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# Whitmer's hold on new hospital stuns officials

by Mary Drier For the Chronicle

Tuscola County officials were stunned after hearing construction

of a new state psychiatric hospital in Caro — which was supposed to start next month — has been put on hold by new Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's administra-

tion. State officials halted construction while a consultant they hired reviews information on the new hospital, which could potentially



TUSCOLA COUNTY Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle traffic crash that resulted in serious injuries to a Kingston motorist early Sunday morning in Wells Township. Sheriff Glen Skrent reported officers were dispatched to Rossman Road at about 3:27 a.m. Preliminary investigation revealed that a 30-year-old Kingston man was traveling westbound when his van veered off the road, spun around and hit a culvert, sending it airborne and landing on its side. "The subject had been trapped inside his vehicle and Kingston Fire Department and MMR responded to the scene," said Skrent, who noted the driver was transported to an area hospital with "significant" injuries.

### Haire, Krol top Cass City Class of '19

#### by Tom Montgomery Editor

Cass City School officials recently announced the top graduates of the Class of 2019, led by Kacey Haire, named valedictorian with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 4.09, and Jalene Krol, who earned salutatorian

honors with a GPA of 4.01. Haire, the daughter of Karen and Clarke Haire, boasts a long list of academic and athletic activities, accomplishments and awards.

This year's Cass City Junior Citizen of the Year Award recipient, she has been on the all A's honor roll since 2015 and received multiple academic excellence certifi-



cates in a variety of subjects. She is a member of the Cass City Please turn to page 8.

Ubly educator *latest excellence* award recipient

A Huron County educator known for working tirelessly to provide students with fun, hands-on learning experiences, including a pair of successful robotics programs and finding funds to buy a 3D printer for technology-related experiments, has been honored with an Excellence in Education award from the Michigan Lottery. The award winner, Stewart Kieliszewski, teaches Earth science, biology, mechatronics, and media to students in grades eight through 12 in the Ubly Community School District, where Please turn to page 7.

lead to building it in a new location, according to information from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS).

"My jaw dropped when I heard the news. I'm in shock. We worked hard to gather information on the economic importance of the Caro Center to the Thumb and other statistics of why this is the best location," said county Controller Mike Hoagland, who helped spearhead the effort to inform lawmakers of the need and reasons to keep the Caro Center -Tuscola County's second largest employer — in Tuscola County.

MDHHS Director Robert Gordon said a variety of concerns prompted the construction delay and subsequent reassessment on

the location of the new state psychiatric hospital. Those concerns are related to staffing, the ability for patients' families to be involved in their treatment, and water accessibility to the center.

A press release issued by Gordon noted concerns about staffing shortages, lack of new staff recruitment, the center not having an active permanent psychiatrist on staff, and the need to have municipal water extended to the center.

"Based on these issues, we have decided to seek outside consultation to review the proposed Caro Center project to determine what is in the best interest of those who need critical state hospital services," said Gordon. "Bed capacity, Please turn to page 6.

# Finances focus of school board meet

### by Tom Montgomery Editor

Cass City School officials briefly discussed key factors that will shape the district's next budget during a 30-minute monthly board of education meeting Monday night.

Cass City Public Schools Chief Financial Officer Allison Zimba discussed enrollment projections as they relate to drafting the district's new spending plan. School boards across the state must have new budgets in place by the end of June, even though per-pupil funding amounts aren't finalized until state officials adopt a new budget later in the year. Zimba said she plans to build a projected loss of 20 students in Cass City's next budget, in keeping with the district's conservative approach to offset enrollment fluctuations over the past several years.

"The good news is it looks like we're leveling off," she said.

For nearly two decades, Cass City officials have watched local student

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Kacey Haire

**Jalene Krol** 

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**UBLY TEACHER Stewart Kieliszewski (right)** poses for a photo with Jeff Holyfield, Michigan Lottery public relations director, after accepting his Excellence in Education Award.

The following is a paid advertisement for the Tuscola EDC

### Future of Tuscola County Development at Risk!

The Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation is sending a strong message to the Governor that the promise of the future development of the Caro Center is directly linked to the economic development future of Tuscola County for generations to come. The EDC sees this as a non-political decision. This project matters to the employees, the patients, the doctors, the schools and the citizens of Tuscola County. The local representatives, the former administration, and local leaders participated in a celebration of this non-partisan decision of the future expansion of this facility. The EDC strongly supports the commitment made to the people of Tuscola County.

Legislation was approved last year which placed \$115 million for the construction of a new psychiatric hospital at the current Caro Center site in the current Michigan budget. When that construction will begin is now being answered with a big question mark. With the current political environment, will this promised project be another clear example of promises made, but not kept by our State of Michigan elected leadership?

Tuscola County EDC officials are hoping that an open line of communication with the Governor will bring clarity to an announcement by her that the Caro Center expansion has been placed on hold.

EDC Director Stephen Erickson said the time is now for the Governor and State leaders to have all the cor-rect information in hand. "We encourage Governor

Whitmer and her staff to be on the same page as Tuscola County in moving forward." He said the expansion of the Caro Center is key to future economic development in Tuscola County and the Thumb Area. In regards to the water issue mentioned by the Governor in her announcement, Tuscola County has been actively working with the State of Michigan to ensure that the best quality of water is available at the Caro Center site.

Erickson said the EDC Board is encouraging Tuscola County residents to write letters to the Governor urging her to honor the commitment made by the legislature for the Caro Center expansion at its current location.

Letters can be mailed to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, P.O. Box 30013, Lansing, MI 48909. Requests via phone calls can also be made by calling the Office of the Governor at 517-373-3400.

Tuscola County EDC board chairman Gary Fritz said, "the ground-breaking ceremony we had back in October last year, for the state-of-the-art facility located in Caro here, brought stability back to the lives of the 349 employees and their families. There is too much on the line for Tuscola County residents and area businesses that count on this project moving forward. To turn back time and place this on hold is a disservice to our com-munity."

Erickson said his board is offering information included in an economic impact study done by the EDC, to be used in this letter-writing and communication campaign with the Governor. Some of this information from the study is outlined as follows:

The Caro Center was first established in 1914. It is a State of Michigan Psychiatric Hospital and the second largest employer in Tuscola County. The Caro Center employs 349 professionals of varying degrees and skill sets. Staff members offer quality care in a safe environment for both patients and the staff. The Caro community has always been a caring community for the Caro Center and the people who receive treatment there. The Caro Center currently offers 150 patient beds.

Given the importance of understanding the specific role and economic impact the Caro Center provides to the economy in Tuscola County, the Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation developed an economic impact analysis of the Caro Center.

An economic impact analysis is an effective way of demonstrating the economic contribution that the Caro Center makes to Tuscola County. To estimate the economic and employment impact of the Caro Center, an economic model was chosen that provided the appropriate economic analysis that tracks the interdependence among producing and consuming sectors of an Continued on page 16.

We encourage you to write Gov. Whitmer, P.O. Box 30013, Lansing, MI 48909

# Obituaries

### Steven Bean, Sr.

Steven Lee Bean, Sr., 59, of Cass City, passed away Friday, March 15, 2019 at his home. He was born February 16, 1960, in Ellington Township, the son of the late William and Dorothy (Seigneurie) Bean.

On November 25, 1977 he married Lisa Grammatico in Cass City.

Steven served in the U.S. Army and over the years, he worked as a groundskeeper at 1000 Trails, a janitor at Cass City High School, a projectionist at the Cass City Theater and worked for Pine River Plastics in Port Huron. He enjoyed painting pictures, repainting sculptures and yard work, but most of all he enjoyed time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

He is survived by his loving wife of over 41 years, Lisa; children, Steven Lee Bean, II, Joseph Bean (fiancée, Ashley Farnum) and Chrisinda Bean, all of Cass City; grandchildren, Kelli, Jazmin, Joseph and Anna; a sister, Kathy (Mick) Feltman of Mt. Pleasant and a brother, Charles Damoth of Cass City.

He was predeceased by his daughter, Patricia Bean.

Honoring his wishes, cremation has taken place. No services are planned at this time.

Memorials in memory of Steven may be made to his family. Please share condolences at http://www.thabetfuneralhome.com. Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home of Cass City.



Helen Marie Nelson, 85, of Cass City, died peacefully Tuesday, March 12, 2019 in Autumnwood of Deckerville.

She was born February 11, 1934 in LaGrange, GA, one of ten children born to William Caler and Bertha Pearl (Pike) East.

She married James DeGuzman May 14, 1960 in Iron River. He died March 15, 2010. Helen married David Nelson February 9, 2013 in Living Word Worship Center, Cass City. He died February 18, 2019.

As a child in Alabama Helen's family were cotton share croppers, where she earned two cents per pound. Helen lived in Iron River for over 50 years before moving to Cass City in 2011. She was a pastor at The Gospel Chapel where her husband was co-pastor. Helen hosted a weekly gospel radio show called "The Gospel Truth" where she shared music and gospel for 26 years. She loved to bowl and participated in leagues in the Upper Peninsula. She enjoyed traveling to special locations such as Niagara Falls and Dollywood and enjoyed her time with Brenda on their cruise.

Helen is survived by her daughter, Sharon (Mike) Reeder of Cass City and their children, Mikayla Reeder and Aurora Reeder; sister, Clois Lavine Reaves of Albertville, AL; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her brothers: William East and Johnny East; sisters: Velna Townsel, Marjorie "Polly" Longhi, Reba Morgan, Alma Russell, Kethering Darafield, and infant sister, Marg Puth Fast

Katherine Benefield, and infant sister, Mary Ruth East. A funeral service was held Sunday, March 17, in Kranz Funeral Home Cass City with Pastor Jep Bryant of Living Word Worship Center of Cass City officiating.

Interment will take place in the spring in Rest Haven Cemetery, Iron River.

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. Arrangements by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.

### Linda Voss

Linda Fern Voss, 70, of Deford, died peacefully Sunday, March 17, 2019 in Fisher Convalescent Home of Mayville.

She was born June 17, 1948 in Cass City to Francis Alvin and Adeline Edna (Holzwort) Butler. She married Ronald Elmer Voss June 4, 1966 in Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Cass City. Linda graduated from Cass City High School with the class of 1966. She worked as a stay at home mom, allowing her the opportunity to babysit children of several families and friends for many years. Linda was an active member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, where she served with the Ladies Aid and taught Sunday school. She was a 4-H Leader and representative for thirty-three years. Linda baked beautiful wedding cakes for family and

friends. She enjoyed time spent quilting, crocheting and bird watching. Linda is survived by her loving husband of fifty two years, Ronald;

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku sevvy to the test!

#### Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!







her son, Ron (Mary Ann) Voss of Cass City; grandchildren: Andre (Justine) Voss, Zack (Jessica Ewald) Voss, Courtney (Benjamin) Miller and Mason Voss; great-grandchildren: Keagan Voss, Devin Voss, McKayla Voss, Kara Voss, Mikelle Weiderhold, Danika Weiderhold, Dayton Weiderhold, Shea Miller, Asher Miller and Kierra Miller; step grandchildren: Jessica (Earl) Long, Jordan Finkbeiner, Courtney (Matthew) Reidel and Kirklynd Spencer; step great-grandchildren: Destiny Long, Gage Long, Bowen Long, Rebecca Finkbeiner, Jeffrey Finkbeiner, Bryson, Reidel and Ashlynd Reidel; sisters: Bonnie Zeidler of Cass City, Molli (Scott) Hartel of Rockford, Mari (Kurt Bliss) Butler Lowe of Cass City and Paula Butler of Ypsilanti; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Kay Butler; brother-in-law, Bill Zeidler. Visitation will be held from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 19, in Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City; and from 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 20, in Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Cass City.

The funeral service will be held 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 20, in Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City with the Rev. Steve Bagnall officiating.

Interment will be in Novesta Township Cemetery. Pallbearers for Mrs. Voss will be: Andre Voss, Zack Voss, Mason Voss, Kirklynd Spencer, Kevin Lowe, Brian Voss, Kyle Lowe.

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.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.



### CASS CITY, MICHIGAN



# Drier Humor by Mary Drier

Sometimes you just walk away



I've often wondered about the expressions, "Beauty is in the eye of the beholder" and "Beauty is only skin deep."

I've finally figured out how those expressions came about; they have to be about opossums.

Recent warm weather has the local wildlife coming out to stretch their legs and enjoy the sun. Opossums are among those creatures looking forward to spring, including one I saw as it ambled across my yard.

Of course, I've seen opossums around my place from a distance on and off for years, but when I was taking the garbage out recently, I experienced an opossum up close and personal in a face-to-face situation. And, man they are ugly.

There is some kind of saying about something being so ugly it hit every branch on the ugly tree on the way to the ground. Opossums are so ugly they didn't just hit every limb on the ugly tree, they must have climbed it a couple of times and touched every branch on the ugly tree on the way down to make them so ugly.

While most animals — especially baby animals are cute, that cannot be said for the opossum. There is nothing cute about them at all. They look like a mutant rat or a science experiment gone very wrong. And, I guess that is a shame because they are actually a very useful animal. They help clean up the environment.

But, man are they ugly.

Just one of the little creatures can eat up to 5,000 ticks each season. That is awesome because ticks carry Lyme disease, but yet the possum does not contract the disease.

But, man are they ugly.

They also eat insects, snails, small rodents and dead stuff.

But, man are they ugly. I guess when it comes right down to it, they are nature's clean-up crew.

If they eat mice and moles, they cannot be all bad. But, man are they ugly.

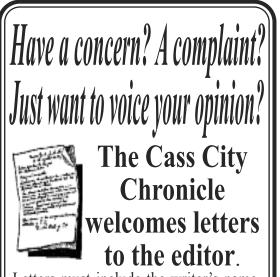
To top it off, 95 percent of them are naturally immune to rabies.

But, man why do they have to be so ugly?

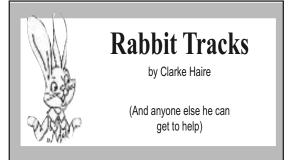
Opossums are the only marsupial in the United States and Canada. That means they carry their young in a pouch, much like the Australian kangaroo.

But, man are they ugly. At least, kangaroos are cute. Their name is actually opossum but most just shorten it down to possum.

They are definitely nothing to look at. They are afraid of us, but can become aggressive if threatened. However, according to information I've heard, most of the time an opossum will act dead when faced with a situation it doesn't want to deal with. Acting like



an opossum during that recent confrontation with one in my trash sounded like a plan, but it beat me to doing that.



Here's a couple of riddles to test your mystery solving abilities.

First, this weekend the Haire's drove to Mount

Pleasant and 30 miles later arrived in front of the building pictured at the right. Can you name the metropolitan area that it's located in?

Next, while at the university book store, I purchased a 45 cent candy bar. The cashier gave me 55 cents in change consisting of two coins and a nickel wasn't one of them. Name the coins? I've printed the answers in



my last Rabbit Track item this week. So, if you need more time to come up with the answers, come back and read them later. Good luck.

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When Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation (TCEDC) officials approached us last week with a request to purchase space on our front page to print an opinion piece, our first reaction was, simply, no. In the past, we've sold a small, two-inch tall strip of advertising space on page one, but this request represented another ballgame altogether.

However, upon further discussion, we decided to make an exception in this case, given the nature of the TCEDC's message – to urge a grassroots letter-writing campaign opposing the governor's recent decision to place a hold on construction of the new state psychiatric hospital in Caro. It's a decision that represents a very real threat to the economic vitality of not only Caro, but also to communities throughout this region.

In short, as a local newspaper, it's our responsibility to print news and a variety of opinions that we feel are important to our readers, and we believed making this exception falls in line perfectly with that mission.

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Owen-Gage Junior High students enjoyed a field trip recently to some local businesses. Mary Ann Minkler, Administrative Assistant at Owendale-Gagetown Area Schools, reports their trip started at Kranz Funeral Home where the owner and operator Deb Kranz spoke to the students about Mortuary Science and her job as a funeral director. During the trip the students were given a tour of the funeral home and an explanation of how to plan a funeral. They also learned about the solar panels that help supply electricity to the funeral home. The next stop was at Ligrow's Fitness 24/7. The students were met by owner and operator John Ligrow. He gave an introduction to his fitness business and allowed the students to use the equipment. After an hour and a half of working out they stopped at Charmont and learned to score a bowling game on paper and bowled a few games. They had a great day learning about some of the local businesses, says Minkler.

Send a message to Michigan governor

Whether or not they know it, all Tuscola County residents have a major stake in Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's decision to put a hold on construction of the state's new psychiatric hospital near Caro.

Fortunately, every resident also has an opportunity to weigh in on what could be a lasting blow to the region's economy by sending a message to Lansing.

It's as easy as writing a letter encouraging the governor to reconsider breaking a promise already made to Tuscola County officials and citizens — and sealed with funding approved by state officials before she was elected.

Tuscola County Economic Development (TCEDC) officials are urging residents to share their views by sending letters in support of keeping the Caro Center here to: Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, P.O. Box 30013, Lansing, MI 48909. Calls can also be made to the governor's office at (517) 373-3400.

Thumb legislators have already voiced their opposition to putting the project on hold.

New state Rep. Phil Green (R-Millington), who represents residents in Tuscola and Huron counties, for example, cited the potential economic devastation to the region, given that the Caro Center is the second-largest employer in Tuscola County, boasting a workforce of nearly 350 people.

"The Caro Center was chosen for this project because it is centrally located for more than 80 percent of the center's patients and the majority of its employees. Its 650 acres, with access to power and water services, and existing administration building, make the center a perfect location for a state psychiatric hospital, Green said.

"Not only is the governor's decision bad for workers and patients, it's also fiscally irresponsible," he added. "The state has already spent over \$3 million on the Caro project, and multiple units of local government have invested in researching and planning for this project. Studies have already been completed. Now the governor wants to redo those same studies – wasting

taxpayer dollars that could be better spent elsewhere. '

Green says Whitmer's decision demonstrates a "blatant disregard for rural Michigan and Thumb residents. The governor has shown that she is interested only in helping the residents of areas that were instrumental in electing her – repeatedly disenfranchising areas of the state that were not. She eliminated 250 potential jobs in Ionia, and now hundreds of jobs at Caro.

"All Michigan residents deserve a governor who looks out for them, not just the ones who voted for her," he said.

We couldn't agree more, but our legislators should not be expected to challenge the governor alone; every citizen shares that responsibility and obligation to share their views with those elected to make these decisions.

Voicing your opinion may or may not make the difference between retaining a stable local economy and sustaining an economic hit that, one way or another, will hit home for all of us.

But Tuscola County residents' silence on this issue would speak volumes to an administration that appears bent on wielding its power for political purposes, and none of us can afford that.

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Letters must include the writer's name, address and telephone number. The latter is in case it is necessary to call for verification, but won't be used in the newspaper. Names will be withheld from publication upon request, for an adequate reason. The Chronicle reserves the right to edit letters for length and clarity.

We will not publish thank you letters of a specific nature, for instance, from a club thanking merchants who donated prizes for a raffle.



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U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow, co-chair of the Senate Great Lakes Task Force, released a statement recently on the proposed Trump Administration budget that would make a 90 percent cut to funding for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative:

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"The Trump Administration just doesn't get it and is once again gutting funding for the Great Lakes. Just like last year, and the year before, the people of Michigan will make their voices heard and I will lead the bipartisan fight to restore every penny."

The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, which Senator Stabenow authored in 2010 and has continued to champion, is critical to cleaning up the Great Lakes, beaches, and waterways and fighting invasive species like Asian carp. According to the University Research Corridor, more than 700,000 Michigan jobs, one in five in the state, are tied to water.

President Trump proposed cutting funding to the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative in his 2017, 2018, and 2019 budget requests. Senator Stabenow led the effort to restore that funding all three years.

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Okay here are the answers to my riddles. First, the building pictured above is in Milwaukee, Wisconsin (I didn't write, we drove to Mount Pleasant, Michigan).

Next, the coins totaling 55 cents were a 50 cent piece and a nickel. (I wrote that one of the coins wasn't a nickel – the other coin was).

# CALENDAR EVENTS

Deadline for submitting items in the calendar is the Friday noon before publication. Please send calendar items to: Cass City Chronicle P.O. Box 115, Cass City MI 48726

Phone: (989)872-2010 Fax: (989)872-3810 chronicle@ccchronicle.net

### Wednesday, March 20

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

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

### Thursday, March 21

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

(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)

brary, 520 673-4121.

### Saturday, March 23

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

### Monday, March 25

Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubly. 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.

•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) 514226

(989) 551-4326. •Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.

### Tuesday, March 26

Crafty Ladies Group, 1-4 p.m., Common Grounds (next to Revive). Bring a crafting project to work on. Call 989-551-7803 for more information.
AA Meeting, 7-8 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 4960 N. Argyle Rd. (Meeting will be held in the hall next to the little stone church.)

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

#### STANDING COMMUNITY CALENDAR ITEMS

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

First Sunday: •Hillside Community Brunch, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., All you can eat. Free will offer-

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) 73-4121.

#### Third Sunday:

• 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. *Third Monday:* 

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

### Third Tuesday:

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

### **Deputies arrest suspect in Huron Co. business burglary last week**

#### by Tom Montgomery Editor

Huron County Sheriff's deputies arrested a Sebewaing man in connection with the break-in of a Sebewaing business early last week. Investigators say they're continuing to look into whether the suspect may have been involved in other crimes as well.

Deputies were dispatched to the Sebewaing Laundromat Sunday morning (March 10) to investigate a broken window at the business, according to Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson.

"Video surveillance further indicated that a male subject entered the business around midnight,

which was locked and closed for the night, and over \$500 in coins were missing," Hanson said. "This was not the first time this business had been broken into either; it's been the scene of other break-ins over the last couple of months.

"Two deputies from our office and a Sebewaing Village police officer, who came in early to start his shift due to this incident, followed leads and used the surveillance video to obtain a search warrant for the residence of a Sebewaing man living on Sebewaing Road near Sebewaing," he added. "The search of the residence turned up the coins and other possible evidence from unsolved crimes in our county and Tuscola (County). Several items were seized.

"Resident Dakota W. Hines was then arrested by our deputies for the felony breaking and entering of the laundromat and taken to our jail.'

Hines was subsequently formally arraigned on the charge in Huron County District Court. He remains lodged in the county jail on a \$25,000 cash bond.

"Our deputies and officers from other departments will be working together in the days to come to see if the suspect had any roles in any other unsolved crimes," Hanson said.

### Circuit court proceedings

### Several appear on felony charges

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

\*Christopher M. Stuller, 41, Mayville, pleaded no contest to charges of delivery/manufacture of five to 45 kilograms of marijuana or a synthetic equivalent, or 20 to 200 plants Oct. 12, 2017, in Fremont Township.

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

Raymond L. Brigham, 23, Unionville, pleaded no contest to three counts of uttering and publishing., identity theft and stealing/retaining а financial transaction device without consent of the device-holder between Sept. 5, 2017, and Oct. 24, 2017, in Unionville. He was also convicted of being an habitual of-(one prior felony fender conviction).

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

\*Jason D. Irons, 49, Caro, was sentenced to one to 20 years in prison following his plea of guilty to violating the Sex Offenders Registration Act by failing to immediately report a change in address, third offense, between Jan. 1, 2017, and Dec. 20, 2017, in Wells Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

following his pleas of no contest to charges of fleeing a police officer, reckless driving and being a minor while operating a motor vehicle with any BAC (blood alcohol content) Aug. 18 Watertown Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,058 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

\*Gage M. Harris, 24, Vassar, was sentenced to one day in jail following his plea of guilty to attempted possession of marijuana or a synthetic equivalent, second offense, Feb. 1, 2018, in Mayville. He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$385.

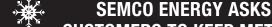
\*Travis S. Powell, 26, Caro, pleaded no contest to domestic violence, third offense, Jan. 11 in Millington. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (two prior felony convictions).

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

\*Joshua W. Cook, 36, Flint, pleaded no contest to charges of receiving and concealing stolen firearms and possession of a firearm by a felon between May 19 and May 29 in Vassar Township.

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

\*Gerald R. Paul Jr., 65, Mayville,



pleaded no contest to criminal sexual conduct, second degree, July 8 in Dayton Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$30,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*Aaron E. Kemp, 32, Unionville, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Sept. 18 in Akron Township.

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

\*Joshua E. Lapan, 32, Vassar, was sentenced to one day in jail following his pleas of guilty to charges of possession of marijuana or a synthetic equivalent, subsequent offense, driving while his license was suspended or revoked, subsequent offense, and operating a motor vehicle with the presence of a controlled substance in his body March 29 in Caro.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$658.

\*Randy E. Dibble, 67, Deford, pleaded no contest to 10 counts of possession of a firearm by a felony, and one count of possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony Nov. 3 in Kingston Township.

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

•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

•Ubly Lions Club meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Ubly Thumb Veterans Organization-Hall, 2165 Binghan St., Ubly 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) 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-

#### •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 Re-gional 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., Ubly. 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 craft-ing 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, homestyle meal.

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

#### Every Saturday

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

In addition to prison time, he was ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$258.

\*Christopher J. Boone, 48, Vassar, was sentenced to 105 days in the county jail following his pleas of no contest to attempted larceny from a person and domestic violence, second offense, Aug. 14 in Vassar.

He was also placed on probation for 24 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$508.

\*Katelynn D. Trisch, 25, Caro, was sentenced to two to 10 years in prison following her pleas of no contest to charges of child abuse, second degree, assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) and two counts of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor - with an occupant under the age of 16 years Sept. 13 in Caro.

In addition to prison time, she was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$826.

\*Mark S. Jacobs, 48, Fostoria, was sentenced to 109 days in jail following his plea of no contest to delivery/manufacture of mariiuana or a synthetic equivalent Nov. 29, 2016, in Watertown Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions)

In addition to jail time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$608 plus attorneys fees of \$250.

\*Mark A. Smith, 42, Taylor, was sentenced to 365 days in jail following his plea of no contest to domestic violence, third offense, Oct. 23 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (two prior felony convictions).

In addition to jail time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$858 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

\*Devon M. Jobson, 21, Davison, was sentenced to 93 days in jail

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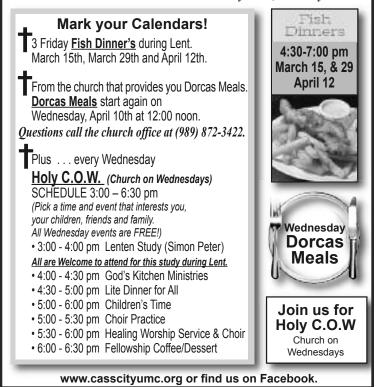
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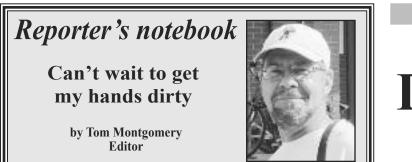
- · Clean and repair leaky seams in your gutters and downspouts to prevent melting snow and ice from building up on the gas meter or pressure regulator.
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- · Please use caution when shoveling snow, plowing or snow blowing to avoid piling snow against the natural gas meter, regulator or appliance vents.
- Clear a path to the meter free from snow and ice for easy access
- Remove soft snow build-up gently, using only a broom or your hand rather than a shovel that could damage the meter.
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# **Down Memory Lane**



by Tina Pallas

"In the Spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love."

—Alfred Tennyson, Works of Alfred Lord Tennyson.

Tennyson was right, I suppose, but for me, spring prompts my fancy to turn to thoughts of the earthy scent and dark, rich color of soil under my tiller, transplanting seedlings and biting into that first fresh cucumber and juicy tomato of the season.

Is there anything better?

Sure, it might be hard to imagine as I survey the icy pools of water dotting the landscape around my place yet, but I have a good imagination.

And I have plenty of company. I know that because anytime I stop at a store that carries gardening supplies, I'm never alone as I peruse those racks of garden seeds, shelves packed with potting soil and fertilizer, and garden tools of every shape and size.

Gardeners are a special breed. Doesn't matter if you're a novice or a master gardener, we all get the same thrill as we watch our vegetable plants mature and bear fruit that we know we could have purchased for change, but get more pleasure out of spending dollars (sometimes many dollars) to produce.

There's just something about growing your own food, you know? I used to spend hours and hours starting my own seedlings that I would later harden off (gradually get them used to being outdoors) and then transplant. However, I've given that up, opting instead to visit greenhouses in the area, where local experts do much of the work and know the best varieties of just about everything to grow in Michigan.

My advice? Visit all of them and get to know the folks who can really help you to become a much better gardener. They're not only good at what they do – they love what they do.

In the meantime, consider a few of these observations from some pretty famous gardeners:

\*If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need (Marcus Tullius Cicero).

\*The glory of gardening: hands in the dirt, head in the sun, heart with nature. To nurture a garden is to feed not just the body, but the soul (Alfred Austin).

\*I grow plants for many reasons: to please my eye or to please my soul, to challenge the elements or to challenge my patience, for novelty or for nostalgia, but mostly for the joy in seeing them grow (David Hobson).

\*A garden requires patient labor and attention. Plants do not grow merely to satisfy ambitions or to fulfill good intentions. They thrive because someone expended effort on them (Liberty Hyde Bailey).

\*A garden is a grand teacher. It teaches patience and careful watchfulness; it teaches industry and thrift; above all it teaches entire trust (Gertrude Jekyll). She also observed: The love of gardening is a seed once sown that never dies.

\*Gardens are not made by singing 'Oh, how beautiful,' and sitting in the shade (Rudyard Kipling).

\*God Almighty first planted a garden. And indeed, it is the purest of human pleasures (Francis Bacon).

\*The garden suggests there might be a place where we can meet nature halfway (Michael Pollan).

\*There is no gardening without humility. Nature is constantly sending even its oldest scholars to the bottom of the class for some egregious blunder (Alfred Austin).

\*I like gardening — it's a place where I find myself when I need to lose myself (Alice Sebold).

\*There are no gardening mistakes, only experiments (Janet Kilburn Phillips).

And, finally, from Abraham Lincoln: The greatest fine art of the future will be the making of a comfortable living from a small piece of land.

#### 5 YEARS AGO (2014)

We'd like to offer kudos to the folks at Battel's Sugar Bush, and not just because the family has earned its reputation for producing the tops in home-grown pure maple syrup in the Cass City area since 1882. Sue Stuever Battel recently reported that Battel's has become the first maple syrup operation in the state to be verified by the Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP).

Cass City DPW Supt. Gary Barnes reports his crew has spent the majority of its time this past month plowing and hauling snow. Barnes says this winter Cass City has received approximately 56 inches of snow and village workers have hauled away 1,557 loads of snow and used 250 tons of salt. By comparison, last year at this time the village had accumulated about 31 inches of snow and used 140 tons of salt.

#### 10 YEARS AGO (2009)

Greg and Carolyn Sparks of Cass City announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Renee Sparks, to James Allan Kilbourn, son of Lee Kilbourn of Deford and Lynn Kilbourn of Cass City. Amanda is a 2004 graduate of Cass City High School. She received her associate's degree in applied science from Davenport University in 2006. She currently resides in Kentucky, pursuing an education in dental hygiene. James is a 2002 graduate of Cass City School. He has received a degree in administrative management from Davenport University in 2006. He currently resides in Kentucky, and works for a commercial refrigeration company. A May 16, 2009 wedding is currently being planned.

Ubly's Nicole Klee, an accounting major at Saginaw Valley State University (SVSU), was among dozens of students who recently participated in a 10-day study trip to Greece. "We stayed in the city of Athens the whole time. It was definitely an exciting spring break," commented the 2007 Ubly High School graduate. Participating were a group of history students including Klee along with choir performers from the university and others. Klee, 19, the daughter of Irvin and Cheryl Klee, is a sophomore at SVSU, pursuing a Bachelor of Professional Accountancy Degree.

"ShowBiz" Pizza in Saginaw. Attending the party were Mr. and Mrs. Larry Buehrly and son Nathan, Mrs. Dale Buehrly and Christine Buehrly.

Jackie Hopkins, wife of Pastor Jerry Hopkins of Bad Axe, was honored at a baby shower Monday evening at First Baptist Church. Fifty-seven attended. The Hopkins' baby, Candiss Sarqmarie, was born Feb. 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Erla returned Tuesday, March 20, after spending a week in San Francisco with their son, Rick. The Erlas toured the area and visited cousins of Mrs. Erla in San Jose, whom she had not seen in 36 years. They also visited her two nephews and a sister-in-law in Santa Rosa whom she had never met.

Ubly High School has announced honor students for the class of 1984. Christina Ann Landeryou, daughter of David and Thelma Landeryou of Ubly, is valedictorian. Lisa Annette Messing, daughter of. Richard and Ida Mae Messing of Ruth, is salutatorian.

#### 40 YEARS AGO (1979)

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jackson honored Mr. and Mrs. Tom Woody Saturday evening with an open house farewell party. About 90 attended. Following the open house, a dinner was also held in their honor at Sherwood on the Hill, sponsored by the Gavel Club, of which Mr. Woody is a member.

Mr. and Mrs. Luis Arroyo of Cass City and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chard of Snover announce the engagement of their children, Rebecca Marie, to Richard James Chard. Becky is a 1977 graduate of Cass City High School and Rick is a 1971 graduate of Marlette High School. An Oct. 13, wedding is planned.

Four area students have been named to the academic honors list for the winter quarter at Ferris State College. They are Susan M. Asher, Eric J. Frederick and Patricia L. Smuntek, all from Cass City, and Gregory J. Downing of Gagetown. To be named, students had to earn at least a 3.25 grade point average out of a possible 4.0 and carry at least 14 credit hours of classes

from Cass City friends.

75 YEARS AGO (1944)

Wm. MacCallum and daughter Lois, Mrs. Howard MacCallum and children, Robert, Donna and Gerald, of Pontiac brought Mrs. John MacCallum home Saturday after she had visited relatives in Pontiac since Dec. 26. On Sunday, the following relatives enjoyed a potluck dinner in honor of the birthdays of Mrs. Howard Mac-Callum of Pontiac, Mrs. Arnold MacCallum and son, John, of Owendale and Mrs. John MacCallum whose birthdays are all in March: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jarvis, Mrs. Maud Jarvis, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold MacCallum and children, all of Owendale, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank MacCallum and children of Grant.

Wayne Rabideau, in a recent letter to Clarence Zapfe, also serving in the Navy, writes that he has seen a lot of places since joining the Navy and at present is on duty in the Pacific. He thinks there is no place to live like good old Michigan and that he intends to come back here after the war, even though his family has moved to southern California.

Pfc. Leonard Guinther writes friends here after arriving in North Africa a few weeks ago, that he enjoyed the trip across very much, that he had visited, among other places, the cities of Casablanca and Oran. He says some of the country over there is very beautiful but that most of the natives have little or no acquaintance with soap and water. One thing that seemed very strange at first was that even very small children, instead of begging for candy, were always asking for cigarettes, though orders were not to give them any as they are rather scarce over there.

### 100 YEARS AGO (1919)

Dear Parents. Was over to Vignot this morning for a shower bath and although 'twas a bit "shivery", I enjoyed it because a bath once in a while (when you can't get it more often) makes a fellow feel better as well as washes the cooties off for a few hours) until we get in bed again, cause they're in the blankets. Just had dinner and came up here run over my "number" I'm excused from afternoon drill while we're studying our parts for a play we're going to give here in the "Y." I have a book of songs in which is Harry Lauder's best one, "It's nice to get up in the morning" When I have plenty of time I'll copy words and send it home for fear I'll not be able to bring this book along. I'm inclosing a dipping from the "Stars and Stripes" which will give you a good idea of how the boys felt when the "Eleventh Hour" came. You may put it away 'till I come home. I heard Pedro, the famous Italian accordion "wizard," last night. He used to plav for a big New York show, also Edison records. Must go; will write maybe tonight. Your loving son, PVT. MILLINGTON Mc-DONALD, Co. F, 139th Inf., American Exp. Forces, A. P. O. 743, France. Dear Friend Herbert: Now, I am going to write you a few lines just to let the people of Cass Čity know that I have not forgotten them and that I would like to see them once more. I won't write very much because it is 117 degrees in the shade here, so vou know it isn't pleasant doing anything. Guantanamo Bay is about one mile square and between two mountains where we don't get the least bit of breeze. We were out in the Caribbean Sea Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and never saw such beautiful water before. We anchored in a place where the water was 65 feet deep and so clear that We could see the white coral bottom quite distinctly and all kinds of fish, such as flying fish, jelly fish, all sizes of sharks and other kinds that I couldn't name. I am sending you a writeup on our troop down here. I must close now as I have a little work to do. Your friend, JOY A. TYO. U. S. S. Alabama.



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### 25 YEARS AGO (1994)

Sunday, March 13, a pink shower was given in honor of Sarah Margaret Cummings, the daughter of Wayne and Brenda Cummings of Mio. Twenty-six ladies attended the shower held at the Wesleyan Church of Elkton. It was given by Wayne's sisters, Jean, Connie and Kathy, and nieces, Jackie and Amber. Charlene Binder won the door prize. Sarah received many nice gifts. Grandparents are Harold and Doris Cummings of Gagetown and Bob and Tootie Cavanaugh of Lake Orion.

Jordan Kus announces the birth of his baby sister, Tessa Rae. She arrived March 6 at Saginaw General Hospital, weighing 7 pounds, 11 ounces. Her parents are Dale and Janie Kus. Grandparents are Jack and Sharron Hartwick of Cass City, Gloria Erickson of Lake Linden and Dale Kus of Beulah, N.D. Great-grandfather is Arlan Hartwick.

Christopher Allen Fruendt and Kenneth James Micklash earned Class Honors and were among some 5,200 University of Michigan students on the Ann Arbor campus recognized at the University's annual Honors Convocation March 20. A total of 6,027 awards were recognized at the convocation. Of the total, 4,893 were Class Honors, recognizing an undergraduate academic record equal to at least half A's and half B's for 2 terms (one term for new students) during 1993.

### 35 YEARS AGO (1984)

The third birthday of Scott Buehrly was celebrated Sunday at

#### Clubbeb.

Around 35 guests attended a bridal shower for Susan Bond at the home of Mrs. Lynn Hurford in Cass City Sunday afternoon, given by her attendants. Games were played and prizes given. Mrs. Ralph Banby won the door prize. A buffet lunch was served. Miss Bond, daughter of Mrs. Charles Bond, and Greg Armstead, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Armstead of Cass City, will be married in April.

### 50 YEARS AGO (1969)

Mr. and Mrs. Darold Robinson and three children of Evart surprised her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Walker, with a weekend visit March 8 and 9. Other guests of the Walkers for Sunday dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Herb Hillard and two children of Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Walker and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Walker and Lori Ann.

Army Staff Sergeant Robert E. MacAlpine, 26, was assigned to the 25th Infantry Division in Vietnam in January. Sgt. MacAlpine entered the service in September of 1964 and served three years in Germany, where he married his wife Monika. She was residing in Marlette but has returned to her native country, Frankfort, Germany, during her husband's Vietnam tour of duty. Sgt. MacAlpine attended Cass City High School and is the son of Mrs. Wilma Wheeler of Snover. He stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Ferguson of Snover for a number of vears.

Friends and relatives of Mrs. Audley Kinnaird called at her home Wednesday, March 12, to honor her 80th birthday. Her nieces, Mrs. Cliff Proctor and Mrs. J. Olmsted, came from Flint and brought a large birthday cake and gifts. Mrs. Kinnaird also received many beautiful flowers and plants

### **News briefs**

### Hunger summit set April 13

CASS CITY – "Meating the Need for Our Village" in collaboration with Michigan State University Extension and the Thumb Food Policy Council will host the Cass City Hunger Summit Saturday, April 13.

The event is scheduled to run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Cass City United Methodist Church.

All area youths and adults interested in taking action on hunger and making their community food secure is welcome to attend the event. Topics will include what does a hunger-free Cass City look like, the hunger experience, community strengths and needs assessments, and forming workgroups to move forward.

Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP by Monday, April 8, by visiting the website https://tinyurl.com/cchungersummit.

### **Taste of Thumb set in April**

CASS CITY – The Taste of the Thumb Food and Business Expo will be Thursday, April 4, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Cass City High School.

Sponsored by the Cass City Chamber of Commerce, the event offers residents an opportunity to learn more about local businesses, sample food from area restaurants and caterers and learn about community programs. The activity is a great networking opportunity, according to organizers, who note there will be literature, brochures and giveaways. In addition, Paviva Ministrias will be on hand with a mobile food

In addition, Revive Ministries will be on hand with a mobile food pantry. In order to qualify to pick up food, residents must visit all exhibitor booths and complete an evaluation.

### Thumb jackpot event slated

SANDUSKY — 4-H and FFA Thumb Jackpot Beef Education Program officials recently announced the 28th annual Thumb Jackpot Beef Show will be held Saturday, April 27, at Sanilac County Fairgrounds in Sandusky.

Exhibitors and their families are invited to participate in a family night social Friday, April 26, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. for a complimentary dinner and dessert.

### Sugar queen season on tap

SEBEWAING — Michigan Sugar Company officials are looking for the next Michigan sugar queen and court.

Applications and full details of the program are available online at www.michigansugar.com/community/sugar-queen/.

Applications are due Friday, April 26, with interviews scheduled to take place Saturday, May 18, in Bay City. A new queen and two attendants will be crowned during the Michigan Sugar Festival in Sebewaing this June.

After completing the requirements of the program, the queen receives a \$2,000 scholarship and her attendants each receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

### Food giveaways set in Pigeon

PIGEON — The Thumb Breadbasket conducts bi-monthly food distributions for Thumb area families at Laker Elementary School.

Distributions take place from 8:30 to 10 a.m. and are scheduled for the following dates: April 13, June 8, Aug. 10, Oct. 12 and Dec. 14.

Set-up starts at 7 a.m. and clean-up is at 10 a.m. The doors open at 8 a.m., and those in line at 10 a.m. will be served. Participants are asked to bring bags or boxes to collect and carry food.

For more information, call Gary Wille at (989) 414-0419.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery

# DEPRESSION IS REAL

### Hold on hospital construction stuns county

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access to trained staff and proximity to family and community services will be a part of the reexamination."

The state's consultant is expected to have a recommendation of the findings by the end of June.

Gordon pointed out that only 30 percent of the Caro Center's existing 86 patients live within 75 miles of Caro, suggesting the current location creates challenges for patients and for their families to be engaged in the treatment process.

Gordon's findings are in contrast to information gathered last year by county officials in an effort to convince the state that the new hospital should remain in Tuscola County.

At the time of that study, in late 2017, the center had about 150 patients and there was a waiting list of about 200 more.

"I believe the same talking points that were made before to keep the hospital in Caro are still valid. About 80 percent of the people housed in Caro come from the south and east, so moving the hospital is not an advantage," said Dr. Edward Canfield of Sebewaing, a former state representative who assisted in gathering and presenting information to the lawmakers who ultimately decided to keep the hospital in Caro.

"About 70 percent of the staff live within 30 miles, and how are you going to find the talented workers if it is moved?" Canfield said. "There is state land available. The plans have been drawn, and not every community welcomes a psychiatric hospital. I think those points will prevail."

Canfield indicated he believes the move to delay the project stems from that fact that Whitmer, Gordon, some newly-elected lawmakers and others were not part of the previous decision-making process. "I think they are second guessing," he added.

Newly-elected state Rep. Phil Green (R-Millington) was among the legislators to immediately question Whitmer's actions.

"The governor's decision to pause the Caro Center project is devastating to our community. As the second-largest employer in Tuscola County, this will shatter the lives of over 300 dedicated employees at the center," said Green. "Not only is the governor's decision bad for workers and patients, it's also fiscally irresponsible. The state has already spent over \$3 million on the Caro project and multiple units of local government have invested in researching and planning for this project.

"Studies have already been completed. Now the governor wants to redo those same studies — wasting taxpayer dollars that could be better spent elsewhere."

Tuscola County leaders worked tirelessly to gather information on the economic importance the center has on the Thumb region, according to Green, who noted a comprehensive report detailed the loss of the facility would mean a \$57 million loss of revenue, and the loss of about 600 direct and indirect jobs.

"I am disgusted at the blatant disregard for rural Michigan and Thumb residents. The governor has shown that she is interested only in helping the residents of areas that were instrumental in electing her – repeatedly disenfranchising areas of the state that were not," Green said. "She (Whitmer) eliminated 250 potential jobs in Ionia and now hundreds of jobs at Caro," he continued.

State and county officials gathered last fall for a groundbreaking at the site of the \$115 million, 225,000-square foot Caro Psychiatric Hospital. The 200-bed facility was expected to create 150 new jobs, and to be completed in 2021.

News that might not happen now reached far beyond Lansing to Washington, D.C.

"I am concerned about reports that Governor Whitmer's administration is delaying construction...of the 200-bed psychiatric hospital in Caro," said Congressman Paul Mitchell (MI-10). "Rural communities in the Thumb rely on facilities like this for both mental health care and jobs."

Mitchell said he plans to do what he can to keep the project in Caro.

"In the coming days, I will speak more with local community leaders and will attempt to speak to Gov. Whitmer to seek an explanation for why her administration would make this financially irresponsible decision to delay construction," Mitchell added.

Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation (TCEDC) officials say development of the new psychiatric hospital is directly linked to the economic development future of the county for generations to come.

And, they're asking if the delay and possible relocation of the hospital will turn out to be another promise made by the state and not kept.

A few months ago the state said

hoops to develop a land bank, and then state officials decided to keep the property and sell it instead.

The Caro Center is one of five state psychiatric hospitals. It treats adults with serious mental illnesses, those who are deemed not competent to stand trial, and the criminally insane.

Hoagland along with Tuscola Intermediate School District Superintendent Gene Pierce, former Caro City Manager Ryan Piche, TCEDC Director Steve Erickson, former county Commissioners Craig Kirkpatrick and Matthew Bierlein, and commission Chairman Thom Bardwell went to Lansing in May 2017 to meet with former Health and Human Services Director Nick Lyon to plead their case for building the hospital in the county.

In June 2017, state officials gave their blessing to fund replacement of the 106-year-old facility in Caro. Work on the new hospital has already begun, with some structures demolished last fall to make way for the new facility.

The state has already spent about \$3 million on the project so far, doing another evaluation of what has previously been done will increase the cost, said Hoagland.

After the groundbreaking, providing water to the new facility became an issue because the city of Caro and Indianfields Township could not reach an agreement to spend \$2.4 million to extend a water line 1.9 miles. As a result, county commissioners stepped in, hiring an engineer at a cost of \$5,000 to determine if a viable solution can be found by using existing wells at the Caro Center.

"They have determined it is viable to use the water that is there with some upgrades and at a much lower cost," Hoagland said, noting the county has put a lot of time, money and effort into the project. "We will have to go back over everything that we've previously done to show keeping the center here is the best option, and that the staff and resources are here."

The governor's Press Secretary Tiffany Brown reiterated Gordon's statements regarding why the state is stepping back to reevaluate the proposed location for the new hospital.

"This is \$115 million of taxpayer dollars we are proposing to spend and we owe it to each and every one of them to ensure any hospital is constructed in the most appropriate location, providing the greatest access to patients and staff," Brown said.

"While there have been some expenditures on design, development and demolition of some unused buildings at the site, building has not commenced," she added. "The administration will use this opportunity to ensure that those funds are directed to their best use."

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CAUSES Depression does not have a single cause. It can be triggered by a life crisis, physical illness or something else - but it can also occur spontaneously. Several factors may contribute to depression:

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~ Genetics. Mood disorders, such as depression, tend to run in families.

~ Life circumstances. Marital status, relationship changes, financial standing and where a person lives influence whether a person develops depression.

~ Brain changes. Imaging studies have shown that the frontal lobe of the brain becomes less active when a person is depressed. Depression is also associated with changes in how the pituitary gland and hypothalamus respond to hormone stimulation.

~ Other medical conditions. People who have a history of sleep disturbances, medical illness, chronic pain, anxiety and attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) are more likely to develop depression. Some medical syndromes (like hypothyroidism) can mimic depressive disorder. Some medications can also cause symptoms of depression.

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it would give parts of the hospital's 650 acres to the county if they would develop a land bank so the county could sell the land. The county jumped through all of the



AMONG THOSE attending the groundbreaking for the new \$115 million Caro Psychiatric Hospital last fall were (from left) former state officials, Michigan Department of Technology Management and Budget Director David DeVries, state Rep. Dr. Edward Canfield, Gov. Rick Snyder, Senator Mike Green and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Director Nick Lyons.





**KIELISZEWSKI IS interviewed after being pre**sented with an Excellence in Education award from the Michigan Lottery.

New trial date for suspect charged in Cass City stabbing

#### by Tom Montgomery Editor

A Cass City man charged in the stabbing of an acquaintance in Cass City last summer will now be going to trial in May unless he accepts a plea offer from the Tuscola County Prosecutor's Office by a new deadline.

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

The assault took place just after 11 p.m. in the area of Pine and Brooker streets. Police said the confrontation took place in the street, and that the two men new each other.

Richards felt the victim had allegedly taken something that belong to him months prior to the assault, according to reports. Police said alcohol was involved in the confrontation, which escalated to the point in which Richards allegedly pulled out a small folding knife with a three- to fourinch blade and stabbed the victim multiple times in the upper torso – in front and behind.

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

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

Richards also faces charges of tampering with evidence and lying to a peace officer involved in a violent crime investigation. Richards' bond was set at \$500,000 cash. He remains lodged in the Tuscola County Jail. A jury trial expected to last three to four days is scheduled to get underway Tuesday, May 14, but he could avoid a trial altogether if he enters a plea by April 29, according to court records. Richards was previously scheduled to go to trial at the end of February. Richards' girlfriend, Ashley Elizabeth-Michelle Smith, 31, of Cass City, was also charged in the case in circuit court and has since been convicted and sentenced to 365 days in the county jail. Smith, who pleaded no contest to two counts of lying to a peace officer conducting a violent crime investigation, was also placed on probation for 24 months and ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,026. Court records state the charges levied against Smith stemmed from "her knowledge of a knife in her residence that had the presence of human blood (on it) after being used in an assault and/or her knowledge of moving the same knife into or within the residence to hinder the investigation being conducted by the Cass City Police Department and Michigan State Police.'

### **Ubly teacher honored for excellence**

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he also has coached track and cross country.

The Michigan Lottery established the Excellence in Education awards in 2014 to recognize outstanding public school educators across the state during the school year.

Winners of the weekly award receive a plaque, a \$1,500 cash prize and a \$500 grant to their classroom, school or school district. One of the weekly winners will be selected as the Educator of the Year and will receive a \$10,000 cash prize.

Kieliszewski, who worked in retail for four years, said he decided to make education his career after serving as a math tutor at a community college that he was attending and finding that he had a talent for teaching and enjoyed it.

He said that his favorite part of being an educator is "working with young people and being around all the energy that they have. My days are never the same. Each day brings new experiences and challenges."

Kieliszewski said his students motivate him to do his best every day.

"I feel it's my duty to provide as many educational experiences as possible for my students," he added. "Although our school is in a rural area, I feel it's important to provide my students the same experiences that they get in larger schools."

The father of two former students and a volunteer for the Ubly FIRST Robotics team nominated Kieliszewski for the Excellence in Education award, saying Kieliszewski "is a person who is meant to be a teacher.

"He has a sense of wonderment and enthusiasm for learning that excites and motivates the students. He talks to the students as people, not as kids that know less than him. Walking down the school hallways, he is continually greeted by students with smiles on their faces," he said, noting Kieliszewski has been voted 'Teacher of the Year' by the Ubly High School students many times.

"Even though I have owned businesses for 27 years, working 55 to 60 hours a week, it still astounds me how much energy, enthusiasm and time Stew puts into his students and after school activities," the nominator continued.

He also quoted one of his sons, who said that when Kieliszewski "announced to us that he was looking into starting a FIRST robotics team, I was unbelievably excited. At that point I was pretty involved with band and Quiz Bowl, but being a part of that team gave me something to truly love and be proud of. 'It gave me a place to learn things I wouldn't have otherwise had the opportunity to. Stew even made and taught an entirely new class at Ubly to help us students learn about woodworking, robotics and so much more. He really went above and beyond for us and never gave up when times were tough. On top of all that, he's just a genuinely fun, likable guy who always got along with and did a great job teaching students, and I'm very happy to have had him there.' The nomination described FIRST Robotics as a very intensive engineering competition. Games are revealed to over 5,000 teams on the first weekend in January, then they have six weeks to analyze the game, design and build a robot to compete. "As a mentor, I probably put in 150 to 200 hours after school and on weekends during the build period, and Stew puts in more than that," the nominator commented. "Now, add on the fact that this is a self-funded activity. It costs \$5,000 just to be in the two district competitions, plus \$4,000 for state competition and an additional \$4,000 for world competition. The school does help us, but in 2016 we spent somewhere around \$18,000 for the season with fuel and other traveling expenses. Stew spends a tremendous amount of time and energy on fund-raising for the team. "Stewart has developed a group of dedicated mentors for the robotics program, and all of us look up to him," the nominator added. "We all know he will be honest and do the right thing for us and the students. The students know they can trust him. We all also know that he is just a phone call, text, or email away if we need him."

Over the past two years, Kieliszewski has helped develop a VEX robotics program at Ubly schools. VEX provides kits resembling erector sets to help introduce younger students to the world of competitive robotics and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) concepts.

"I am also happy to report that Ubly has more girls than boys involved in these programs, partly because of how comfortable they are with Stewart," the nominator wrote, adding that in the new class that his son described, Kieliszewski teaches students practical life skills such as "how to use hand and power tools, measuring with calipers, using voltage testers and multi-meters, soldering, how to do house wiring, and much more.

"He spends free time going to garage sales, using his own money to buy things he can use in the classroom. I have seen him buy non-working weed eaters, then having the students tear them apart and repair them, learning how engines work.

"A couple of years ago, he applied for and received a grant to purchase a 3D printer for the school. Over the past couple of years, he has bought three nearly identical Craftsman band saws. Two of them had the same nonfunctioning part, which was no longer available from Sears," the nominator noted. "Stewart took the good part off of the third one and had his students reproduce it with the 3D printer, showing them how to problem solve with technology.

"I recently stopped by his house, and in his garage he was mounting a toilet on a wooden frame with a tank under it, with a small pump to recirculate water. He planned on teaching 'Toilet Technology' to his class! Seriously, how many teachers would think of (or be willing) to do that?"

Kieliszewski also teaches a media class. In conjunction with the responsibility, he attends many sporting events, band concerts, school plays and a host of other school activities, helping his students learn how to use recording and lighting equipment in real-life situations. Plus, he is a substitute bus driver, sometimes driving routes at the last minute, before or after school.

"Stewart is a juggernaut of positive energy that any school would be proud to have," the nominator said.

Kieliszewski earned a Bachelor of Science Degree at Central Michigan University and a master's degree in educational leadership at Saginaw Valley State University. He has been an educator for 27 years, the last 25 with the Ubly Community Schools.

The Michigan Lottery's Excellence in Education award nominees are evaluated on the following criteria:

\*Excellence – Their work consistently helps students and/or their schools or school districts advance to higher levels of academic achievement.

\*Dedication – They consistently go above and beyond expectations to help students succeed.

\*Inspiration – Their work inspires others around them to exceed expectations either academically or professionally.

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HAILI GUSA of the Ubly FFA was recently elected as the 2019-20 state FFA president during the 91st annual Michigan State FFA Convention, making her the highest-ranking officer elected from Ubly in the chapter's 82-year history.

### Haire, Krol top class of 2019

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chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS), serving as president in 2018-19, and a member of the student council, serving as executive board vice president in 2018-19.

Haire has also excelled in athletics, earning a host of accolades, including: Greater Thumb West (GTW) first- and second-team all-conference honors in volleyball; all-region honors in volleyball; second team all-conference honors in cross country; honorable mention in basketball and softball; second-team all-conference and all-district honors in softball; Golden Glove Award in softball; athlete of the week (twice); captain of the volleyball, basketball and softball teams (2016-19); regional qualifier in cross country; and academic all-conference honors in volleyball, basketball and softball (2016-19).

Elected the Cass City Homecoming queen in 2018, Haire has served as a summer day camp counselor, blood drive manager and prom committee member. She has also devoted many hours to volunteer work with the Cass City Mentoring Program, Cass City Christmas in the Village celebration, annual basketball and softball clinics, and as a football and basketball concessions staffer.

Haire is now gearing up for her freshman year at Michigan State University, where she plans to earn a bachelor's degree in political science, and then pursue a degree in law.

Krol, the daughter of Joe and Jamie Krol, has been active in Cass City's music program as a member of the marching band for five years, symphony band and jazz band. She has also been a recipient of the Director's Award and recognition for her selection as a member of the Tri-County Honors Band for four years.

Also involved in athletics, Krol has been a member of the volleyball, basketball and softball teams, earning honorable mention in volleyball. She was named an academic all-conference selection in all three sports.

In addition, Krol is a member of the NHS, student council and mentor program. She is also a junior church teacher/helper and youth group member.

Krol's future plans include attending Cornerstone University, Grand Rapids, where she has already been awarded a President's Scho



**Addy Battel** 



**Dori Battel** 

### **Cass City, Ubly FFA** members shine during 91st state convention

Thumb FFA members represented the area well during the 91st annual Michigan FFA State Convention on the campus of Michigan State University in East Lansing.

Among the highlights was the election of Haili Gusa of the Ubly FFA as the 2019-20 state FFA president, making her the highestranking officer elected from Ubly in the chapter's 82-year history.

Gusa also earned first-place in the 2019 Extemporaneous Public Speaking contest.

Among the 367 Outstanding Jun-ior Award recipients recognized this year, Addy Battel of the Cass City FFA Chapter was named top outstanding junior, and Grant Geiger of the Ubly FFA was honored as the state runner-up.

Outstanding junior honors also went to Cass City's Tiana Tageson and Matthew Danks, who received a bronze medal for beef production proficiency during the convention.

Both Addy Battel and her sister, Dori Battel, will be competing at

the national FFA level in the fall, with Addy named the state winner in the Agricultural Communications Proficiency, and Dori earning top honors with her animal science research project.

Addy, meanwhile, finished in second place with her animal science research project, and was the third-place winner in the Prepared Public Speaking competition, receiving a gold award. Earning a silver award in the same competition was Bethany Gorrowicz of the Ubly FFA Chapter.

Also during the convention, the Ubly FFA Chapter was the runnerup (gold award) in the Parliamentary Procedures contest, and also earned a gold award in the Demonstration contest.

FFA members receiving their silver awards for their state FFA degrees included Rebekka Foster, Nolan Murray and Adam Weber, all of the Ubly FFA Chapter.

And, a pair of Cass City musicians, Marissa Petiprin Ball and Isabella Hill, performed with this year's Michigan FFA State Band.



CASS CITY 4-H members (from left) Matthew Danks, Addy Battel and Tiana Tageson were all among this year's Michigan FFA Outstanding Junior Award recipients.



**Grant Geiger** 

### **Couple faces animal cruelty charge**

by Tom Montgomery Editor

wife are facing criminal charges in connection with one of two animal cruelty investigations conducted by the Huron County Sheriff's Department earlier this month

mother would have had to remain outside," he said.

A day earlier, March 3, sheriff's A Huron County husband and Deputy Steve Bismack was disdog against the side of a pickup box.

"After looking into the incident over a period of a couple hours,

and a Pastor's Scholarship. She plans to major in psychology.

### **Honor graduates**

Seniors who will also graduate with honors include the following students with GPAs of 3.5 or higher:

Emilee Bruno, Alexandria Crase, Danika Focken, Jesse Goniwicha. Lauren Grady, Brittany Hamilton, Mason Hartsell, Lukas Hayes, Shane Hoppe, Sidney Lintner, Harlie Mallory, Layna Mathewson, Rebecca Morrish, Hailey Schmotzer and Lucas Stern.

Graduating with GPAs of 3.0 to 3.49 are:

Zackary Beecher, Jared Blattner, Zachary Brunke, Dylan Crase, Zackary Essex, Janell Guerra, DeeDee Haley, Alexandria Jaster, Kayla Koepf, Hayden Larkin, Jarod Naegele, Anthony Pawloski, Taryn Thornton and Race Woloshen.



THE ARRIVAL OF spring weather brings out a variety of critters in the Thumb, including skunks, a common sight this time of year as they spend more time away from their dens, searching for food and potential mates. The skunk mating season begins in February and continues through March, but the omnivores also devote many daylight hours to rooting around lawns for nuts, earthworms, grubs and anything else they can find.

Jody L. Woodruff, 35, and Stanley E. Woodruff II, 34, both of Kinde, were formally charged with abandoning/cruelty to two to three animals – a one-year misdemeanor - in Huron County District Court last week.

The couple was released on a \$3,000 personal recognizance bond and were ordered to appear in future court proceedings.

The charges stem from a March 4 investigation at a residence on Moeller Road in Huron Township after someone relayed an anonymous tip indicated there were four dogs without proper food, housing or care.

"Sgt. James Hunt arrived at the residence to find all dogs separately chained, with one dog laying in a wide-open plastic piece of what may have been part of a dog house, with little bedding, and shivering in the below zero-degree weather," Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson said.

"Another dog was found with a dog house that had openings where the wind could pass di-believed to be pregnant - was found with a chain too short (and) couldn't even get into its house. The fourth dog was found having a decent dog house, but all four had no food or water."

A veterinarian was called to the scene to assess the animals' physical conditions. Three of the four dogs were found to be malnourished, with one severely malnourished and in poor health. All of the animals were taken to the Thumb Animal Shelter.

Hanson later reported that the pregnant dog gave birth to five puppies. "It is believed the puppies would have never survived if patched to Verona Township to investigate allegations that a man was physically abusing his dog.

Bismack was asked to contact four individuals "who alleged to have witnessed a man beating a hunting dog with what they described as a piece of garden hose on Verona Road," said Hanson, who added the witnesses also told the deputy that the man "threw the

Deputy Bismack was eventually able to make contact with that man, who is a 62-year-old man from Ubly. After talking with him about the incident, the dog was checked on and found to be doing well and appearing not to need any medical attention," Hanson said.

The sheriff noted charges are expected to be filed in the incident.



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KINGSTON senior Jillyan Dinsmore keeps her eyes on the target despite pressure from Genesee's Hannah Dorow (24) during the Cardinals' regional championship victory.

# **Kingston uses** defensive gem to win regional

### by Clarke Haire Publisher

After using an offensive explosion to oust Austin Catholic in the semis earlier in the week, Kingston relied on its defensive powers to defeat Genesee Christian Wednesday night in the Division 4 regional championship game on the Lady Cardinals' own floor.

With a 42-20 victory, Coach Jay Green's North Central Thumb League Stars champs advanced into this week's quarterfinal round to take on Clarkston Everest Collegiate (14-9) at Burton Bendle High School. Tuesday's affair, which was scheduled to tipoff at 6 p.m., marks Kingston's fourth trip to the round of eight since 2015. Despite a long history of success on the hardwood, Kingston has never advanced any further.

But that could change in 2019. In addition to facing someone other than the team's nemesis Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes they defeated Kingston in their previous three quarterfinal appearances - the 2018-19 Cardinals have shown they are capable of winning with either offense or defense leading the charge.

After hitting six first half treys in their 59-24 semifinal win over the Crusaders, Kingston turned in a defensive gem to knock off the Soldiers from Genesee in the championship game.

A shaky start by the hosts saw Genesee jump out to an early 4-0 advantage, before Jillyan Dinsmore and Lily Lyons tallied seven straight points for Kingston that spotted the Cardinals to a slim 7-6 cushion entering the second quarter.

Kingston offense got on track to opened the quarter before the break with nine unanswered points, part of a 13-2 spurt that propelled Coach Green's squad to a 20-8 cushion at the break. Although Genesee hurt their chances of winning with a poor showing at the foul line - they made just seven of 15 tries on the night - it was Kingston's defense that impressed the veteran coach.

"It wasn't our offensive performance, but our defense was consistent all game. The girls played with great effort and created a number of turnovers," he said.

Grace Ballmer's trey drew Genesee to within 25-15 midway through the third quarter, but Lyons – who may head to St. Clair Community College to continue her basketball career in the fall - sparked another 9-0 spurt for the winners that included an old-fashioned 3-point play and a hard driving layup that helped build a 36-16 edge after three quarter of play.

Kingston then slowed the action in the final stanza, combined by solo baskets from Carley Smith, Ashtian Davis and Dinsmore that stalled any comeback hopes Genesee was entertaining.

Lyons poured in a game-high 11 points to lead Kingston, while Camryn MacGuire, who had Kingston's lone bucket from 3point land, and Smith each added seven points.

Gwyn Boike led Genesee with

# Neff, Cloyd repeat as dream team picks

by Clarke Haire Publisher

North Central Thumb League Stars co-champions Kingston and International Academy of Flint (IAF) highlighted the All-League choices of the 7-school association in 2018-19 with a pair of first team picks. Landing on this year's dream team from Kingston are Evan Neff and Nathan Cloyd, while senior Larry McLean Jr. and junior Gerrius Williams represent IAF.

Calvary Baptist. Neff's offensive numbers also included averages of 3.25 rebounds and 2.1 assists per game for the Cardinals, while defensively he had 32 steals and five blocks during the season.

"Evan improved his overall poting percentage this year (50 more and have a great senior campaign next year.'

Neff was a repeat first team All-League selection and honorable mention All-State pick as a sophomore.

Cloyd, 6' 1", also is a repeat first team All-League selection who nearly averaged a double-double in his senior year. His averages included 11.1 points and 7.6 rebounds per game. Cloyd passed for 66 assists and recorded 40 steals and 11 blocks for the league and district champion Cardinals.

bounds) and missed three other double-doubles by one rebound each game. Had a near triple double against Calvary Baptist (13 points, 13 rebounds and eight assists). One of the best rebounders from his guard/forward position in the state Had a career high 16

Neff, a 6' 2" junior, averaged 16.1 points per game that included a 30 point season-high against percent) and three point shooting percentage (39 percent). One of the best shooters in the Thumb who has expanded his overall game by creating off the dribble. Extremely high Basketball I.Q. and most committed player on our team. Plays AAU in the summer, fall and spring," said Kingston Coach Dave Lester.

"I expect him to improve even

"Nathan is one of most versatile fundamentally sound players I have ever coached. He had four double-doubles (points and rerebounds against Division 2 North Branch. Above average defender who is very unselfish. His overall numbers may not stick out at you, but his overall game should. Easily one of the best all-around play-ers in the Thumb," Lester said, adding, "Nathan is one of the best rebounding guards I've ever coached. He has great instincts. Please turn to page 10.

seven markers.

### **GTW** airs stars

The 2018-19 Greater Thumb West All-Conference boys' basketball dream team included eight players from five schools. Leading the way were a trio of Please turn to page 10.

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FORMER Gagetown area resident Adam Rayl recently won the National Ninja League World Championship in Hartford, Conn., where more than 1,500 competitors matched their skills and strength.

### **Rayl wins National Ninja** League World Championship

by Mary Drier For the Chronicle

The village of Gagetown was once the hometown of a Ninja.

Adam Rayl, whose father is Jim Rayl, lived in Gagetown until a few years ago. The younger Rayl won the National Ninja League World Championship, held Feb. 16-18 in Hartford, Conn. The competition featured more than 1,500 competitors, including about 20 international athletes.

In the first stage of the pro division, Rayl finished seven obstacles with a time of 01:30.94 to finish second behind Flip Rodriguez, who took first place with a time of 01:30.92.

In the second stage of the competition, Rayl finished eight obstacles with a time of 04:45.80 and was the only competitor to complete the entire course

Rayl completed the third stage of obstacles in 00:51.22, and in the stage four overall competition, he was first with a time of 00:51.22.

Only seven competitors advanced to the second stage in the Pro Division. Rodriguez was in first place at the time, but he fell after the second obstacle, enabling Rayl to claim the championship by becoming the only competitor to clear the stage.

It was an impressive performance, with Rayl winning the event by clearing all eight obstacles. He was the only one to do so. In fact, the ninja contestant who took second place, Matt Strollo, was only able to complete three.

The obstacle course tests a variety of skills and abilities, including balance, coordination, grip strength, grip endurance and upper body strength.

There is also a ninja competition for females. Depending on the course, there might be some slight adjustments made for female participants. A trampoline height or distance might be altered, or a time limit might be adjusted slightly. Jesse Labreck claimed the female National Ninja League title. The National Ninja League is a non-profit organization formed by a collection of the nation's top ninja facilities. The goal of the organization is to promote the sport of ninja obstacle courses across America.

### North Central Thumb League names stars

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He was able to create his own shot and create off the dribble. One of our best defenders."

Rounding out the North Central Thumb League Stars first team roster are Mayville junior Jeffrey Frost and Dryden sophomore Jack Kaplan, while Ronny Hudson, a junior from Dryden, was named the Defensive Specialist by the vote of conference coaches.

Landing on the North Central

Thumb League Stars All-League second team were Kingston senior Hunter James, North Huron senior Ty Knoblock, North Huron junior De'Andre Morris, Deckerville junior Isaac Keinath, IAF junior JaMarrion Fricks and IAF junior Jonnard White.

"Hunter was one of our hardest workers and one of the best defenders in the Thumb. At 6'0" Hunter was responsible for the opponents' best player. Sometimes that was a guard, sometimes a post player. He has great instincts and is just an amazing athlete," said Lester.

Earning honorable mention praises in 2018-19 were Aaron Koehler – Kingston junior, Derek Snyder – Deckerville sophomore, Dequavio Copeland - IAF senior, Ja'Zavion Stevenson - IAF sophomore, Ronny Hudson – Dryden junior, Nathan Schenkel – Dryden sophomore, Brady Czape - Dryden senior, Ramy Abueita - Genesee junior and Quentin Moss -Genesee senior.

### GTW announces top boys basketball choices

Red Hawks.

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selections from USA – they were undefeated in league action at 12-0 and 20-0 overall in the regular season - in seniors Micah Cramer and Tyler Heckroth, while junior Landin Zimmer rounded out the All-Conference first team recipients for the Patriots.

Bad Axe – they finished as the Greater Thumb West runner-up at 9-3 - landed a pair of juniors in Cody Talaski and Jack Clancy on the fantasy listings, while Reese, Caro and Cass City each had solo players named among the Greater Thumb West top players, according to the vote of coaches in the seven school grouping.

Reese, who tied for runner-up honors with a 9-3 conference mark, placed high-scoring senior Gabe Robinson on the Greater Thumb West (GTW) first team that also included Caro junior Trevin Phillips and Cass City junior Sandyn Cuthrell. The Tigers recorded a 5-7 GTW mark and the Red Hawks were 3-9 in the GTW in 2018-19.

Cuthrell averaged 15.5 points, four rebounds 2.5 assists during

"I thought Sandyn had a good year. I was really happy how much he improved on the defensive end of the floor. He has always been able to score, but he really picked up his effort on defense and showed some really nice growth with his defensive abilities. Hopefully he can carry this into next season," said Cass

City Coach Aaron Fernald. On the GTW All-Conference second team were Nash Morton -USA junior, Colby Meeks - Bad Axe senior, Bryce Brechtelsbauer - Reese junior, Caleb Cotton -Caro senior, Mason Pasek - Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port senior and Vassar senior Dylan Hubbard.

The GTW honorable mention players are senior Luke Stern,

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Cass City, sophomore Jensen Emerick, Bad Axe, freshman Damarquss Palmreuter, Reese, junior Darnell Davis, Reese, junior Darnell Davis, Reese, junior Tyler Foster, Caro, sophomore Anthony Sheridan, Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port, senior Andrew Siegfried, Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port, senior Kyle Maust, USA and sophomore Gideon Damm, Vassar.

"Luke averaged seven points, 3.5 rebounds and one steal per game. Luke really started playing well the last month of the season. His defense was solid and offensively started scoring the basketball much better. Luke's ability to drive the basketball and get to the free throw line was a big plus for us this season. We will miss him next year," Fernald said.





**RAYL WON the National Ninja League World** Championship in the male division, and Jesse Labreck won the female division of the National Ninja League World Championship.

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# Cass City Jr./Sr. High School 2019 Spring Sports Schedule



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	BOYS' BAS			GIRLS' BASEBALL (VARSITY)
DATE	OPPONENT		DATE	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
<u>DATE</u> 3/20	North Branch		<u>DATE</u> 3/20	North Branch
4/4	Imlay City (JV & Vars		4/5	Burton Bentley
4/9	Marlette	<i>uy)</i>	4/9	Marlette
4/12	Memphis		4/12	Memphis
4/13		, Millington - time to be announced	4/13	Tuscola Tourny @ Millington - time to be announced
4/15	Capac	, wittington - time to be announced	4/15	Capac
4/18	Bad Axe		4/18	Bad Axe
4/23	Sandusky		4/23	Sandusky
4/25	Vassar		4/25	Vassar
4/29	Ubly		4/29	Ubly
<b>5/2</b>	USA		5/2	USA
5/6	Brown City		5/6	Brown City
5/0 5/9	Harbor Beach		5/0 5/9	Harbor Beach (no JV)
5/13	EPBP Lakers		5/11	Hemlock Tourney
5/13 5/17	<b>Caro</b>		5/13	EPBP Lakers
5/20			5/15 5/17	Caro
	Deckerville (no JV)		5/20	
5/22	Reese Districta o L L		5/20	Deckerville (no JV) Reese
5/29-6/1	<u>0</u>		5/22-6/	
A	ll games begin at 4	<b>p.m.</b> unless noted		
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DATE	<u>OPPONENT</u>		DATE	OPPONENT
4/2	Caro/Bad Axe at 4:30 p			
4/9	Brown City/Lakers at		4/23	Verona Hills - Bad Axe time to be announced
4/12	Brown City Invite at 4:		4/25	GTC Jamboree @ Caro at 4:00 p.m.
4/16	<u>USA</u> /Ubly/Bad Axe at		4/26	Ubly Invite at 8:15 a.m.
4/18	Marlette Invite time to be a	unnounced	4/29	GTC Jamboree @ Vassar at 3:30 p.m.
4/23	USA Invite at 4:00 p.m.		4/30	GTC Jamboree @ USA at 4:00 p.m.
4/25	Bad Axe/Brown City/		5/6	GTC Jamboree (a) Bad Axe at 4:00 p.m.
4/26	Vassar Invite at 4:00 p.m		5/7	GTC Jamboree @ Cass City at 4:00 p.m.
4/30	Ubly Invite at 4:00 p.m.		5/10	GTC Jamboree @ Lakers at 4:00 p.m.
5/3 <b>5/7</b>	Reese Invite at 3:30 p.m.	$h_{\rm M} \sim 4.20$	5/15	Brown City Invite at 8:00 a.m.
5/8	Capac/Brown City/U Reese 9/10 Invite time to		5/17	Warner Memorial Invite @ Vassar time to be announced
5/8 5/10			5/20	GTC League Meet @ Ubly time to be announced
5/10	Bad Axe Invite at 4:00 p GTW League Meet at		5/20	
5/17				Mayville Invite time to be announced
	Regionals @ Brown Cit ribune Meet of Champs		5/24	Verona Hills - Bad Axe time to be announced
5/28	Thumb Meet of Chamj		5/29	Regionals @ Verona Hills time to be announced
6/1	State Finals time to be announ			
			(	JUNIOR HIGH TRACK
•			DATE	OPPONENT
	• •	Season Sport Passes:	4/10	Vassar/Reese
Adm	issions:		4/15	Bad Axe/Brown City
High Co	al \$5.00	🚲 Family - \$125.00	4/17	Caro/Marlette
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				Brown City/Memphis/H.B.
Hom	ne games	<u> </u>	4/29	Ubly/USA/HB/Reese/Capac/BA
		Seniors 65	5/1	<u>Vassar</u> /USA



### **Pastor's Corner**

# Trusting in the Lord when it's time to go Home

The day my momma died was one of my most treasured memories! Now, let me explain that remark. First a little background of my mother. Momma's parents separated when she was a small child. Both remarried (her dad married 5 times total). She lived mostly with her dad and a stepmother but did also live with her mother and her new husband for a while. She married my dad who was 30 years older than she was when she was 19 or 20 years old. I was the youngest of 4 children and I am 4 1/2 years younger than my oldest sibling. Momma really had her hands full to say the least!

She had many emotional and mental problems. As a child I have very few memories of her doing normal motherly things such as cooking, cleaning, laundry etc. I only remember once as a child going shopping with her. She bought me a new dress (one of very few new items I ever owned as a child). Most of my memories as a child were of her locking herself in her bedroom (most of the day) and saying very little other than an occasional (grinding of the teeth type) of groan or murmur. Yet, all in all she was a very spiritual person who had extremely deep convictions. I think she felt like the burden of lost souls was her responsibility and spent much

time in silent prayer. If she heard about someone who had died she blamed herself for not praying more for them. She loved to sing and could harmonize well. When she was not locked away in her bedroom, she could often be heard singing hymns. She never sang any other type of songs.

We lived in a 3 room house including a living room, small kitchen and Momma's bedroom. Until I was 7 years old I slept in a baby crib next to the pot belly wood stove. Daddy would stoke the fire well before bed so I had a hard time getting to sleep because I was so warm, but before morning I would be half frozen as the fire slowly died out.

For some reason, Momma used to keep me home from school a lot. She would say, Joyce, why don't you stay home today you don't look like you feel too good. I was pleased to do so because I hated school. (Not too many little girls like to go to school in ragged dirty clothes with unkempt hair) But the strange thing was, when I stayed home she would usually just lock herself away and not even answer me when I would call her name. If I ask her a question like "what can I do?" or "what can I eat?", she would normally respond in an angry sounding voice and say, "Go for a walk!!" or "Have some crackers!!"

Anyway, Momma was a puzzle..... I often felt like I was raising her, not the other way around. Yes, she did some strange things and sometimes it was hard to believe she was really a Christian even though she did know quite a bit about the Bible and every Hymn in the book. My Dad would get so mad at her because she would not get in the driver's seat of his old car so he could push it to get it started (even if it was only in the yard) because she did not have a driver's license. (I mean, she really had convictions

of right and wrong.....) As I grew older and got married and had a family of my own, she continued her changeable behav-Sometimes I was actually ior. afraid of her because she did some really weird stuff. Oh, she never was physically abusive, but just did some uncommonly strange things!

My Dad passed away when our oldest daughter was almost 2 years old, and Momma seemed for a while to lighten up a little as time went on. She got her driver's license and a car and would gad about to town and lots of garage sales. (She never did anything like that when I was a child at home).

To cut this story short, I will get back to explaining my opening line. When she was 69 years old the doctor said she had kidney

failure and chronic heart disease. She spent her last few weeks at my oldest sister's house under hospice care. The last couple weeks she was almost in a comatose state. Her kidneys had shut down and there was no moisture anywhere. Her mouth was so dry inside it looked like cotton balls building up in there. Then one evening my oldest sister and our brother were sitting around her bedside singing hymns but we were not even sure she knew we were there. Her glazed eyes looked off in a distance. Then my sister noticed a change and motioned to my brother and I to come closer. Momma began to smile and tears came down her cheeks! She was saying something over and over but we couldn't really hear what she said. I could tell it was two syllable words. Somehow I was sure she was calling the names of my two sisters and brother (All two syllables) and I anxiously awaited for at least one mention of my One-Syllable Name (JOYCE). But it was two syllables only.... Then my sister said, "Momma, do you see Jesus?" She beamed the sweetest ear to ear smile and shook her head yes and the tears kept coming! What a thrill it was to witness Momma seeing Jesus, Standing at the Father's right hand to welcome her home! Yes she SAW Jesus, and it was His Precious two-syllable Name she was repeating over and over, not the two-syllable names of my three siblings! He is REAL my friend! He is waiting to welcome HOME each of His Children who have Received Him as Saviour and Lord and are longing for His glorious appearing! Oh, what a day that will be!

I hope those who took time to read this article were encouraged to know that even when we don't truly understand, God does! And He is able to save those who put their trust in Him! He will be there waiting for us when it is our turn to go Home!

> In Christ, For Christ and Through Christ, Joyce Hazzard



Joyce Hazzard Pastor's wife **Potter's House Christian Fellowship** 



Pastor: Phil Burkett • www.casscitymc.org Associate Pastor: Joel UNSS VITY alonary Chuldh Schwendinger

**Cass City United Methodist Church** 872-3422 - 5100 Cemetery Rd., Cass City, MI 48726 www.casscityumc.org Worship: 11:00 a.m. (Summer 9:30 a.m.) Sunday School - Sept.-May 9:30 a.m. Community Dinner - Monthly (2nd Wed. at noon) Pastor: Bob Demyanovich **Community Baptist Church** R (Independent Fundamental)

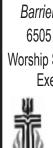
4446 Ale St., Cass City, MI 48726 • 989-872-4088 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. • Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

 Afternoon Service 2:00 p.m. Wednesday - Pray/Bible Study & Youth Group 6:00 p.m Pastor: Rev. Nathan Whipple

**Deford Community Church** 1392 N. Kingston Rd. • 872-4055 (1/4 mile south of Deford on Kingston Rd.) Sundays - 10 a.m. • Wednesdays - 7 p.m. Pastor: David Cooper DefordCommunityChurch.org

AWANA Clubs 6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Wednesday - Teen Club 6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

> Pastor: Christian Wright Website: www.fbccc.us



**First Presbyterian Church** Barrier Free • State & National Historical Registry 6505 Church St., Cass City, MI 48726 • 872-5400 Worship Service 10:45 a.m. • Pastor: Rev. Linda Graham Exercise Program: Mon., Wed. & Fri. 9:00 a.m. After School Adventure (K-6) Call for winter schedule.

**Fraser Presbyterian Church** 3006 Huron Line Rd., Cass City, MI 48726 • 872-5400

- Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
- Coffee hour following worship Pastor: Rev. Linda Graham

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Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 6820 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726 • 872-2770 Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Bible Class & Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Pastor: Rev. Steve Bagnall www.goodshepherdlutherancasscity.webs.com

**Novest Church of Christ** "the friendly church that cares" 2896 Cemetery Rd., Cass City, MI 48726 • 872-3658 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. ~ 1st Worship Service 9:00 a.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Senior Minister: Brad Speirs, Associate Minister: Austin Keller at Ubly & Student Minister: Don Mecomber Visit our website at: www.novestachurch.org

### Our Lady Consolata Catholic Church

4292 S. Seeger St., Cass City, MI 48726 • 665-1027 Mass: Saturday 4:00 p.m. Nov. 1 - Mar. 31 Saturday 5:00 p.m. Apr. 1 - Oct. 31 Sunday 8:00 a.m. Priest: Fr. Adam Maher



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Church of Cass City

• Sunday: 11:00 a.m.

List your church here, call (989) 872-2010.



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.

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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: BE-GINNING AT A POINT WHICH IS THE INTERSEC-TION OF THE CENTER-LINE OF ELLIS ROAD AND THE SOUTH LINE OF SEC-TION 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.

foreclosed by a sale at public

JOHN W. BUTLER (P 33908) ATTORNEY FOR MORT-GAGEE 24525 Harper Avenue St. Clair Shores, MI 48080 (586) 777-0770 Dated: 2-27-19 2-27-4

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 West quarter 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. 1377180

2-27-4

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 3/100 Dollars and

CHASERS: 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 Mortgagor, 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 re-

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: March 13,

2019 Trott Law, P.C. 1378187

3-13-4

Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC 5955 West Main Street, Suite 18 Kalamazoo MI, 49009 THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COL-LECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUM-BER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made BY Sterling O. Hermann and Lori A. Hermann, husband and wife, whose address is 5600 River Road, Cass City, Michigan 48726, as original Mortgagors, to Icon Financial Group, Inc., being a mortgage dated October 14, 2002, and recorded on October 16, 2002 in Liber 898 Page 488, Tuscola County Records, State of Michigan. Said Mortgage is now held through mesne assignments by BankUnited N.A., as assignee as documented by an assignment dated February 20, 2019 and recorded on March 7, 2019 in Liber 1417 Page 635, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of EIGHTY-EIGHT THOU-SAND EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY-NINE AND 35/100 DOLLARS (\$88,829.35). Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, at public sale to the highest bidder

AT THE PLACE OF HOLDING THE CIRCUIT COURT WITHIN TUSCOLA COUNTY, at 10:00 a.m. on April 11, 2019. Said premises are situated in the Township of Novesta, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, and are described as: THE EAST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION

by-merger to Independent Mortgage Co. East MI, as assigned to Independent Bank, a Michigan banking corporation, mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated January 3, 2003, and was recorded on February 10, 2003, in Liber 914 on page 1000 of the Tuscola County records, and subject to a Modification recorded at Liber 1216, Page 1149, and further subject to an Assignment of Mortgage recorded at Liber 1248, Page 1414. The balance owing on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is \$66,574.45, including interest at 6.625% per year variable. The Mortgage contains a power of sale clause and no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owing.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on April 11, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the Tuscola County Court Facility, 440 N. State Street, Caro, Michigan, that being the place of holding Circuit Court for Tuscola County, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

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

A part of the NE 1/4 of Section 20, T10N, R7E, Arbela Twp., Tuscola County, Michigan, described as: Beginning at the N 1/4 corner of said Section; thence S 87°08'48" E, 225.23 ft along the N Section line; thence S 03°36'40" W 410.00 ft parallel with the N-S 1/4 line; thence N 87°08'48" W, 225.23 ft. parallel with said N Section line to said N-S 1/4 line; thence N 03°36'40" E, 410.00 ft along said 1/4 line to the Point of Beginning. Subject to any and all easements and/or rights of way, whether used, implied or of record.

The structure residing on the above described premises, consisting of a 1995 Mansion M0254432 is considered real estate and is also collateral for this loan.

commonly known as 9015 Helen Road, Vassar, MI 48768 tax i.d. 003-020-100-0690-00

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

The redemption period will expire 5, T13N, R11E, LYING SOUTH OF THE CENTER OF THE CASS RIVER, EXCEPT AN UN-DIVIDED ½ INTEREST IN ALL OIL, GAS, CASINGHEAD GAS, COAL AND OTHER MIN-ERALS AND GASES OF EVERY KIND AND CHARAC-TER TO R.S. GARDENHIRE AS SET FORTH IN MINERAL

lector. Date of notice: February 27, 2019 Trott Law, P.C. 1376770 **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 FORECLO-SURE SALE MORTGAGE SALE-A mortgage was granted by ALLEN L. JOHN-SON, a single man, Mortgagor(s) NEIGHBORHOOD MORT-GAGE SOLUTIONS. LLC. 975 N. MAIN ST., SUITE D, FRANKENMUTH, MI 48734, Mortgagee dated NO-VEMBER 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 99/100THS AND (\$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

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, 30 seconds East, 398.45 feet from the Southwest corner of Section 31, thence continuing along said South line of the North half of the Southwest fractional quarter, North (\$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 SEC-TION 2, TOWN 10 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, MILLING-TON TOWNSHIP, TUS-COLA 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 PUR-

demption period. This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: 03/06/2019 Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 115799 **3-6-4** 

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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 April 11, 2019:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Joseph Rothfuss and Veronica Rothfuss, husband and wife as tenants by the entirety

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Village Capital & Investment, LLC

Date of Mortgage: February 23, 2013

Date of Mortgage Recording: March 6, 2013

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$97,681.55 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Indianfields, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: The West 90 feet of Lot 1, Block 1 of Westdale Subdivision, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of plats, Page 74, now being page 24B, EXCEPT the South 78 feet of said Lot. Indianfields Township

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 CENTER OF THE CASS RIVER, EXCEPT AN UN-DIVIDED 1/2 INTEREST IN ALL OIL, GAS, CASINGHEAD GAS, COAL AND OTHER MIN-ERALS AND GASES OF EVERY KIND AND CHARAC-TER TO R.S. GARDENHIRE AS SET FORTH IN MINERAL DEED RECORDED IN LIBER 250 OF DEEDS, PAGE 521, AND ANY INTERST IN SUB-SEOUENT INSTRUMENTS PERTINENT THERETO. The redemption period shall be 6 from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA § 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCLA § 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: March 13, 2019 For more information, please call: (312) 541-9710, Kenneth J. Johnson, Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC, 5955 West Main Street, Suite 18, Kalamazoo, MI 49009. File No.: MI 18 3725

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MORTGAGE SALE THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COL-LECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY IN-FORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Michael D. Chedister, a married man, and Michelle L. Chedister, his wife, mortgagors, to Independent Mortgage Co. East MI, which became Independent Mortgage Co., a dissolved Michigan corporation, and successorSMITH, MARTIN, POWERS & KNIER, P.C.

Dated: March 8, 2019

Henry L. Knier, Jr. (P46393) Attorney for Independent Bank, Mortgagee 900 Washington Ave., P.O. Box 219 Bay City, MI 48707-(989) 892-4574 **3-13-4** 



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Original Mortgagee: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): U.S. Bank NA, successor trustee to Wachovia Bank, N.A., as Trustee, in trust for and for the benefit of the Certificateholders of Multi-Class Mortgage PassThrough Certificates Series 2005-2 Date of Mortgage: January 28, 2005

Date of Mortgage Recording: February 4, 2005

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$63,634.28

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Part of the North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 18, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, described as follows: Commencing at a point 5 chains 26 and 2/3 links South of the Section line running East and West between Sections 7 and 18, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, where the Goodrichville and Lower Saginaw State Road crosses said Section line; thence West, 7 chains 86 links; thence South, 4 chains 82 links; thence East, 7 chains 80 links; thence North, along center of said State Road, to place of beginning; ALSO, Commencing on the centerline of so-called Goodrichville and Lower Saginaw Road, 10 chains 3 and 1/3 links South of where the said State Road crosses the section line between said Sections 7 and 18; thence West, 10 rods; thence South, 4 rods; thence East, to the center of State Road; thence North, 4 rods to the place of beginning: AND ALSO, Commencing on the centerline of the so-called Goodrichville and Lower Saginaw State Road, 10 chains 3 and 1/3 links. South of where the said State Road crosses the Section line between said Sections 7 and 18; thence West, 7 chains 40 links; thence South, 8 rods; thence East to a point 10 rods West of the centerline of said State Road; thence North to a point on the first named line running West 10 rods to the starting point.

EXCEPT Beginning at a point on the centerline of M-15, 349.14 feet South of Section line between said Sections 7 and 18; thence West, 259.24 feet; thence South, parallel with M-15, 30 feet; thence East, 76.24 feet; thence South, parallel with M-15, 190.00 feet; thence East, 183.00 feet; thence North, 220.00 feet to the point of beginning; ALSO EXCEPT Commencing at a point on the centerline of M-15, 11 chains 3 and 1/3 links, South of the Section line running East-West between said Section 7 and 18; thence West, 183 feet; thence North, 60 feet; thence East, 183 feet to centerline of M-15; thence South, 60 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

60.26 feet to a point on the Northerly right of way line of said Michigan Central Railroad; thence North 1 degree 12 minutes 20 seconds East 212.44 feet to the place of beginning. Except the South 33 feet thereof. Be the same, more or less, but subject to all legal highways. 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: March 20, 2019 Trott Law, P.C

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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to MCL 600.3212, that the following will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on April 18, 2019: Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Ann K. Tomcho Original Mortgagee: Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, A Subsidiary of Lehman Brothers Bank, FSB

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust

Date of Mortgage: June 18, 2004

Date of Mortgage Recording: June 24, 2004 Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$107,491.78

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Wisner, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 15, Town 14 North, Range 7 East, and running thence East 8 rods, thence North 20 rods, thence West 8 rods, thence South 20 rods to the place of beginning.

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

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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: March 20, 2019 Trott Law, P.C.

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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to MCL 600.3212, that the following will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on April 18, 2019: Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Myron J Freiburger and Pamella J Freiburger, husband and wife

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., its successors and assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Ditech Financial LLC

Date of Mortgage: May 17, 2006

Date of Mortgage Recording: May 23, 2006 Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$67.611.08

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Situated in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan: Part of the Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 3, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the South line of Frank Street which is South 1 degree 48 minutes 29 seconds West 33.00 feet and North 88 degrees 36 minutes 15 seconds West. 739.82 feet along the South line of Frank Street from the East quarter corner of Section 3; thence continuing along said South line North 88 degrees 38 minutes 15 seconds West 52.18 feet; thence South parallel to Butler Street, South 0 degrees 12 minutes 20 seconds West, 264.00 feet; thence South 88 degrees 38 minutes 15 seconds East, 20.84 feet to a point on the Northerly right of way line of Michigan Central Railroad; thence North 32 degrees 32 minutes 05 seconds East

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Original Mortgagee: Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, a subsidiary of Indy Mac Bank, F.S.B

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust

Date of Mortgage: March 8, 2006

Date of Mortgage Recording: April 20, 2006 Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$120.744.53

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Gilford, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing at the Northeast corner of East 60 acres of South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4, thence South to former ST and H RR R/W, thence Southwesterly along said R/W to center of Hobart drain, thence Northerly along center of said drain to North line of said East 60 acres, thence East to the point of beginning, Section 26, Township 13 North Range 7 East, Gilford Township, Tuscola County, Mi.

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

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

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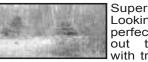
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# Finances focus of school board meet

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numbers fall by hundreds of youngsters - losing an average of 3.7 percent of the district's student population annually since the 2005-06 school year, when the district boasted 1,500 students. In 2001-02, Cass City had more than 1,600 kids enrolled.

In contrast, school officials three years ago reported the district had fewer than 1,000 students for the first time in memory. The latest student count, conducted last month, revealed a local student enrollment of about 973 kids, 15 fewer students compared to last fall, but five more kids compared to a year ago. However, Hartel said Monday the number has since dipped by 10 kids.

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

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

Hartel expressed cautious optimism while outlining Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's first executive budget, released earlier this month.

The state spending plan includes a proposed increased foundation allowance of \$235 million, which would provide an increase of \$120 to \$180 per pupil for schools to fund basic classroom and operational expenses. The increase would also continue to close the equity gap between schools at the minimum and maximum foundation allowances, bringing the gap down to \$478 per student.

'This is just a first draft," Hartel said, noting the final budget may look different once the House and Senate have had their say.

If Whitmer's proposal stands, however, schools on the lower end of the funding spectrum, including Cass City, would see a \$180-per-pupil funding hike, from \$7,871 to \$8,051 per student. For Cass City, that adds up to an additional \$176,500 based on this year's blended student count.

Hartel said Whitmer's budget also calls for increased spending in other areas, including additional funding of \$120 million for special education students, \$102 million for at-risk students, and \$50 million for CTE students

In addition, the recommendation provides for an expansion of the Great Start Readiness Program in the amount of \$85 million, making preschool programs available to more students across the state and improving the programs in place today. The budget plan is also designed to jumpstart early literacy initiatives with an investment of \$24.5 million to triple the number of state-funded literacy coaches in schools, according to state officials.

### Thank you from Colleen (Leslie) Englehart's Family

To everyone involved with the Spaghetti Dinner Benefit in support of Colleen on March 9th:

We are completely overwhelmed by the love, support, and generosity you have shown to us in this very difficult time. We thank each and every one of you from the bottom of our hearts. Please know that your attendance and/or donations mean the world to us.

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economy to estimate the economic contribution of the Caro Center on the Tuscola County economv

Relying on the most recent data available, the Caro Center had \$8,951,400 in direct operational expenditures. This amount of expenditures is comprised of food, drugs, fuel, utilities, contract services, supplies, and materials expenses. The pay range of the 349 professionals of the Caro Center is approximately \$16 per hour to \$88 per hour. The annual payroll of the Caro Center employees is \$13 million. Approximately 244 or 70% of Caro Center employees live in Tuscola County.

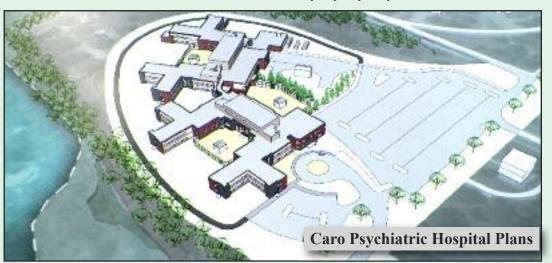
The Caro Center currently treats patients who along with employees make local purchases from various retailers. Working with a conservative average of \$20 per week for patients and employees, this provides an annual expenditure of approximately \$519,000 per year. With the conservative assumption that patients have at least one person visiting them on a monthly basis and visitors are making expenditures for meals and lodging, this translates into a direct expenditure of \$174,600 per year.

The \$8,951,400 in direct expenditures for the Caro Center translates to an indirect economic impact of \$26,585,658. The indirect economic impact for the Caro Center is factored using the accepted psychiatric hospital economic impact,

whereas for every dollar in direct expenditures, Tuscola County economies realize \$2.97. Using the accepted psychiatric hospital economic impact model concerning the \$518,960 per year in retail purchase expenditures of the Caro Center patients and employees, this translates to an indirect economic impact of \$1,541,311 per year for the Tuscola County economy

The direct employment of 349 jobs for the Caro Center translates to an employment impact of more than 747 jobs that is for every job that presently exists at the Caro Center, 2.14 jobs are created in the Tuscola County labor market. Concerning the 244 Caro Center employees who live in Tuscola County, this translates to a total employment impact of more than 522 jobs. The direct employee compensation of \$13 million for the Caro Center translates to approximately \$25,090,000 in total employee compensation per year. The total monetary economic impact of the Caro Center is approximately \$53,700,000 per year. This monetary amount is derived from the total amounts achieved through the economic indirect impacts of the Caro Center.

Should the commitment made by the legislature for the new psychiatric hospital expansion not happen or should the Caro Center be closed, this would present an extremely devastating economic impact for Tuscola County and its families' prosperity for years to come.



It is important for local business people and Tuscola County families to come together and to have a unified voice speaking for the future of our County. Show your support for the future by contacting Governor Whitmer by phone or mail. By mail at P.O. Box 30013, Lansing, MI 48909 or via phone call at 517-373-3400



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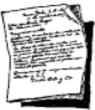
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