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## Council votes to resign from airport authority

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Twelve weeks after welcoming a new village president and two new trustees, the Cass City Village Council Monday night revisited a pair of issues – leaving the Tuscola Area Airport Authority and selling village-owned land — that have divided local officials for months.

Past discussions have ended in the council's rejection of the proposals on split votes, but this time, a majority of council members forged ahead with plans to do both.

The council voted 6-1 in favor of resigning from the Tuscola Area Airport Authority after multiple discussions focusing on the value of membership versus cost.

The village of Cass City was a founding member of the airport authority, established in 1993, along with the then-village of Caro, village of Kingston and the townships of Elkland and Almer. Today, Cass City, the city of Caro and Almer Township are the only remaining members.

Cass City officials have already paid their annual membership fee — \$9,160 — for the current fiscal year, which ends June 30.

The council rejected a motion to resign from the authority last year on a vote of 5-2, but the measure easily passed Monday night, 6-1, with all three new council members – village President Dan Delamarter and trustees Don Ball and Joe Leeson supporting the plan along with trustees Tom Heron and Rob Piaskowski.

Trustee Jenny Zawilinski cast the lone “no” vote, saying she had mixed emotions about the decision.

“We’ve paid into it (authority)

for 20-some odd years. It’s time for somebody else to pay,” Piaskowski commented in making the motion.

Delamarter said he believes the

village will get a “bigger bang for its buck” by spending airport authority membership dues directly on revitalization projects within the community.

Cass City’s departure from the airport authority won’t be final until the village’s resignation is formally accepted by the airport authority board.

Turning to the sale of village-owned property, the council reviewed a proposed ordinance outlining the previously discussed sale of 3.2 acres of land, including

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**VISITORS LINED up for pancakes and pure maple syrup during the 11th annual Maple Syrup Saturday Open House at the Battel family’s sugar bush north of Cass City Saturday, where six generations have carried on the tradition of churning out pure maple syrup for 137 years. Family members began tapping trees March 2 this year. Boiling of the sap started March 7, with production estimated as 87 gallons of syrup – that translates into roughly 3,480 gallons of sap — as of last week. An estimated 250 people attended Saturday’s open house.**

## Lawmakers invite state officials to Caro Center

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

Tuscola County commissioners met in special session last week to discuss the possibility of hiring legal counsel in an effort to reverse Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer’s recent decision to place a hold on construction of the state’s new psychiatric hospital in Caro to replace the aging Caro Center.

The meeting lasted about 90 minutes and drew a standing-room-only crowd.

Following a lengthy discussion, however, commissioners opted to not pursue legal action at this time in order to give local lawmakers an opportunity to make the county’s case.

“It was decided to give Representative (Phil) Green and Senator

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## County man gets life in prison without parole

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

As expected, a Millington man convicted of first-degree murder in a double homicide that left a husband and wife dead nearly a year ago now faces life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Tuscola County Circuit Court Judge Amy Grace Gierhart passed down the sentence to Adam Michael Balcer, 36, early last week.

Balcer was arrested and charged following the shooting deaths of Peter C. Brodick Jr., 45, and Wendy K. Brodick, 55, March 30

in Watertown Township.

The Tuscola County Circuit Court jury that convicted him in January deliberated for more than four hours before returning verdicts of guilty to not only two counts of murder, but also one count of unlawful imprisonment, three counts of tampering with evidence, three counts of possession of a firearm by a felon, one count of possession of ammunition by a felon, and six counts of possession of a weapon in the commission of a felony.

Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark E. Reene said the killings stemmed from a rent dispute in-

volving less than \$2,000.

Balcer, who had rented a home from Wendy Brodick, admitted to killing the Brodicks – both died as a result of gunshot wounds to the head — during interviews with investigators, saying he was angry over a rent dispute. His attorney, Gregory H. Bingard, argued his client murdered the couple in the heat of the moment, warranting a conviction of second-degree murder, according to court testimony.

However, Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark E. Reene said the jury’s convictions on charges of first-degree murder were appropriate in the case because Balcer’s

actions were premeditated.

“Peter Brodick was shot a single time in the head at his residence, which was located at 9884 Boucher Rd. Wendy Brodick was shot twice in the head as she drove her truck on Millington Road while the defendant was a passenger,” Reene said.

“A few hours before committing the homicides with a .22 caliber pistol, the defendant made the following Internet searches on his phone: What does a .22 caliber do to a person? and How much damage can a .22 caliber hand gun do?” he added.

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## Severe weather siren testing begins today

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

When it comes to spring weather in Michigan, the only certainty is uncertainty.

Tuscola County Office of Emergency Management Coordinator

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## New lease on life

### Caro area organ donor’s gifts have Cass City’s Jim Baker ready to tackle life again full force

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Jim Baker couldn’t have known the answer to his prayer – and to the prayers of hundreds of family members, friends and others supporting him in the Cass City community – was just about 15 minutes away.

But today he couldn’t be more grateful for that answer, and to the family of a man whose compassion for others, even in death, brought life to Baker and others fighting for their own lives.

“I’m doing great, with great thanks to the faith of our community,” Baker, 54, commented last Wednesday from his room at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, where he underwent a successful liver and kidney transplant.

“Everything is working great,” he added. “In fact, I just came from (doing) laps around the ward.”

Just a few days earlier, the veteran scouting leader and coach was battling a progressive liver disease. Baker was previously diagnosed with non-alcoholic cirrhosis of the liver, also known as fatty

liver disease, in which a build-up of fat results in scarring/damage to the organ.

“What it comes down to is, your liver does not come with what’s necessary to keep the fat deposits from going through the liver,” explained Baker, who says test results dating back to his teens indicated elevated enzyme levels in his liver. It’s a hereditary disease, one that claimed his mother’s life and, in time, landed him on the organ donor registry in hopes of receiving the call telling him transplant surgeons had a new liver and kidney for him.

That call came Saturday morning (March 16). “I about soiled myself. I had big plans for Saturday – brackets to make in the shop, wiring to do on an automation panel,” he joked.

Baker later learned that the donor was a Caro area man who had passed away, and that his family made a point of offering their loved one’s organs to Baker. “It’s actually somebody we knew,” he said. Baker, who recalled meeting the man briefly, indicated there will be a connection by marriage

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**CASS CITY’S Jim Baker recently underwent a successful liver and kidney transplant at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, thanks to organs donated following the death of a Caro area man. “I’m doing great, with great thanks to the faith of our community,” commented Baker, 54, who had been battling a progressive liver disease.**

# Emergency responders rescue dog on Saginaw Bay Saturday

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Huron County emergency responders rescued a Lapeer woman's dog after the pet was spotted wandering around on unstable ice on Saginaw Bay Saturday morning.

A call reporting the incident came in at about 9 a.m., according

to Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson. He reported deputies from his office were dispatched to 8576 Crescent Beach Rd. in Caseville Township, where the animal was seen by nearby residents out on the ice, about 200 feet offshore.

"The cocker spaniel-type dog, whose owner was unknown, appeared to be wandering in circles

and was not coming back to shore," Hanson said. "The Caseville Fire Department was dispatched with ice rescue gear and a fireman suited up, and retrieved the dog while being tethered to fellow firemen."

The rescue was completed without incident and the dog was taken to the Caseville Animal Clinic to be checked over, as deputies attempted to locate its owner.

"A chip implanted in the dog identified it as being from the Flint area, but the contact number on file had been disconnected," Hanson said. "The dog was then taken to the Thumb Animal Shelter in Elkton, where it was posted on social media as being found. About an hour and a half later, the owner contacted the shelter and responded to pick up her dog."

Deputy Matt Clark learned that the dog's owner, from Lapeer, was visiting relatives about a half-mile away from where it was found. The pet apparently had gotten out very early that morning, and the owner and others staying at the residence were unaware.

"It was further learned that the nearly 16-year-old female dog, 'Dolly', had very bad eye sight and struggled with hearing. The dog's owner was appreciative to all involved who got her dog back to her," said Hanson, who added the incident was a reminder to all pet owners to be prepared should they find themselves looking for a lost furry companion.

"Dog owners are urged to update any addresses and pertinent information to records such as dog licenses and devices that can help find their owners in emergency situations," he said.



A CASEVILLE fireman puts the final touches on a successful – and happy – rescue operation Saturday morning in Caseville Township, where a Lapeer woman's 16-year-old dog had wandered out onto unstable ice, some 200 feet offshore on Saginaw Bay.

## Novesta officials review new hall bids

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

Novesta Township officials will have to make some difficult decisions in the coming days.

In February, the board solicited bids related to construction of a township hall. The bids deadline arrived last Wednesday, and township officials reviewed the numbers during a special meeting Thursday.

"We received five bids and are in the process of reviewing them," said township Supervisor Chad Daniels. "There is a wide price range gap between them. They will have to be compared to see if what they cover includes everything that needs to be done."

"Our architect will be looking them over, and we will have to look at our finances," he added.

The board approved hiring the architect firm of Orin Campbell of

Campbell Associates, Sandusky, for \$8,000, which included a rough sketch of the site plan for the proposed 2,000-square-foot hall.

"There is a lot to look over and compare, so we might not be ready to make a decision at our next meeting," Daniels noted.

The next township meeting is slated for Monday, April 1, at 7:30 p.m.

Because the township already owns the land at the corner of Cemetery and DeLong roads, the plan is to build a hall there.

The township currently uses the Cass City Gun Club at 2676 N. Englehart Rd. for meetings and other township business. Officials have been meeting at the gun club since August 2010.

The former township hall on Deckerville Road, just outside of the unincorporated community of Deford, was in need of multiple repairs and had no indoor restroom facilities when the township sold the building in January 2011.

Later, the board took advantage of a county tax sale to purchase 12 acres of land that had two structures on it, with plans to renovate the house to use as township hall, and use the rest of the property, located at 3320 Cemetery Rd., for a cemetery.

However, officials concluded it would be cheaper to build a new hall rather than renovate a home on the property, which was also deemed too wet for a cemetery.

The township opted to sell the land in 2017 and earmark the proceeds from the sale for a new township hall on a vacant lot purchase farther down on Cemetery Road.

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# In Our OPINION...

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## Good nutrition key to healthy lifestyle

March is National Nutrition Month and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program is joining with the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics to remind Michiganders about the importance of making informed food choices and developing sound eating and physical activity habits.

Good nutrition is an important part of leading a healthy lifestyle. Combined with physical activity, your diet can help you to reach and maintain a healthy weight, reduce your risk of chronic diseases and improve your overall health.

Unhealthy eating habits have contributed to the obesity epidemic in the United States, with about one-third of U.S. adults and approximately 17 percent of children and adolescents ages two to 19 years being classified as obese.

Even for people at a healthy weight, a poor diet is associated with major health risks that can cause illness and even death.

Heart disease, hypertension (high blood pressure), type two diabetes, osteoporosis and certain types of cancer – among other health issues – are all health risks related to poor nutrition. By making smart food choices, you can help protect yourself.

Michigan residents are urged to follow these healthy eating tips throughout National Nutrition Month and the rest of the year:

*\*Get into a wellness state of mind. Balance your diet with food from all food groups. Get active every day with movement.*

*\*Make small changes to make healthier choices you can enjoy.*

*\*Make half your plate fruits and vegetables. They add color, flavor and texture plus vitamins, minerals and fiber. Focus on whole fruits. Vary your veggies.*

*\*Make half your grains, whole grains. Vary your protein routine, including seafood, beans and peas, unsalted nuts and seeds, soy products, eggs and lean meats and poultry.*

*\*Become a smart shopper by reading food labels to find out more about the foods you eat.*

*\*Reduce food waste by transforming leftovers into meals, using the foods already on hand, and practicing good food safety.*

*\*Switch to low-fat or fat-free milk or yogurt to cut back on saturated fat.*

*\*Drink and eat less sodium, saturated fat and added sugars. Drink water instead of sugary drinks.*

For more information about healthy eating and lifestyle, visit [Eatright.org](http://Eatright.org).

WIC is a federally-funded program that serves low income women, infants and children up to age five by providing nutritious food, nutrition education, breastfeeding promotion and support and referrals to health and other services. WIC foods are selected to meet nutrient needs such as calcium, iron, folic acid, vitamins A & C.

To learn more about WIC or find an agency near you, call 211 or visit [Michigan.gov/WIC](http://Michigan.gov/WIC).

## Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

### Happy B-day, Barbie



The iconic teenage doll, Barbie, turned 60 years old this month.

When I was a little girl, I didn't have a lot of toys or much of a variety. The toys I did have mostly consisted of dolls of various shapes and sizes.

The prize doll in my collection was when I finally got a Barbie Doll. My mother flatly refused to buy me that doll no matter how much I begged. I think the main reason was because Barbie didn't look like the other dolls I had. She was about a foot tall, had a tiny waist and was very well endowed on her upper body.

All of my other dolls resembled babies or young children, not buxom teenagers. I think that is why my mother refused to buy one. I had to save up my allowance to buy her myself.

I don't remember any more what my allowance was back then, but it couldn't have been much. I don't remember how much Barbie cost. I just know it seemed like forever before I saved enough to get the blond, ponytailed toy that came in a black and white swimsuit with her own sunglasses and removable high-heeled shoes. Her full name is Barbie Millicent Roberts, and she was from Willows, Wis.

Kenneth Sean "Ken" Carson came on the scene March 11, 1961. When he arrived, my mother had no problem buying him for me. Although they never officially married, I would marry them from time to time when I was playing.

For a long time, I could not figure out why my parents laughed when I said the words to marry them. At that time, I didn't fully understand the words and that it was "lawfully" married and not "awfully" married. And, they couldn't answer my question about the part of the wedding ceremony that said being pronounced "man and wife." I could understand the bride being called a wife but why was it that when a guy married he was called man and not a husband (years later the words were changed to husband and wife).

A little Barbie history: she debuted at the American Toy Fair in New York March 9, 1959, but her on-again, off-again boyfriend Ken didn't arrive until 1961. With Barbie being older, I guess one could officially call Ken Barbie's "boy toy."

In 1961 after being a teen model, Barbie's first career was being an astronaut. Since then she has been a nurse, a doctor, a pilot, a firefighter, and she even made a bid to be a U.S. president. Overall she has tried about 200 different careers. No wonder she didn't have time to marry Ken. And, he was a slacker, with only about 40 different careers over the years.

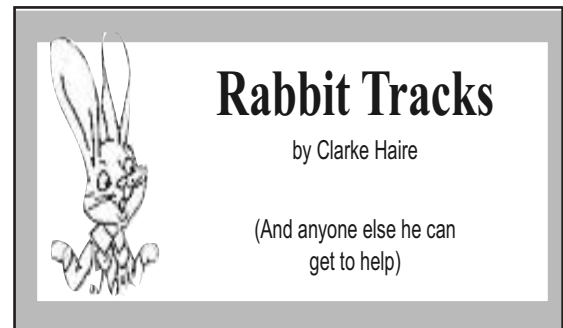
By the time, the iconic dolls' lives developed into a soap opera, I was too old to play with them. In 2004, Barbie dumped Ken for sufferer dude, Blaine, who is the brother of one of her friends, but that didn't work out so she was unattached for a while.

Ken and Barbie patched things up on Valentine's Day in 2011, and start seeing each other again on and off.

Barbie has had an interesting life. She even made the front page of Time magazine when tall, petite and curvy versions of her were introduced. And, clad in a black and white suit reminiscent of her first outfit from 1959, Barbie made the cover of the 2014 Sports Illustrated Swimsuit edition.

While reminiscing about Barbie, I looked her up on-

line. There are a few versions of Barbie aging — I think they are more of a parody than an actually model of a maturing Barbie. To make me and other women like myself who were the first Barbie owners feel better, there should be a geriatric Barbie with gray or white hair, with varicose veins, whose body no longer defies gravity.



State Senator Kevin Daley recently held a meeting at Gilligan's Restaurant and Pub in Cass City.

Thanks to our local village manager, Debbie Powell, we learned the following.

"There were several people present from our Cass City Region VII office," she wrote in an e-mail when asked, "and they spoke to Senator Daley about their concerns. It was through their conversation that we learned of the urgent need for transportation for our senior population for transport to medical appointments, groceries and errands."

Continuing, Powell wrote, "He spoke about the work our legislators are doing to change the no-fault automobile insurance rates, and explained the difficult process to those present. Senator Daley said the legislature is committed to revising the law with a mandate for decreasing the rates consumers pay for automobile insurance in Michigan. It was welcome news to all in attendance."

Daley also spoke about Governor Whitmer's budget recommendations and the gas tax. There was a lot of discussion about the Governor's recent announcement concerning the Caro Center.

Sounds like a busy gathering. Thanks for sharing, Debbie.

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Michigan watercraft owners choosing to renew their registration online are using a new system that offers enhancements and options designed to make renewing as seamless as possible, Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson said.

"Fast, dependable service is our pledge to Michiganders," Benson said. "We know you'd rather spend your time on the water, so we're exploring ways to improve the renewal process."

CARS e-Services, at [ExpressSOS.com](http://ExpressSOS.com), was unveiled in February and replaces the Department of State's 1960s mainframe computer system. The new system provides a customer-focused model that aligns to how people expect to interact with the Secretary of State's Office. For example, each customer's information is kept in a central record, unlike the old mainframe, which stored data across multiple servers.

CARS e-Services provides three options for renewing watercraft:

- \* An online express option for quick renewals.
- \* An online authenticated renewal process, which allows customers to access their customer record and conduct other transactions along with their watercraft renewal. They also may print a copy of their renewed registration.

A new option to renew at a Secretary of State self-service kiosk. Self-service kiosks are found at the busier Secretary of State offices and at select retail and city buildings. Check the Branch Office Locator at [Michigan.gov/SOS](http://Michigan.gov/SOS) for kiosk locations.

The use of online renewal is gaining in popularity. In fiscal year 2018, which ran from Oct. 1, 2017 to Sept. 30, 2018, about 57,000 watercraft registrations were renewed online, compared to about 53,000 from the previous year. As customers become more comfortable with the benefits of online renewal, the number of transactions is expected to continue to rise.

There are about 797,000 current watercraft registrations on file with the Secretary of State's Office. More than 252,000 watercraft renewal notices were mailed this month. Watercraft registrations are renewed every three years and expire on March 31 of the third year.

All watercraft, including those on privately owned lakes and waterways, must be registered, except for the following:

- \* Watercraft 16 feet or less, propelled by oars or paddles that aren't used for rental or commercial purposes.
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### Wednesday, March 27

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

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

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

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

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

### Thursday, March 28

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

•Community Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.

### Saturday, March 30

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

### Monday, April 1

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

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

•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.

### Tuesday, April 2

•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.

## ANNUAL MEETING

for

## NOVESTA TOWNSHIP

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**Saturday, March 30**

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at the Cass City Gun Club

2676 Englehard Rd., Cass City, MI 48726

Pennie Rienas

Novesta Township Clerk

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# Tuscola County ceremony will recognize Vietnam-era veterans

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

Although they left the jungles of Vietnam 50 years ago, many veterans of that war never truly felt they returned "home" because of how they were treated when they arrived stateside.

Vietnam War veterans will receive some long-overdue recognition this spring in Tuscola County in the form of a special thank you along with presentation of lapel pins honoring their service.

A 50th anniversary event honoring those who served in that war has been scheduled for Saturday, May 25, in Mayville. The event

will feature a memorial dedication starting at 1 p.m. at the Veterans You Are Not Forgotten Pavilion, located at 2124 Ohmer Rd. (M-24). Following that, there will be a pinning ceremony at 2 p.m., also at the pavilion.

Tuscola County Veteran Affairs Director Mark Zmierski is coordinating the event.

The Vietnam War was America's longest running war, spanning two decades, from 1955 through 1975.

During that time, an estimated 7.2 million veterans served. There were 58,272 killed. One out of every 10 were injured or killed. The average age of those serving was 21.

It was a national shame and disgrace the way Vietnam veterans

were treated when they came home. Many were spit on, had animal blood thrown on them, and were called baby killers by protesters.

It was so bad that many veterans of that era went to great lengths not to let anyone know they had served their country during that time.

While the debt to those who served can never be repaid, it is hoped that demonstrations of appreciation, such as the upcoming ceremony in Mayville, will help Vietnam veterans to heal, Zmierski noted.

Michigan has about 600,000 veterans, and of that number, 200,000 are Vietnam veterans.

## Circuit court proceedings

# Several appear on felony charges

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

\*Troy A. Harris, 46, Mayville, was sentenced to 365 days in the county jail following his pleas of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, and assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer Sept. 29 in Koylton Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to jail time, he was also placed on probation for 60 months and ordered to complete 480 hours of community service and pay court costs and fines totaling \$3,826 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

\*Jeffrey A. Streeter, 46, Flint, was sentenced to 365 days in jail following his pleas of guilty to operating a motor vehicle with a high BAC (blood alcohol content) and possession of marijuana or a synthetic equivalent, subsequent offense, Sept. 9 in Arbela Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (two prior felony convictions).

In addition to jail time, he was placed on probation for 60 months and ordered to complete 480 hours of community service and pay fines and costs totaling \$1,568 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

\*Timothy W. Beringer, 42, Sebewaing, received a one-year delayed sentence following his pleas of no contest to two counts of assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer, and to one count of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor Sept. 2 in Akron.

He was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,476.

\*Robert P. Robinson, 42, Gagetown, received a one-year delayed sentence following his plea of no contest to uttering and publishing involving a \$1,992 check drawn on Baxter Credit Union Nov. 3, 2017, in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

He was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$258 plus restitution of \$1,992.

\*Hether L. Zeckser, 31, Caro, received a six-month delayed sentence following his plea of no contest to assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer Sept. 28 in Caro.

He was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$858.

\*Robert C-Allen Trenaman, 36, Kingston, was sentenced to 365 days in jail, with work release and worksite privileges, following his pleas of no contest to two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) Oct. 8 in Koylton Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to jail time, he was placed on probation for 36 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,326.

\*Andrea M. Webster, 30, Akron, was sentenced to 90 days in jail, with work release and worksite privileges, following her pleas of no contest to three counts of stealing/retaining a financial transaction device without consent of the

device-hold Aug. 15-17 in Gilford Township.

She was also placed on probation for 24 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$386 plus restitution of \$2,526.99.

\*Werner H. Bauer Jr., 54, Eastpointe, pleaded guilty to charges of possession of a loaded firearm in a motor vehicle, operating a motor vehicle with a high BAC (blood alcohol content) and possession of firearm while under the influence of liquor.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$1,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*Calvin A. Keeley, 35, Saginaw, pleaded no contest to domestic violence, third offense, Jan. 7 in Denmark Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at

\$25,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*Keith A. Ziegler, 35, Sebewaing, was sentenced to 270 days in jail following his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Jan. 28, 2018, in Reese.

He was also placed on probation for 60 months and ordered to complete 480 hours of community service and pay costs and fines totaling \$1,758.

\*Juan D. Ramirez, 55, Saginaw, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle with a high BAC (blood alcohol content), third offense, Dec. 1 in Denmark Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$10,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

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## Reporter's notebook

### Spelling snob? No, not really

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor



Not surprisingly, I've been called a few names during the course of my nearly 30-year career as a newspaper reporter and editor. Most I'm not allowed to repeat in this or any other family newspaper.

But I also take a lot of good-natured ribbing from family and friends, especially on Facebook, where I've been referred to as a grammar Nazi and spelling snob a few times because of my tendency to point out major faux pas in the use of the English language.

Most folks don't like to be corrected. I know, because I'm one of them. However, I don't do it to be mean.

The fact is, I'm sort of pleased with my command of spelling and grammar. It's a talent and skill I've worked to improve for years. I think it's important to be able to communicate well. And, it's something I'm actually reasonably good at, unlike, say, fixing cars or building stuff. I stink at those things.

I suppose spelling and grammar are intimidating to some people, sort of like how I feel when I have to talk to a mechanic who may or may not be going out of his or her way to demonstrate their ability to diagnose and repair any number of hundreds of issues under the hood of my car by using all of the technical lingo they can muster, suddenly causing the pride in having changed my own oil to quickly fade into a cloud of exhaust.

"Yeah, Mr. Montgomery, I'll need to hook into the ECM before I can give you a full diagnosis, but there could be something wrong with the EGO sensor. We should probably also bleed the brakes and R and R the dust boots."

Of course, at this point, I have two choices: nod in agreement while thinking, "Well, don't I feel stupid now", or just stand there with a blank look on my face and whisper, "Huh?"

I resist the urge to blurt out, "For your information, pal, there's nothing wrong with my EGO. Just ask anyone."

My point is, he or she is probably proud of their abilities and skills, too. Maybe, just maybe, they're not going out of their way to make me feel inferior by using the jargon that has been an integral part of their training. Perhaps I feel that way because I secretly want to know what they know, but I'm just not interested in putting the effort into learning the skills it takes to fix my own jalopy. And, frankly, that sort of thing is just out of my league.

I believe Dirty Harry (Clint Eastwood) who wisely observed, "A good man always knows his limitations."

On the other hand, you're never going to convince me – as a number of people have tried – that language skills aren't all that important. "Well, yeah, except for when you need to communicate something," is my response.

If you think I'm just blowing smoke, go ahead and try to use texting abbreviations (i.e. "r" and "u" for "are" and "you") on a job application and see how quickly you're escorted to the door and on your way to the next interview.

Now, having said that, the newspaper business has a way of reminding you that absolutely no one has achieved perfection in anything.

I've been around long enough to know that bragging about what you know (or think you know) will always – eventually – come back to bite you on the backside. Translation: the Bible was spot on in the passage, "Pride goeth before a fall."

Hey, it's great to be able to stick my tongue out at spell check most of the time, but that doesn't mean all that much if I find myself stuck on the side of the road, my brakes in need of bleeding, you know?

## Severe weather siren testing set

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Steven Anderson is all too familiar with that reality, which is why he is reminding residents that it's time once again to prepare for the worst Mother Nature can dish out in the coming weeks.

The threat of damaging thunderstorms and tornadoes each summer is behind Michigan Severe Weather Awareness Week, set for March 24-30 this year.

Tuscola County will be participating in the Michigan Statewide Tornado Siren Drill, which will be held today (Wednesday) at 1 p.m.

Tornadoes can develop rapidly, with little or no warning. Due to their unpredictable nature, everyone is encouraged to be prepared well in advance, which is why Anderson is asking residents and businesses to take a few extra steps during the week to ensure they're prepared and safe.

Area fire departments will continue to test their tornado sirens on the first Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. through October.

A tornado warning is announced with a two-minute blast. The all-clear signal is three short blasts.

A severe thunderstorm or tornado "watch" is issued whenever conditions exist for severe weather to develop. A warning, indicating that residents should seek shelter immediately, is issued when severe weather or a tornado is spotted on radar or when a funnel cloud has been sighted.

"While tornadoes can occur during any time of the year, they are especially common during the late spring and early summer months," Anderson said. As one of nature's most violent storms, they can devastate homes and property in just seconds."

The average lead time for tornadoes to develop is 10 to 15 minutes, which means citizens need to be ready to react quickly when a warning is issued.

Anderson recommends that residents be prepared by:

\*Identifying the lowest place to take cover during a tornado. If there is no basement, find an interior hallway away from windows, doors and outside walls.

\*Finding something sturdy – such as a workbench or stairwell – to get under when taking shelter in a basement or other designated spot.

\*Conducting regular tornado drills that include ensuring all family members know where to go and what to do.

\*Staying tuned to commercial radio or television broadcasts for news on changing weather conditions or approaching storms.

\*Being aware of the following signs that can indicate an approaching tornado: dark, often greenish sky; large hail; a large, dark, low-lying cloud; and a loud road, similar to a freight train.

\*Putting together a 72-hour emergency supply kit with essential items such as a three-day supply of water and food, a NOAA weather radio, important family documents, and other items that meet unique family needs.

Each year, more than 1,000 tornados strike the United States. Since 1950, more than 239 people have been killed due to tornados.

According to National Weather Service (NWS) records, Tuscola County recorded 20 confirmed tornadoes between 1950 and 2017, while the totals for the same period in Huron County and Sanilac County were 15 and 17, respectively.

The average Michigan tornado is on the ground for less than 10 minutes and travels a distance of about five miles. However, they do not always follow the norm and have been known to stay on the ground for more than an hour and travel distances of up to 100 miles or more.

## Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



### 5 YEARS AGO (2014)

Council 8892 of the Knights of Columbus, Cass City, recently held their annual recognition dinner. Honored as Knight of the Year, was Dale Churchill. Grand Knight Rob Piaskowski spoke of Dale's efforts to help at the hall with repairs and with the organization's fundraisers such as the fish fry dinners and the potato drive during his presentation of the award. He also mentioned Dale's volunteer work for the Red Cross Disaster Services, a Museum Committee member at the Thumb Octagon Barn, and a greeter at Sacred Heart Church in Caro.

Also honored during the gathering was the LeRoy and Nancy Simms family named the club's Family of the Year. LeRoy and Nancy were chosen for their dedication to church, community and our council, according to Piaskowski, noting the couple attends church weekly and both are hospital auxiliary volunteers.

### 10 YEARS AGO (2009)

Stacie Dorsch has been named Owendale-Gagetown School's "Senior Student of the Month" for March. During high school, Dorsch has been a member of the basketball team her first 2 years, a member of the volleyball team her first 3 years, and has been a member of the varsity girls' softball team all 4 years. Academically, she has been on the honor roll and a member of the school's 3.0 Honors Club all 4 years. She has also been a member of the National Honor Society since her sophomore year and currently serves as the chapter's vice president. Dorsch is the daughter of Chuck and Nancy Dorsch of Gagetown. Her college plans are undecided at this time, but she would like to pursue a career in the health care field.

Cass City Middle School Student Council members Madison Brinkman and Audrey VanAuken recently coordinated a school-wide fundraising effort supported by the student council. During "spirit week" at the middle school, students raised \$270 for the Tuscola County Imagination Library. The money will provide books for 9 children for one year.

### 25 YEARS AGO (1994)

Louis Frank and son John arrived home Wednesday, March 23, from a 3-week trip to Florida in their motor home. While there they attended a ball game and John attended the races in Gainesville. They visited Louis' brother, Joe, in Clearwater. En route home they visited a peanut farmer in Virginia.

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.

### 35 YEARS AGO (1984)

The Sensational Six won the fifth-sixth grade division of the Battle of the Books Friday evening at Rawson Memorial Library. They are Steve Bills, Charlene Mellendorf, Mike Bills, Daniel Barriger, Ken Micklash and Jason Jezewski. They defeated the Sophisticated Smarties: Bobbi Fischer, Traci Haas, Wendy Hercliff, Laura Turner, JaneI Sweeney and Michelle Kelly. Steven, Mike, Ken and Daniel were on the championship team four years in a row.

### 40 YEARS AGO (1979)

Pastor and Mrs. Vern Lockard of the Novesta Church of Christ accompanied ten youth to Lansing March 20 where they toured the Great Lakes Bible College. Included in the group were Michelle Pratt, Janie Hartwick, Becky Speers, Suzanne Little, Bert Linaberry, Karen Little, David Nye, Carol Little, Lea Auten and Scott

Hartwick.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Kappen of Cass City and Mr. and Mrs. John Gage of Bad Axe announce the engagement of their children, Susan Kay to John Michael Gage. Susan is a 1978 graduate of Cass City High School and is employed at Pizza Villa in Cass City. John is employed at Active Industries in Elkton. A July 21 wedding is planned.

### 50 YEARS AGO (1969)

Martin Kubacki, son of Mr. and Mrs. Casimer Kubacki, Ubyly, will be awarded the State FFA degree at the 40th annual Convention of Michigan Future Farmers of America. The convention is being held at Michigan State University in conjunction with Farmer's Week. To receive this degree a FFA member must have been active in the FFA and in Vocational Agriculture class for at least two years. He must have demonstrated qualities of leadership, citizenship and cooperation. In addition he must have earned at least \$500 by his own efforts from his supervised experience projects. Martin was one of the 196 State FFA members who received this award. It is annually given to the top two percent of the FFA membership in Michigan.

### 75 YEARS AGO (1944)

Pvt. Julius Nagy, who has just been home on furlough, is stationed at Santa Ana, California. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ignace Nagy, who reside four miles east and one mile north of Cass City, on M-53. Julius is one of three sons of the Nagys in the Service.

Mr. and Mrs. Clem Tyo had a family dinner Sunday in honor of their son, Alex, who is to leave for the Army in a short time. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bartle and four children, Mr. and Mrs. Forest Tyo and two children, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Tyo and two children, Miss Mary Lee Tyo, all of Cass City; Mr. and Mrs.

Chas. Osburn and two children of Caro; and Miss Lucille Tyo of Pontiac. Alex was presented with a furlough bag from his nieces and nephews and a purse of money from the other members of the family.

### 100 YEARS AGO (1919)

Word has been received of Joy A. Tyo of the U. S. S. Alabama, that he has landed at Hampton Roads; Va., after a several weeks' cruise of the Alabama around Cuba. News of his discharge is still indefinite, though like all the rest, he is most anxious to get back home.

Pxt. Gaylord McLaren who previous his entry into the service was employed by Hoagg, Ball & Co., dredging contractors, writes as follows from Archangel, Russia, under date of Jan. 17 to Fred Ball of Deford, one of his former employers: Dear Friend Fred. Well, Fred, I suppose you thought that I had forgotten you all, but I have written to both Bill and Art, but have received no answer. Russia doesn't sound much like France, does it? I am farther north than Alaska and right in the Arctic Circle. I am writing from what they call bloek houses about 18 vives, or 17 miles from the front lines. I have lost Charles' address. He was in Custer, then my company pulled out for New York. Was in Camp Mills, N. Y., for about a week and then set sail for overseas. I have something nice to sleep in. It is made out of sheep skins with the wooley side in just like a bag. Well, Fred, how is everything going? Suppose you're still ditching. If they send me back whole and all right, I will look the company up and ask for a job. They can talk about England and Russia being pretty countries but give me the land where the stars and stripes are floating, and let me stay there the rest of my life. When I see you and the other boys I can tell you a lot of truth and a lot of lies. Hope to receive letters from you and Bill and Art and to spend the Fourth of July in the states. From MACK.

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# Cass City leaving airport authority

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some Cass River frontage, to local resident Richard Patera. The price outlined in the document is \$8,500 per acre for a total sale price of \$27,285, according to village Manager Debbie Powell, who noted Patera has agreed to pay for a survey and legal description.

Zawilinski, who has voted against the sale in the past, indicated she's still reluctant to support the plan, in part because a recent tourism study indicated developing a canoe launch would be a good step towards developing the community's natural resources attractions.

Village President Dan Delamarter acknowledged Zawilinski concern, saying he believes an alternative location for a proposed canoe launch could still accomplish that goal.

Village Public Utilities Director Dennis McCabe has said the sale of the property still leaves several acres of village-owned land that could be used for future development.

The council took no action on the ordinance. Powell explained completion of the sale is pending advertisement of the proposed ordinance and a public hearing to be conducted during the council's next regular meeting, Monday, April 29, at 7 p.m.

### Battling blight

In other business Monday, the council reviewed the second of three planned ordinances designed to curb blight issues in the village. The latest rules, included in the proposed Ordinance 184, target vacant, abandoned and foreclosed properties.

And unlike a new ordinance already on the books – which carries a civil infraction for violations of village laws related to building repair – violations of Ordinance 184 could result in a misdemeanor conviction punishable by up to 90 days in jail or a maximum fine of \$500.

The village doesn't have a major problem with vacant properties, but there are trouble spots local officials would like to address, said Powell, who noted the introduction of the ordinance Monday is part of an on-going, comprehensive effort to clean up blight issues in the community. Towards that end, she added, the council

will be considering a third ordinance in the future dealing specifically with rental properties.

Ironically, Monday's discussion included a lengthy – and at times heated – debate over the future of the 138-year-old Cultural Center building downtown, after Zawilinski, speaking on behalf of a small group interested in saving the structure, asked the council to consider paying for a \$4,500 structural engineering study.

The issue was discussed during a recent Cass City Downtown Development Authority (DDA) meeting, during which a handful of citizens voiced their support for saving the building.

Some council members, including Herron, however, say they seriously doubt the building can be saved, with Ball suggesting the structure also represents a significant liability risk to the village.

The council is at a point where it must act, acknowledged Delamarter, who said he's very frustrated with the fact that neither the DDA nor council ever voted to purchase the structure in the first place. In fact, he said, former village Manager Peter Cristiano simply made the decision to take over ownership for \$1 back in 2007.

Now, village officials are enacting laws to clamp down on blight, Delamarter added. "And guess what? We have a vacant, abandoned, falling-down building."

People don't want to see the Cultural Center building torn down, according to Zawilinski, who disagreed with Herron's assessment that the building is beyond repair.

Delamarter said he isn't necessarily in favor of razing the center, but if the cost to do so is far less than the expense of renovations, the village may have no choice, given officials' and citizens' other priorities.

On the other hand, Leeson pointed out, razing the building could be incredibly expensive if issues such as containing asbestos materials comes into play.

Another option would be to spend several thousands of dollars to stabilize the roof and wall – in order to buy some time – but Delamarter brought the debate to an end by noting that further discussion is expected to take place during the next DDA meeting, April 9 at 1:30 p.m.

"This is going to be a process, and it's going to take time," he added.

### In other business

Also during the regular monthly meeting, the council:

\*Adopted a resolution to apply for \$200,000 in funding through the Michigan Department of Transportation from the Transportation Economic Development Category B Program to supplement the village's on-going, six-year street resurfacing program.

The program serves communities with populations of less than 10,000 and would provide Cass City with extra funding for its street repair program. The only drawback, Powell said, is that work cannot begin until the grant funds are approved, so there could be a brief delay in starting this year's local road repairs.

In a related matter, the council approved a motion to request bids for the village's 2019 road projects – Hunt Street, from Huron Street north to Brenda Drive, and Hill Street, from Church Street to Dale Street. Powel said bids will be opened April 16 and the contract awarded April 29.

\*Accepted a low bid of \$49,000, submitted by Nicol and Sons for replacement of a four-inch water main with a six-inch main along Church Street, from Hill Street west to Nestle Street. Also submitting bids were American Excavating (\$122,000) and Rohde Brothers (\$128,123).

\*Finalized a number of upgrades related to renovations to the interior of the village pool building – which Powell noted is as old as the adjacent Helen Stevens Memorial Pool. The upgrades include \$8,206 for plumbing work and materials, to be completed by Phil's Plumbing and Heating, the low bidder for the work. Also vying for the project were Shetler Plumbing and Heating (\$9,295), Superior One Inc. (\$9,964) and Thumb Cooling and Heating (\$11,525).

The council accepted a bid of \$4,500 from Wallace Painting LLC to paint the interior of the building. An identical bid was submitted by Ross Kraft, but Wallace was recommended for the job because the company is located within the village limits and has a good working relationship with the village, according to Powell.

The council also accepted a lone bid of \$10,000 from Hendrian Floors for new tile installation.

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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:

- ~ **Trauma.** When people experience trauma at an early age, it can cause long-term changes in how their brains respond to fear and stress. These changes may lead to depression.
- ~ **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.
- ~ **Drug and alcohol abuse.** Approximately 30% of people with substance abuse problems also have depression. *Source: NAMI*

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Your thermostat is responsible for half your energy bill -- more than appliances and electronics -- so make sure to choose one wisely. Consider installing a smart thermostat, which learns your temperature preferences, and can save energy by turning heating and cooling on and off, based on the weather outside, your home's energy profile and

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### Bright Lighting

Smart lighting dimmer and sensor sys-

tems allow you to turn lights on and off remotely with a smartphone, and can be customized to perform certain actions, such as slowly growing brighter as you wake up or turning off automatically when you leave your home -- providing added convenience and customization for prospective buyers. These systems are especially useful when you're traveling-- allowing you to turn your lights on and off remotely, so your home doesn't look empty while you're away. Picture showing potential buyers how they can control all of the lights in the home with one device, or turn off the lights after they're snuggled up in bed -- and get ready for the offers to roll in.

### A Digital Shower

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By swapping just one or two items -- like your thermostat or a builder-grade kitchen faucet -- you can achieve a sleeker, smarter home. And while the return on investment varies for each product, they're all sure to appeal to tech-loving homebuyers whenever you choose to sell. (StatePoint)



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Here are some NFPA tips to preventing home fires: Stay in the kitchen when frying. If you must leave, turn off the stove. Screens can keep sparks inside fireplaces. Keep flammable items at least three feet from heaters and light fixtures. Have heating equipment cleaned and inspected yearly. Replace damaged electrical cords. Call an electrician if you have recurring problems with blowing fuses or tripping circuit breakers. Install smoke alarms in every bedroom on every level of the home.



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## MAGICAL SEASON ENDS FOR KINGSTON LADY CARDINALS

by Clarke Haire  
 Publisher

A season for the ages came to a close for the Kingston girls' basketball team Thursday when St. Ignace ousted Coach Jay Green's Lady Cardinals with a thrilling 48-44 victory in a Division 4 State Final semifinal contest hosted by Calvin College.

The Saints, who were defeated by Adrian Lenawee Christian 48-46 Saturday, used a suffocating defense that included relentless pressure from a deep roster – they played 10, eight of which saw action for more than 10 minutes – allowing fresh legs to attack Kingston's ball handlers from the opening whistle.

As usual, Kingston was led by seniors Lily Lyons, Jillyan Dinsmore and Carley Smith on the night. A pair of baskets by Lyons sandwiched around solo hoops from Dinsmore and Smith got things started for the Cardinals as they jetted to an 8-4 advantage after four minutes.

But St. Ignace responded with nine unanswered points to end the initial quarter. Lightning quick point guard Hallie Marshall sparked the rally with two fast break layups as she was able to beat Kingston's defenders down the floor before Madison Olen's trey, ending the scoring with the Saints in front 13-8 entering the second quarter.

Emily Coveyou, who posted a game-high 20 points, gave St. Ignace leads of 15-8 and 19-13 before the half as buckets in the paint threatened to blow open a tight contest. But each time the Cardinals refused to go away quietly.

A Smith trey, followed by a Lyons short jumper in the lane had the Cardinals trailing just 15-13 midway thru the second frame, but another St. Ignace run – this time featuring seven straight points – stretched the margin to 24-17 in the final seconds before the intermission.

Once again Smith came to the rescue for Kingston as her second triple had Kingston trailing just 24-20 after two quarters of play.

St. Ignace would open the final half on a 9-1 spurt and after six points from Coveyou and Tessa Shepard's lone basket on the night

had the Saints enjoying their biggest advantage at 33-21 with just over three minutes showing on the clock.

But Kingston, to their credit, couldn't be rattled. Lyons hit a short turn around baseline jumper and Camryn MacGuire connected from behind the 3-point arc and closed the gap to 33-26.

St. Ignace led the entire final half, but the contest wasn't settled until the final seconds. With just 14 ticks left in regulation, Kingston sent Ally Schultz to the foul line for a one-and-one situation and her team up just 46-44.

With ice in her veins, Schultz found nothing but net on her two tosses that produced the final margin.

"Credit their freshman for hitting both ends (of her free throws)," said Green.

*"I am very proud of this year's senior class and how much they have done for the girls' sports programs and the Kingston School community. In girls' basketball, they won four league titles and three regional titles, they are a special group of girls with tons of class. They will be missed."*

*Kingston Cardinals  
 Coach Jay Green*

Before Schutz's game-winning tosses, Kingston displayed the heart of a champion. Down 40-30, the Cardinals used a pair of charity tosses and Smith field goal, combined with MacGuire's second trey and a left-handed shot by Dinsmore that forced a St. Ignace timeout with just 1:35 remaining as the margin was sliced to a solo possession at 43-41.

When both teams returned to the floor, they traded 3-point plays – an old-fashioned triple by Marshall for the Saints and Smith's final trey from the corner for the Cardinals – that set the stage for

Schultz.

St. Ignace tallied a dozen fast break points and the team's deeper bench outscored Kingston's reserves, 8-2. Kingston, meanwhile, enjoyed a 39-22 advantage on the boards and outscored their foes 24-18 in the paint.

Smith led Kingston with a double-double. She poured in 15 points and grabbed 13 rebounds. Lyons added 12 points and Dinsmore seven for the Cardinals, while MacGuire chipped in six points and five assists, and Hannah James and Carpenter each had two.

Marshall joined Coveyou in double figures for St. Ignace and finished with 14 points. Schultz and Olsen split 12 points, and Shepard's two tallies completed the list of Saints players that scored.

"The girls played their hearts out. I couldn't be more proud of this team. We seemed to get all the loose balls. That's a credit to the strong willpower these girls have. St. Ignace is a great team with a bunch of tradition, great size, and depth, but we had them on the ropes at the end," said Green.

### QUARTERFINALS

Kingston scored eight unanswered points to end the third quarter of their quarterfinal matchup against Everest Collegiate and never looked back on their way to 40-27 win at Burton Bendle High School, Tuesday night.

The Cardinals led 13-7 after one quarter, but trailed 19-17 after two.

However, after Annelise James' trey provided the Mountaineers with their final lead at 22-19 in the opening minutes of the third, Kingston outscored Clarkston Everest 13-2 to enter the final stanza up eight.

"We made a nice run in the 3rd quarter. We started to get the ball inside effectively and did a very good job in our half court defense," Green said, adding, "Jillyan Dinsmore had an outstanding game on both ends of the floor and won the matchup with Clarkston all-league center Katelyn Allen. Our seniors have been building for this for 4 years and they really left everything on the floor." Please turn to page 10.



**KINGSTON** ball handlers Camryn MacGuire, above, and Gerilyn Carpenter faced heavy pressure from St. Ignace defenders during their Division 4 state final semifinal contest.



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# Cards fall just short in Division 4 semis

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floor. This is Kingston's first final four in basketball."

Kingston guard play shined during the team's third period rally. A trey by MacGuire evened the score at 22-22 and then Lyons took charge for the winners.

She spotted Dinsmore cutting down the lane moments later and a perfect bounce pass resulted in an easy bucket for the senior center. Lyons wasn't done yet and back-to-back hoops stretched the cushion to 28-24.

Then, following a timeout by Clarkston, Smith scored on a

pretty out-of-bounds play and Dinsmore put the finishing touch on the game-changing third quarter with a bucket in the paint.

MacGuire started the final quarter scoring with a deep trey that provided the Cardinals with a 35-24 edge, before free throws down the stretch by MacGuire, Lyons and Smith sealed the outcome.

Dinsmore and MacGuire each finished in double figures for Kingston with 12 and 10 points, respectively. Lyons and Smith added eight points apiece.

For the Mountaineers, Serra Lowney had nine markers.



Kacey Haire



Brittany Hamilton



Layna Mathewson



Kelly Ziegler

## Lady Hawk seniors included among Greater Thumb West basketball stars

by Clarke Haire  
Publisher

Although the 2018-19 Greater Thumb West girls' basketball all-conference choices included four Cass City seniors, no Lady Red Hawks landed on the fantasy first team.

League champion Reese dominated the dream team picks with four players from the Lady Rockets that went undefeated in the Greater Thumb West (12-0) during the season, including seniors Taylor Findlay and Madi Thompson along with freshmen Zoey Persails and Maddi Osantowski.

Joining the foursome on the first team were Unionville-Sebewaing senior Rylee Zimmer and sophomore Grace Williamson, while Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port senior Abi Schutte and Caro junior Ellie Hornbacker round out the elite roster according to the vote of coaches in the seven school association.

Unionville-Sebewaing and Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port each compiled 8-4 marks in conference play, while Caro and Cass City each went 6-6 in Greater Thumb

West games.

The Greater Thumb West all-conference second team consisted of Cass City's Brittany Hamilton and Kacey Haire, Reese senior Savannah Comstock, Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port sophomore Kyle Bowles, Bad Axe sophomore Camryn Affer and Vassar senior Lainey Zwerk.

Hamilton averaged 11 points and 2.6 rebounds per game for first year Coach Justin Ketterer, while shooting 38 percent from the floor.

"Brittany gave us great leadership throughout the season; she grew in her self-confidence throughout the year and that helped us as a team to reach the level we did. When one of the more talented players is one of the hardest workers it helps create the culture of work ethic," he said.

Haire average 4.8 points, 4.9 rebounds and 2.9 steals in her third varsity season. She made 40 percent of her field goal tries that included a game winning buzzer beater against rival Unionville-Sebewaing.

"Kacey is the toughest person I know. She played selflessly for

this team all year long not worrying about getting credit and that helped the team reach the level it did," Ketterer said.

Receiving all-conference honorable mention recognition were Kelly Ziegler and Layna Mathewson - Cass City, senior Greta Elston and junior Emma Irion - Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port, seniors Lilly Hessling and Kendall Root - Caro, senior Abby Newland and freshman Kate Clancy - Bad Axe, freshman Josie Johnson - Reese and sophomore Maci Montgomery - Unionville-Sebewaing.

When asked, Coach Ketterer had nothing but praises for his honorable mention players.

"Kelly was one of our hardest workers; she was out-sized almost all games and that never stopped her from making an impact on every game we played," he said, adding, "Layna put in a ton of work over the summer and fall to get to the level she played at. She played solid for us all season long. She became our best off-ball defender and found herself in the right spot at the right time on many possessions."



KINGSTON senior Lily Lyons keeps the ball away from Everest Collegiate defender Annalise James in quarterfinal play.

## 2018-19 Greater Thumb East All-Conference Boys Basketball

### FIRST TEAM

Mason Jahn	Harbor Beach	Senior
Parker John	Harbor Beach	Junior
Trevor Boers	Capac	Senior
Jordan Hellmuth	Capac	Senior
Tyler Nelson	Sandusky	Junior
Andrew Geiger	Brown City	Senior
Sean Quade	Marlette	Senior
Alex Heussner	Marlette	Senior

### SECOND TEAM

Evan Smaglinski	Harbor Beach	Junior
Zach Franzel	Sandusky	Sophomore
Trenton Lee	Sandusky	Senior
Casey Sweeney	Ubly	Junior
Austin Peruski	Ubly	Junior
Trevor Nim	Memphis	Senior

### HONORABLE MENTION

Dylan Kadar	Harbor Beach	Sophomore
Nate Siemen	Harbor Beach	Junior
Michael Anderson	Harbor Beach	Junior
Jakob Sawyers	Capac	Senior
Hank Barker	Capac	Junior
Matt Carlson	Sandusky	Sophomore
Ben Kreger	Sandusky	Senior
Curtis Stanley	Brown City	Freshman
Sebastian Blevins	Brown City	Senior
Kilian Pangerl	Brown City	Sophomore
Logan Marshall	Marlette	Senior
Peyton Dale	Marlette	Junior
Dylan Ayers	Memphis	Senior
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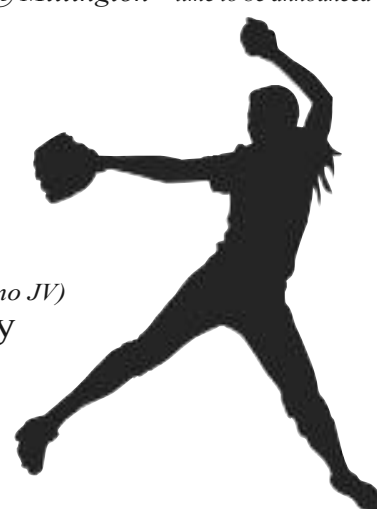
DATE	OPPONENT
3/20	North Branch
4/4	Imlay City <i>(JV &amp; Varsity)</i>
4/9	Marlette
4/12	Memphis
4/13	Tuscola Tourny @ Millington - <i>time to be announced</i>
4/15	Capac
4/18	Bad Axe
4/23	Sandusky
4/25	Vassar
4/29	Ubly
5/2	USA
5/6	Brown City
5/9	Harbor Beach
5/13	EPBP Lakers
5/17	Caro
5/20	Deckerville <i>(no JV)</i>
5/22	Reese
5/29-6/1	Districts @ Lakers - <i>time to be announced</i>



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## GIRLS' BASEBALL (VARSITY)

DATE	OPPONENT
3/20	North Branch
4/5	Burton Bentley
4/9	Marlette
4/12	Memphis
4/13	Tuscola Tourny @ Millington - <i>time to be announced</i>
4/15	Capac
4/18	Bad Axe
4/23	Sandusky
4/25	Vassar
4/29	Ubly
5/2	USA
5/6	Brown City
5/9	Harbor Beach <i>(no JV)</i>
5/11	Hemlock Tourny
5/13	EPBP Lakers
5/17	Caro
5/20	Deckerville <i>(no JV)</i>
5/22	Reese
5/29-6/1	Districts @ Lakers - <i>time to be announced</i>



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## TRACK

DATE	OPPONENT
4/2	Caro/Bad Axe at 4:30 p.m.
4/9	Brown City/Lakers at 4:30 p.m.
4/12	Brown City Invite at 4:00 p.m.
4/16	USA/Ubly/Bad Axe at 4:30 p.m.
4/18	Marlette Invite <i>time to be announced</i>
4/23	USA Invite at 4:00 p.m.
4/25	Bad Axe/Brown City/Sandusky at 4:30 p.m.
4/26	Vassar Invite at 4:00 p.m.
4/30	Ubly Invite at 4:00 p.m.
5/3	Reese Invite at 3:30 p.m.
5/7	Capac/Brown City/Ubly @ 4:30 p.m.
5/8	Reese 9/10 Invite <i>time to be announced</i>
5/10	Bad Axe Invite at 4:00 p.m.
5/14	GTW League Meet at USA @ 4:00 p.m.
5/17	Regionals @ Brown City <i>time to be announced</i>
5/21	Tribune Meet of Champs @ Bad Axe <i>time to be announced</i>
5/28	Thumb Meet of Champs @ Caro <i>time to be announced</i>
6/1	State Finals <i>time to be announced</i>



## GOLF

DATE	OPPONENT
4/23	Verona Hills - Bad Axe <i>time to be announced</i>
4/25	GTC Jamboree @ Caro at 4:00 p.m.
4/26	Ubly Invite at 8:15 a.m.
4/29	GTC Jamboree @ Vassar at 3:30 p.m.
4/30	GTC Jamboree @ USA at 4:00 p.m.
5/6	GTC Jamboree @ Bad Axe at 4:00 p.m.
5/7	GTC Jamboree @ Cass City at 4:00 p.m.
5/10	GTC Jamboree @ Lakers at 4:00 p.m.
5/15	Brown City Invite at 8:00 a.m.
5/17	Warner Memorial Invite @ Vassar <i>time to be announced</i>
5/20	GTC League Meet @ Ubly <i>time to be announced</i>
5/22	Mayville Invite <i>time to be announced</i>
5/24	Verona Hills - Bad Axe <i>time to be announced</i>
5/29	Regionals @ Verona Hills <i>time to be announced</i>



## JUNIOR HIGH TRACK

DATE	OPPONENT
4/10	Vassar/Reese
4/15	Bad Axe/Brown City
4/17	Caro/Marlette
4/22	Lakers/Marlette
4/24	Brown City/Memphis/H.B.
4/29	Ubly/USA/HB/Reese/Capac/BA
5/1	Vassar/USA
5/6	Harbor Beach/Sandusky/Caro
5/8	Capac
5/15	GTC West League Meet @ Reese <i>time to be announced</i>



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# News briefs

## 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/](http://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.

## Cars, crafts weekend on tap

CARO — Plans are gearing up for the 30th annual Caro Chamber of Commerce Cars and Crafts, Friday, May 31, and Saturday, June 1, in downtown Caro.

The celebration features a craft show each day. Rules and registration forms to participate are available online on the Caro Chamber of Commerce website. There is a fee to sign up for the event.

Also, registration for the vehicle show is underway. The vehicles can be cars, motorcycles, big rigs or others. There is a fee to register. More information can be found on the chamber website, via email at [carochamber101@gmail.com](mailto:carochamber101@gmail.com) or by calling (989) 673-5211.

## Child advocacy Benefit set

FRANKENMUTH — The Caro Chamber of Commerce is organizing an auction and dinner to benefit the Child Advocacy Center of Tuscola County. The fundraiser is scheduled for Thursday, April 25, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Uptown North Main Center, 975 N. Main St., Frankenmuth.

The keynote speakers will be investigators who were involved in the Larry Nassar case, which targeted the USA Gymnastics national team doctor and osteopathic physician at Michigan State University for sexually assaulting athletes in his care. Nassar was arrested, indicted and pleaded guilty to three charges of child pornography and to 10 counts of sexually assaulting minors.

To-date, more than 125 women have filed police reports of sexual assault against Nassar, and more than 140 have accused him in criminal or civil complaints.

Tickets to the event are \$35 and are available by contacting Kathleen Sweeney at (810) 610-8071 or at [tuscolacac@aol.com](mailto:tuscolacac@aol.com).

## Vets open houses scheduled

BAD AXE — Veterans who are not enrolled in a VA health care can learn more about their options during a pair of upcoming open houses.

Huron County's VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic will host open houses and enrollment events from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, April 4, and Thursday, May 2.

The open houses will be held at the Bad Axe VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic at 1142 S. Van Dyke Road, Suite 100, Bad Axe.

## Lay ministry program set

SAGINAW — The Catholic Diocese of Saginaw will host a Diocesan Lay Ministry Formation Program Wednesday, April 10, at 6:30 p.m. at the Diocese of Saginaw Center for Ministry, 5802 Weiss St., Saginaw. More information is available by contacting Kellie Deming, coordinator of lay ministry, at (989) 797-6609 or via email at [kdeming@dioceseofsaginaw.org](mailto:kdeming@dioceseofsaginaw.org).

## Tax deadline approaching

MICHIGAN — Taxpayers who want to claim a state income tax refund from the 2014 tax year are running out of time, according to the Michigan Department of Treasury.

State law requires taxpayers to file a state income tax return and claim their refund within four years. This means individuals who have yet to file their 2014 state income tax return and claim their refund must do so before Monday, April 15, 2019.

Taxpayers must complete the required 2014 tax year forms to claim their 2014 state income tax refund. Using an incorrect form will cause processing delays.

Taxpayers who are missing W-2 and 1099 forms should contact current or previous employers.

For more information about state income taxes or to obtain the required forms, visit the website <http://www.michigan.gov/incometax> or follow @MITreasury on Twitter.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the Township of Elkland will hold a public hearing on the  
**16th day of April, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.**  
at the Township Hall located at 6691 Church St., Cass City, MI 48726.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider the application by Elkland Township Planning Commission for proposed ordinances on:  
**Opt-out of Michigan regulation & taxation of Marijuana Act, Section 6.1 Recreational Marijuana establishments to be located within Elkland Township in its entirety.**

All interested persons are encouraged to attend the public hearing to ask questions or to make comments as to the application. Written comments may be submitted to the Clerk at 6691 Church St., Cass City, MI 48726 at any time prior to the public hearing.

A copy of the proposed ordinance, Article #16 is available for review at Rawson Memorial District Library, 6495 Pine St., Cass City, MI and Elkland Township Hall by appointment.

Elkland Township Planning Commission  
Richard VanVliet-Chairperson

## Jim Baker

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involving the families. He opted not to identify the man before having the chance to personally thank his family for the gift of life he has received.

Baker arrived at Beaumont in plenty of time to receive that gift.

"We were down here (Beaumont) by quarter to noon on Saturday," he said, adding members of his transplant team traveled to Covenant in Saginaw to harvest the organs. "I was prepped and going in (to the operating room before they got back with them.)"

Roughly 24 hours after receiving the initial phone call, surgeons began what would be an 18-hour transplant operation. The procedure went according to plan, but "they (surgeons) had some concerns about the kidney at first," said Baker, who returned to surgery Monday after an ultrasound indicated there wasn't adequate blood flowing through his new kidney. It turned out, however, that everything was just fine.

Baker was still in the intensive care unit at Beaumont when the Chronicle spoke with him, but only because there wasn't a regular room available yet.

"They're talking about letting me go Monday, maybe Sunday - I'm an overachiever, you know," he joked.

The future is looking much brighter now, especially after an MRI revealed that Baker's condition - just a few days before getting the call from Beaumont - was quickly deteriorating.

Baker's quick to say the organ donation was a prayer answered. "I was very, very fortunate. They not only saved my life, but probably several others," he said, adding he was confident donor organs would become available. "I have no doubt I have work left to do. I have great faith. At the same time, I was at peace with whatever was going to happen.

"I have learned to appreciate a lot of things. I look around at other people (in the hospital)...and they are so much worse off, it breaks my heart.

"I do feel like I've got a new lease on life. The more I walk around, the better I feel. It's a super feeling," added Baker, who is looking forward to getting back to a full life unhindered by the exhaustion brought on by liver disease.

Baker has been a self-employed automation consultant for the past 18 years who tackles design, building and troubleshooting projects related to electrical controls as well as hydraulics and pneumatics in fields ranging from food processing and farming to the automotive and chemical industries.

The veteran Little League, JV and assistant varsity boys' baseball coach also has a lifelong passion for scouting dating back to his years as a Cub Scout and, later, as a Boy Scout who would eventually earn the coveted Eagle insignia - the highest rank in Boy Scouting, just as his father did before him.

Baker was an active scout for about 10 years, then devoted another 35 years in the program as a scoutmaster, assistant scoutmaster, pack committee chairman, troop committee at-large member, district training chairman and council training committee member. He's also been active in the National Youth Leadership Training program, and currently serves as scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 594, a title he's held on and off in Cass City for 11 years.

Baker and his wife, Stephanie, have four sons - twins Brad and Brent, Lucas and Austin - all Eagle Scouts.

It's been their support, along with the encouragement of other family members and friends, that Baker said made it possible to remain optimistic while he was waiting on the transplant list.

Hundreds of area residents showed their support for the Baker family earlier this month by attending a benefit on their behalf.

Ruth McLachlan, Baker's sister - and neighbor - spearheaded the March 9 event at the VFW hall in Cass City.

"We fed at least 500 people, but there were a lot of people who just came in and looked at the silent auction items, spoke to Jim and left," McLachlan said. "It completely exceeded our expectations.

"We had just an amazing turnout," she added. "This community is just something else when it comes to kicking in gear and helping someone."

## Taste of The Thumb Food & Business Expo

Thursday, April 4, 2019

5 PM TO 8 PM

Cass City High School

Sponsored by the Cass City Chamber of Commerce

- Discover more about local businesses
- Literature, brochures and giveaways
- Sample food from local restaurants and caterers
- Learn about community programs
- A great networking opportunity



Make sure to mark your calendars for April 4th! We look forward to seeing you there.

## CHURCH DIRECTORY



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### Anchor Cove Church

Find Hope. Find Love. Find Purpose.

201 E. Sanilac Rd., Caro, MI 48723 • 989-672-226

Sunday Service: 10:00 a.m.

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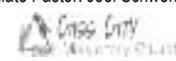
### Cass City Missionary Church

4449 Koeptgen Rd., Cass City, MI 48726 • 989-872-2729

Worship Service 8:30 a.m. • Sunday School 9:45 a.m. • Worship Service 10:50 a.m.

Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m. • Wednesday Family Night 6:30 p.m.

Pastor: Phil Burkett • Associate Pastor: Joel Schwendinger • [www.casscitymc.org](http://www.casscitymc.org)



### Cass City United Methodist Church

5100 Cemetery Rd., Cass City, MI 48722 • 872-3422

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 • [www.casscityumc.org](http://www.casscityumc.org)



### Community Baptist Church (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.

(1/4 mile south of Deford on Kingston Rd.)

Sundays - 10 a.m. | Wednesday - 7 p.m.

Pastor: David Cooper | 872-4055

[DefordCommunityChurch.org](http://DefordCommunityChurch.org)



### Evangelical Free Church of Cass City

6430 Chestnut Blvd., Cass City, MI 48726 • 872-5060

• Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. • Worship at 11:00 a.m.

Midweek Bible Studies

Biblical Counseling

Pastor: Rev. Todd R. Gould • Like us on Facebook!



### First Baptist Church

(Independent, Fundamental)

Barrier Free

6420 Houghton St., Cass City, MI 48726 • 989-872-3155

Sunday School All Ages 9:45 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m. • Wednesday Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

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](http://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.

Exercise Program: Mon., Wed. & Fri. at 9:00 a.m. Pastor: Rev. Linda Graham

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



### 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: Steve Bagnall

[www.goodshepherdlutherancasscity.webs.com](http://www.goodshepherdlutherancasscity.webs.com)



### Living Word Worship Center Church of God

Pentecostal

6536 Houghton Street, Cass City, MI 48726 • 989-872-4637

Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.

Family Training Hour: Wednesday 7 p.m.

Pastor: Jephtha Bryant



### Mizpah Missionary Church

4631 N. Van Dyke, Cass City, MI 48726

Sunday School: 10 a.m. • Sunday Service: 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Prayer Group 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. • Wednesday Kids' Club 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.

Pastor Dale Bullock 989-872-2828

### Novesta Church of Christ

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2896 Cemetery Rd., Cass City, MI 48726 • 872-3658

• Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

• 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Ublly & Student Minister: Don McComber

Visit our website at: [www.novestachurch.org](http://www.novestachurch.org)

### Our Lady Consolata Catholic Church

4292 S. Seeger St., Cass City, MI 48726 • 665-1027

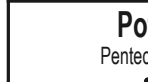
Website: [www.olconsolata.org](http://www.olconsolata.org)

Mass Times: Saturday 4:00 p.m. November 1 thru March 31

Saturday 5:00 p.m. April 1 thru October 31

Cass City - Sunday: 8:00 a.m. • Sebewaing Holy Family Site - Sunday: 10:30 a.m.

Priest: Fr. Adam Maher



### Potter's House Christian Fellowship

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Potter's House Church of Cass City

• Sunday: 11:00 a.m.



# Legal Notices

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

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on APRIL 4, 2019.

Said premises are located in the Township of Millington, Tuscola County Michigan, and are described as: THE SOUTH 209.42 FEET OF THE WEST 208 FEET OF THE EAST 772 FEET OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 2, TOWN 10 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, MILLINGTON TOWNSHIP, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. Dated: March 6, 2019  
File No. 19-000589  
Firm Name: Orlans PC

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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee for any reason. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest, and the purchaser shall have no further recourse against the 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, 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. This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: 03/06/2019 Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 115799

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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 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 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

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Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC 5955 West Main Street, Suite 18 Kalamazoo MI, 49009 THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER 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 THOUSAND 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 5, T13N, R11E, LYING SOUTH OF THE CENTER OF THE CASS RIVER, EXCEPT AN UNDIVIDED 1/2 INTEREST IN ALL OIL, GAS, CASINGHEAD GAS, COAL AND OTHER MINERALS AND GASES OF EVERY KIND AND CHARACTER TO R.S. GARDENHIRE AS SET FORTH IN MINERAL DEED RECORDED IN LIBER 250 OF DEEDS, PAGE 521, AND ANY INTEREST IN SUBSEQUENT INSTRUMENTS PERTINENT THERETO. The redemption period shall be 6 months 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 COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION 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 successor-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 mortgagor before the sale.

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

A part of the NE 1/4 of Section 20, T10N, R7E, Arbel, 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 six (6) months after the date of the foreclosure sale, unless the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will expire 30 days after the date of the foreclosure sale, or when the time to provide notice under MCL 600.3241a(c) expires, whichever is later.

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

Dated: 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

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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): Coral Jane Bender, unmarried woman and Paul Viele, a single man 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

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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 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 Pamela 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 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.

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Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Amie Grassmann, a single woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated January 23, 2014 and recorded January 30, 2014 in Liber 1300, Page 798 Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Six Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Six and 16/100 Dollars (\$96,246.16), including interest at 5.5% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on APRIL 25, 2019. Said premises are located in the Township of Almer, Tuscola County Michigan, and are described as: Lot(s) 1 and 11 of Ashbreck Subdivision, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page(s) 8 and 9 of Tuscola County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, 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

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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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NOTICE TO CREDITORS PROBATE/TRUST ESTATE GERALDINE KITCHEN: Date of birth: May 6, 1927 TO ALL CREDITORS:\* The decedent, Geraldine Kitchen, who was domiciled at 6210 Lincoln Street, Mayville, Michigan 48744, died on February 11, 2019. There is no personal representative of the decedent's estate to whom Letters of Authority have been issued. Creditors of the decedent and/or the KITCHEN TRUST DATED JUNE 8, 2005, AS AMENDED AND RESTATED ON JANUARY 30, 2017, are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to GARY L. KITCHEN Successor Trustee 1220 Clark Park Mayville, Michigan 48744 Within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice. Seth G. Bosch, P80436 Attorney for the KITCHEN TRUST DATED JUNE 8, 2005, AS AMENDED AND RESTATED ON JANUARY 30, 2017 SHEA, AIELLO, PLLC 26100 American Drive Second Floor Southfield, MI 48034 (248) 354-0224

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Trust Estate Estate of Charles L. Gentner, Date of Birth: May 12, 1949 NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Charles L. Gentner, the Grantor of the Charles L. Gentner Revocable Living Trust dated March 3, 2017, died on July 3, 2018. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the decedent, his estate, or his trust will be forever barred unless presented to Joe Zaiter, Trustee of the Charles L. Gentner Revocable Living Trust dated March 3, 2017, c/o Warner Norcross + Judd, LLP, attorneys for the Trustee, 715 East Main Street, Suite 110, Midland, Michigan 48640, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice. David J. Klippert, Attorney Warner Norcross + Judd LLP 715 East Main Street, Suite 110 Midland, Michigan 48640 (989) 698-3700 Joe Zaiter, Trustee c/o Warner Norcross + Judd LLP 715 East Main Street, Suite 110 Midland, Michigan 48640 (989) 698-3700

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# Obituaries

## Newell Harris

Newell E. Harris, 77, of Fountain Hills, AZ, passed away on Monday, March 18 at home with his wife by his side.

He was born December 3, 1941 to Earl and Ora (Hamilton) Harris in Cass City. He was a graduate of Cass City High School (class of 1959) where he enjoyed playing football, baseball and basketball. He went on to receive a B.S. in Business Administration from Michigan State University, graduating in 1963.

After college, Newell joined his father (Earl) and brother-in-law (Richard Hampshire) in the family business, Harris & Hampshire Insurance Agency. His focus would be on selling Life and Health insurance, later adding Investments and Annuities to his range of specialties.

Newell married the love of his life, Lois Dorland, on September 14, 1963. Later, they would welcome daughters Pamela and Lana.

In 2002 after 43 years in the insurance industry and weary of Michigan winters, Newell retired and relocated to Fountain Hills, Arizona. There he and Lois enjoyed the beauty of the mountains and desert, the wildlife common to their yard and the amazing weather. He worked on his golf game, spent time with friends and was a loyal fan at his grandchildren's sporting events. He loved college sports, especially the MSU Spartans.

He is survived by his wife, Lois Dorland Harris; daughters Pamela (Rene) Broussard and Lana (Mike) Sandvig; grandchildren Amanda (Stephen) Baca, Allison Broussard, Mason Broussard, Trevor Sandvig and Carsten Sandvig; sisters Joyce (Richard) Hampshire and Norma Freville and countless nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents, Earl and Ora Harris and daughter, Becky Sue Harris.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: The American Cancer Society: [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org). or AMVets Post #7: 17030 E Enterprise Dr # A, Fountain Hills, AZ 85268.



## Nancy Rolston

Nancy Lucille Rolston, 63, of Gageton, died following a brief illness Saturday, March 23, 2019 in Covenant Medical Center, Cooper Campus, Saginaw.

She was born March 20, 1956 in Deckerville to Raymond and Laura Mae (Webb) Kenny.

She married Robert Allen Rolston July 11, 1975 in the Huron County Courthouse, Bad Axe.

Nancy attended Hamtramck Schools. She was a homemaker and caregiver. Nancy worked in Gageton Nursing Home until it closed then was a private caregiver. She enjoyed working in her flower garden and playing cards, especially Euchre. Nancy was a great cook, making cakes, fried chicken and dumplings, all homemade. She enjoyed time spent with her grandchildren. They taught her all about the computer and Facebook. Nancy loved to laugh and have fun.

Nancy is survived by her husband, Robert; daughter, Loretta Willerton of Cass City; grandchildren: Luke Willerton, Lily Willerton; and many relatives, friends and her Chihuahua Lulu.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

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

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.



## Phyllis Spencer

Phyllis Joyce (Kitchin) Spencer, 82, of Flint, formerly of Montrose, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Sunday, March 17, 2019.

Phyllis was born in Cass City, on March 5, 1937, daughter of the late William and Esther (Snyer) Kitchin.

She married John G. Spencer on August 10, 1957 at the Mizpah United Missionary Church. He preceded her in death on December 12, 2017.

Phyllis was a member of the Flint First Wesleyan Church, where she was a "Prayer Warrior" and "Encourager". She was an avid "Red Bird" lover.

Phyllis is survived by her children, David (Gail) Spencer of New Johnsonville, TN, Joyce (Robert) Stratton of Midland, Carol (David) Richardson of Davison and Daniel (Marilyn) Spencer of Camden, TN; 14 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and brother, Irvin (Ruth Ann) Kitchin.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, John; grandson, Russell Spencer; siblings, Roy Kitchin and Ruth Ursery; parents-in-law, Louis and Mary (Shannon) Spencer; brothers and sisters-in-law, James and Betty Jean Spencer and Robert and Georgetta Stansfield; and best friend, Jeannetta Dalasinski.



## Richard Welby

Richard Keith Welby, 69, of Uby, passed away Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at his home. He was born November 16, 1949, in Detroit, the son of the late Richard John and Corrine (Specht) Welby.

On September 30, 2006 he married the former Theresa Anne Gibbard in the Little White Chapel, Snover.

Keith graduated from Kimball High School in Royal Oak in 1968 and received his Journeyman's Card from Schoolcraft College. He was employed as a tool and die and metal model maker, retiring in 2009 from General Motors, Warren Tech Center. Keith had a passion for collecting cars and spending winters in Florida. When Keith and Theresa married in 2006, they moved to the Uby area where he loved living in the country.

He is survived by his wife, Theresa Anne Welby; children, Cheryl Laming, Amelia Hope Welby and Richard Jason Welby; 6 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild; sister, Cathi (Mike) Gris; brother, John Welby and his friend David; in-laws, Evans (Lillian) Gibbard, Dan (Christina) Gibbard, Greg (Chris) Moore, Sandy (Dan) Taylor and Kim (Kevin) Thiel; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his first wife, Rose; a sister-in-law, Deborah Welby; brother, Fred Welby; brother-in-law, Thomas Gibbard; a daughter, Rebecca Waggoner; and an infant sister, Nancy.

Honoring his wishes, cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at a later date. Please share condolences at [www.thabetfuneralhome.com](http://www.thabetfuneralhome.com).

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## Balcer gets life term in prison

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Balcer, unable to post the \$2 million bond set for him following his arraignment last year, has remained incarcerated since his arrest. Tuscola County Circuit Court Judge Amy Grace Gierhart revoked his bond and remanded him to the custody of the sheriff's department following his trial.

Reene said a number of people made significant contributions to the case, enabling his office to secure justice for the victims and their families.

He cited what he called the "extraordinary efforts of Michigan State Police investigators, Michigan State Police Crime Lab forensic scientists and the Michigan State Police Computer Crimes Unit. "A private citizen also played a crucial role in this case," Reene continued, referring to Jonathon Rice, a lifelong friend of the defendant.

"After committing the murders, the defendant gave Mr. Rice boots he had been wearing and asked him to get rid of them. Rather than doing so, he turned them over to the Michigan State Police and also provided other information he had about the case," Reene explained. "Both victims' blood was ultimately found on the boots."

## Lawmakers invite governor

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(Kevin) Daley an opportunity to work on this first, and for us to offer whatever assistance we can," said Tuscola County Controller Michael Hoagland. "We went through this before in making a case (for) why the replacement for the Caro Center should stay here."

That effort prevailed last year, but Whitmer and her administration are now questioning the decision.

In fact, as crews were poised to begin construction on the new, \$115 million, 225,000-square foot Caro Psychiatric Hospital, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's administration recently halted the project, with plans to hire a consultant to re-evaluation the new hospital and its location.

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Director Robert Gordon cited a variety reasons for the re-evaluation: staffing shortages, lack of new staff recruitment, not having an active permanent psychiatrist on staff, and water accessibility to the center.

The announcement sent shockwaves of concern throughout the Thumb area.

"The state has already spent over \$3 million on this project so far, and now they want to do another study when that has been done?" questioned Hoagland. "Most of those issues have been addressed or are being addressed."

"I still have all of the information that was gathered before. That file is about seven-inches thick, and more information is being added to it as we make our case again to the governor," he said.

Hoagland, county commissioners Kim Vaughan and Mark Jensen, and Tuscola Intermediate School Superintendent Gene Pierce were among those who traveled to Lansing to meet with state legislators who represent the Thumb.

After the meeting, Green (R-Millington) who represents the 84th District, and Senator Kevin Daley (R-Lum) who represents the 31st District, sent a letter to the governor and Gordon, inviting them to Caro to discuss the new psychiatric hospital. Their letter also pointed out the importance of the hospital to the area.

According to the Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation, the hospital generates about \$54 million in revenue and impacts roughly 747 regional jobs directly and indirectly.

"It is our belief that stopping the renovations would not only compromise the availability of mental health treatment for those who need it, but would also be a waste of already-spent tax dollars," the lawmakers' letter states.

"A meeting in the district will allow community and state officials to address the potential concerns that the department has recently noted. It is our option that the staffing shortages, community services and water access concerns can be solved in a most efficient manner."

Because of a loggerhead between the city of Caro and Indianfields Township officials over working out a financial agreement on the projected \$2.4 million cost to extend a municipal waterline 1.9 miles to the hospital, the county board stepped in and hired an engineer to evaluate the current wells on the hospital's property in order to determine if they can be used.

The center has its own wells and a water tower, and the county's engineer determined the wells, pumps and tower can be renovated for about \$1 million to meet the needs of the new hospital.

Despite the concerns voiced by county leaders, ASSCME Union Local 831 President Matt Campbell says he thinks the pause on construction might be positive.

"Mental health is greatly underfunded and there is a great need for services, especially in this area," said Campbell. "This evaluation may show the state there is an even greater need, that expanded services are needed and that there needs to be a lot more funding."

"The state has been downsizing (patient numbers) at the center for the last three months because of staffing shortages from of all of the mandatory overtime. New hires are underway, with 16 more residential caregivers going to be hired in April and 25 more after that."

Campbell represents 250 Caro Center employees in the union, and there are about 330 other employees represented by other unions.

"Besides being (economically) important to the county, having a hospital here is a benefit to the patients as well. They and their family enjoy the quiet rural area with its wildlife," said Campbell, who has worked at the Center for 18 years. "Families do visit them here and say the rural setting is calming."

A majority of the patients at the Caro Center are court-ordered placements – after being deemed criminally insane or incompetent to stand trial.

"We have been working hand-in-hand with the administration on this matter. At the center of all of this, is what is best for the patients and their needs," said Campbell, noting keeping the hospital local is the best decision for all.

While this issue is being worked out, county commissioners, Campbell, and Caro Center employees are urging residents to send letters of support for keeping the state hospital local to: Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, P.O. Box 30013, Lansing, MI 48909. Citizens can also express their opinions by calling (517) 373-3400 or (517) 335-7858.

Letters can also be sent to Gordon at 333 S. Grand Ave, P.O. Box 30195, Lansing, MI 48909, or call (517) 373-3740.



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