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## Marijuana, pay hikes on agenda

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

The Elkland Township Board adopted a set of pay increases and began the process of tackling the question of whether or not to allow retail recreational marijuana businesses to set up shop in the township during a recent regular monthly meeting.

Township Clerk Ed LaBelle said the board approved raises of two percent for board officers, the fire chief, cemetery sexton and crew, and zoning administrator. In addition, officials approved a motion to boost the hourly pay of the township's volunteer fire fighters by a quarter. They currently earn minimum wage.

The salaries for township board members are now: supervisor, \$12,948; clerk and treasurer, \$20,646; and trustees, \$2,456.

The cemetery sexton's pay increases to \$17,340, while assistant sexton will earn \$11.50 an hour and crew members, \$9.80 an hour.

The annual pay for zoning administrator was increased to \$9,200, while the fire chief will earn \$8,784 per year.

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**MEMBERS OF the Sanilac County Sheriff's Department Uniform Services Division and Dive Team, in conjunction with the U.S. Coast Guard, conducted two days of ice rescue training last week at Sandusky Woodland Hills Golf Course. See story, page 12.**

## Troopers probing fatal shooting at Sebewaing home

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Michigan State Police detectives are continuing their investigation into an officer-involved fatal shooting at a Sebewaing residence early Saturday morning.

The victim has been identified as Ricky Lee Prichard, 59, who allegedly threatened suicide and shot his girlfriend before officers entered the home and exchanged fire with the man.

The confrontation unfolded Friday night after Huron County Sheriff's deputies along with officers from the Sebewaing Police Department were dispatched to a Meissner Court address at about 10:30 p.m., according to a Michigan State Police news release.

"The 59-year-old subject was armed with a handgun and inside his residence with his girlfriend and his mother. Troopers from the Michigan State Police Caro Post arrived to assist and contacted the Michigan State Police Emergency Support Team to respond for additional support," the release states.

"At approximately 2:15 a.m., the 59-year-old subject shot his girlfriend, who remained inside the residence with him. Responding officers were forced to enter the residence in an effort to rescue the girlfriend, resulting in an exchange of gunfire with the subject."

Troopers said Prichard was pronounced dead at the scene.

"The subject's mother was able to leave the residence unharmed prior to the girlfriend being injured. His girlfriend was transported to Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon and then transferred to Hurley Hospital in Flint where she remains in stable condition," the release states.

Troopers said the Michigan State Police Crime Lab out of Bridgeport was dispatched to the scene to assist with the investigation. Detectives were also assisted by personnel from the Caro post, Huron County Sheriff's Department, Sebewaing police Department and Sebewaing Township EMS.

An autopsy was to have been performed Monday.

## School officials cut public library hours to address security

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

As a safety measure, the Kingston Board of Education recently passed a resolution to close the Opperman Memorial Library to the public during school hours.

The community's library is located at 5790 State St., inside Kingston High School.

The decision was made to ensure the safety of students by maintaining the security of the building during school hours, according to school Supt. Matt Drake.

The change starts April 1. The public will have access to the library 20 hours a week. Students will have access to the library for 25 hours a week during the school day, and they can also use it during the hours it is open to the public.

The following is a schedule of when the library will be open to the public: Mondays from 4 to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4 to 8 p.m.; Fridays closed; Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and closed Sundays.

During school hours, students can use the library on the following schedule: Mondays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The village of Kingston has about 400 residents, according to the latest Please turn to page 6.

## PENNY WARS

**Tuscola fundraiser will benefit region's Child Advocacy Center**

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

Tuscola County offices and businesses may not offer you a penny for your thoughts, but they will welcome your donated pennies dropped into their collection jars.

The sixth annual penny wars fundraiser for the Child Advocacy Center of Tuscola County is underway.

For each penny placed in a collection jar, that department/agency receives a "credit", according to Tuscola County Clerk Jodi Fetting, whose office is among those participating in the fundraiser. However, she added, for each dollar bill or other coins except a penny placed in the collection jars, that amount is deducted from the total collected.

The agency with the most credits – pennies – at the end of the event wins a trophy and bragging rights for the coming year.

The penny wars will continue through the end of the month.

A number of Tuscola County governmental offices are participating in the campaign, as are several businesses throughout the community.

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## Sweet harbinger of spring

By Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Take heart, winter-weary residents of the Thumb; at least two harbingers of spring are approaching quickly.

Aside from Sunday, March 10, when Daylight Saving Time returns to Michigan, March is a busy month in sugar bushes across the state,

where a harvest of sweet sap will soon yield fresh batches of pure maple syrup – an average of 90,000 gallons a year statewide.

It's spring's typical weather pattern of cold nights followed by mild days that are vital to a successful and bountiful harvest of maple sap, and members of the Battel family, whose Cass City area sugar bush has been churning out the sap used to create their

trademark fresh, pure maple syrup for 137 years, are gearing up to welcome spring the way they have for more than a decade — by inviting area residents to once again take part in a rite of the season during Maple Syrup Saturday.

This year's 11th annual Maple Syrup Saturday Open House hosted by the Battels is slated for Saturday, March 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Bob Battel, a fifth-generation member of the Battel family maple syrup tradition, says it appears Mother Nature may cooperate with the sap harvest this year.

"What kind of season we have depends on the weather. We need warm days and cool nights," he explained. "The long-range forecast looks like we should have that, so it should be a good year."

"As of now, it looks like our first run will be March 9 or 10. That's when the forecast shows we'll be above freezing during the day," said Battel, whose day job involves assisting Thumb farmers as an MSU Extension field crops educator. "We need to see that we'll have a handful of days in a row at least a few degrees above freezing to tap the trees. If we tap too early the holes begin to close and dry up."

Battel said the upcoming season will be getting a late start, thanks to bitter cold that hung around through the end of February.

"This isn't really such a late start, though, compared to history," he added. "We often get into the first or second week of March to start; it's just that the

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**MARK BATTEL explains the process of boiling sap down to maple syrup to a couple during a past Maple Syrup Saturday Open House at the Battel Sugar Bush, located a few miles northeast of Cass City. This year's open house is scheduled for Saturday, March 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

# Kingston schools announce first semester honor students

**7th Grade**  
 Daisy Barnes \*  
 Owen Corlis  
 Zane Greve  
 Gavin Hunter \*  
 Preston Lupa  
 Heidi Matheny \*  
 Jordis Mosher \*  
 Destiny Noakes \*  
 James Rayl  
 Malawi Roberson \*  
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 Abby Walker \*  
 Ashlyn Walker \*  
 Gracy Walker  
 Kailey White  
 Heidi Williams \*  
 Lucas Zajac \*  
 Madelyn Zauner

**8th Grade**  
 Cortney Acker  
 Logan Cloyd  
 Emily Coffey  
 Adrianna Essenmacher  
 Ethan Green \*  
 Ethan Harrington \*  
 Lawson Lyons  
 Emily McGee  
 Aryanna Miller  
 Ashley Miller  
 Josiah Muxlow  
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 Stefannie Robinson  
 Autumn Russell

Conner Seaman \*  
 Wesley Sholes  
 Riley Smith  
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 Hunter Trovillion  
 James Wilson  
 Coryn Zyrowski \*

**9th Grade**  
 Callie Becovic  
 Kendal Belka  
 Madison Coyer \*  
 Collen Dibble \*  
 Gaven Dibble \*  
 Kristen Ensign  
 Kyle Ensign  
 Carter Geister \*  
 Mariea Haag  
 Isabel Hurd  
 Summer Jenkins  
 Alex Kotsch  
 Chevy LeBlanc  
 Declan McGarvie  
 Jacob Rayl \*  
 Zachary Smart  
 Nicholas St. George \*  
 Ethan Ulewicz \*  
 Brooklyn Walker \*  
 Libbie Whitmore

**10th Grade**

Hailey Bitterle  
 Jason Dibble  
 Elanor Gaiser  
 Colten Gildner  
 Morgan Green \*  
 Rayann Harp  
 Kayla Hobson \*  
 Hannah James \*  
 Paige Klupp \*  
 Lillian LaFave

Joslyn Lupa \*  
 Dustin Peter \*  
 Ella Retan \*  
 Alexandra Sherman  
 Jessica Stoll  
 Olivia Ulewicz \*  
 Trayton Wenzlaff \*  
 Madison Wieland \*  
 Samantha Wood

**11th Grade**

Anna Ahern  
 Keaton Belka  
 Elissa Bicego  
 Danielle Crisman  
 Collin Geister  
 Caleb Goss  
 Jack Green \*  
 Katelyn Iseler  
 Aaron Koehler  
 Anastasia Krych  
 Jalen Little Thunder  
 Ryan McGarvie  
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 Joseph Snover  
 Mason Tallieu

**12th Grade**

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 Chelsea Bohms  
 Gerilyn Carpenter  
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For more information call: Marilee Faist for Kindergarten and Samantha Minkler for Pre-school (989) 678-4141 or go to our website [www.owengage.org](http://www.owengage.org)

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Fun By The Numbers

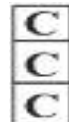
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# In Our OPINION...

Clarke Haire  
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Tom Montgomery  
Editor

## Teen dating violence leaves lasting marks

*Bring up the topic of abuse among couples, and chances are good most folks envision adults in unhealthy relationships that end in emotional and/or physical injuries or worse.*

*But abusive relationships, including dating violence, also take a serious toll on teens and pre-teens, and that abuse leaves marks that can last a lifetime. In fact, dating violence is a reality for an estimated 1.5 million female and male high school students across the country every year, with women between the ages of 16 and 24 at greatest risk of becoming victims of abuse.*

*Forty three percent of college women and 28 percent of college men, meanwhile, also report experiencing either abuse or controlling behaviors in a dating relationship.*

*That's why Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) officials are urging Michiganders to learn and recognize the signs of dating violence.*

*The MDHHS is also urging residents to understand the impact teen dating violence perpetrators have on their current or former intimate partners, and recognize the importance of empowering everyone to learn about and seek support for victims and interventions for perpetrators.*

*Among adult victims of rape, physical violence and/or stalking by a dating partner, 22.4 percent of women and 15 percent of men first experienced some form of partner violence between the ages of 11 and 17, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).*

*Equally alarming are statistics indicating that among high school students who face dating violence, only about 33 percent of victims disclose the abuse.*

*"As a state, we must do more to reduce the prevalence of teen dating violence. The earlier we intervene with young perpetrators, the more likely we are to prevent future victimization," said MDHHS Director Robert Gordon. "The state of Michigan is dedicated to holding perpetrators accountable and employing all necessary measures to reduce their risk and harm to victims."*

*Dating violence perpetrators cause significant and long-lasting trauma to countless victims by intentionally using a pattern of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and economic coercion and abuse – both in person and via cyber bullying – to control their intimate partners.*

*Teens use abuse to manipulate and control the other person in the relationship through behaviors ranging from intimidation to sexual abuse. When left unchecked, abusive behaviors typically escalate as an abuser gets older, making it essential for teens to get help at the first sign of abuse.*

*"All Michiganders can play a part in ending teen dating violence," said Debi Cain, executive director of the MDHHS Division of Victim Services. "As caring parents, family, friends, classmates, educators, coaches and co-workers, we can educate ourselves about this critical issue and direct youth to supportive services."*

*Anyone in an abusive relationship who needs support can call the Teen Dating Abuse Helpline at 1-866-331-9474 or text "loveis" to 22522.*

*To find a local domestic violence or sexual assault program provider, visit the Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence website. Sexual assault survivors can call 855-VOICES4 for support and referrals.*

## Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

Haunted by my past



Although I take little consolation in this, I have finally found one advantage of getting older - having lived through more than six decades of history and being a nosy reporter.

As a child, I watched man's first trips into space as well as man stepping on the moon for the first time. As a teenager, I saw news broadcasts of the Vietnam War, the protests about it, and a monk dressed in orange who set himself on fire.

All of those things are now shown on documentaries about the war that I saw for the first time on the six o'clock news.

Now, turning to being a nosy reporter, my job has granted me access to places that isn't granted to others.

For years, I have been fascinated by the North House in Vassar that sits on top of a hill overlooking the city, and the "wedding cake house" in Watrousville.

When I had to do an assignment for a special section to write on homes in the area, I contacted the real estate companies that had the houses listed for sale.

I had the opportunity to not only tour the North House in Vassar, but also to go all the way up to the tower room. There is a rocking chair in the center of the room. I got to sit in it, rock and see an awesome view of several miles of the community. It was a spectacular view.

I had the same results when I contacted the real estate company that had the wedding cake house listed for sale. That house was amazing. It was built in 1879 and its style is called Victorian - Second Empire.

And, one of my first major forays into journalism was covering the Great Flood of 1986, which was called the 500-year flood because a flood of that magnitude is only supposed to happen once every 500 years. It devastated the county along with its neighbors.

And, I was on the job when FBI agents converged on Decker after the Oklahoma City bombing.

Those are just a few of the places and experiences I've boldly gone and been allowed to go where others have not.

The point of all of this is, I was contacted by a production company out of California to do an interview

of what I know about the history of the area.

I've been around for so long, I guess I'm now considered an historian, or perhaps just historic.



## Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

With March being Women's History Month and women only holding 23.7 percent of the seats in Congress despite making up 51 percent of the U.S. population, the personal-finance website WalletHub recently released its report on 2019's Best & Worst States for Women.

To identify the most women-friendly states, WalletHub compared the 50 states and the District of Columbia across 24 key metrics. The data set ranges from median earnings for female workers to women's preventive health care to female homicide rate.

Accordingly, Minnesota ranks best for women, while Louisiana ranks worst.

Also in best vs. worst comparisons:

\*The District of Columbia has the highest median earnings for female workers (adjusted for cost of living), \$34,417, which is 1.5 times higher than in California, the lowest at \$22,508.

\*New Hampshire has the lowest share of women living in poverty, 8.9 percent, which is 2.6 times lower than in Mississippi, the highest at 23.5 percent.

\*Alaska has the highest share of women-owned businesses, 22.87 percent, which is 1.6 times higher than in South Dakota, the lowest at 14.04 percent.

To view the full report and your state or the District's rank, please visit: <https://wallethub.com>.

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Jay Green, Kingston girls basketball coach, has seen some of the best female high school ballers in the state this season as a tough Cardinal schedule included games with Utica Eisenhower, Flint Powers, Croswell-Lexington, Oxford, and Swan Valley to drop a few names of his non-conference foes during the 2018-19 season.

In Kingston's regular season finale against Lapeer, Hannah Erla poured in a game-high 29 points.

"Hannah Erla is the most talented girl we have faced," Green said.

She's the daughter of former Cass City residents Greg and Shelly Erla.

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Speaking of athletes, former Cass City High School student Curtis Dickinson has made the Saginaw Valley State University football team as a walk-on.

In his try out, the 2014 Red Hawk grad ran a time of 4.6 in the 40-yard dash and bench pressed 300 pounds.

When asked why he wasn't recruited out of high school, Dickinson replied he played end for a team that featured the run and was 40 pounds lighter. Dickinson put on the extra muscle during his stint with the United States Marines following high school.

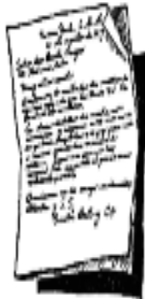
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At the last Cass City Village Council regular meeting strategic planning goals were set for 2019.

Making the list submitted was: 1) Pool and woodland trails. 2) Blight. 3) Economic development. 4) Grocery store. 5) Sidewalk plan.

Also during the Feb. 25 meeting a motion approved the quote from Signature Ford for the lease/purchase of a 2019 F-150 Super Crew 4x4 pickup for the Waste Water Treatment Plant at a cost of \$12,372 per year for three years.

Have a concern? A complaint?  
Just want to voice your opinion?



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## Wednesday, March 6

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

## Thursday, March 7

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

## Saturday, March 9

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

## Monday, March 11

•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.

•Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.

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

## Tuesday, March 12

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

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

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

•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.

### 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 Hills and Dales Boardroom 4675 Hill street. 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.

#### Third Sunday:

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#### Third Tuesday:

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

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

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

#### Third Wednesday:

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

#### Third Thursday:

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

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

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

#### Third Friday:

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

#### Third Saturday:

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

#### Fourth Monday:

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

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

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

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

#### Fourth Wednesday:

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

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

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

#### Fourth Thursday:

•Community Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.

#### Last Monday:

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

#### Last Wednesday:

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

#### Every Monday:

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

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

#### Every Tuesday:

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

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

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

#### Every Wednesday:

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

#### Every Thursday:

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# Driver sentenced in local crash

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

A Texas man charged with drinking and driving – and causing a traffic accident that left a Cass City fireman injured last summer – was ordered to serve one day in the Tuscola County jail and pay court costs and fines totaling \$735.

That was the sentence handed down to Leonel A. Martinez-Munoz, 26, Dallas, Texas, last week in Tuscola County Circuit Court.

Martinez-Munoz previously entered pleas of no contest to charges of committing a moving violation – causing serious impairment of body function, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor and possession of an open intoxicant in a motor vehicle.

The charges stem from a two-vehicle collision July 31 at the intersection of Main and Brooker streets in the village of Cass City.

The accident occurred at about 11:45 p.m., according to Cass City Police Department reports, which

state the other driver, Kevin L. Gotwalt, 30, told Officer Kevin Jimkoski that he was a local fire fighter and was on his way to the Elkland Township Fire Hall, responding to a fire alarm, when the vehicle driven by Martinez-Munoz pulled out in front of him.

Reports noted that Gotwalt's vehicle was not equipped with emergency lights or a siren, but he told police he was traveling at the posted speed limit.

Gotwalt was transported to Hills and Dales General Hospital for treatment of minor injuries.

# Green legislation targets rec funding

State Rep. Phil Green's legislation to support outdoor recreation and natural resource protection projects across Michigan was approved last week by the Michigan House Appropriations Committee.

Green's measure would approve \$26 million for 34 recreational development projects and 30 land acquisition projects statewide, including one in Huron County. The money would come from the Natural Resources Trust Fund, which according to the Michigan Constitution can only be used to support these types of projects.

"Look around the Thumb and our entire state," said Green (R-

Millington). "We are surrounded by amazing natural resources and attractions that make Michigan the best place to live and raise a family. Improving the recreational and wildlife opportunities we enjoy today will ensure they're still around to be cherished and protected by our kids and grandkids tomorrow."

The project investments outlined in Green's proposal were recommended by the Natural Resources Trust Fund Board in December. The proposals are subject to approval by the Michigan Legislature, a process started with Green's legislation. House Bill 4244 now advances to the House

floor for further consideration.

The recommended project list includes developments or land acquisitions in many areas of the state. Included is \$49,000 to buy property along Lake Huron and expand Lincoln Park in the city of Harbor Beach.

Money in the Natural Resources Trust Fund comes from the development of minerals on state land and is designated on an annual basis in partnership with local governments.

Green was elected the 84th District state representative in November. He represents citizens in Tuscola and Huron counties.

## Circuit court proceedings

# Several appear on felony charges

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

\*Lawrence Alberts, Jr., 22, Deford, was sentenced to three to 15 years in prison following his pleas of no contest to charges of assault with intent to commit great bodily harm less than murder, interfering with electronic communications, unlawful imprisonment and domestic violence, second offense, May 6 in Novesta Township.

He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$444.

\*Ramon G. Ruiz, 54, Akron, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Nov. 17 in Almer Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$5,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*John S. Borcharding, Jr., 41, Millington, was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$385 follow his plea of guilty to possession of marijuana or a synthetic equivalent July 4 in Millington.

\*Karri J. Sutphin, 34, Mayville, was sentenced to 365 days in the county jail following her pleas of no contest to two counts of child abuse, second degree, between Oct. 1, 2017, and May 11, 2018, in Mayville.

She was also placed on probation for 60 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$826 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

\*Cody V. Treder, 21, Bay City, was sentenced to 90 days in jail following his pleas of guilty to carrying a concealed weapon and operating a motor vehicle with a high BAC (blood alcohol content) Sept. 30 in Akron Township.

He was also placed on probation for 12 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,358 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

\*Alma M. Babcock, 54, Vassar, was sentenced to 180 days in jail following her plea of guilty to embezzlement of \$200 to \$1,000 while employed by St. Christopher Parish between Jan. 1, 2009, and Aug. 17, 2017, in Caro.

She was also placed on probation for 60 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$458 plus attorneys fees of \$500 and restitution of \$10,000 to the Diocese of Saginaw.

\*Brandi E. Lambert, 34, Clinton Township, pleaded no contest to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, May 27 in Fremont Township. She was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$10,000. Sentencing

is to be scheduled.

\*Robert J. Bliss, Jr., 38, Cass City, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Oct. 21 in Elkland Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

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

\*Jacob A. Cruz, 33, Caro, pleaded guilty to charges of unlawful use of a motor vehicle and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Dec. 24 in Wisner Township.

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

\*Tamara A. Cummings, 47, was sentenced to 30 days in jail following her plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, April 10 in Elmwood

Township.

She was also placed on probation for 60 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$758.

\*Cody W. Collier, 21, Fairgrove, was sentenced to 365 days in jail following his pleas of no contest to charges of domestic violence, second offense, carrying a dangerous weapon with unlawful intent and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony Aug. 30 in Gilford Township.

He was also placed on probation for 36 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,476 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

\*Nicholas L. Klein, 30, Reese, was sentenced to 93 days in jail following his pleas of no contest to malicious destruction of property (semi-tractor trailer) totaling more than \$20,000 and reckless driving June 29 in Indianfields Township.

He was also placed on probation for 12 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,158 plus restitution of \$53,000.

## Notice to Bidders

### Construction of a new 2,000 square foot Township Hall

Sealed bids will be received by Novesta Township Board, Deford Michigan until March 20, 2019, at 9:00 am for the following:

#### Construction of a new 2000 square foot Township Hall.

The township of Novesta is now taking bids for a new two thousand sf facilities that will be located at the corner of North Cemetery road and Delong road. General Contractors bidding project must supply a five percent bond of the total cost of the project.

**The bids will be due by Wednesday, March 20, 2019, at 9:00am, at the offices of Campbell Associates, Inc. located at 550 E. Frenchline road Sandusky Michigan.**

The bid documents can be obtained by contacting Campbell Associates, Inc office at (810) 649-5099 during regular office hours of 9:00am to 4:00pm Monday through Friday. The pre-bid meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 6, 2019, 9:00am at Campbell Associates, Inc. office located at 550 E. Frenchline road Sandusky Michigan.

The bids for General Contractors will be publicly opened, read aloud and tabulated on March 21, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Cass City Michigan Gun Club located at 2676 N. Englehart road, Cass City Michigan. The tabulated bids will then be presented at the next regular scheduled Township board meeting for further discussion. During this time period the bids will be closed to the bidders and information regarding the bids will not be available. Emailed or Faxed bids will not be accepted only sealed bids delivered to Campbell Associates, Inc. office as specified in the bid documents.

Notification of the General Contractor bid award will be mailed to each bidder. The information will not be available until that time.

Novesta Township, Deford Michigan

## Reporter's notebook

### An Instant Pot = instant success

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor



I fancy myself to be a pretty good cook, so I bristled a little at the idea of incorporating an Instant Pot into my culinary arsenal at home. After all, I mastered the art of crockpot cooking years ago.

I resisted all the hype I was hearing and reading about, but the truth is, I detest learning new things, which invariably involves the reading of instructions.

And let's face it, trying to figure out what each of two dozen new buttons and controls on a machine does and how the contraption works in general can be a bit intimidating, especially if you read instructions as thoroughly as I do.

Ironically, the past has taught me time and time again that the very skills and jobs I resist learning the most, are the skills and jobs I end up embracing and enjoy tackling down the road. Wonder if I'll ever learn.

Anyway, I'm still an Instant Pot rookie, but I've come to the conclusion that anyone can quickly learn how to cook some amazing meals with this contraption if they can afford an investment of roughly \$80 and have access to the Internet.

Like a lot of folks, my introduction to this modern marvel came in the form of a Christmas present (my wife is not only generous, but always seems to be on the hunt for new ways to boost my interest in cooking).

I've learned that while an Instant Pot can be used as a slow cooker, it's far more versatile because it can pressure cook, steam, pasteurize, sauté and even make yogurt.

I haven't ventured into desserts yet, but I'm told this gadget can be used to prepare everything from cheesecake and pound cake to crème brûlée.

And it does all of these things very quickly.

An Instant Pot can turn a pork butt roast into tender strips of meat in about 15 minutes. The same goes for a leg of lamb, and a whole chicken can be conquered in roughly eight minutes. You can steam cauliflower florets in two to three minutes, it takes three to four minutes to cook cubed potatoes (12 to 15 minutes for whole sweet potatoes, if you're into that), and three to five minutes for corn on the cob.

An Instant Pot can transform a massive chunk of meat into the most tender, juiciest pot roast you can imagine in 90 minutes, which includes the 20-25 minutes or so it takes for the appliance to build up enough steam to close the valve that signals the start of the actual pressure cooking process.

And, you won't need to use any other pots or pans for this meal, because you can sear the meat and then cook it, and at the same time steam the potatoes and carrots that go with any great pot roast — and make a super-rich gravy afterwards, all in one pot.

It's what is known as a "dump it and forget it" sort of meal. You sear the meat inside the pot using a sauté setting, then pour some beef stock and spices into the pot, then place the meat on round metal rack that fits inside the pot. The next step is to wrap some potato slices/chunks in aluminum foil and place it on top of the meat, then do the same with some carrots, and you're ready to close the lid and start cooking. The actual cooking time for this meal is about an hour.

Most recipes — and you'll find hundreds of them, along with some really cool tricks you won't read about in any instruction booklet, by Googling Instant Pot or search on Youtube — also recommend how much time should be spent on slow release of the pressure inside the Instant Pot after the cooking time ends (which requires you to do nothing), and when you should initiate a quick release, which involves pushing a lever that safely vents the pressure and steam from within the pot.

I've haven't experimented with a vast array of recipes yet, but my pot roast along with my pulled pork, spaghetti and meatballs, and chicken parmesan have been nothing short of amazing.

Maybe it's the pressure cooking, but everything seems to come out of this contraption with an enhanced flavor from a simple mix of spices.

As for all of those buttons — my six-quart model has more than a dozen — I've found that I only need to use a couple of them when following a specific recipe (the pressure/heat level and the cooking time).

Who knows? It's so simple, I might even have to give crème brûlée a try sometime.

# Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



## 5 YEARS AGO (2014)

A trio of seniors leads the Cass City High School Class of 2014. This year's valedictorian is Kayla Zmierski, boasting a class-high 4.10 GPA, while Elisabeth Milligan and Michael Mulligan share salutatorian honors with GPAs of 4.04.

Ron and Karen Ouvry of Cass City announce the engagement of their son, Kevin Ouvry, to Carrie Lyon, daughter of Doug and Mindy Lyon of Rockford, Michigan.

Justin Glaza and Alesia Igo announce their engagement. Alesia is a 2006 graduate of Tippecanoe Valley High School in Mentone, Indiana. She is currently on an internship in Florida, all toward a bachelor's degree in hospitality and tourism from IPFW in Fort Wayne, Ind. Indiana.

Justin is a 2006 graduate of Cass City High School and is a 2010 graduate of Indiana Technical Institute, Fort Wayne, Indiana with a bachelor's degree in accounting. He is presently working on a master's degree in engineering from Indiana Technical Institute.

## 10 YEARS AGO (2009)

Cass City's John Bulla trains with a dog sled team owned by his sister and her husband, Carla and Johnny Alexander of Boyne Falls. It was the first race for Bulla, who took first place in the Sportsman 6-Dog Team class.

Cass City High School's Snowcoming royalty was crowned Friday night. Selected as queen was Kelli Lautner, while Austin Babich was crowned king.

Cassie Dee Garety of Bay City recently graduated from Saginaw Valley State University (SVSU) with a major in psychology. A graduate of Akron-Fairgrove High School, she is currently employed with Bay Regional Medical Center and is volunteering and training as a testing technician in the private practice of Dr. Andrew Swihart in the field of neuropsychology. Garety is the daughter of Raymond J. Garety II of Bay City, formerly of Cass City, and Rebecca McLaren Garety of Akron, also formerly of Cass City. She is the granddaughter of Delana Buttrum Sears of Akron, formerly of Cass City, and Raymond and DeLores Garety of Cass City.

## 25 YEARS AGO (1994)

Debbie Timmons, who is studying at The University of London through April 14, surprised Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord LaPeer with a phone call congratulating them on their 56th wedding anniversary.

James Tuckey recently shipped out to Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Calif., to begin basic training. The son of James and Shirley Tuckey of Cass City, he will spend 11 weeks in recruit training, preparing for his career as a U.S. Marine. Tuckey is a 1993 graduate of Cass City High School.

Luis and Lila Arroyo announce the birth of a granddaughter, Abigail Renee, born Feb. 16 to Luis and Donna Arroyo of Gulfport, Miss.

Two members of the Cass City gymnastic team represented Cass City in the regional tournament held Saturday in Hartland. Competing were Kathy Woodruff and Courtney Turner. Woodruff won a sixth place medal in the vault and qualified for state competition, which will be held Thursday and Friday at John Glenn High School in Westland.

## 35 YEARS AGO (1984)

It hasn't been that long since Brewster Shaw Jr, flew into space aboard the Columbia-Spacelab I, but he will soon start preparing for another flight. The Cass City native, recently promoted by the Air Force to lieutenant colonel, has been named by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to be commander of a shuttle flight tentatively scheduled to be launched in March, 1985.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfrid Bostick of Caro announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Mae, to Staff Sgt. Gary Spencer of Marquette. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Spencer Jr. of Troy. Miss Bostick, a 1982 Cass City High School graduate, is employed in Ishpeming. He is stationed at K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base in the Upper Peninsula. An April 7 wedding is planned at the Air Force base chapel.

The Thumb Area Women's Bowling Association bowler of the week is Joyce Block, who bowled a 558 series with games of 182-182-194. She bowls for Stomack Angels in the Wednesday Night League in Minden City. She has an average of 142. Women who bowled a 550 series or better, thus qualifying for the end of the season tournament, were Helen Guster, 555 and 572, who bowls in Kinde; Pat Guigar, 553, Bad Axe; Carol Majeski, 553, Bad Axe, and Judy Ostrander, 551, Bad Axe. Guster and Ostrander are former bowlers of the week.

## 40 YEARS AGO (1979)

Harold Anthes of Pontiac spent the week end with Elsie Anthes. His sister, Mrs. Alice Beecher of Bad Axe, was also a Sunday visitor. Mr. Anthes and Mrs. Beecher were also callers while here at the Roy Anthes home.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Peplinski Sr. of Ubyly have announced the engagement of their daughter Patricia Ann to Mark Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Smith of Snover. Patricia is a graduate of Ubyly High School and is employed at Huron Memorial Hospital, Bad Axe. Mark, a Cass City High School graduate, is employed at Midwest Rubber, Deckerville. A June 16 wedding is planned.

The Cass City Red Hawks were as good as they had to be Friday as they turned back a stiff challenge by the Lakers to win the Thumb B Conference championship for the second time in three years. The score was 67-58. In a way the victory Friday was typical of the entire season. The Hawks rose to the occasion just as they did whenever a key player was lost through injury all season long. Playing before a near capacity crowd, the Hawks went into an early lead, lost it and then came charging back to win it all. Ken Martin got the Hawks off and winging in the first period as he scored three quick baskets and grabbed off important rebounds. Aaron Deering kept the Lakers in contention as he bombed 22-footers for four quick buckets. When the firing ended, Cass City was in front, 18-16. While Martin was the big scoring gun, the assists garnered by Rusty Hoag, Tim Severance, Todd Comment, Clare Trischler and the other Hawks were vital in the winning effort.

## 50 YEARS AGO (1969)

It's nice to be a winner, says Mrs. Jack Hartwick as she receives a \$25 savings bond from Paul O'Harris, chairman of the retail division of the Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Hartwick's name was drawn from a list of 25 other gift certificate winners at area stores.

Ubyly FFA boys review experiences of last week end at Lakeport at the annual leadership training camp for the newly elected chapter officers of the region. The boys discussed responsibilities of their new office and chapter problems. The boys are Harold Sweeney, Roger Champagne, Michael Leppek, Jerry Volz and Jerry Sweeney.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Smith of Snover announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathy Ann, to William Wheeler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wheeler of Snover. Miss Smith is a 1968 graduate of Sandusky High School and Wheeler is a 1967 graduate of Deckerville High School. No date has been set for the wedding.

Sp/4 Grant L. Merchant has been awarded the Purple Heart for

wounds received in action at Vietnam Feb. 5, according to an announcement made by Thomas L. Kelly, adjutant. Merchant was recently transferred to Valley Forge General Hospital at Phoenixville, Pa., 19460. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Merchant of Cass City.

## 75 YEARS AGO (1944)

Warren T. Schenck may originate a new proverb—"A mile a day keeps the doctor away!" Mr. Schenck makes it a practice to take a long walk a day, and he rarely misses, and this may account for his longevity. He will be 97 years of age tomorrow (Saturday). He has been a resident of this community since 1867. The birth anniversary will be celebrated at a dinner Saturday evening at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. L. I. Wood, where Mr. Schenck makes his home. His five other children expect to be present, Delbert Schenck of Royal Oak, Dr. P. A. Schenck of Cass City, Mrs. Dora Fritz of Maumee, Ohio, Mrs. Wm. Maxwell and Mrs. John Clark, both of Detroit.

Second Lieutenant Clifford F. Ryan of the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve, was one of the honor men graduated recently from the Naval College for Primary Flight instructors at the U. S. Naval Air Station at New Orleans, La. Lt. Ryan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Ryan, of Cass City, will train the flight students, who will become combat pilots at the Naval Air station at Dallas, Texas. Commander Paul E. Gillespie, commanding officer at New Orleans, presented Lt. Ryan with his certificate as a qualified flight instructor and made this comment: "He ranked among the best in his class. I am confident that the men he trains will do much to hasten victory. His job as an instructor is a hard one and a very important one in this war." Lt. Ryan is a graduate of Cass City high school, where he played football for four years. He has been in the Marine Corps for two and a half years.

A triple birthday party was held Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Robinson in Evergreen township, in honor of their three sons, Jack, Glenn and Clifford. It was also a farewell party for another son, Ralph, who leaves for the Army Mar. 14. A lovely birthday cake graced the center of a well filled table. There was lots of instrumental and vocal music and cootie was played at four tables with prizes to the winners. Ralph will be the third son of the Robinsons in service. Kenneth is in England and Lance is in India.

## 100 YEARS AGO (1919)

Lt. Wm. Ward returned this week from Sault St. Marie bringing with him his bride, Miss Myrtle Campbell, of that city, who became his wife the first of March, the wedding ceremony having been performed at the home of Mrs. Ward's parents. The young folks will visit friends and relatives here for a few days after which they go on to Battle Creek where they expect to make their future home.

A pleasant surprise was given Frances Yoe Monday evening when about two dozen of her little friends gathered to remind her of her birthday. The time was spent in games and light refreshments were served. She received many gifts of remembrance.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Hutchinson are expecting to take up their residence on the Leek farm 11 miles south and east of town the latter part of next week in company with the family of Philip McComb. Mr. McComb moved to the farm Saturday.

Nine of the young lady friends of Miss Margaret Johnson gave a dinner Sunday in her honor at the Gordon Tavern. Miss Johnson has resigned her position as telephone operator at the central office, having left this week with her parents for Detroit where the family will make their home in the future. Mr. Johnson is employed in the Detroit & Cleveland Navigation Co.



Andy Gray

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## Condom distributions staying out of Tuscola Co. libraries for now

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

The Tuscola County Health Department's efforts to reach as many people as possible with the "Wear One" campaign — including distribution of free condoms to promote safe sex practices — drew some criticism when the project made an appearance at the Caro District Library.

However, the campaign remains alive and well in the Thumb.

Colleen McLoskey of Caro objected to the program distributing free condoms at the library.

"I don't think the library is the place for that," said McLoskey, who lobbied against having such a program in the library and encouraged other county residents to express their opinions to members of the library board.

As a result, the sign has since been taken down, even though there was no legal challenge.

"Caro Library has been in touch with the library association and their legal counsel, and neither had a problem with the Wear One campaign," said Ann Hepfer, health officer for both the Tuscola and Huron county health departments.

"The library has decided to start with providing only the educational materials as a trial, with plans to ease into distributing the entire packet that includes condoms, education and health department contact information," Hepfer added.

The Caro District Library's participation in the Wear One campaign is listed as pending on the health department's website.

The goal of the project is to decrease sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) and unplanned pregnancies by removing barriers such as cost, embarrassment and lack of access to free condoms, Hepfer explained.

The campaign was developed to increase free condom availability, create awareness and promote acceptance of condom use by individuals 18 to 24 years of age.

Although the Wear One campaign can be seen in several locations, hopes are to expand it to as many places as possible, including libraries.

"As far as other libraries, we have only contacted the Vassar library. They were going to take it to their board — no outcome yet," said Hepfer, noting the program has not been implemented in Huron County yet because there are several new staff members there who are learning current programs offered.

Of course, the best way to prevent the spread of STDs is abstinence or to remain in a long-term monogamous relationship with someone who has tested negative for STDs.

According to Hepfer, the number of STD cases "is staggering."

The number of Chlamydia cases in Tuscola in 2001 was 96 and in 2017 the number was 277. There were 17 confirmed cases of gonorrhea in 2001, and 42 in 2017.

## News briefs

### Vets' benefits to be explained

CARO — There are a variety of benefits available to wartime veterans and their spouses that they may not know about.

There will be a special workshop to explain some key veteran benefits Thursday, March 14, starting at 2 p.m. at 2 p.m. at Heritage Hill Assisted Living, 1430 Cleaver Rd., Caro.

As a wartime veteran, you or your spouse may be eligible for care benefits, and you may be eligible for up to \$26,780 per year in long-term care benefits from the VA to pay for home care, assisted living or a nursing home. You may qualify for benefits even if your or your spouse is presently receiving home care, assisted living or nursing home care.

Veterans, spouses and widows/widowers in need of care may qualify for \$1,209 or more per month for care.

During the upcoming workshop will include free instructions on how to find the appropriate assistance and how to complete VA forms. More information is available by calling 1-866-667-9360.

### Ag college night set March 20

CARO — Area students planning to pursue an agriculture-related career are encouraged to attend the Ag Career and College Night Wednesday, March 20, from 5:45 to 7:30 p.m. at the Tuscola Technology Center, 1401 Cleaver Rd., Caro.

The free event is open to all high school students, who will have an opportunity to meet with employers and area college representatives to learn about the job opportunities the agriculture industry has to offer.

The gathering will include refreshments and door prizes. RSVPs are encouraged by calling the Tuscola County Farm Bureau Office at (989) 673-4157.

This event is sponsored by the Tuscola County Farm Bureau Promotion and Education Committee, MSU Extension and Farm Bureau Insurance.

### Funding would pay for demo

OWENDALE — Village of Owendale officials may be able tackle demolition of two dilapidated buildings in the community if grant funding is approved for the work.

Village Clerk Randall Howard submitted an application for a \$36,900 grant under the Michigan Community Demolition Grant for the demolition of the former Clare Schember residence and for the Dorsch Tile Plant.

Howard also recently informed the council there is a new matching fund grant available for street repairs and improvements of up to \$50,000. He will have more information later this month.

### Cooking matters in Cass City

CASS CITY — MSU Extension will host a six-week Cooking Matters program on Wednesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. starting March 20. The free event will be at the Novesta Church of Christ, 2896 Cemetery Rd., Cass City.

Registration is required and can be completed by calling (989) 672-3870 or on the website <https://events.anr.msu.edu/CMAHMar19/>.

The program will focus on helping families and individuals shop, cook healthy meals on a budget, and the importance of nutrition. Participants will take home a bag of groceries at the end of each class.

Hills and Dales General Hospital partnered with MSU Extension officials to provide the program.

### Somerville joins angus group

KINGSTON — Piper Somerville of Kingston is a new junior member of the American Angus Association, reports Allen Moczygemba, CEO of the national organization with headquarters in Saint Joseph, Mo.

Junior members of the association are eligible to register cattle in the American Angus Association, participate in programs conducted by the National Junior Angus Association and take part in Association-sponsored shows and other national and regional events.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery

### Kingston library hours adjusted

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U.S. Census figures.

In 1970 the Kingston Community Library merged with the school library. Jacquelin E. Opperman was the first librarian. It was after her death April 18, 1980, that her successor, Anita Denhoff, had the library renamed Jacquelin E. Opperman Memorial Library to honor her.

Some updates to the library were completed last summer with funding from a \$4.8 million bond that also paid for major renovations and upgrades to the high school and elementary School.

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- 5:00 - 6:00 pm Children's Time
- 5:00 - 5:30 pm Choir Practice
- 5:30 - 6:00 pm Healing Worship Service & Choir
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## ELKLAND TOWNSHIP

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**Monday, March 11 at 6:30 p.m.**

at the Elkland Township Fire Hall  
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Ed LaBelle  
Elkland Township Clerk

# ANNUAL MEETING

for

## ELKLAND TOWNSHIP

will be held

**Monday, March 11**

Following the regular meeting.

at the Elkland Township Fire Hall  
6691 Church St., Cass City

Ed LaBelle  
Elkland Township Clerk

## GREENLEAF TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW MEETINGS

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,  
6435 Bay City Forestville Road  
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Supervisor

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

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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## Michigan maple syrup fun facts and figures:

- \*Michigan ranks fifth in maple syrup production in the United States.
- \*Average maple syrup production in Michigan is about 90,000 gallons per year.
- \*Economic contributions of the pure maple syrup industry to Michigan are nearly \$2.5 million annually.
- \*There are an estimated 500 commercial maple syrup producers in Michigan, with some 2,000 additional hobby or home use producers.
- \*Michigan law requires that processors of maple syrup must be licensed.
- \*The production of pure maple syrup is the oldest agricultural enterprise in the United States.
- \*Maple syrup is one of the few agricultural crops in which demand exceeds supply.
- \*Only about one percent of Michigan's maple forest resource is used in maple syrup production.
- \*In an average year, each tap-hole will produce about 10 gallons of maple sap, enough for about a quart of pure Michigan maple syrup.
- \*It takes approximately 40 gallons of maple sap to make 1 gallon of maple syrup.
- \*A gallon of standard maple syrup weighs 11 pounds and has a sugar content of 66 percent.
- \*Maple syrup is the first farm crop to be harvested in Michigan each year.
- \*Maple syrup is not the recipient of any crop support or subsidy programs.
- \*A maple tree needs to be about 40 years old and have a diameter of 10 inches before tapping is recommended.
- \*The maple season in Michigan starts in February in the southern counties and runs well into April in the Upper Peninsula.
- \*Warm sunny days and freezing nights determine the length of the maple season (freezing and thawing temperatures create pressure and force the sap out of the tree).
- \*The sugaring season may last six to 10 weeks, but during this period, the heavy sap may run only 10-20 days.
- \*The average sugar concentration of maple sap is about 2.5 percent.
- \*Maple sap is boiled to remove the water and concentrate the sugars in a process called evaporation. In a conventional evaporator, one cord of hard wood is required for every 25 gallons of syrup produced.
- \*Maple sap becomes maple syrup when boiled to 219 degrees Fahrenheit, or 7 degrees above the boiling point of water.
- \*Pure Michigan maple syrup has 50 calories per tablespoon and is fat-free. It has no additives, no added coloring and no preservatives.
- \*Source: Michigan Maple Syrup Association



**DIANE BATTLE (right, foreground) and Sue Battel (next to Diane) serve up pancakes and fresh maple syrup to visitors during a Maple Syrup Saturday Open House at the Battel Sugar Bush, where family members have been churning out pure maple syrup for more than 135 years.**

## Maple Syrup Saturday on tap this month

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last several years have been early starts. Unfortunately, an early start doesn't guarantee an extended season. "We had about a three-quarter crop last year because we had sustained cold periods. In West Michigan, they had sap running faster than they could handle it because it stayed warmer there," Battel said, adding the family hopes to produce well over 200 gallons of syrup this year. "We'll put out about 700 taps this year and our kids will put out a

couple hundred more," he added. The Maple Syrup Saturday Open House offers visitors an opportunity to learn the ins and outs of maple syrup production as they see first-hand how the sap is gathered and boiled, and then enjoy a sample of the Battel brand syrup on a pancake. The family also annually hosts a special Homeschool Maple Syrup Day, and this year's date – no fooling – is Monday, April 1, starting at 10 a.m. The whole family is welcome to take part in the Battel family's educational stations throughout the woods. There is no charge and RSVP is requested, but not required.

Both the public and homeschool tours are held rain or shine, and everyone planning to attend is encouraged to dress for the weather and plan to be outdoors for a couple hours (it can be 10 degrees colder in the shaded woods). The ground is uneven with tree roots and can be quite muddy or snowy, so dressing in layers and wearing boots is recommended.

The Battels' sugaring operation is located just a few miles northeast of Cass City at 7964 Daus Rd., also known as Ritter Road (1.25 miles west of M-53 – look for the white sugar shack in the woods to the west of the brick farmhouse).

The Battel family, including Mark and Diane Battel and their son and daughter-in-law, Bob and Sue Battel, and their children, has been producing high-quality, wood-fired, pure maple syrup in the same woods near Cass City since 1882.

While some things have changed since the Battel ancestors of the 19th century boiled sap in an open kettle, the basic process is still the same – and nearly as quaint.

In the spring, as the sun begins to warm the sugar maple trees – yet winter's grip still brings freezing temperatures at night – family members start the annual tradition of tapping trees. Sap is coaxed from the sugar maples and boiled for hours over a rolling fire until nothing remains but pure syrup.

It takes about 40 gallons of sap to produce one gallon of syrup.

The Great Fires of 1871 and 1881 that swept across the Midwest managed to miss the family's stand of more than 300 sugar maple trees, although much of the surrounding Thumb was devastated.

These days, the Battel sugar bush continues to produce a bounty of sap, and the family offers visitors the chance to purchase and take home their own supply of pure maple syrup in various-sized containers.

Aside from the family business, Bob and Sue's oldest daughter, Addy, along with neighbor and partner Ethan Healy, have their own business – County Line Kids Maple Syrup – and the Battels' other daughter, Dori, last year established a maple candy business of her own, calling it "Dori's Sweets".

"Our customers primarily buy pints, quarts, half-gallons and gallons (of syrup)," Sue Battel said. "The kids fill some of those larger containers, but mostly specialize in smaller, pretty syrup jars that make nice gifts."

*Editor's note: Additional information on the open houses can be found by visiting the family's website at [battelsyrup.weebly.com](http://battelsyrup.weebly.com), their Facebook page at Battel's Sugar Bush Pure Maple Syrup, or via email at [BattelSyrup@gmail.com](mailto:BattelSyrup@gmail.com).*



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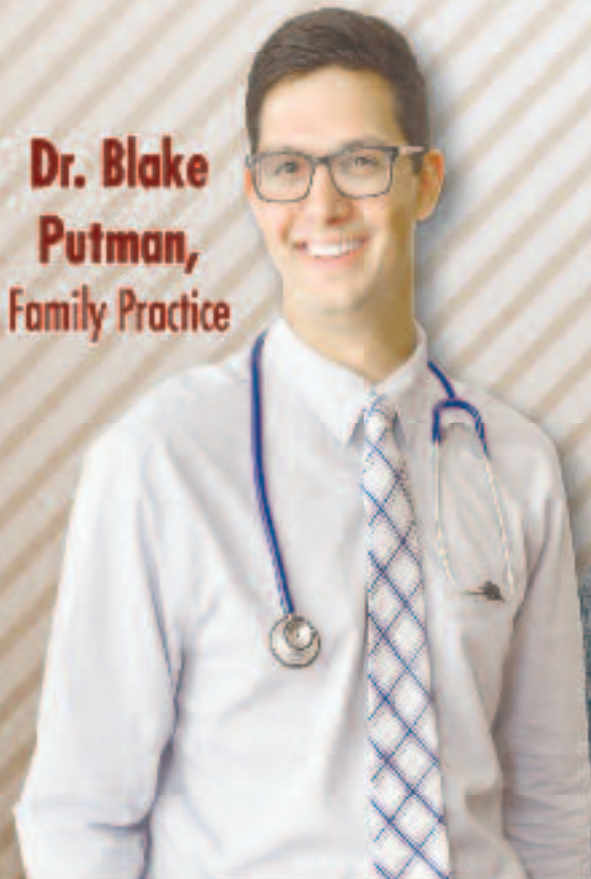
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## Pot, pay increases on agenda

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### Marijuana discussion

In other business during the recent regular monthly meeting, the board discussed the legalization of recreational marijuana use, and agreed to ask township Zoning Administrator Gary Jones to investigate the process involved in opting out of the new law in order to prohibit the establishment of marijuana businesses in the township.

"They (board) have to have a planning meeting (before making a decision), but it sounds like we may be opting out," LaBelle said.

Dozens of Michigan communities, including the village of Cass City, have banned or have begun the process of moving to ban recreational marijuana retail stores and related businesses in the four months since the state's voters legalized marijuana.

Following the results of the general election referendum last November, the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act took effect Dec. 6. Officials with the Bureau of Marijuana Regulation have until December 2019 to write the rules and start accepting license applications.

Michigan became the 10th state in the nation and the first in the Midwest to legalize recreational use of marijuana. However, the new law has not stopped communities across the state from establishing prohibitions on recreational and medical marijuana businesses.

Every community is required to decide if it is going to allow or prohibit state-licensed recreational marijuana establishments. If a municipality intends to allow recreational marijuana businesses, then it does not need to take any action. Under the new act, every municipality is considered to be "in" unless it takes specific action to opt out.



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## USA, Ubly, Kingston advance into semifinals with opening night wins

The opening night of the Michigan High School Athletic Association district girls basketball tournament saw three area teams advance into the semifinal rounds.

In Monday's Division 3 action in Cass City, USA knocked off Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port in the early quarterfinal contest, while Ubly ousted host Cass City in the nightcap.

The Patriots enjoyed a huge advantage at the foul line - they made 24 tosses compared to four for the Lakers - in their 44-32 win to advance into tonight's (Wednesday) semifinal game to take on a familiar foe in Greater Thumb West Bad Axe. Tip-off is slated for 6 p.m.

Grace Williamson was the lone player to reach double figures in the contest and finished with a game-high 16 points for USA.

Greta Elston with nine points led Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port.

Ending their Laker basketball careers were Abbey Smith, Karly Cunningham, Madison Krohn, Abi Schuette, Katlin Kady and Elston.

In the late affair, Cass City went ice cold in the second quarter and could never recover.

Both teams struggled in the opening quarter as nerves seemed front and center in the early going.

Kelly Ziegler hit for a pair of baskets in the opening quarter for Cass City, but it would be Ubly that took an 8-5 edge into the second quarter. There, the Red Hawks were limited to a solo field goal by Brittany Hamilton as the Bearcats closed out the frame with 14 unanswered points to lead 25-7 at the break.

Layna Mathewson heated up for the Red Hawks in the final half and three straight baskets for Cass City cut the advantage to 28-13 forcing a Bearcat timeout with 5:15 left in the third quarter.

Another mini run by Cass City following the break reduced the gap to 28-19 when Hamilton scored four consecutive points for the Hawks who wouldn't get any closer before bowing 39-21.

Katelyn Sweeney with 15 points and Josie Gusa with 14 led Ubly, who will now meet Harbor Beach

in the late semifinal showdown.

For Cass City, Hamilton and Mathewson split a dozen markers in vain.

Playing in their final Red Hawk basketball game were the Red Hawks season-long starting five in Jalene Krol, Kacey Haire, Ziegler, Hamilton and Mathewson.

Over in Akron-Fairgrove, in Division 4 play, Kingston took out Caseville 49-13.

The North Central Thumb League champs held the Eagles scoreless in the opening eight minutes and cruised to a lopsided victory. They'll meet the host Vikings next in the semis, scheduled to follow the other semifinal contest between Owen-Gage and Mayville. Wednesday's action starts at 6 p.m.

A trio of Cardinals reached double figures in their quarterfinal win, led by Lily Lyons with 14 points, while Jillyan Dinsmore chipped in 11 points and Carley Smith 10.

Chelsey Breimiester had six points for Caseville.

UBLY'S Ellie Peruski used a screen from Haili Gusa to escape from Cass City's Layna Mathewson during district play.



## Future looks bright for Cass City gymnasts

Although Cass City failed to advance any gymnasts into the state final meet, long-time Coach Kathy Bouverette was pleased with the showings from her regional qualifiers over the weekend.

"Unfortunately we did not have anybody advance on to States, but I thought all eight of my girls did a great job. They performed to the best of their ability and that is what I asked of them," she said, adding, "I could tell that they were all getting nervous and so I just pulled them aside and told them that they all worked hard to get here and that they deserve to be here just as much as the other higher skilled girls do. I said enjoy this moment and go out there and do their best and have fun doing it and that is what they did. They all had great performances. I was happy with how they

all did."

At Saturday's individual competition in Grand Ledge, sophomore Riley Copeland turned in an all-around score of 31.825 - one of her best scores on the season - that included an 8.15 score on the vault, a 7.575 score on the bars (ranked 30th out of 50), an 8.125 score on the beam (ranked 24th out of 62) and a 7.975 score on the floor.

Other reported scorers for Cass City were junior Olivia Schuette who turned in a score of 7.625 on the floor, while sophomore Lauren Peters had scores of 8.025 and 7.4 on the vault and floor, respectively.

Rounding out the scores for the Lady Red Hawks were junior Hanna Dobson with a 7.7 on the beam (ranked 37th out of 62), freshman Katelyn Grifka with scores of 7.75 on the vault and

7.575 on the beam (ranked 43rd out of 62), sophomore Alaina Fluegge with a score of 7.95 on the vault, sophomore Madison Beckrow with a score of 7.825 on the vault and sophomore Kristin Stimpfel with a score of 7.55 on the vault.

With such a young group of achievers, Bouverette feels big things are in store for Cass City moving forward.

"Next year is looking good for us to qualify as a team for regionals. Sometimes it is discouraging because I know the ability is there but getting the girls to see that is hard. I think they realized it towards the end of this season and how far they advanced. Seeing is believing," she said, adding, "I am not losing anyone and hoping to gain a couple of girls that I think will benefit our team as a whole. We will see next year."

CASS CITY sophomore Riley Copeland gets plenty of air during her routine on the beam.

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# Kingston rolls to another district championship

The Kingston Cardinals advanced into their own Class D regional tournament Friday with a 61-45 victory over North Central Thumb League Stars foe Mayville. It was conference co-champs' third win over the Wildcats during the 2018-19 campaign.

After getting out to a commanding 19-6 start in the district championship game at Akron-Fairgrove, Coach Dave Lester's defending district champs were actually outscored in the second quarter and settled for a 31-19 advantage entering the final half.

Nick Phillips and Austin Middleton sparked the Mayville offense on the night and in the final half refused to allow the Wildcats to go away quietly. The underdogs – who posted an easy 63-13 victory over Akron-Fairgrove in the semis - were outscored just 30-26 in the closing two quarters.

"We got off to a great start, but couldn't put them away. Mayville worked extremely hard and shot the ball well all night," said Lester.

Evan Neff led Kingston with 22 points, while Hunter James and Nathan Cloyd split 26 tallies for the winners.

Phillips and Middleton each posted double figures for Mayville with 13 points and 11 points, respectively. The Wildcats finish with a record of 8-14.

Kingston advanced into the district championship game by defeating another North Central Thumb League Star opponent Wednesday in rival North Huron.

Again, Kingston built a double digit first quarter cushion and would outscore the Warriors in each quarter to record a 76-50 win in the semi-final round.

"We struggled defensively in the first half, but picked it up in the third quarter," Lester said.

Hunter James and Evan Neff enjoyed big nights for Kingston and led the way with 20 points apiece, while Cloyd added eight for the Cardinals.

De'Andre Morris led North Huron with 13 points and Ty Knoblock added 10 for the Warriors. North Huron puts a mark of 10-11 in the record books for 2018-19.

Turning to the Class D Regional in Kingston, Lester feels the title is up for grabs. In Tuesday's semifinal round, Fulton (11-10) was scheduled to take on Mio (17-4) in the early contest, while Kingston (19-3) faced Big Rapids Crossroads (21-1) in the late semifinal contest. The winners will meet Thursday at 7:00 p.m., when a chance to advance into the quarterfinal round at Cadillac will be on the line.

Despite their record, Fulton will be slight favorites to win regional honors, according to Kingston Athletic Director Carl Nicol.



CASS CITY's Zach Beecher heads down the lane in district play as Bad Axe's Colby Meeks, left, attempts to block his path.

## Hawks ousted at own tourney

Home court advantage wasn't enough to lift Cass City past Bad Axe in Division 3 semifinal district play on Wednesday.

With last week's 65-53 setback, the Red Hawks finish 8-13 overall and 3-9 in the Greater Thumb West.

"We are not satisfied with our win/lose record, but we made a great deal of progress as a team. We have most of the guys returning next year so we are looking for a much better year with all the experience we gained this year," said Cass City Coach Aaron Fernald.





Bad Axe used a 17-0 run in the opening quarter to take charge against the Red Hawks.

However, trailing 36-19, the hosts came roaring back in the third quarter and following a Sandyn Cuthrell trey trailed just 40-37, before seven unanswered points by the visitors proved too much for Cass City to overcome.

Cuthrell recorded game scoring honors with 18 points to pace Cass City, while Cody Talaski had 17 tallies to lead Bad Axe.

Playing in their final Red Hawk basketball game were Zach Beecher and Luke Stern.

### Fabulous Four's Fearless Forecast

2018-19 Basketball Picks	 Ray Maurer	 Clarke Haire	 Geoff Morgan	 Doug Hyatt
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**Haire rallies to wins forecasters battle in final week of picks.**

LAST WEEKS' RESULTS	9-5	11-3	8-6	9-5
SEASON RESULTS	144-47/75%	145-46/76%	138-53/72%	139-52/73%

# Regular season ends Cass City girls win thriller in final seconds on senior night

Cass City ended its regular season with an easy 43-14 victory over winless Lakeville Thursday, but it was the Lady Red Hawks' triumph over visiting rival USA on senior night that this year's squad won't forget anytime soon.

Cass City led at the end of each quarter against the Patriots, but would trail in the final minutes in Tuesday's regular season home finale. The hosts gained a 13-4 edge early and would take a 22-15 cushion into the locker room at the half.

Still, USA was able to narrow the gap to 32-28 in the third and then drew even with the hosts at

42-42 in the closing seconds.

But with just 3.5 seconds on the clock, senior Kacey Haire found her way to the basket to hit the game winning shot that sent the home team crowd into a frenzy.

Before Haire's heroics, seniors Brittany Hamilton, Layna Mathewson and Jalene Krol all came up big for the winners. Hamilton, as usual, led Cass City with 10 points, while Mathewson hit a pair of clutch late free throws on her way to nine tallies and Krol, who got the hosts off to a fast start with three first quarter buckets, finished with eight markers. Kelly Ziegler, Cass City's only other

senior on the team, turned in a terrific all-around showing from the floor while running the Red Hawk offense.

Lost in the defeat was a strong showing by Rylee Zimmer. She paced USA with 23 points.

At Lakeville, nine Red Hawks – led by Hamilton's 10 markers – entered the score book in the lopsided decision.

"I thought the kids got better as the year went on. We were competitive in most games and they kept building to be playing their best ball come tournament time. I'm proud of their work ethic," said Coach Justin Ketterer.

## Lady Cardinals enter playoffs on high note

Kingston girls put the finishing touches on a lofty regular season with back-to-back non-conference victories over Saginaw Swan Valley and Lapeer.

After knocking off Swan Valley 47-31 earlier in the week, the Lady Cardinals improved to 18-2 Thursday with a narrow 44-42 win Thursday over visiting Lapeer.

The regular season finale was tight the entire way. The hosts led 15-12 after one quarter and 21-17 after two, only to see Lapeer slice into the margin throughout the entire final half and finally draw even at 42-42 with 25 seconds remaining on the clock.

That's when Camryn MacGuire

drove the lane and fed Carley Smith for what proved to be a game-winning layup, as Hannah Erla's 3-point attempt at the buzzer bounced off the rim.

"This was a great effort on senior night against a solid Lapeer team," said Kingston Coach Jay Green.

Erla led the Lapeer comeback bid with a game-high 29 points. She scored all of the visitors' 16 points in the third quarter that had the visitors trailing 36-33 with eight minutes remaining in regulation.

"Hannah Erla is the most talented girl we have faced," Green said.

For Kingston, Smith poured in

15 points and Lily Lyons add nine, while MacGuire scored eight and passed for nine assists.

On Tuesday, Smith scored 19 points and Lyons 16, but it was the Cardinal defense that impressed Green in the double digit home decision over Swan Valley.

"This was a great defensive effort against a Swan Valley team that has some good offensive weapons. Offensively, we were patient against a good man-to-man defense and capitalized when we got open looks. Tonight it was Carley Smith and Lily Lyons who took advantage," he said afterwards.

Jordan Delisle had 10 for Swan Valley.

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**Village of Cass City, MI Ordinance No. 183**  
**ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF CASS CITY BY ADOPTING**  
**THIS ORDINANCE FOR THE REGULATION AND LICENSING OF CERTAIN ASPECTS OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA**  
**FACILITIES LICENSING ACT UNDER MCLA. 333.27101, et seq.**

The Village of Cass City (hereinafter "Village") Ordains to adopt an Ordinance to permit and regulate the operation of certain, specified state-licensed medical marijuana facilities within its boundaries pursuant to PA 281 of 2016, the Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act, MCLA 333.27101, et seq. (hereinafter "the Act").

**Sec. 1. Purpose.**

The Village finds that it is in the public interest to allow the permitting of certain state-licensed medical marijuana facilities, within of Cass City's Industrial Park, solely for growing and processing operations, pursuant to the Act and to provide for the adoption of reasonable restrictions to protect the public health, safety, and general welfare of the community at large, as well as retain the character of neighborhoods; and mitigate potential impacts on surrounding properties and persons. It is also the intent of this Ordinance to help defray administrative and enforcement costs associated with the operation of a medical marijuana facility in the Village through imposition of an annual, nonrefundable fee of not more than \$5,000.00 on each medical marijuana facility licensee pursuant to the Act.

**Sec. 2. Conflict.**

Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed in such a manner as to conflict with the existing Village Ordinances except as otherwise stated herein.

**Sec. 3. State Licensed Medical Marijuana Facilities**

This Ordinance amends Chapter 48 of the Code of Ordinances for the Village as follows:

**(a) Purpose and Intent.** The purpose of this section is to establish standards for siting specific types of Medical Marijuana Facilities, authorized by the Act and permitted under this Ordinance, in Cass City's Industrial Park. It is the Village's intent to permit the siting specific types of Medical Marijuana Facilities within its boundaries, subject to conditions, to:

(1.) Promote the safe, regulated manufacturing, production, and sale by state- licensed growing facilities for medical marijuana authorized by this Ordinance, and to ensure the safe access to medical marijuana to the Village's patients;

(2.) Discourage the sale of unsafe, unauthorized and unlicensed medical marijuana facilities, operations and products;

(3.) Preserve and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Village and the general public by minimizing unsafe, unauthorized and unregulated medical marijuana operation, production and sale;

(4.) Authorize the operation of state-licensed growing and processing facilities for medical marijuana operations, as defined by the Act, and to prohibit authorizing of any other type of marijuana facility from operating within the Village.

(5.) Establish standards and procedures, by which the siting, operating, and maintaining of a Medical Marijuana Facility shall be governed.

**(b) Relationship to State Law.**

(1.) Except as otherwise provided by the Act and this Ordinance, a permittee and its employees and agents who are operating within the scope of a State Operating License and pursuant to the requirements in this Ordinance are not subject to criminal or civil prosecution under Village ordinances regulating marijuana.

(2.) Except as otherwise provided by the Act and this Ordinance, a person who owns or leases real property upon which a Medical Marijuana Facility is located and who has no knowledge that the permittee is violating or violated the Act or this Ordinance, is not subject to criminal or civil prosecution under Village ordinances regulating marijuana.

**(c) Definitions.** For the purpose of this section, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning:

(1.) "Applicant" means a person who applies for a license under this article. If an entity applies for a license, the term includes an officer, director, or managerial employee of the entity when appropriate.

(2.) "Grower" means a licensee that is a commercial entity located in this state that cultivates, dries, trims, or cures and packages marijuana for sale to a Processor or Provisioning Center.

(3.) "License" means a State Operating License issued pursuant to the Act.

(4.) "Licensee" means a commercial entity that has obtained a State Operating License for one or more of the medical marijuana facilities authorized under the Act.

(5.) "Marijuana Facility" means a location at which a license holder is licensed to operate under the Act.

(6.) "Marijuana-infused product" means a topical formulation, tincture, beverage, edible substance, or similar product containing any usable marijuana that is intended for human consumption in a manner other than smoke inhalation.

(7.) "Permit" means a permit issued by the Village under this chapter.

(8.) "Processor" means a licensee that is a commercial entity located in this state that purchases marijuana from a Grower and that extracts resin from the marijuana or creates a marijuana-infused product for sale and transfer in package form to a Provisioning Center.

(9.) "Provisioning Center" means a licensee that is a commercial entity located in this state that purchases marijuana from a Grower or Processor and sells, supplies, or provides marijuana to registered qualifying patients, directly or through the patients' registered primary caregivers. Provisioning Center includes any commercial property where marijuana is sold at retail to registered qualifying patients or registered primary caregivers. A noncommercial location used by a primary caregiver to assist a qualifying patient connected to the caregiver through the department's marijuana registration process in accordance with the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act, 2008 IL 1, MCL 33.26421 to 333.26430, is not a Provisioning Center for purposes of the Act or this chapter.

(10.) "Safety Compliance Facility" means a licensee that is a commercial entity that receives marijuana from a Marijuana Facility or registered primary caregiver, tests it for contaminants and for tetrahydrocannabinol and other cannabinoids, returns the test results, and may return the marijuana to the Marijuana Facility.

(11.) "Secure Transporter" means a licensee that is a commercial entity located in this state that stores marijuana and transports marijuana between Marijuana Facilities for a fee.

(12.) "State operating license" means a license that is issued under the Act that allows the licensee to operate as Marijuana Facilities.

All other terms used in this chapter have the same definitions ascribed to them in the Act.

**(d) Applicability and Enabling Provision.**

(1.) Pursuant to Section 205(1) of the Act, the Village will authorize Permits exclusively for the following type of Medical Marijuana Facilities:

A. Growers.

B. Processors

(2.) The Village shall not authorize Permits for the following types of Medical Marijuana Facilities under Section 205(1) of the Act:

A. Provisioning Centers;

B. Secure Transporters; or

C. Safety Compliance Facilities.

(3.) This Ordinance shall only apply to marijuana facilities or operations authorized by the Act, and this Ordinance shall not be construed to apply to Permit any recreational marijuana facilities or operations, including but not limited to any recreational marijuana facilities authorized through the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act.

(4.) No person or entity that was open or operating any facility purporting to produce, manufacture, test, transfer or transport medical marijuana or marijuana prior to the adoption of this Ordinance by the Village Council shall be considered a lawful use or lawful nonconforming use.

(5.) This section does not apply to, or regulate, any protected patient or caregiver conduct pursuant to the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act of 2008.

**(e) Number of Permitted Medical Marijuana Facilities.**

(1.) The maximum number of each type of Medical Marijuana Facility authorized above is one growing facility and one processing facility.

**(f) Village Liability and Indemnification**

(1.) By Accepting a Permit issued under this Ordinance, the permittee waives and releases the Village, its officers, elected officials, and employees from any liability for injuries, damages or liabilities of any kind that result from any arrest or prosecution of Medical Marijuana Facility owners, operators, employees, clients or customers for a violation of state or federal laws, rules or regulations.

(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 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. 1964(c).

(3.) 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 any alleged violation of the federal Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C. Sec. 801 et. seq. or Article 7 of the Michigan Public Health Code, MCL 333.7101 et. seq.

**(g) Permit Requirement.**

(1.) Any person or entity that wishes to operate as a Medical Marijuana Facility in the Village shall obtain a Permit and a must obtain a State Operating License, as well as comply with all requirements under the Act and this Ordinance prior to opening or operating.

(2.) No Permit shall be issued under this Ordinance without first satisfying the application procedure and obtaining approval from the Village pursuant to this Ordinance.

(3.) The application and inspection fee for the Permit required by this section shall be as set from time to time by the Village by resolution.

(4.) In addition to an annual reapplication and inspection fee, the Village may assess an annual fee of no more than \$5,000.00 to help defray the administrative and enforcement costs associated with the operation of the Marijuana Facilities operating in the Village.

(5.) No Permit issued under this section shall be transferrable unless first approved by the State Medical Marijuana Licensing Board.

(6.) All Permits issued under this section shall be renewed annually and subject to annual inspection and renewal fees as set from time to time by the Village by resolution.

(7.) The Village, within its own discretion, may limit the number of Permits issued under this section, and may revise this limit from time to time within its own discretion.

(8.) No person or entity that has opened or operated a facility doing business or purporting to do business under this chapter or the Act without first obtaining a Permit shall be eligible for a Permit.

(9.) A person or entity that receives a Permit under this chapter shall display its Permit and, when issued, its State Medical Marijuana Facility License in plain view clearly visible to Village officials and State Medical Marijuana Licensing Board authorized agents.

**(h) Location Requirements.**

(1.) The Applicant medical marijuana facility must be located in the Cass City Industrial Park pursuant to a site plan reviewed and recommended by the Planning Commission and submitted for approval to the Village of Cass City.

(2.) The Applicant location shall meet all applicable written and duly promulgated standards of the Village and, prior to opening, shall demonstrate to the Village that it meets the rules and regulations promulgated by the State Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Board.

(3.) The Applicant location shall conform to all standards of the zoning district in which it is located.

(4.) No person shall reside in or permit any person to reside in or on the premises of any Medical Marijuana Facility.

**(i) Application Procedure.**

(1.) All Applicants for Permits required by this section shall file an Application and fee with the Village Clerk

upon a form provided by the Village. This Application shall be signed by the Applicant if an individual, or by all partners if a partnership, by a managing member if a limited liability company, or by the president if a corporation.

(2.) All applicants for a Permit to operate a Medical Marijuana Facility shall submit with the application a photocopy of the applicant's valid and current license issued by the State of Michigan in accordance with the Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act, MCL 333.27101 et seq.

(3.) The Applicant may be requested to provide any information required by the Act and any other information deemed by the Village as needed for approval or Village's Planning Commission to make review and recommendation to the Village as required for the consideration of a Permit.

(4.) No Permit shall be issued unless both the Application and site plan are approved through the Village Council and submitted to the Village's Planning Commission for review and recommendation.

(5.) Upon an applicant's completion of the above-referenced form and furnishing of all required information and documentation, the Village Clerk shall accept the application and assign it a sequential application number based on the date and time of acceptance. The Village shall act to approve or deny an application no later than fourteen (14) days from the date the application was accepted. If approved, the Village shall issue the applicant a provisional permit.

(6.) A provisional permit means only that the applicant has submitted a valid application for a medical marijuana facility Permit, and the applicant shall not locate or operate a medical marijuana facility without obtaining all other permits and approvals required by all other applicable ordinances and regulations of the Village. A provisional permit will lapse and be void if such permits and approvals are not diligently pursued to completion.

(7.) Within fourteen (14) days from the applicant submitting proof of obtaining all other required permits and approvals and payment of the Application and inspection fees, the Village shall approve or deny the medical marijuana facility Permit. The Village shall issue the Medical Marijuana Facility Permits in order of the sequential application number previously assigned.

(8.) The Permit shall be approved if the Applicant meets all Village requirements; unless a due diligence investigation discloses tangible evidence that the conduct of the Applicant's business would pose a substantial threat to the public health, safety, or general welfare.

**(j) Medical Marijuana Facility Standards**

(1.) In accordance with the provisions of state law, Medical marijuana growers and processors authorized to operate in the Cass City Industrial Park through the issuance of a Permit provided that:

A. Any uses or activities found by the state of Michigan or a court with jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or otherwise not permitted by state law may not be permitted by the Village. In the event that a court with jurisdiction declares some or all of this article invalid, then the Village may suspend the acceptance of applications for permits pending the resolution of the legal issue in question.

B. At the time of application for a permit the medical marijuana facility must be licensed by the state of Michigan and then must be at all times in compliance with the laws of the state of Michigan including but not limited to the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act, MCL 333.26421 et seq.; the Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act, MCL 333.27101 et seq.; and the Marijuana Tracking Act, MCL 333.27901 et seq.; and all other applicable rules promulgated by the state of Michigan.

C. The use or facility must be at all times in compliance with this Ordinance and all other applicable laws and ordinances of the Village.

D. The Village may suspend or revoke a permit based on a finding that the provisions of the standards in this section, all other applicable provisions of this zoning ordinance, or the terms of the permit are not met.

E. A Medical Marijuana Facility, may not be permitted as a home business or accessory use nor may they include accessory uses except as otherwise provided in this ordinance.

F. Signage requirements for Medical Marijuana Facilities, unless otherwise specified, are as provided in the zoning Chapter for the Village's Code of Ordinances.

(2.) Permitted Medical Marijuana facilities shall be subject to the following standards:

A. Indoor Production and Processing. In the Cass City Industrial Park, medical marijuana production shall be located entirely within one or more completely enclosed buildings. In the Cass City Industrial Park, marijuana processing shall be located entirely within a fully enclosed, secure, indoor facility or greenhouse with rigid walls, a roof, and doors.

B. Lighting. Lighting shall be regulated as follows:

i. Light cast by light fixtures inside any building used for marijuana production or marijuana processing shall not be visible outside the building from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. the following day.

ii. Outdoor marijuana grow lights shall not be illuminated from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. the following day.

C. Odor. As used in this subsection, building means the building, or portion thereof, used for marijuana production or marijuana processing.

i. The building shall be equipped with an activated carbon filtration system for odor control to ensure that air leaving the building through an exhaust vent first passes through an activated carbon filter.

ii. The filtration system shall consist of one or more fans and activated carbon filters. At a minimum, the fan(s) shall be sized for cubic feet per minute (CFM) equivalent to the volume of the building (length multiplied by width multiplied by height) divided by three. The filter(s) shall be rated for the applicable CFM.

iii. The filtration system shall be maintained in working order and shall be in use. The filters shall be changed a minimum of once every 365 days.

iv. Negative air pressure shall be maintained inside the building.

v. Doors and windows shall remain closed, except for the minimum length of time needed to allow people to ingress or egress the building.

vi. An alternative odor control system is permitted if the permit applicant submits and the municipality accepts a report by a mechanical engineer licensed in the state of Michigan demonstrating that the alternative system will control odor as well or better than the activated carbon filtration system otherwise required. The municipality may hire an outside expert to review the alternative system design and advise as to its comparability and whether in the opinion of the expert it should be accepted.

D. Security Cameras. If used, security cameras shall be directed to record only the subject property and may not be directed to public rights-of-way as applicable, except as required to comply with licensing requirements of the state of Michigan.

E. Water. The Medical Marijuana Facility shall be a customer of the Village Municipal Water Supply, and use the Village Municipal water supply for all operations, and in compliance with the limitations on discharge into the Village waste water system.

**(k) Revocation and Review.**

(1.) A Permit granted under this section may be revoked for any of the following reasons:

A. Any fraud or misrepresentation contained in the Permit application;

B. Any knowing violation of this Ordinance;

C. Loss, expiration or revocation of the Applicant's State Medical Marijuana Facility License;

D. Failure of the Applicant to obtain a State Medical Marijuana Facility License within a reasonable time after obtaining a Permit under this section; or

E. Conducting business in violation of this Ordinance, the Act, the Medical Marijuana Act, MCL 333.26421 et seq., or the Marijuana Tracking Act, MCL 333.27901 et seq.; as well as conducting business in an unlawful manner or in such a way as to constitute a menace to the health, safety, or general welfare of the public.

F. Conducting business for recreational marijuana or any marijuana operations not exclusively authorized by this Ordinance and the Act.

**Sec. 4. Penalties and Enforcement.**

**(a)** Any person who violates any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction and subject to the payment of a civil fine of not more than \$100, plus costs. Each day a violation of this Ordinance continues to exist constitutes a separate violation. A violator of this Ordinance shall also be subject to such additional sanctions, remedies and judicial orders as are authorized under Michigan law.

**(b)** A violation of this Ordinance is deemed to be a nuisance per se. In addition to any other remedy available at law, the Village may bring an action for an injunction or other process against a person to restrain, prevent, or abate any violation of this Ordinance.

**(c)** This Ordinance shall be enforced and administered by the Village Manager, or such other Village official as may be designated from time to time by resolution of the Village Council.

**Sec. 5. Repealed.**

All Ordinance or parts of ordinances of the Village in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

**Sec. 6. Adoption.**

A First Reading of this Ordinance is hereby declared to have been approved by the Village Council of the Village of Cass City, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, at a meeting, called and held on the 29th day of January 2019, and the second reading has been set for February 25, 2019.

**Sec. 7. Severability.**

In the event that any one or more sections, provisions, phrases or words of this Ordinance shall be found to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity or the enforceability of the remaining sections, provisions, phrases or words of this Ordinance.

**Sec. 8. Effective Date.**

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately thirty (30) days following a second reading and adoption and with publication.

**Sec. 9. Publication.**

This Ordinance shall be recorded by the Village Clerk in the Village Ordinance Book as soon as it is adopted, which record shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Village President and Village Clerk and shall be published once in the Village newspaper of record.

**A Motion to approve Village of Cass City, MI Ordinance No. 183, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE VILLAGE OF CASS CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 48, Marijuana, ARTICLE II, Medical, Opt-In to Allow the Permitting of Certain Licensed Medical Marijuana Facilities, Was offered by President Delamarter and supported by Trustee Leeson**

Roll Call Vote: Ball: yea, Kim: yea, Leeson: yea, Piaskowski: yea, Zawilinski: nay, Delamarter: yea, Herron: excused.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 1 Excused 1  
Ordinance Adopted as presented .

Daniel Delamarter  
President, Village of Cass City

Nanette Walsh  
Clerk/Treasurer, Village of Cass City

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**CERTIFICATION**

*I, the undersigned duly appointed Village Clerk of the Village of Cass City, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the above ordinance, or a summary thereof, was published in Cass City Chronicle, a newspaper of general circulation in the Village on March 6, 2019, and that such ordinance was entered with the Ordinance Book of the Village on March 6, 2019.*

Dated: March 6, 2019

Nanette Walsh  
Clerk/Treasurer, Village of Cass City



**EQUIPMENT USED** in the training by deputies included a rescue sling, an RDC (rapid deployment craft) water rescue raft, throw bags, life jackets, ice awls, medical back boards and Marsars rescue boards along with several other life-saving techniques and ideas.

## Sanilac dive team prepares for worst with recent drills

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Sanilac County law enforcement officials last week prepared for the worst Old Man Winter can throw at them during rescue operations on the ice.

Members of the Sanilac County Sheriff's Department Uniform Services Division and Dive Team, in conjunction with the U.S. Coast Guard, conducted two days of training, according to Sgt. Matt Armstrong.

"Deputies went over classroom materials and ice rescue protocol in addition to becoming familiar with new equipment and techniques," Armstrong explained. "Deputies also learned several self-rescue techniques to be prepared in case they are ever needed."

"Equipment used in the training by deputies included a rescue sling, an RDC (rapid deployment craft) water rescue raft, throw bags, life jackets, ice awls, medical back boards and Marsars rescue boards along with several other life-saving techniques and ideas," Armstrong said.

The training, he added, also allowed officers to enter the water during exercises in which they were "rescued" as well as being charged with rescuing mock victims in an effort to ensure the sheriff's department's response is efficient in the event of a real emergency.

"The Sanilac County Sheriff's Office would like to thank Sandusky Woodland Hills Golf Course for allowing the training to be done at their facility, and the U.S. Coast Guard Station Port Huron for their assistance with

this training," Armstrong said.

Sanilac County Sheriff Garry Biniecki reminds residents to always be vigilant on the ice.

"Remember that even when ice may appear thick, it may be less than several inches right next to the thicker ice," he said.

Biniecki's warning again proved accurate last month when an ice fisherman drove his pickup truck onto the ice in Lexington Harbor. The vehicle went through the ice, with the 62-year-old driver escaping with his life after attempting to climb back into the cab as the truck sank in roughly 12 feet of water, about 850 feet from shore.

The driver was later arrested, and recovery of the truck required a complex operation involving the Sanilac County Sheriff's Department Dive Team, Lexington Fire Department and the St. Clair County Dive Team.

# Obituaries

## Max Cooper

Max Edwin Cooper, 91, of Cass City, died Saturday, March 2, 2019 in Medilodge of Cass City.

He was born September 5, 1927 in Cass City to Fred and Nellie (Peter) Cooper.

He married Mary Ann Vargo November 30, 1957 in Cass City.

Max graduated from Kingston High School and was drafted into the Army as a heavy equipment operator during the Korean War. He completed courses in agriculture from Michigan State University and worked as a dairy farmer until he sold in 1965.

Max owned and operated an animal health supply company for fifteen years. He later went to work for Kelly & Co. Realty, as a real estate agent, for fifteen years. Max enjoyed working with hard woods and made beautiful furniture for his family.

Max is survived by his wife, Mary Ann; children: Timothy (Jean) Cooper of Greenleaf, WI; Elmer "Joe" (Holly) Cooper of Owendale; Jerry (Renee) Cooper of Unionville; daughter-in-law, Sally (Drew) Guernsey of Tucson, AZ; grandchildren: Jeramie Cooper, Dwana Cooper, Ryan Cooper, Brandy (Neville) Patterson, Brent (An) Cooper and Kelsey Cooper; several great-grandchildren; sister, Shirley Wolfe of Fenton; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his infant son Jeffrey; son, Daniel Cooper; brother, Linton Cooper; and sister, Janet Lottridge.

Visitation will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, March 8, and from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, March 9, in Kranz Funeral Home in Cass City. The funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, March 9, in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City with the Rev. Robert Eastlick officiating.

Interment will be in Kingston Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund. 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, Cass City.



## Lucille Stine

Lucille Maxine Stine, 88, of Deford, died peacefully Thursday, February 28, 2019 in the comfort of her home.

She was born July 30, 1930 in Flint to Ivan and Frankie (Nichols) Underwood.

She married Maynard Albert Stine December 23, 1950 in Parkland Presbyterian Church of Flint. He died February 22, 2018.

Lucille attended Saginaw General School of Nursing and graduated as a Registered Nurse in 1951. She worked in Hills and Dales General Hospital of Cass City for nine years. Lucille was an active member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. She served on church council, Ladies Aid and sang in the choir for many years. Lucille enjoyed dancing with Maynard at many area senior dances. In earlier years, Lucille and Maynard loved to travel. Sault Ste. Marie was her favorite location to visit. Lucille spent time knitting and reading. A great Scrabble player, she was affectionately known by her family as the Scrabble Queen.

Lucille is survived by her children: Maynard (Catherine) Stine, Jr. of Carrollton, David Stine of Ypsilanti, Michael (Denise) Stine of Deford, Diane (Michael) Lowe of Deford, Karen (Peter) Fittante of Durand, Susan Smith of Cass City, Brian (Peggy) Stine of Applegate and Laura (Scott) Dennis of Deford; 19 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; brother, Dale (Barbara) Underwood of Heartland; brother-in-law, Vaughn Titus of Grand Rapids; sisters-in-law: Irene Kinyon of Fishers, IN, Louise Schwanke of Bay City, Alberta (Norbert) Conrad of Capac and Joann Sholtis of Capac; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Maynard Stine; twin infant sons: Mark Stine, Michael Stine; her grandson, Robert Lowe; brother, Gerald Underwood; sister, Dorothy Titus; sisters-in-law: Alice Ogden and Mary Underwood.

A funeral service was held Monday, March 4, in Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City with the Rev. Steve Bagnall officiating.

Interment will be in Novesta Township Cemetery. Pallbearers for Mrs. Stine will be: Christopher Stine, Michael Stine, Joshua Stine, William Smith, Matthew Fittante, Andrew Fittante.

Memorials may be made to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rawson Memorial District Library, or Saginaw General Alumni Scholarship. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and photos with the family at [www.kranzfuneralhome.com](http://www.kranzfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.



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## Penny Wars underway in county

Continued from page one.

The Child Advocacy Center (CAC) of Tuscola is a place of hope for sexually and physically abused children from the county. It provides a safe, child-friendly place for children to make difficult, but truthful disclosures one time, at one place, to one person; who is specially trained, who can help them.

In Tuscola County, one in three girls and one in four boys will be sexually abused in some way before the age of 18.

The CAC has already conducted forensic interviews with a staggering number of children reporting sexual abuse, according to Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark E. Reene, who said those interviews have led to numerous arrests and prosecutions.

Unfortunately, there are hundreds of more children in the community who still need the help of the CAC, he noted.

In order to provide these critically-needed services to the children of Tuscola County, financial support is needed.

For more information, or to volunteer, call (810) 610-8071. Residents can make a donation by sending a check made out to the Child Advocacy Center of Tuscola County, P.O. Box 47, 475 N. State St., Caro MI 48723.

# 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 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.

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2-13-4

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

Said mortgage is now held by U.S. Bank National Association, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Forty-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Five and 67/100 Dollars (\$242,765.67), including interest at 4.25% per annum.

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

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

Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 23, Township 10 North, Range 7 East, Arbela 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 damaging to the property during the redemption period.

Dated: February 13, 2019

File No. 18-007551

Firm Name: Orlans PC

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 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. Wittbrodt, 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, 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 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 West 33.00 feet, thence South 89 degrees 57 minutes 22 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.

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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 28, 2019:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Terry Gast, An Married Man  
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for United Wholesale Mortgage, its successors and assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): PennyMac Loan Services, LLC

Date of Mortgage: August 29, 2008

Date of Mortgage Recording: September 5, 2008

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$62,222.45

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Almer, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Parcel 1: Part of the Northeast quarter of Section 29, Town 13 North, Range 9 East, Almer Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section 29; thence along the East line of said Section 29, South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, 856.34 feet to the Point Of Beginning; thence

continuing along said East line of Section 29, South 00 degrees 00 minute 00 seconds West, 263.69 feet; thence North 89 degrees 44 minutes 07 seconds West, 466.69 feet; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds east, 263.69 feet; thence South 89 degrees 44 minutes 07 seconds East, 466.69 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 27, 2019

Trott Law, P.C.

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2-27-4

## TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foregoing Mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE-A mortgage was granted by ALLEN L. JOHNSON, a single man, Mortgagor(s)

to NEIGHBORHOOD MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS, LLC, 975 N. MAIN ST., SUITE D, FRANKENMUTH, MI 48734, Mortgagee dated NOVEMBER 21, 2008, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Tuscola County, and State of Michigan on DECEMBER 2, 2008, in LIBER 1162 on PAGE 1360 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of FORTY FIVE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FORTY FOUR AND 99/100THS (\$45,244.99) at 6.375% percent per annum and attorney fees as provided for in said Mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof; NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on MARCH 28, 2019, AT 10:00 A.M. local time, said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder in the main lobby of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, aforesaid, on said mortgage with interest thereon and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: TOWNSHIP OF MILLINGTON, COUNTY OF TUSCOLA AND STATE OF MICHIGAN, to wit: BEGINNING AT A POINT WHICH IS THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINE OF ELLIS ROAD AND THE SOUTH LINE OF SECTION 4, TOWN 10 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, WHICH IS WEST 333.13 FEET FROM THE SOUTH 1 / 4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 4; THENCE ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE WEST, 573 FEET; THENCE NORTH 20 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 25 SECONDS WEST, 320.65 FEET; THENCE EAST, 496.41 FEET PARALLEL TO SAID SOUTH LINE TO A POINT ON THE CENTER-

LINE OF ELLIS ROAD; THENCE ALONG SAID SOUTH 32 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 10 SECONDS EAST, 355 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, TUSCOLA COUNTY RECORDS During the SIX (6) MONTHS immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241 a, the property may be redeemed during the thirty (30) days immediately following the sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

JOHN W. BUTLER (P 33908) ATTORNEY FOR MORTGAGEE 24525 Harper Avenue St. Clair Shores, MI 48080 (586) 777-0770 Dated: 2-27-19

2-27-4

## Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to MCL 600.3212, that the following will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on March 28, 2019:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Paul Fent, single man, as his sole and separate property  
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Metropolitan Life Insurance Company

Date of Mortgage: June 3, 2005

Date of Mortgage Recording: June 7, 2005

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$213,236.71

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Ellington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Part of the North half of the Southwest fractional quarter of Section 31, Town 13 North, Range 10 East. Described as beginning at a point on the South line of the North half of the Southwest fractional quarter, that is North 00 degrees, 08 minutes 12 seconds West, 1311.74 feet along the West line of said Section 31 and along said South line of the North half of the Southwest fractional quarter, North 89 degrees, 59 minutes, 39 seconds East, 335.50 feet, thence North 00 degrees, 15 minutes 52 seconds West, 1311.82 feet; thence along the East and West quarter line of Section 31, South 89 degrees, 59 minutes, 18 seconds West, 332.57 feet to a point that is North 89 degrees 59 minutes, 18 seconds East, 398.45 feet from the Southwest corner of said Section 31; thence South 00 degrees 08 minutes, 12 seconds East, 1311.78 feet to the South line of the North half of the Southwest fractional quarter and the point of beginning.

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

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

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: February 27, 2019

Trott Law, P.C.

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2-27-4

# Legal Notices

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Janice Taylor, a single woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 15, 2007 and recorded March 8, 2007 in Liber 1113, Page 2 Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, Successor in Interest to Bank of America, National Association, as Trustee, Successor by merger to LaSalle Bank, National Association, as Trustee for Merrill Lynch First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-1, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Six Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Eight and 3/100 Dollars (\$96,388.03), including interest at 8.05% 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 APRIL 4, 2019.

Said premises are located in the Township of Millington, Tuscola County Michigan, and are described as: THE SOUTH 209.42 FEET OF THE WEST 208 FEET OF THE EAST 772 FEET OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 2, TOWN 10 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, MILLINGTON 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, 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: March 6, 2019  
File No. 19-000589  
Firm Name: Orlans PC

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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee for any reason. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest, and the purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney. Notice is hereby given that the below mortgage 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 of Tuscola County at 10:00 am on April 4, 2019. Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Stanley W. Brant and Debra D. Brant Original Mortgagee: Freedom Mtg Corp. d/b/a Freedom Home Mtg Corp Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, successor by merger to Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, National Association, solely in its capacity as Trustee for Provident Bank Home Equity Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2000-2 Date of Mortgage: February 17, 2000 Date of Mortgage Recording: March 6, 2000 Amount claimed due on mortgage on the date of notice: \$53,246.76 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in the Township of Dayton, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Northeast corner of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 29, Town 11 North, Range 10 East; thence South 209 feet; thence West 209 feet; thence North 209 feet; thence East 209 feet to the place of beginning. The improvements thereon being known as 2690 E. Snover Road. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(16) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: 03/06/2019 Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 115799

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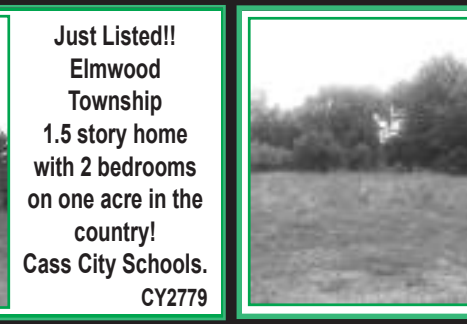
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# SELL IT FAST IN THE CLASSIFIEDS!

# Tuscola's Imagination Library bags \$10,000 grant from Consumers

Consumers Energy recently approved a \$10,000 grant for the Great Start Tuscola Imagination Library (GSTIL).

Consumers Energy has been a consistent supporter of this early childhood literacy program over the last 10 years, according to Great Start Collaborative Director Rachael Koepf, who said she and other members of the local Great Start Tuscola Imagination Board were thrilled to learn about the grant, as they are gearing up for their annual fundraiser.

The Great Start Tuscola Imagination Library, in cooperation with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library Foundation, provides a free book each month to all the registered children up to five years of age in the Tuscola Intermediate School District (TISD).

Currently more than 2,000 Tuscola County children benefit from the program.

Research shows that the best way to insure a child is ready for kindergarten is to read to them every day, and the Great Start Tuscola Imagination Library ensures that the absence of books in a home is not a deterrent to school success.

In order to make this happen, the Tuscola Imagination Library Board raises \$30 for each child, to pay for the books and the shipping. The organization's 2019 goal is to raise \$50,000 to provide the books, which are mailed to each child's home.

The annual fundraiser is scheduled for Thursday, April 11, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 903 Ryan Rd., Caro. The event will begin at 6 p.m. and includes a light dinner, drinks, silent and live auctions, music, a 50-50 drawing sponsored by the Gleaners, and raffle prizes of \$500, \$300 and \$200 Visa cards.

Tickets are \$30 each and can be purchased from GSTIL Board Members or by calling Koepf at (989) 673-2144 (ext. 303025), or via email at greatstarttuscola@gmail.com.



**FROSTED IN the Thumb** – temperatures hovered at 0 degrees early Thursday morning, continuing a seemingly never-ending cycle of cold and snow, but Mother Nature also dished up some amazing scenery along M-81 between Cass City and Caro as snow crystals clung to every tree branch and twig.

## As water tower facelift approaches, village is asking for citizens' input

Cass City village leaders are taking steps to ensure the community makes a good first impression.

And part of that effort is putting a fresh face on one of the first things visitors see as they approach the village – its water tower.

"We are looking at re-painting our water tower at some point in the near future," said village President Debbie Powell.

Along with a new coat of paint, officials are mulling over some proposed designs unique to Cass City to print on the side of the tower. Those designs include

spelling out Cass City in a cursive font; printing large intertwined C's; or utilizing an image of the Cass City School District's Red Hawk mascot along with the words "Red Hawks".

And, the village is asking citizens for their input. The question has been posted on the village's Facebook page: "We want to know what you think would look best."

In January, the council approved hiring Nelson Tank Engineering and Consulting as the general contractor to paint the water tower at a cost of \$8,320.

The focus on Cass City's image

ties in well with the village's participation in the First Impressions Tourism (FIT) project, a program that helps communities learn about their strengths and weaknesses by inviting first-time visitors to tour the town unannounced and anonymously.

As part of the FIT assessment process, five unannounced visitors unfamiliar with Cass City visited the community last fall. After the visit, they compiled a report of their first impressions of the community.

The results/assessment of their visit was scheduled to be shared with local officials and residents during a public forum earlier this year, but a snowstorm canceled the event, which is now slated for Thursday, March 7, starting at 5 p.m. at the Hills and Dales Corporate Services Building, 6667 Main St. (formerly the Baker College Cass City Campus).

## Food benefits arriving early

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) will issue March and April food assistance benefits early to reduce the gap between benefits payments that resulted from the partial federal government shutdown.

Food assistance recipients were expected to receive this month's benefits by March 5. April benefits will be issued from April 3-12 and May payments will be issued as regularly scheduled, MDHHS officials said Friday.

MDHHS made changes to the schedule so that families do not have to go more than 45 days without receiving food assistance. The department issued February benefits early, beginning on Jan. 1, 7 at the direction of the federal government, which indicated there were questions about whether the funds would be available to issue in February because of the government shutdown that has since ended.

In Michigan, food assistance benefits are usually issued to

clients according to a numeric schedule over a 21-day period throughout the month. About 1.2 million Michiganders receive food assistance through the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (SNAP) Program administered by MDHHS.

"MDHHS wants to make sure that families and individuals can put food on their tables," said Terrence Beurer, MDHHS deputy director of Field Operations Administration. "We were concerned about families having to go 45 to 60 days or more without benefits as a result of the early issuance of February benefits. Gradually returning to the regular schedule cushions the impact of the federal government shutdown."

People who receive food assistance can check their benefits balance via the telephone number or website address on the back of their Bridge Card, or by accessing their account at [www.michigan.gov/mibridges](http://www.michigan.gov/mibridges).

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