"It has been discussed that the governor or the Michigan Department of Education may agree to

grant us additional forgiven days on top of the nine already given, but that has not been determined at this point."

## Support pours in for plant

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has approved an \$80,000 performance-based grant for the company.

The company is also benefitting from a \$75,000 Food and Agriculture Investment Fund performance-based grant approved by the Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development in support of the project.

The Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation (TC EDC) spent considerable time and effort assisting Quality Roasting officials in finding a suitable location for the plant after two other proposed sites didn't work out.

"We are very excited that a Wisconsin-based company has chosen Tuscola County to grow their business in Michigan and here," said TCEDC Director Steve Erickson. "Because of this decision to locate in Tuscola, we will continue to be leaders statewide in the dairy and agricultural industries."

All of the entities involved with securing a location for the plant have praised Gilford Township officials for offering a 50-percent property tax abatement to support the project.

"With Quality Roasting's construction of its new processing facility, the state's agriculture and food-processing industries will become more competitive, and as a result, livestock farmers and consumers will benefit," said Jeff Mason, CEO of Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC).

"Not only will it mean more full-time jobs for the residents of Tuscola County, but it will also help keep Michigan dollars in Michigan, and give a much-needed boost to the price of soybeans for Michigan farmers who grow them," added Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) Director Gary McDowell.

Quality Roasting processes soybeans with heat and pressure to extract crude oil, with the remnants used to feed dairy cattle. Company officials estimate they will process roughly 2.2 million bushels of soybeans, which is about two percent of the state-wide annual soybean yield.

Michigan ranks 15th in the country for soybean production, and soybeans are the state's fifth top agricultural export, totaling more than \$158 million. Soybean farming in the state accounts for about \$1.2 billion in economic activity, according to MDARD.

The new Quality Roasting plant is expected to be operational this fall in time for soybean harvest. The plan is to hire eight full-time employees to start. Those who are interested in a career with Quality Roasting are encouraged to visit the website <http://www.qualityroasting.com>.

In Michigan, there are 1,747 dairy farms, including 1,498 Grade A farms and 249 manufacturing grade farms. The average farm in Michigan has 176 cows, and 98-percent of the farms are family-owned. Michigan ranks fifth in the nation for total milk production, with dairy farmers contributing \$15.7 billion to the state's economy.

## Gniewek gets 46-plus years

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In fact, she spent eight hours on the witness stand - twice - including time testifying during the January trial, which marked the second trial for Gniewek. Gierhart declared a mistrial three days into his first trial in December after a witness inadvertently made a statement ruled not admissible during the proceedings, Reene noted.

"What she had to go through to get to this point - the courage that was demonstrated to get to this point..." Reene commented. He added criminal sexual conduct is among the least reported crimes, and the Gniewek case is a good example of why - because what the victims go through in pursuit of justice is incomprehensible.

According to testimony in the case, Gniewek's attorney alleged the victim fabricated her claims of sexual assault in order to secure custody of the couple's children. The defense cited the timeline of her criminal complaint to police, which came in August 2015, just days before she filed divorce papers. Charges in the case were filed in December 2017.

The good news in this trial, Reene indicated, is that the facts could not be overshadowed by preconceived notions or the lack of honesty on the part of the defendant, who in the past served in a ministerial capacity at the Novesta Church of Christ.

"That's the beauty of the truth; it always stays the same. The jury did an outstanding job, listening to all the evidence, determining the facts and applying them to law," said Reene, who also lauded Erica Walle, the assistant prosecutor who represented his office in the case.

"My assistant that worked on this did an absolutely tremendous job," he said. "It was great, great work."

## MYLSF scholarships up for grabs for state youth

Since 2000, the Michigan Youth Livestock Scholarship Fund (MYLSF) has awarded \$533,000 in scholarships and educational awards to outstanding youth who have exhibited at the premier livestock events in the state of Michigan.

In 2019, a select number of applicants may be offered an opportunity to be interviewed, at the discretion of the MYLSF, prior to the Michigan Livestock Expo Sale-Abatement event for scholarship awards up to \$5,000.

Applications and qualification requirements for the MYLSF and the statewide scholarship can be obtained at [www.michigan.gov/mda-mylsf](http://www.michigan.gov/mda-mylsf). Applications must be postmarked no later than Friday, May 17.

More information is available by contacting Jeff Haarer, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, at (517) 284-5642, or Ernie Birchmeier, Michigan Farm Bureau, at (517) 679-5335.

To be eligible for either the MYLSF general scholarship or the statewide scholarship, the applicant must be a resident of Michigan and a graduating high school senior or a high school graduate continuing their education at an accredited institution in the year in which they are applying.

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# Legal Notices

## Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

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

Dated: February 13, 2019  
File No. 18-007551  
Firm Name: Orlans PC  
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## Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to MCL 600.3212, that the following will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on March 21, 2019:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Douglas S. Stewart and Julie A. Stewart, husband and wife

Original Mortgagee: North American Mortgage Company  
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

Date of Mortgage: August 12, 1998

Date of Mortgage Recording: August 27, 1998

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$102,564.10

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Tuscola,

Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: A Parcel of land in the East part of the South 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Fractional Section 31, Town 11 North, Range 7 East, being a part of the so-called Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Fractional Section, described as follows: commencing on the South line of said Fractional Section 31 at a point 198.00 feet, South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, from the Southeast corner of said Section; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, on Said South Section line, 152.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 197.13 feet; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, parallel to said South Section line 133.48 feet; thence South 05 degrees 22 minutes 00 seconds East parallel to the East Section Line, 198.00 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; 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 20, 2019  
Trott Law, P.C.  
1376067

2-20-4

## 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 21, 2019:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Rachel A. Witbrodt, A Married Woman  
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper  
Date of Mortgage: June 13, 2014

Date of Mortgage Recording: July 1, 2014  
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$247,660.07

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Watertown, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Parcel 2-B: Part of the Northeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 35, Township 10 North, Range 9 East, Watertown Township, Tus-

cola County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the North-South quarter line that is North 00 degrees 07 minutes 11 seconds West 1321.68 feet from the South quarter corner of said Section 35, thence North 89 degrees 57 minutes 22 seconds West 658.59 feet; thence North 00 degrees 07 minutes 11 seconds West 1323.00 feet thence along the East-West quarter line, South 89 degrees 50 minutes 29 seconds East 658.60 feet, thence along said North-South quarter line, South 00 degrees 07 minutes 11 seconds East 1321.68 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to and together with easements for ingress, egress and utilities 66 feet in width as described in Easement A and 33 feet in width as described in Easement B as described below.

Easement A: Part of the Northeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 35, Township 10 North, Range 9 East, Watertown Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at the South quarter corner, thence along the North-South quarter line North 00 degrees 07 minutes 11 seconds West 1354.68 feet, thence North 89 degrees 57 minutes 22 seconds East 66.00 feet, thence South 00 degrees 07 minutes 11 seconds East 1354.72 feet, thence along the South section line, West 66.00 feet to the point of beginning.

Easement B: Part of the Northeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 35, Township 10 North, Range 9 East, Watertown Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the North-South quarter line that is North 00 degrees 07 minutes 11 seconds West 1321.68 feet from the South quarter corner of said Section 35, thence North 89 degrees 57 minutes 22 seconds West 658.59 feet, thence North 00 degrees 07 minutes 11 seconds East 658.59 feet, thence along said North-South quarter line, South 00 degrees 07 minutes 11 seconds East 33.00 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; 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 20, 2019  
Trott Law, P.C.  
1376303

2-20-4

# Obituaries

## Peggy Clark

Peggy Louise Clark, 57, of Kingston, died following a short illness Friday, February 8, 2019 at the Toni and Trish House in Auburn.

She was born June 27, 1961 in Midland, the second of four children born to William "Red" and Alice Strack.

She married Brent Clark April 17, 1999 in Midland.

Peggy graduated from H.H. Dow High School in Midland with the class of 1979. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Microbiology from Michigan State University in 1983. After working as laboratory assistant at Boston University, she returned to Michigan and studied Pharmacy and graduated from Ferris State University. Peggy worked as a Pharmacist for various pharmacies including Vassar IGA Pharmacy, North Branch Pharmacy, Creative Compounding and other Ehardt Pharmacies in the Thumb area. Peggy enjoyed riding and caring for horses, horticulture and reading. She was an avid reader, reading over 300 pages an hour. Peggy loved animals, especially their new shepherd, Rascal. Peggy also enjoyed riding on her husband's motorcycle.

Peggy is survived by her husband, Brent; mother, Alice Strack of Midland; siblings: Eric Strack of Midland, Alison (Barry Levin) Strack of New Jersey and Susan Strack of Kentucky.

She was preceded in death by her father, William "Red" Strack.

Family and friends gathering Saturday, February 23, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Wilson-Miller Funeral Home, 4210 N. Saginaw Road, Midland, MI 48640.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, February 24, in Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston with Paul Melcher officiating.

Memorials may be made to Toni and Trish House Hospice (toniandtrishhouse.org) or The Catherine H. Tuck Foundation, 1266 W. Paces Ferry Road NW #421, Atlanta, GA 30327 (catherinefund.org). The mission of "The Catherine Fund" is to help working women nationwide who are struggling to pay their bills during breast cancer treatment. 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 Kingston.



## Leo Robert Gengler

Leo Robert Gengler, 86, of Cass City died following a long illness Wednesday, February 13, 2019 in Medilodge Nursing Facility, Cass City.

He was born May 31, 1932 in Chesaning, the first of nine children born to Leo John and Katheryn Marie (Walser) Gengler.

He married Grace Helen Janowski July 25, 1996 in St. Andrews Catholic Church in Saginaw.

Bob graduated from Chesaning High School with the class of 1951. He received his Bachelor's degree from Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit. He studied for four years at St. Joseph Seminary in Grand Rapids. Bob received his Master's degree in Divinity from St. John's Seminary in Plymouth. He studied Theology at St. John's in Plymouth for four years and was ordained in 1961. In total Bob has credits from nine colleges studying Latin, Greek, German and English among many other topics. For 56 years Bob was in the classroom every day, 23 years as a student and 33 as a teacher.

Bob's first appointment was St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Ruth. There he was assigned as assistant to Monsignor and was put in the classroom as a teacher for the first time. He taught at Blessed Sacrament Parish then was asked to teach at Twinning Public School. From 1967 to 1969 he taught at St. Paul Seminary in Saginaw and was also Athletic Director. In 1969 Bob was appointed to pastor St. Pancratius Catholic Church where he stayed until 1974 when he left the ministry to marry. Bob was a Lector, Eucharistic Minister and member of the choir at St. Pancratius. He started substitute teaching at Cass City High School and then became a fulltime teacher through his retirement in 1996.

Bob is a co-founder of the Thumb chapter of retired teachers and was the second president. He was the president of the Tri-County Bargaining Association, which represented 21 schools in the Thumb. He was the head bargainer and negotiated 25 teacher contracts. Bob was a supervisor for the 2000 census field operation. He has researched his family genealogy for the last 56 years of Gengler reunions and has created a family tree of over 37,000 family members.

Bob loved to read, he loved to travel, visiting most of the 50 states, Canada, Germany and Luxemburg. After retirement he volunteered for the Thumb Octagon Barn Agricultural Museum, serving on the board as chair of the one room school house development, and worked closely with Katie Jackson on the museum building project. He was a Knights of Columbus member for more than 55 years in Chesaning and with the Cass City Gagetown Council #8892. He formed the Cass City council over 30 years ago, signing up the first 40 members and served as the first Grand Knight.

Bob is survived by his wife, Grace; children: Bethany (Ben) Gielczyk of Lansing and Robert John Gengler of Chelsea; grandchildren: Charlie Gibson and Grant Robert Gengler; mother of his children, Gail Ian of Chelsea; siblings: Dale (Helen) Gengler of Chesaning, Loraine (Francis) Ruddy of Chesaning, Gerald (Ann) Gengler of Chesaning, Shirley (Ken) Schnell of Chesaning, Kenneth (Judy) Gengler of Saginaw, Ronald Gengler of Chesaning and Diane Hart of Columbus, OH; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his sister and brother-in-law, Mildred (Dale) Dankert.

A funeral service was held Monday, February 18, in Our Lady Consolata Parish, St. Pancratius Catholic Church with the Rev. Adam Maher and Rev. Joseph Gagnon officiating.

Memorials may be made to Our Lady Consolata Parish Roof Fund.

Interment will be in Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Chesaning with the Rev. Joseph Griffin saying prayers at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, February 19, in St. Peters Catholic Church, Chesaning.

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.

## Robert Howell

Robert Arthur "Bob" Howell, 88, formerly of Gagetown and Cass City, died unexpectedly in his sleep, while recovering from a medical procedure in a hospital in Florida, on Wednesday, February 13, 2019.

Bob lived with his wife Helen, who predeceased him, in Niceville, Florida. He will be buried in Poughkeepsie, New York next to his beloved Helen.

Bob was born November 29, 1930, at home, in Gagetown, and lived there until age 12 when his family moved to Cass City. He was the fourth of eight children born to Jessie and Grant Howell, both deceased.

He was predeceased also by his sister Margaret (Peggy) and brother-in-law Gordon Stirton; brother William (Billy) Howell who died at age 13; brother John (Jack) and sister-in-law Agnes Howell; and brother Douglas James (Jim) and sister-in-law Nancy Howell.

Bob is survived by his sisters: Mona Lee and brother-in-law Keith Emerson of Livonia and sister Judith Ann (Judy) and brother-in-law William Bryden of Falls Church, Va. and sister Dorcas Janice (Jan), brother-in-law Jim Sweeny is deceased, of Vacaville, Calif.

He is also survived by many nieces and nephews with whom he shared many good times and good laughs. They loved to listen to his "war" stories involving historical events.

In 1949 Bob graduated from Cass City High School and joined the U.S. Air Force. While he was in the Air Force he was stationed in Korea during the Korean War and in Vietnam during the Vietnam War. He proudly served his country for 30 plus honorable years and retired as a CMSgt. After his retirement from the Air Force he continued working with computers in a classified area.

During his time in the service he was able to attend Florida State University and received his Bachelor's Degree in History, his favorite subject. He also loved attending Florida State football games and remained their biggest fan up until the day he died.

In his later years he would often return to the Cass City area with his sisters or a niece or nephew to attend his high school reunions and other family get togethers. Every time he returned he did his ritual walk through of the cemeteries where relatives were buried. Being an historian, he would share the stories about the various members of the family with whichever niece, nephew, sister or brother was with him.

Bob will be truly missed and lovingly remembered by all of us.

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**STATE REP. Phil Green (R-Millington) attended the governor's State of the State address last week at the state Capitol. The Thumb lawmaker, who represents Tuscola and Huron counties, is pictured above (far right) along with (from left) Senator Dan Lauwers, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Director Liesl Clark, Huron County Commission Chairman Sami Khoury and Huron County Commissioner Steve Vaughan.**

## Childbirth classes on tap in Caro

MSU Extension will coordinate free childbirth and nutrition education classes next month for expectant mothers in Tuscola County.

The classes are scheduled for Tuesday from 1 to 3 p.m. starting March 5 at the Tuscola County Health Department, 1309 Cleaver Rd., Caro.

The classes are free, but registration is required. To register, visit the website [www.tchd.us](http://www.tchd.us) and click on the "parent to parent" link on the left, or call (989) 673-1720.

The What to Expect During and After Your Pregnancy classes will cover topics such as the various stages of labor and delivery, relaxation techniques, the importance of proper nutrition, and exercise for mother and baby. The classes are also designed to help participants learn how to navigate breastfeeding, and provide an opportunity to share experiences and coping techniques with other moms.

The program also provides simple, healthy recipes, and participants will get to take home some

groceries along with some other giveaways.

Dads-to-be and other support people are welcome to attend.

Bus tokens and childcare reimbursement can be provided. More information is available by calling (989) 672-3870 prior to the first class.

The program is being provided through a partnership involving MSU Extension, WIC, Early Head Start, the health department, and the Human Development Commission (HDC).

# News briefs

## Cass City musicians shine

**DECKERVILLE** — The 61st annual Tri-County Honors Band performed at Deckerville High School recently. The band consisted of 64 of the best musicians in Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties.

According to district officials, participating Cass City band students were Jalene Krol, Jared Blattner, Tiana Tageson, Anthony Thabet, Sophie Mazure and Marissa Petiprin-Ball. Krol received the prestigious four-year award for successfully auditioning and being chosen for the honors band in each year of her high school career.

Although the weather threatened to disrupt the performance, band members marched on. The power went out at the beginning of the concert, but instead of stopping, parents and directors turned on their cell phone flashlights and the band performed.

## Kingston Schools adjusting

**KINGSTON** — As of Feb. 13, the Kingston School District has canceled classes on 15 days due to inclement weather.

As a result, school officials are making adjustment to the calendar by reclaiming two non-school days for student attendance. The first day is Friday, March 1, which was scheduled as a countywide professional development day but will now be a class day, with staff conducting professional development on a future snow day or at another time.

The second reclaimed day is Monday, April. 22. Originally the scheduled was to have April 19 to the 22 off. Good Friday, April 19, will remain as a no-school day for students, but classes will now resume Monday, April 22.

And, the end of the third marking period is moved back to April 12th in order to make the last two quarters more even.

## Ubyly fills coaching positions

**UBLY** — The Ubyly Board of Education filled some coaching positions during a regular monthly meeting.

The board accepted "with regret" the resignation of Kim Gentner as the girls JV softball coach and hired Heidi Sweeney to fill the vacancy. In addition, the board approved Moses Garner as the boys varsity track coach.

Also during the meeting, the board named Patty and the Late Clayton Evans as the district's nominations for this year's Friend of Youth Award.

## Fish fry on tap in Cass City

**CASS CITY** — An all-you-can-eat fish fry is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 22, from 4 to 7:30 p.m. at the Cass City Gun Club, 2676 Englehart Rd. The cost is a \$10 donation, and take-out orders are available by calling (989) 872-5395.

More information is available on the Cass City Gun Club Facebook page.

## Diabetes dining challenges

**BAD AXE** — Huron County MSU Extension will be offering a four-week series called Dining with Diabetes. The classes are scheduled for 1 to 3 p.m. on Thursdays from March 7th through March 28 at the Huron County MSU Extension office, 1142 S. Van Dyke Rd., Bad Axe.

The work series is free and includes a book with diabetes-friendly recipes that will be prepared and sampled during each session.

The Dining with Diabetes program is designed to help individuals learn strategies to manage their diabetes through menu planning, carbohydrate counting, portion control and label reading.

Registration is requested and can be completed by calling Kris Swartzendruber at (989) 672-3870 or (989) 269-9949 (ext. 602).

## Protecting the family farm

**PIGEON** — MSU Extension is offering a Farm Business Succession workshop for families interested in transferring their farm business to the next generation.

The workshop will be Thursday, Feb. 21, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Pigeon VFW Hall.

The program focuses on strategies, tools and the processes that can help families successfully achieve the goals of business succession. Participants will have opportunities to apply the principles to real-life scenarios. They will also receive materials to help them develop their own succession plan.

Registration is required and can be completed by visiting the website <https://events.anr.msu.edu/event>. The program includes a lunch.

## Corn growers' scholarship

**HURON COUNTY** — The Huron County Corn Growers Association (HCGA) Board of Directors has established a student scholarship.

Applicants must be high school seniors and presently enrolled in 4-H or FFA, and they must be applying to be a full-time student at a post-secondary ag-related educational institution in order to be eligible.

All applications must be received by the Huron County Corn Growers Association, 1398 West Popple Rd., Bad Axe, MI 48413, no later than 5 p.m. Friday, March 8.

More information is available by contacting Scott Krohn at (989) 551-5555 or Tom Ziel at (989) 553-4046.

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