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## Report: new psych hospital fate already sealed?

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

About a month after the groundbreaking for the new state hospital in Caro last October, new Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Director Robert Gordon all but decided the project wasn't going to happen in Tuscola County.

That's according to an ABC12 report revealing the content of emails obtained through a Freedom of Information (FOIA) request that indicate the decision was made before state officials announced plans to conduct another study of the project.

Tuscola County Controller Mike Hoagland was at a loss for words when he heard the news.

"I'm stunned. I'm still trying to process what I was told," Hoagland commented.

The news broke late Friday afternoon.

"Among other things, the newly-revealed emails show a decision was already largely made to stop the project before a consultant was brought on to 'study' its feasibility," said Michigan Speaker of the House Lee Chatfield (R-Levering). "The idea of using a third party to put on a show of making that decision was pitched as a way to 'get the right answer' and 'hold off the legislature.'"

"If this is true," Hoagland said, "why have a consultant conduct a study? This is a charade. The study will only be for political cover because apparently the decision has already been made. There has been no discussion of this decision by the MDHHS director or the governor's office with local officials. So much for objectivity and democracy."

"There are 350 employees at this hospital and 54 million is infused annually into the local economy. This facility has been a staple in the community for over 100 years. The dedicated employees working there have provided quality care to thousands of patients," Hoagland added. "I sincerely hope Gov. (Gretchen) Whitmer will reconsider this devastating decision by her MDHHS director."

In mid-March, Whitmer announced the decision to halt construction of the new psychiatric hospital in Tuscola County while a reevaluation of the project was conducted by a consultant.

The reason given was that MDHHS officials had concerns regarding staffing shortages, the ability for patients' families to be involved in their treatment, and access to water.

In addition to local officials, the information about the Caro Center was news to state lawmakers who represent the county.

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**MORE THAN 40 Thumb vendors and an estimated 200-plus residents attended Thursday's third annual Taste of the Thumb Food and Business Expo in the Cass City High School gym. At right, Kevin Wellons, Cass City, visits with Antoinette Stachura of Ceramics by Antoinette, Deford. Cass City Chamber of Commerce Administrator Judy Keller deemed the event a big success.**



## Huron County sheriff honors several officers

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

The Huron County Sheriff's Department recently honored its own during the office's annual staff meeting.

"The activities of the prior year were reviewed and expectations and goals for 2019 were discussed. Many deputies received awards for the past years' service," Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson said of the gathering. "Comments and suggestions by all were also taken into account."

Deputies receiving awards this year were:

\*Life Saving Awards went to Deputy Alex Jobes, Deputy Jacob Dhyse and Deputy Gabe Callender who used an AED (automated external defibrillator) and performed CPR July 6, 2018, to save a Chandler Township woman's life.

\*Professional Excellence Awards were presented to deputies who performed 150 or more hours of overtime service. They are Chuck Bolzman, Daryl Ford, Eric Hessling, Dan Maxwell, Charlie Stevens, Katie Carter, Alex Jobes, Kim Kociba-Webber, Nathan Leppek, Josh Loss, Todd Schember, Randy Smaglinski, Justin Tietz, Lucas Loss, Warren Kuhl, Ryan Swartz, Steve Bismack, Stephanie Voss, Roy Williamson and Bret Zagorski.

\*The Sheriff's Commendation Outstanding Service Award went to Sgt. James Hunt, who administered two doses of the overdose-reversing

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## High-speed chase ends in arrest

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

A reckless driving complaint Saturday night quickly turned into a high-speed pursuit through three counties, with Tuscola County law enforcement officers arresting the armed driver without incident.

Tuscola County Sheriff Glen Skrent said preliminary investigation information indicates a reckless driver was reported in Tuscola County at 6:38 p.m., traveling through Millington at speeds of up to 100 miles per hour.

"The vehicle, a Black colored Chrysler 300, had been reported in Lapeer County reckless driving. A chase ensued there and was called off," Skrent said. "Then a chase was started in Genesee County and that was terminated."

Reese police later spotted the vehicle traveling at high speeds in Tuscola County and began a pursuit, according to the sheriff.

"It was clear to the officers that this vehicle was not going to stop this dangerous driving until he was apprehended. The chase continued through our county for many miles, with spikes being deployed several times," Skrent said, noting deputies, Michigan State

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## Cass City's Ross member of 135 Trooper Recruit School

*A PROUD tradition of SERVICE through EXCELLENCE, INTEGRITY, and COURTESY*

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Kyle Ross figures he put all he had into earning every stitch of his Michigan State Police (MSP) trooper uniform.

State police officials must have figured the same thing about the Cass City native, who along

with 100 other men and women comprising the 135th Trooper Recruit School graduated and were sworn in as state police troopers last Wednesday in Lansing.

The troopers will soon report to MSP posts across the state. For Ross, 22, of Cass City, that means a move north to the other side of the Mackinac Bridge as he prepares to take on his first assignment at the St. Ignace post.

MSP Director Col. Joe Gasper administered the Oath of Office during the ceremony at the Lansing Center. Gov. Gretchen Whitmer delivered the keynote address.

"I'm proud to recognize the graduates of the 135th Trooper Recruit School who are joining the ranks of the Michigan State Police today," said Whitmer. "There is no greater calling than service to others and it is my honor to support you as you commit yourselves to a career of public service right here in our great state of Michigan. I wish each of you a long, safe and rewarding career with the

Michigan State Police."

In his address to the graduates, Gasper said, "As you leave here today, I encourage you to seek to be what I call the 'quiet professional.' Listen first and show kindness, treating everyone with dignity and respect."

The 135th Trooper Recruit School began on Sept. 23 at the MSP Training Academy in Lansing. For the past 28 weeks, recruits have spent their weekdays undergoing hours of training and exercises designed to help them maintain mental alertness and an ability to react physically to virtually any situation.

It's a grueling training program that results in some candidates leaving the program. The 135th Recruit School Class, for example, started out with 136 recruit trainees, a number that fell to 128 after the first week of the academy.

Ross, a 2015 Cass City High School graduate who was busy working and pursuing a bachelor's degree in criminal justice through

Ferris State University when he was offered the opportunity to enter the MSP Academy, is quick to say he's excited to begin his career as a trooper.

But he also acknowledges the intensity of the training, the challenges and the stress prompted him to question his own abilities at times.

"There were a lot of times when I didn't think I was going to be able to do it," said Ross, who learned the key to overcoming that doubt was to constantly remind himself of why he entered the academy in the first place.

"I believe in doing what's right and upholding the constitution. I want to help people out," he said, adding police officers often come face to face with people who are experiencing the worst day of their lives, and "I look at my job as maybe making that day better."

Ross set his sights on a career with the state police early on in

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## Novesta okays construction of new hall

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

After some revision of plans and a bit of negotiating, Novesta Township will once again have a place to call home to conduct township business in the near future.

In February, township officials requested bids related to construction of a new hall. Those bids — five in all — were opened during a March 21 special meeting.

"There is a wide price range gap between them (bids)," township Supervisor Chad Daniels reported.

The township contracted with Orin Campbell of Campbell Associates, Sandusky, to draft a rough sketch of the site plan for the pro-

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Trooper Kyle Ross

# Owen-Gage students recognized

The focus for Owen-Gage's students of the month for March is being a "Critical, Creative Thinker". A student who is a critical, creative thinker identifies



Cassilynn Hux

problems, collects information, and organizes, compares and contrasts data. The student also forms opinions, develops strategies to solve problems and evaluates their conclusion.

The following students have been chosen: Cassilynn Hux, first grade (elementary level), daughter of Donald and Darla Hux; Conner Snear, seventh grade (junior high level), son of Laura Snear; Haden Gruehn, ninth grade (high school level), son of Nathan and Kamryn Gruehn; and Jessica Partaka, twelfth grade (senior student), daughter of Laura Snear.

Special recognition goes to the "Senior Student of the Month", Jessica Partaka. Partaka has been a member of the band each year, in which she plays the bass clarinet. She has participated in Solo/Ensemble each year and has been chosen to participate in the

Tri-County Honors Band each year. Partaka has also been a member of the softball team for three out of the four years in high school. As a senior, she was a cheerleader for the 2018 football season.

Partaka was on the honor roll her freshman year and served on the prom committee her junior year. She served on the PAC (Post-Secondary Action Council) Squad the past three years. Partaka was a snowball representative her junior and senior years. The past two years she has been enrolled in the Public Safety program at the Huron Area Technical Center and has been a member of the Innovative Vehicle Design team. Partaka has volunteered at various Technical Center events and has participated at the Grant Township Memorial Day celebrations each year as a member of the Owen-Gage band. She enjoys reading, riding four-wheelers, walking through the Petroglyphs, and spending time with family.

Partaka would like to join the U.S. Army or the National Guard after graduation.



Conner Snear



Haden Gruehn



Jessica Partaka

## O-G students named to the honor roll for third period

The following students have been named to the 3rd marking period honor roll for Owendale-Gagetown Schools:

### 3rd Grade:

Hailey Forman, Cailum Hewitt, Hunter Mihacsi, Sierra Miller.

### 4th Grade:

Jessica Bowers\*, Wynter Brinkman, Logan Carter, Steven Hicks, Hunter Hoppe, Rylin LaCroix\*, Mya McCreedy\*, Faith Morrish, Jayden Prokop, Ava Sheufelt\*, Ellen Tyler.

### 5th Grade:

McKenzie Baker\*, Olivia Craig, Chloe Fritz, Aubrey Hellebuyck, Brooklyn Hunt\*, Izabela Matuszak, Logan Mihacsi, Alan Sagash, Kennedy Selden\*.

### 6th Grade:

Danielle Hunt\*, Lucas McKnight\*.

### 7th Grade:

Shelby Bowers, Karsyn Gruehn\*, Isaac Miller, Lillieyannah Sagash, Hannah Wood.

### 8th Grade:

Cristal Crandall, Allison Haldane\*, Amber Haldane\*, Dagon LaCroix\*, Erin Morrish, Emily Schultz\*.

### 9th Grade:

Haden Gruehn, Madelyn Haldane\*.

### 10th Grade:

Boyd Evans\*, Clay Evans\*, Jameson McKnight\*, Hunter Meier, Libby Ondrajka.

### 11th Grade:

Branden Fritz, Aaliyah Gonzales, Carley Haldane\*, Chase Howard\*, Kaitlyn LaCroix\*, Madyson Menzel, Andrew Roemer, Victoria Smith\*.

### 12th Grade:

Jade Androl\*, Cordell Clarkson\*, Matthew Fritz\*, Megan Fritz\*, Carlee Rievert\*.

\* Denotes all A'S

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## Cass City Village Council PUBLIC NOTICE

The Cass City Village Council will be holding a Public Hearing at the Municipal Building, 6506 Main Street, Cass City, Michigan,

Monday, April 29, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

To receive comments on Proposed Ordinance # 186, Sale of Certain Village-Owned Real Property

and at 7:05 p.m.

To receive comments on Proposed Ordinance # 184, Anti-Blight, Vacant, Abandoned and Foreclosed Property

The proposed ordinance can be found on the Village Website at [www.casscity.org](http://www.casscity.org)  
Drop down to Government, Ordinances,  
Proposed Ordinance 184  
Proposed Ordinance 186

The Public is invited to attend.

Nanette S. Walsh  
Clerk/Treasurer

# In Our OPINION...

**Clarke Haire**  
Publisher      **Tom Montgomery**  
Editor

## Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

### Older brother's games



## Getting ready to dig? Make a call

*It can be easy to allow enthusiasm to overshadow safety and caution when it comes to getting outdoors in the spring to start on those construction and home improvement projects you've been dreaming about all winter.*

*But in the long run, Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) officials say a simple phone call could save you a big headache.*

*Every year, underground utility lines in Michigan are damaged during digging activities because someone didn't check first for the location of buried infrastructure.*

*April is Safe Digging Month and the MPSC is reminding everyone —from homeowners to construction crews — to make a free call to MISS DIG 811 before starting any outdoor digging project and have work areas marked for safety.*

*"April is the traditional start of construction and excavation season, whether it's a homeowner putting in a fence post or a developer doing site work for a business expansion," said Sally Talberg, chairman of the MPSC. "We strongly encourage individuals and companies to call 811 before beginning any projects, no matter how small, to protect underground utility lines from being struck and potentially causing injuries or outages."*

*Homeowners often make risky assumptions about whether or not they should get their utility lines marked, but every digging job requires a call — even "small" projects like planting trees and shrubs — because many utility lines are buried just a few inches below ground.*

*According to the Common Ground Alliance (CGA), there are more than 20 million miles of underground utility lines nationwide — that equates to more than one football field's length (105 yards) of buried utilities for every man, woman and child in the United States.*

*A few days before starting an excavation project, make a free call to 811 or fill out a request online at [www.MISSDIG811.org](http://www.MISSDIG811.org). Homeowners should click on "Request Service" and excavators should select "e-Locate."*

*Once a request is received, MISS DIG officials contact local utility companies, according to the location where a caller plans to dig. Utilities will send representatives to mark the approximate location of underground gas, electric, communications, water or sewer lines with paint and/or staking flags within three working days. The service is free.*

*To be safe, do not start an outdoor project until public utility locations are marked, and carefully dig by hand in the designated areas.*

*"I would like to remind all Michiganders that as you move into spring and begin your excavation projects, contact MISS DIG 811 first. It's easy, it's free, and it's the law," said Bruce Campbell, CEO of MISS DIG System, Inc. "Keep yourself, your neighbors and underground utilities safe: Call MISS DIG 811 before you dig!"*

*CGA officials estimate that 42 percent of homeowners who plan to dig this year for DIY projects say they will not call 811 beforehand. That puts homeowners at risk of serious injury or even death if they strike underground lines, and their communities at risk of losing utility service.*

While I've heard about the issue of nature versus nurture, I've never given it a whole lot of thought until recently after spending time with an eight-year old brother and his five-year old sister.

Nature is like pre-wiring and is influenced by genetic inheritance and other biological factors. Nurture is generally taken as the influence of external factors after conception from exposure to life experiences and learning of an individual.

I don't have an answer to that age-old debate, but there are traits that just cannot be explained or overlooked.

I was born later in my parents' life and almost eight years after my brother. While he never came right out and said anything directly to me, there had to be some resentment — a lot of resentment about my upsetting his comfortable life as an only child for nearly a decade.

I'm not sure, but I think there is some kind of an unwritten rule that older brothers have to torment their younger siblings, especially younger sisters. Older brothers always seem to know exactly what buttons to push to get a rise, to hurt, to humiliate, to undermine, and to make a little sister cry.

Over the last few months, I have had the opportunity to see some older brother-younger sister interaction. It brought back so many memories along with the realization that no matter how many years may have passed, big brothers never change. They've just had more practice honing their eviscerating skills. Within 10 minutes of waking up, he can have her in tears.

The little boy's taunts, jabs, and criticism sounded exactly like my brother's. I can't help but wonder if there isn't some kind of a secret instruction manual that is handed down from one older brother to another to do that.

According to my older brother, I had the worst case of cooties in the world and could not be included in places he went. I wasn't allowed to play on the Huck-Finn type raft he built to float around on the Bach Drain. According to him, being near water increased my "cootiness."

I wasn't allowed in the tree house in the big oak tree in the front yard. To ensure a cootieless tree house, he built an elevator platform on a pulley to reach it. I wasn't tall enough to reach the rope to use it.


There were a few times he would actually break down and play with me. The game was cowboys and Indians. Somehow I was always the Indian. I still have scars on my back from being shot with his B-B gun because I was trying to rustle his horse. Somehow that game was never played when my parents were home.

He learned to play certain games when our parents weren't home after mom grounded him for trying to burn me at a stake. Her quick action with the garden hose saved me from a fiery death while tied to a tree with a pile of leaves burning around me. Anyway, that is how I remember that situation.

I was a little older when he was forced to take me

to see a circus. I had to slouch down below the car's window while driving there so that he wouldn't be seen with me, and while at the circus I had to sit several feet away from him so no one knew we were together.

On the way out of the big tent, my older brother asked me if I want to find out what lions and tigers ate. I wisely said, "no." I think that is mainly why I'm here to write this column.



### Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Enjoyed a couple of first-time activities Saturday I'd like to share, both occurring near downtown Detroit.

I started my weekend fishing for Walleyes on the Detroit River. And I mean downtown Detroit as the three of us used a boat launch near Belle Isle to enter the Detroit River before daylight and then jigged for the tasty table fare downstream to the GM Renaissance Center, and then all the way back into Lake St. Clair.

Despite 100s of boats in the area, I did not notice many landing fish, except for one neighboring boat that netted what we believed was a 4-foot Muskie. Personally, I didn't have a bite despite six hour of trying — still fun.

Then on Saturday afternoon I met up with family at the Detroit Shipping Co. located in the Cass Corridor near Comerica Park. According to their website, The Detroit Shipping Co. is a restaurant collective and beer garden featuring five unique food-truck style eateries, two full service bars, a coffee and ice cream booth, a small stage, galleries for local artists and retailers, and two private lounges. All constructed from refashioned shipping containers.

Plans to take in a Detroit Tiger game this summer? It's worth a visit.

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Save the date — Saturday, April 27 — say officials of the Bay Shore Camp and Family Ministries.

That's when the group's annual auction starts at 9 am in the Youth Center.

Visitors are invited to enjoy food, fun and fellowship, while proceeds from the event go to the Campership Fund to help children attend camp.

Items for bid include a candlelight dinner for eight, gift certificates from many area restaurants, Xbox One Home Theatre, girls and boys bikes, furniture, picnic tables and much more.

Contact the Sebewaing area non-profit group for more information at (989) 883-2501.

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Classifications for Michigan High School Athletic Association elections and postseason tournaments for the 2019-20 school year have been announced.

Classifications for the upcoming school year are based on a second semester count date, which for MHSAA purposes was Feb. 13. The enrollment figure submitted for athletic classification purposes may be different from the count submitted for school aid purposes, as it does not include students ineligible for athletic competition because they reached their 19th birthday prior to September 1 of the current school year and will not include alternative education students if none are allowed athletic eligibility by the local school district.

Traditional classes (A, B, C, D) are used only for MHSAA elections and football playoff purposes — in 11-player to determine opponents' point values, and in 8-player to determine if schools are eligible to compete in the MHSAA Playoffs (only Class D teams may participate in the postseason). All other sports' tournaments will be conducted with schools in equal or nearly equal divisions.

To determine traditional classifications, after all counts are submitted, tournament-qualified member schools are ranked according to enrollment and then split as closely into quarters as possible. For 2019-20, there are 748 tournament-qualified member schools with 187 schools in each class.

Effective with the 2019-20 school year, schools with 863 or more students are in Class A. The enrollment limits for Class B are 395-862, Class C is 189-394, and schools with enrollments of 188 and fewer are Class D. The break between Classes A and B decreased 22 students from 2018-19, the break between Classes B and C decreased three students, and the break between Classes C and D is five students fewer than the current school year.

Moving Up from Class D to Class C are Thumb area schools Deckerville, Kingston and Mayville.

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Associate Pastor Joel Schwendinger swung into the Chronicle office last week to invite area youngsters to Cass City Missionary Church's 3rd annual Easter Egg Hunt. The fun starts at 11 a.m. on Sat., April 13th at the football field in the municipal park. The hunt is for pre-school to 6th graders.

## Letters to the Editor

### Unstable politicians are the nation's real problem

With all the problems that we have in this country, it's ridiculous that the first thing our newly-elected Congress did was making more gun control legislation. They have to know that President Trump will veto gun control legislation that they come up with. The Democrats say we have to do better when regarding background checks in order to keep guns out of the hands of the mentally ill, but it shouldn't be hard to know who some of these people are.

We have Democrats saying how cruel and evil it is that President Trump is separating families that illegally cross our border, but they don't have a problem killing a baby upon birth. Anyone should be able to see that politicians who endorse letting babies die after they are born, and their supporters, have mental problems themselves.

Therefore, these are the people who should never own a firearm, especially when they want newborns to die on the table. I can't believe that we have these unstable elected politicians making laws that we have to abide by. The elderly will be next.

Robert Peruski  
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## Wednesday, April 10

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

## Thursday, April 11

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

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

## Saturday, April 13

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

## Monday, April 15

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

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

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

## Tuesday, April 16

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

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

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

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

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

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

### STANDING COMMUNITY CALENDAR ITEMS

#### First Saturday:

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

#### First Sunday:

•Hillside Community Brunch, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., All you can eat. Free will offering.

•Thumb Area Companions, 3 p.m., hosted by Dawn Woidan at Hills and Dales Boardroom 4675 Hill street. Social support group that strives to benefit from social contact with others experiencing grief/loss.

#### First Monday:

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

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

#### Second Monday:

•Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.

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

#### Second Tuesday:

•Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7 p.m., fire hall in Gagetown.

•Tuscola County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., HDC Intergenerational Building, 430 Montague Ave., Caro. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

•Kedron OES #33 of Caro meeting, 7 p.m.

•Huron County Family Caregiver Support Group, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Human Development Commission, 150 Nugent Rd., Bad Axe. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

•Al-Anon meeting, 7 p.m., St. Francis Parrish, Pigeon.

#### Second Thursday:

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

#### Third Sunday:

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#### Third Wednesday:

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

#### Third Thursday:

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

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

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

#### Third Friday:

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

#### Third Saturday:

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

#### Fourth Monday:

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

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

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

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

#### Fourth Wednesday:

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

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

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

#### Fourth Thursday:

•Community Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.

#### Last Monday:

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

#### Last Wednesday:

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

#### Every Monday:

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

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

#### Every Tuesday:

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

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

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

#### Every Wednesday:

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

#### Every Thursday:

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

#### Every Saturday

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# DNR: wildfire season here

With warmer weather arriving in southern Michigan, many people likely will be outside cleaning up their yards or maybe enjoying the first bonfire of the season.

However, Department of Natural Resources (DNR) officials are issuing a word of caution: Anyone planning to burn leaves or other yard debris first should check with local officials to see if conditions are favorable for safe burning.

And although campfires still are permitted during times of increased fire danger, the DNR urges extreme caution with all fires.

"Though fires can happen just about any time of year, most wildfires in Michigan occur in April, May and June," said DNR Fire Supervisor Don Klingler. "The dead grass and leaves from last year are still very dry, and it only takes one escaped spark to start a wildfire."

So far this year, the DNR already has responded to 23 wildfires that burned a combined 180 acres.

Burn permits are required when the ground is not snow-covered. Residents in southern Michigan should contact their local fire de-

partment or township office to see if burning is permitted in their area. Residents in the northern Lower Peninsula and Upper Peninsula can check for local burn permit status by visiting [Michigan.gov/BurnPermit](http://Michigan.gov/BurnPermit) or by calling (866) 922-2876.

In addition, the DNR recommends people take the following steps to help prevent wildfires:

\*Pay attention to the fire danger in your area. Don't burn debris when conditions are dry or windy.

\*Clear away flammable material surrounding a fire, so it won't creep into dry vegetation.

\*Always have a shovel and water available when burning. Be sure to douse fires with plenty of water, stir and add more water until everything is wet.

\*Embers can re-ignite, so make sure they are out completely.

\*Consider composting or mulching yard debris rather than burning it.

When fire danger is extremely high, Michigan's governor may issue a "burn ban" restricting all outdoor burning, although this is rare.

While the DNR is cautioning

about careful backyard burning, residents also may be hearing about DNR prescribed burns in different areas of the state. Most recently, the DNR conducted prescribed burns in Allegan, Barry, Kalamazoo, Monroe and St. Joseph counties.

"It may seem confusing to hear simultaneous messages about fire caution and prescribed burns, but springtime also is an important time of year in forest management," Klingler said. "Prescribed burns are an effective tool in helping to control invasive species, create critical wildlife habitat and regenerate forests."

"We want the public to know that prescribed burns are carefully planned, step by step, in consultation with local fire officials. We also closely monitor weather conditions, so that a prescribed burn can be called off at the last possible minute, if necessary."

Stay up to date on Michigan wildfires with the DNR Wildland Fire Application. Learn more about wildfires and the DNR's fire management program - including prescribed burns - at [Michigan.gov/FireManagement](http://Michigan.gov/FireManagement).

## Veterans affairs officials looking for purple heart recipient Cooper

Tuscola County Veterans Affairs officials are requesting help in an effort to return an armed forces medal to a family member.

"We would like to return this Purple Heart Medal back to the veteran's family," said Tuscola County Veterans Affairs Director Mark Zmierski, who posted the request along with a couple of photos on the office's Facebook page.

"It belongs to a Harry Cooper and was found at a storage unit in Clio," Zmierski explained. "We are aware of a few Harry Cooper obituaries, but we want to make sure we are getting in contact with the correct family."

Anyone with information related to the medal is asked to contact the Tuscola County Veteran Affairs office at (989) 673-8148.

The Purple Heart Medal is presented to service members who

have been wounded or killed as a result of enemy action while serving in the U.S. military. It is specifically a combat decoration.

According to the National Purple

Heart Hall of Honor, more than 1.8 million Purple Heart medals have been presented to service members since the award was created in 1782.



## Circuit court proceedings

# Several appear on felony charges

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

\*Brian L. Smith Jr., 37, Vassar, pleaded guilty to impaired driving Dec. 31 in Vassar Township.

The court proceeded directly to sentencing, ordering Smith to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,185.

\*Richard G. Gamet, 57, Vassar, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Jan. 25 in Millington.

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

\*Jeffrey A. Marshall, 57, Vassar, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the in-

fluence of liquor, third offense, Dec. 6 in Vassar.

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

\*Jonathan M. Verhelle, 23, Fairgrove, pleaded no contest to domestic violence, third offense, Jan. 20 in Fairgrove.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$2,500. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*William M. Lovaas, 49, Cass City, pleaded no contest to assault with intent to commit great bodily harm less than murder Jan. 20, 2018, in Cass City. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was

ordered and bond was continued at \$20,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*Sherri L. Eastburn, 55, Vassar, pleaded no contest to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Oct. 5 in Millington Township. She was also convicted of being an habitual offender (two prior felony convictions).

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

\*Jason A. Frank, 38, Clio, pleaded guilty to impaired driving, third offense, Aug. 28 in Millington Township.

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

## Measles cases increase to 39 in state

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) officials say Michigan is seeing the highest number of cases in the state since the early 1990s.

MDHHS has confirmed five additional measles cases, bringing the state total to 39 for this year. The newly confirmed cases were all in Oakland County, bringing the case count to 38 in Oakland County and one in Wayne County. Infected individuals range in age from eight months to 63.

The total marks the highest number of measles in the state since 1991, when 65 cases were reported. So far this year, there have been 387 cases of measles confirmed in 15 states.

While all of the Michigan

measles cases have been reported in southeast Michigan, local health officials are working to educate area residents on measles symptoms and what they should do if they suspect someone in their family has been exposed.

Officials at Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City noted that measles is spread by direct person-to-person contact through the air, which makes it one of the most contagious diseases.

The most common symptoms are fever of 100.4 or higher, a red rash lasting three days or longer (typically is not itchy), cough, runny nose and redness and swelling of the eyeballs or eyelids.

Symptoms of measles usually begin within seven to 14 days after exposure, but can appear up

to 21 days after exposure.

"If you have been around someone with measles or you have these symptoms, please call your provider or the ER before you come in to be seen," hospital officials stated in a Facebook post.

"Arrangements will be made so that you can safely see a provider or enter the emergency room to be seen. Calling ahead and handling measles appropriately is essential to keeping our other patients and staff safe."

The only way to protect yourself from the measles is to get the MMR vaccine if you have not already received it. You can ask your healthcare provider about the vaccine or contact the local health department.

## Reporter's notebook

"We the people"  
still a priority?

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor



"Let us never forget that government is ourselves and not an alien power over us. The ultimate rulers of our democracy are not a president and senators and congressmen and government officials, but the voters of this country." —Franklin D. Roosevelt

It's easy to feel lost and insignificant these days when it comes to feeling like "we the people" aren't exactly the priority we expect to be among our elected representatives, especially at the national level.

Maybe that's because securing a position of leadership in Washington, D.C., comes with such a high price tag, and those able to afford it end up owing more to the folks who invest in their campaigns than to the people who put them in office.

And, let's face it, talk has never been cheaper.

It doesn't help that many leaders on both sides of the aisle in Washington couldn't possibly relate to families that struggle with budgets that force them to choose between keeping up on their car insurance premiums or feeding their children.

I couldn't say for sure, but my impression is that Michigan's new governor doesn't have a clue, either — or worse — simply doesn't care about those same families. Why else would she propose a 45-cent tax increase on gasoline that is bound to hurt many families in her state?

Sure, it's important to follow through with campaign promises, but "fixing the darn roads" isn't going to mean much to those living in rural areas that won't see much of that money used to improve their roadways, or to the many lower-income residents whose budgets simply can't sustain that sort of hit, even while working full-time jobs.

My impression is based, in part, on Whitmer's response to a letter sent to her by state Senator Kevin Daley (R-Lum) and Rep. Phil Green (R-Millington), inviting her to visit Tuscola County to discuss her administration's decision to place a hold on construction of a new state psychiatric hospital here to replace the Caro Center.

Whitmer, a Democrat whose decision in this matter comes after state officials have already spent \$3 million on a project that is vitally important to this region, responded to the letter by passing the buck.

"Your letter has been received and I have asked the lead agency, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to respond. Should you need any further assistance, regarding this or anything else, please do not hesitate to let me know," Whitmer wrote Daley and Green.

Anything else? How about something in the first place, governor, like meeting with local officials to see first-hand why Tuscola County is the ideal location for the new hospital? Doesn't this group of citizens deserve an hour of your time?

Daley and Green deserve credit for truly representing their constituents on this issue. The same goes for the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners, which immediately responded to the news about tabling the construction by encouraging state officials to take a look at all of the evidence that convinced the previous administration to give this project the green light last year.

The county board along with a host of agencies, including the Tuscola Economic Development Corporation, also launched a letter-writing campaign, encouraging citizens to take an active role by sharing their views with the state.

Bottom line? These local leaders have (and are) demonstrating their promises to represent all of the people who elected them, not just the segment of voters who supported them or who can otherwise benefit their political futures.

That's how government "...of the people, by the people, for the people..." should work, shouldn't it?

# Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



## 5 YEARS AGO (2014)

Charles and Kathleen (Fisher) Hartwick will celebrate their 50th Anniversary April 11, 2014. They were married at Fraser Presbyterian Church on April 11, 1964. They have two sons, Christopher and Maylin Hartwick in Hong Kong and Eric and Norma Hartwick of Caro, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Also four step grandchildren and seven step great-grandchildren. Attendants were Robert Hartwick, Jack Hartwick, Jim Smithson, Jeanne (Fisher) Shagen, Norma Fischer and Lynn (Taylor) Babich, ring bearer Randy Hartwick and flower girl Marlene (Fischer).

Don Starks, geography teacher at Owen-Gage Schools, was recently notified that eighth grade student Aaron Fahrner has qualified as a semifinalist in the 2014 Michigan State Geographic Bee, sponsored by Google and Plum Creek. This is the second level of the National Geographic Bee competition, which is now in its 26th year. Geography bees were held in schools with fourth-eighth grade students throughout the state. Fahrner was the winner of OwenGage's Geography Bee, which was held for grades 6 through 8 in January. He then took a qualifying test which was submitted to the National Geographic Society. Fahrner placed in the top 100 scores for Michigan.

## 10 YEARS AGO (2009)

Cass City School officials last week announced the top graduates of the Cass City High School Class of 2009. Sarah Reed has been named the valedictorian, while Travis Mabe earned salutatorian honors. Reed, the daughter of Susan Hoppe and Charles Reed, has achieved a grade point average of 4.057. Recently honored as Cass City's "Junior Citizen of the Year" for 2009, she has excelled in academics as well as athletics during her high school career. Mabe, the son of Trisha and J.T. Mabe, has achieved a grade point average of 4.043. Mabe has twice been honored with the Red Hawk Award of Excellence during his years in Cass City. He also placed third in the state for all-academic honors in cross country.

The Cass City Arts Council and Rawson Memorial District Library recently announced the "People's Choice" winners from the Spring into Art Exhibit held recently at the library. In the adult category, the winner was Lilibeth Ackerman, whose paper folding art was the crowd favorite. In the high school category, Brandon Montgomery, a sophomore at Cass City High School, was deemed the winner for his ceramic Snake Pot. In addition to certificates, each winner received \$75 in prize money.

## 25 YEARS AGO (1994)

Randy Peasley, son of Ray and Donella Peasley of Deford, was named to the first semester dean's list at Great Lakes Christian College, Lansing, with a grade point average of 3.60. He is a junior.

Luis and Lila Arroyo and Carey Chard were at the home of Linda, Andrew and Adrianna Devine Saturday and Sunday to celebrate the 3rd birthday of Adrianna.

Charles and Kelli Hendrick of Decker are the parents of a daughter, Carley Rae. She was born March 27 in Bad Axe. She weighed 9 pounds, 2 ounces and was 22 1/4 inches long. She was welcomed home by her sisters, Lindsey and Ashley. Grandparents are Marv and Janice Winter of Cass City and Earl and Doris Hendrick of Decker. Great-grandfather is Merl Winter of Cass City.

## 35 YEARS AGO (1984)

Champion in the first Tuscola County Academic Games was the Cass City High School English team, members were Aimee Brown, Libby Dickinson, captain

Kevin Hobart, coach Dennis Meck, Eddie Hewitt and Pam Harris. Lu Anne Messing was the alternate. Cass City defeated Reese in the first round and Kingston in the semi-finals before meeting Mayville in the championship round, which had defeated Millington and then Caro to make it to the finals.

Don Patch and Laurie and three children of Standish visited his grandmother, Lena Patch, Saturday. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hennessey. Bill Hennessey and two children were also visitors of the Hennesseys.

Stanley Kirn and Jack Esau went Tuesday of this week to visit Mrs. Esther Kirn at Chelsea and also visited Marian McLellan at Ann Arbor

Karen Prich, a Central Michigan University freshman from Gagetown, will be inducted this Wednesday into the CMU chapter of Phi Eta Sigma, a national scholastic honor society. PES acknowledges high scholastic achievement during the freshman year in college. All freshmen who attain a minimum 3.5 grade point average are eligible to join the honor society. She is the daughter of John and Helen Prich.

## 40 YEARS AGO (1979)

Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Zawilinski, who had been at their winter home in Arcadia, Fla. since December, arrived home April 4. Their daughter, Mrs. Frank Keller, and children, Chris and Sarah, who had spent two weeks in Arcadia, returned home with them.

Lori Gaeth, Owen-Gage High School recipient of the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen award, was among the 12 semi-finalists out of 500 from the state that were honored at a luncheon last Thursday at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing. She and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gaeth of Owendale, were guests at the Michigan Society of the DAR convention at Michigan State University. Miss Gaeth placed third. Lori was sponsored by the Ezra Parker Chapter.

Tracy Crawford was the top Cass City Girl Scout salesman with 247 boxes sold, followed by Michele Smith 245, and Julie Sugden, 224. Tracy belongs to Troop 170; Michele and Julie to Troop 221. Twenty-eight girls in the two troops sold a total of 3,690 boxes.

## 50 YEARS AGO (1969)

Donald H. Swalwell of Kingston graduated Wednesday, April 2, as one of 51 graduating State troopers of the Michigan State Police. He is assigned to the Ithaca State Police Post. He and his wife and their five children have been residing on East Centerline Road, Kingston. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Thane of Deford, Michigan. He graduated from Kingston High School in 1960.

Brewster Shaw Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Shaw of Cass City, was awarded a Master of Science in engineering mechanics by the University of Wisconsin at the end of the University's first semester. Shaw has enlisted in the Air Force and is presently at Lackland AFB near San Antonio, Texas, where he is in officers' training school. He will also receive flight training. Shaw, who graduated with a 4-point average is interested in entering the space program. He is a 1963 graduate of Cass City High School.

Thomas Lenhard, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Lenhard, left Thursday for Fort Knox, Ky., where he reported for duty in the armed services.

Army Specialist Fourth James E. Willis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elton Willis of 6470 Third St., Cass City, was met at Tri-City Airport on his return from Viet Nam. SP-4 James Willis was a tank driver and was stationed at the Chi Lai Base. He received his discharge from the service March 12.

## 75 YEARS AGO (1944)

Norman L. Carpenter, who en-

listed in January, 1941, was promoted from First Lieutenant to Captain on Mar. 24. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Carpenter. He was stationed at Hickam Field, near Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands, at the time of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

Lorene Muntz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Muntz, and Emily Myslakowski, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Myslakowski, have earned the highest honors in the class of 59 seniors who will be graduated from Cass City high school on June 2. Miss Muntz is valedictorian and Miss Myslakowski is the salutatorian.

If Gerald Hicks, R. R. 1, Deford, is as good a weather prophet as he is an ice melting estimator, he will be a good man to have around when you plan a picnic date next July. Gerald estimated that it would take 58 hours, 19 minutes and 13 seconds for a chunk of ice enclosing a work shoe at the Prieskorn store to melt and release the shoe. The official time was 59 hours, 3 minutes and 12 seconds. Gerald will wear a pair of work shoes this spring as a gift from the store.

Assistant Scoutmaster Edward Baker demonstrated the proper use of a knife and hatchet at the Apr. 5 meeting of the Boy Scouts. It was announced that Mr. Baker would be the examiner for the knife and hatchet requirements. Mr. Baker brought along a knife which he and his son, Jim, had been making and showed the boys different ways and processes to make a knife.

## 100 YEARS AGO (1919)

During the past ten days many soldiers sent from the three Thumb counties have arrived at New York from overseas. In the list are: Cass City- Roy W. Vance, Clarence Kolb, Vernon B. McConnell, Fred A. Fadic, Arthur Little, Harry J. Vickors, Fred G. Fournier, Win. Hurley, Caro - Ward J. Walker, Geo. Goodrich, Wm. C. Dorman, Earl S. Scott, Glow W. Lewis, Gustav Crall, Elbern Parsons, August Withovsky.

The many friends of Lt. Wm. Ward will be interested to learn that since his departure from Cass City a few weeks since, he has successfully passed all the examinations necessary for continuation in the service of the country and has in consequence re-enlisted in the army, the government having appointed him to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where he will take up his residence in the immediate future. Lt. Ward is the merited possessor of three medals of honor bestowed upon him for brave conduct at the front, one from America, another from France and the third from Belgium, the last but recently received with a personal letter to Lt. Ward from King Albert of Belgium.

The Misses Carola and Miriam Fritz gave an afternoon tea party last Thursday at their home on Seeger St. in honor of several young lady friends.

Meredith Auten and Roy Crosby took a trip to Saginaw last week returning with Mr. Crosby's Studebaker car beautifully redecorated and in readiness for use during the coming season.

A. C. Edgerton, who recently graduated from the Detroit College of Medicine, is now employed at the Herman Kiefer Hospital at Detroit, which comes under his internship experience with Harper hospital. He is getting great experience in contagious diseases at the Kiefer institution which handles many cases of scarlet fever, diphtheria and similar diseases.

Mrs. Jas. W. Heller gave a birthday party Friday evening in honor of her mother, Mrs. Eunice Bilderbeck, who had reached the 76th milestone in life's journey on that day. Four generations were represented at the gathering, Mrs. Bilderbeck being the oldest and her great grandchild of 14 years representing the fourth generation in the Bilderbeck family. Mrs. Bilderbeck returned Saturday from her home in Vermontville.

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**MICHIGAN'S NEWEST troopers, including Cass City's Kyle Ross, will soon report to work at Michigan State Police (MSP) posts across the state after graduating from the 135th Trooper Recruit School last week. In all, 101 recruits were sworn in as state police troopers during the ceremony, boosting the MSP to 1,285 troopers assigned statewide.**

## New Trooper Kyle Ross earns every stitch

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his high school career, but he didn't know at the time just how demanding reaching that goal would be.

The process of being accepted into the academy involves several steps, including an entry-level law enforcement exam and supplemental paperwork, physical agility test, interview and medical and psychological exams.

If they're accepted for admission, MSP trainees reside at the MSP Training Academy from Sunday through Friday each week. Between wake-up at 5 a.m. and lights-out at 10 p.m., they receive more than 1,200 hours of instruction in criminal law, patrol techniques, defensive tactics, ethics, cultural diversity and implicit bias, first aid, report writing, firearms, water safety, crime scene processing and precision driving.

Near the end of the academy, trainees must also pass a 200-question law enforcement certification exam in order to graduate with their class.

Ross described the boot camp-style training as incredibly challenging, both physically and mentally.

"The days are just physically exhausting," he said. Ross explained the exercises included defensive tactics and hours of fatigue course training during which recruits learn the skills necessary to overcome combatant individuals in physical confrontations. He noted the water safety training was "re-

ally challenging as well."

The goal is to be prepared to react appropriately in any situation, from utilizing tactical breathing to dealing with the unknown, which describes much of what law enforcement officers face on a daily basis.

"It definitely changes your confidence level," Ross said. "You learn you can do things you didn't think you could."

Ross said MSP trainers repeated a shared theme throughout the training.

"Everything is earned," he added, "and they want us to earn every stitch of that uniform, and that's what we did."

Now, he's looking to the future, including his first assignment, which will involve being paired up with field training officers for the first three or four months of time on duty. Later, he'll have the option of requesting a transfer to another post — maybe even one closer to the Thumb.

"Yeah, I'd like to come back home, but I'm also open to what's up there," he said.

Not surprisingly, Ross' family, including his parents, Steve and Andrea Ross, could not be more proud.

Over the course of the academy — during Kyle's brief weekend visits home — Steve Ross indicated it was evident his son was being tested by training that is designed to do just that. But he said he never doubted Kyle would graduate.

"Not a bit. Just knowing his per-

sonality," Steve said. "We're outdoors people, we've handled guns for years. He's in great shape — he's played every sport known to man. He's always been a confident person, but I saw an increase in that confidence."

Steve acknowledged the sort of concerns any parent would have when their son or daughter chooses law enforcement as a career, especially when it comes to their safety. At the same time, however, he said he's confident in Kyle and the extent to which the state police have prepared him for the challenges ahead.

"I guess I'm a man of faith, and I know God has things in control," Steve said, adding there's a vital need for individuals willing and able to take on law enforcement as a career, and he couldn't be happier that his son is one of them, and for all of the right reasons.

"That's all you can hope for as a parent — is that your kid gets to (pursue) their dream."

## Police pursuit ends in arrest

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Police (MSP) troopers, Vassar police, Reese police, the Department of Natural Resources and an MSP helicopter were all involved in the chase.

"The suspect, a 37-year-old Millington man, abandoned his vehicle near Obrien Road and Oak Road and ran into the woods. Sgt. (Josh) Herman from the sheriff's office, Reese police and Vassar police began a foot pursuit," Skrent reported. "The suspect was armed with a 9mm handgun. (He) was taken into custody with no shots fired."

Skrent said officers discovered roughly 700 rounds of ammunition in the suspect's vehicle along with a hatchet and a large knife.

"The incident remains under investigation to determine the suspect's motives."

## Novesta Township officials okay new hall construction

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posed hall. Campbell met with the lowest bidder to "crunch the numbers," which helped to reduce the cost of a new hall by roughly \$112,500, bringing the price down to about \$282,808.

Revisions that helped reduce the cost included going with a five-inch well instead of a six-inch well, no dumpster fence, and changing the ceiling.

A drop ceiling, which would have helped reduce noise and echoing, costs about \$8,500, while using spray insulation instead of batting would cost \$1,700 more.

Clerk Pennie Rienas balked at spending so much for a ceiling because it's a lot of "money to cut down noise."

Following discussion, the board approved hiring TDM Construction during a recent meeting to build the new township hall using spray foam insulation at a final cost estimate of \$284,509.

Plans call for construction of the 2,000-square-foot structure at the corner of Cemetery and Delong roads. The township has been using the Cass City Gun Club building at 2676 N. Englehart Rd. for its meetings and other township business since August 2010, after vacating the former hall in Deford due to a variety of issues, including a lack of indoor rest-

room facilities.

Turning to roads, officials pointed out that a bid approved to pave one mile of road was not the correct amount. In working with the Tuscola County Road Commission, the board determined that the estimate of \$84,990 was indeed incorrect, that adding 1.5 inches of asphalt would not hold up, and going with two inches of asphalt would add another \$30,000 to the cost.

The road commission suggested going with a new technique of applying "scrub seal" to the current asphalt would prolong the life of the road.

After hearing that option, the board approved applying the seal coating to one mile of Severance Road, between Cemetery Road and Englehart Road, at a cost of \$110,055.

In other business, the board:

\*Discussed a Michigan Township Association (MTA) form sent to the township, asking officials to pass a resolution agreeing to conduct a non-partisan ballot during elections. The board voted the request down.

\*Noted the township's planning commission will host a public hearing 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 7, on proposed wind, marijuana and solar ordinances.

The next township board meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 6.

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- **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.
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# Distracted?

## Law enforcement cracking down on drivers who text behind wheel

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Driving while texting could cost you plenty, and law enforcement agencies across the state intend to focus on sharing that message with motorists over the next few days.

Michigan saw a 57 percent increase in distracted driving crashes and a 67 percent increase in fatalities from those crashes from 2016 to 2017, according to the Michigan State Police (MSP) Criminal Justice Information Center (CJIC). That's why law enforcement agencies around the state are participating in a nationwide distracted driving mobilization period slated to kick off Thursday and continue through Monday, in the middle of Distracted Driving Awareness Month.

"When you are behind the wheel, keep your phone out of reach," said Michael L. Prince, Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP) director. "Studies show that texting while driving takes your attention off the road more than any other activity."

According to the state police CJIC statistics, there were 20,115 crashes in Michigan during 2017 involving distracted driving, resulting in 72 fatalities. In 2016, there were 12,788 distracted driving crashes resulting in 43 fatalities.

"This is a noteworthy increase in crashes and nearly 30 more fatalities. We have to do everything possible to get those numbers trending in the opposite direction," said Prince.

To help encourage drivers to remain attentive to the task of driving, the OHSP has distributed materials to every law enforcement agency across the state.

Michigan drivers are prohibited from reading, manually typing, or sending a text message while driving. Driving is defined as: operating a moving motor vehicle on a street or highway. Exceptions are in place for reporting crashes, crimes or other emergencies.

Michigan law has prohibited texting while driving since 2010, with a first offense carrying a \$100 fine and subsequent offenses, a \$200 fine. Violations are considered primary offenses, meaning motorists can be pulled over and ticketed for suspected texting.

Young drivers, meanwhile, are banned from any use of handheld wireless communication devices while driving in Michigan. Violations are punishable by a combination of fines, suspended driving privileges, attorney's fees, court costs and insurance rate increases.

Lawmakers are considering enacting even stricter rules.

In fact, legislation introduced in February would ban hand-held mobile phone use among all motorists while driving, although adults could still use the devices via hands-free technology.

The proposal would also prohibit drivers from reading or posting to a social network while driving, watching video on a mobile device or wearing headphones in both ears to listen to music, video or other broadcasts.

If approved, the legislation would provide for penalties of \$100, 16 hours of community service or both for a first offense for using a hand-held mobile device while driving. A second offense could result in a \$250 fine and 24 hours of community services.

Motorists who cause an accident while using a cellphone would face double fines and could lose their license for up to 90 days for multiple offenses.



**MEMBERS OF the Owen-Gage chapter of the National Honor Society, including (top, from left) Jade Androl, Cordell Clarkson, Matthew Fritz and Carlee Rievert, recently staffed a free luncheon for retired individuals and senior citizens residing in the school district or who have a family member who attends Owen-Gage Schools.**



## Report: hospital fate already sealed?

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State Rep. Phil Green (R-Millington) learned about the matter when he was contacted by a reporter for a statement on what was found in the emails.

"That's when I learned about this... pretty interesting? I'm appalled at the departments that they would boldface lie to us. This whole pausing on building the Caro Center wrecks of politics and that is exactly 100 percent what it was," said Green.

"According to those emails, they never had any intentions of building the hospital in Caro."

There was a groundbreaking in mid-October for the hospital that was attended by Michigan Department of Technology Management and Budget David DeVries, Rep. Edward Canfield, Gov. Rick Snyder, Senator Mike Green, and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Director Nick Lyons. None of whom are still in office.

After the ground-breaking, several homes that had at one time been used by hospital staff were razed. The state has invested about \$3 million in the project so far.

"It is not surprising that the decision regarding the Caro Center would have already been made. What is surprising to me is the amount of dishonesty and conniving that went into making the announcement," said Green, who represents the 84th District, comprised of Tuscola and Huron counties.

"I stated in a meeting with DHHS and DTMB (Department of Technology, Management and Budget) that it sounded like their mind was already made up and it would not be confused with facts."

Green, who has been a state representative since the first of the year, indicated he's upset about the "political game playing."

"That they had to connive and come up with this elaborate plan to 'do another study' in order to come to the conclusion they have already made is the epitome of dishonesty and fiscally irresponsible," he said. "I hope Governor Whitmer will exhibit leadership and get this department under control."

"If leadership will lie to the members of the legislature and the residents of the state of Michigan, they will also lie to her. This department (MDHHS) cannot be trusted," Green added.

As soon as county officials learned construction on the hospital had been halted, they went to work formulating a strategy to make their case as to why the new hospital should stay in the county.

The Caro Center is Tuscola County's second largest employer. Whitmer's response to the local lawmakers' invitation to visit Caro to see how important keeping the state hospital in the county is to the community — and to those who rely on the center for care and employment — was brief and non-committal.

"Your letter has been received and I have asked the lead agency Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to respond. Should you need any further assistance, regarding this or anything else, please do not hesitate to let me know," Whitmer responded in a letter to Daley and Green.

It was Gordon who called for a reassessment of the hospital location based on concerns related to staffing shortages, lack of new staff recruitment, the Caro Center not having an active permanent psychiatrist on staff, and water accessibility.

County officials have responded with reams of research and data presented last year, when former Gov. Rick Snyder's administration signed off on the project and approved the funding. Ground was subsequently broken at the site last fall, with crews demolishing several buildings on the property to make way for the new hospital.

During a meeting in late March, Tuscola County commissioners approved hiring a lobbying firm, Capital Services, for up to \$12,600 to help them plead their case to the state.

And, that isn't the only money the county has spent trying to keep the \$115 million, 225,000 square-foot hospital.

In October, the county board hired Schellenbarger Engineering and Surveying at a cost of \$5,000 to evaluate rehabilitating the Caro Center's current water system with upgrades when the city of Caro and Indianfields Township

could not agree on financing about \$2 million to expand a waterline 1.9 miles to the hospital.

Commissioners noted that public testimony was scheduled to be heard April 8 regarding the MDHHS appropriations budget, and a MDHHS appropriation meeting related to its 2019-20 budget was scheduled for today (April 10).

In spite of the recent news reports, former Thumb lawmaker Dr. Edward Canfield pointed out that the Legislature hasn't yet weighed in Gordon's recommendations.

"They (governor and MDHHS) are bureaucrats, not legislators. It is the legislators who decide on where the buildings are going to be, how much is going to be spent on buildings — not department heads," Canfield said. "Department heads can put forward their plan, but it is the legislators who determine where the money is going to be appropriated. And, the governor has to agree with that or not."

"Gov. Snyder already agreed to spend \$115 on a building in Caro. There was no provision to split that money or for the hospital to go elsewhere. In order to do anything else, they (have) to go back to the Legislature."

"They can't just do it. The governor has a right to halt construction — that is in her purview — but in order to make buildings happen, the legislators have to sign on," said Canfield, who noted the lawmakers — from the indications he has seen — are behind the current plan for Caro.

"(I) believe two years ago department heads had already decided to move the Caro Center. I had been told by my appropriation's chair it was a done deal," he recalled. "What we did back then was educate the governor, the legislators and others on the Caro Center and why it should be kept where it is. Everyone then agreed that keeping the Caro Center in Caro made the most sense for taxpayers, for the county, workers and for the community at large."

"All of the information gathered before to make that decision will be presented again, and my suspicions is we have a very good chance to prevail again."

County officials are continuing to urge residents to send letters of support for keeping the state hospital local to Gretchen Whitmer at P.O. Box 30013, Lansing, MI 48909. Residents can also express their opinions by calling (517) 373-3400 or (517) 335-7858.

Gordon can be reached via mail at 333 S. Grand Ave, P.O. Box 30195 Lansing, MI 48909, or by calling (517) 373-3740.

## News briefs

### Area library offers amnesty

KINGSTON — Opperman Memorial Library, 5790 State St., Kingston, is offering patrons amnesty on any overdue item fines they may be facing.

Library officials say fines on those borrowed materials are being forgiven this week through Saturday. Those planning to participate are asked to alert library staff of overdue items when they return them.

More information is available by calling the library at (989) 683-2500.

### Green to meet with citizens

THUMB — State Rep. Phil Green (R-Millington) is inviting residents to attend his local office hours Friday, April 12.

"Holding regular office hours is a great way to ensure I am accountable and responsive to the people in my community," Green said. "I encourage anyone to attend, and I look forward to hearing your thoughts."

Green, who represents the 84th District (Tuscola and Huron counties), will be available to meet with constituents at the following times and locations:

\*10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Rawson Memorial District Library, 6495 Pine St. in Cass City.

\*12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at Harbor Beach Area District Library, 105 N. Huron Ave. in Harbor Beach.

\*2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Emma's Coffee House, 123 N. Van Dyke Rd., Bad Axe.

No appointments are necessary to attend office hours. Those unable to meet during the scheduled times can contact Green by calling (517) 373-0476 or via email at RepPhilGreen@house.mi.gov.

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# Sheriff honors deputies

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drug Narcan. The incident occurred Oct. 12, 2018 and involved an unconscious female from Bad Axe who was on the verge of overdose death, according to Hanson.

"It should be noted that the emergency administering of Narcan by deputies significantly decreased from 2017," he noted. "That year, seven deputies received this award for the same (actions), with one of them being involved in three separate incidents totaling nine Narcan saves for that year.

Those were just a few of the exceptional good deeds that our deputies performed last year," the sheriff continued.

"All deputies often find themselves involved in difficult situations, which many times require spur-of-the-moment decisions, decisions that can be the difference between life or death, or many that can turn out unpopular because of enforcement action taken," Hanson said. "Regardless, it's not all that uncommon for me to receive compliments from people who have had interactions with our staff and agency. That in itself says a lot about the people who work at (the) sheriff's office.

"Our main functions are to provide 24/7 police services to areas without law enforcement coverage, and staffing our jail of 70 beds with deputies 24/7 as well. Some of the other services it provides is civil process, handgun registration, sex offender registry, law enforcement training to other police agencies, marine safety patrol, search and rescue, along with underwater recovery," he added.

"Our office also places emphasis on the enforcement of illegal drug trafficking and the safety education of our county's children. Rest assured we're trying to do our best."



## Life savers in Huron County...

HURON COUNTY Sheriff's Department officers recently presented with life-saving awards were (from left) deputies Jacob Dhyse, Gabriel Callender and Alex Jobes, and the Sheriff's Commendation Outstanding Service Award went to Sgt. James



HURON COUNTY Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson (far left) presented professional excellence awards to deputies (front row, from left) Eric Hessling, Warren Kuhl, Charlie Stevens, Danny Maxwell, Stephanie Voss, Kim Kociba-Webber, Katie Carter, Daryl Ford, Alex Jobes, Bret Zagorski, Josh Loss, (back row) Nathan Leppek, Gabriel Callender, Charles Bolzman, Todd Schember, Randy Smagliniski, Roy Williamson, James Hunt, Ryan Swartz, Justin Tietz and Warren Kuhl.

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**THE 2019 Cass City Lady Red Hawk softball team is ready for action. They are: (front row, l-r) Macey White, Brittany Hamilton, Hailey Beckrow (middle row) Abbey Halabis, Tiana Tageson, Abbey Salcido, DeeDee Haley, Brianna Mester, Kacey Haire (back row) Coach John Hacker, Jalene Krol, Dawson Klein, Morgan Russell, Olivia Peters, Madilyn Tschirhart and Assistant Coach Ken Martin.**

## Lady Red Hawks eye progress at the plate

by Clarke Haire  
Publisher

Despite a heavy graduation toll, Cass City softball Coach John Hacker is eager for the 2019 Lady Red Hawks to take the field as he enters his 9th season in charge.

"We're tired of playing in the gym. These girls want to play and so do I. They are a very athletic group and we're ready to get started," said Hacker.

Still, gone from last year's squad that finished with a 14-11 mark are Lauren Dickinson, Baylee Murphy, Bailee Ross, Riley Klein, Konnar Warren and Kate Stimpfel. The trio of Dickinson, Klein and Ross – they were second team all-conference choice a year ago – held batting averages of .443, .390 and .382, respectively, in their final seasons and filling their shoes at the plate and on the infield will be a priority for Hacker.

However, Hacker does have seven players back from his 2018 roster to mold this year's team around. Senior Kacey Haire, Brittany Hamilton and Brianna Mester all have multiple years of varsity experience.

Haire was voted a second team all-conference outfielder as a junior. She will anchor the outfield in center field. Named an all-district first team player in 2018, Haire has good speed and held a .449 batting average as the team's lead-off hitter.

Mester – she's expected to replace Klein at third base – is a four year varsity performer who has battled injuries since her sophomore season. Healthy now, Hacker feels she is vital to the team's success, as is Hamilton, who carries a big bat and led Cass City in home runs as a junior. Look for her to see time as Dickinson's replacement at short stop.

Returnees Macey White and Dawson Klein enjoyed banner freshman seasons. Both are expected to play big roles if Cass City is to succeed. Also landing on the Greater Thumb West all-conference second team last year, Dawson developed into the Red Hawks' ace during the season and batted .407 in her first varsity season, while White led the team with a .507 average and was a first team all-district honoree. Defensively, she is expected to move from the outfield to behind the plate in her second varsity campaign, replacing Murphy.

Rounding out the returning letter winners for Cass City are Jalene

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**THE 2019 Cass City Red Hawk baseball team is expected to challenge for GTW honors. They are: (front row, l-r) Kendall Anthes, Kenton Wiseman, Tristan Swiderski, Tyler Czekai, Malaki Moore (back row) Hadyn Horne, Luke Stern, Sandyn Cuthrell, Landon Schenk, Zack Beecher and Collen Wrubel.**

## Cass City baseball team short on numbers, but boasts plenty of returning talented stars

by Clarke Haire  
Publisher

Weather permitting, the Cass City Red Hawk baseball team is scheduled to open its 2019 season this week.

Coach Josh Stern enters his 5th year at the helm and returns seven letter winners from last year's squad that captured district honors on their way to recording a lofty 17-5-1 record.

However, after jumping out to a fast start in Greater Thumb West (GTW) play in 2018, Cass City suffered three late defeats in conference play and finished as the runner-up to champion Vassar, who the Red Hawks swept earlier in the year.

"We are hoping to take the next step in both the league and state tournament," Stern said, adding, "The league is always full of talented players and the number of players moving on to play at the next level seems to grow every year."

A pair of first team all-conference players highlights the list of returnees for Cass City. Junior veterans Kendall Anthes and Sandyn Cuthrell had strong showings a year ago.

"Kendall was the best pitcher in the league and works so hard at what he does," said Stern following last year's campaign.

The Red Hawk ace was a perfect 5-0 on the mound during 2018, striking out 71 in 49 innings

pitched. His ERA was an impressive 2.554. At the plate, Anthes slugged for a .325 average and drove in a dozen runs.

Cuthrell, despite battling injuries during his second varsity season, was solid at shortstop and at the plate for the Red Hawks that finished with a 7-3 mark in the GTW standings. He slugged for a .408 average over 15 games. His stats include four doubles, two triples, and 11 RBIs.

Also expected to have big final seasons for Cass City are seniors Zach Beecher and Luke Stern. Both were named second team all-conference performers as juniors.

Beecher enters the season after holding a .373 batting average with eight doubles and 25 RBIs

last year, while Stern's numbers included a .507 batting average with 21 RBIs. The Red Hawk catcher scored 33 runs.

Cass City sophomore Kenton Wiseman, the team's final returnee with all-conference recognition during his rookie season – he was voted as an honorable mention player – will most likely need another banner year on the mound for Cass City to snag GTW honors. He struck out 48 batters in 20 innings pitched.

Although Joey Krol, another all-conference honorable mention choice in 2018, Hunter Vaughan and Braden Rosenstangel have graduated and will be missed, returnees Tristan Swiderski and Collen Wrubel should be much

improved with a year of varsity experience under their belts.

New to the varsity baseball ranks are Hadyn Horne, Tyler Czekai, Malaki Moore and Landon Schenk.

Czekai is pegged to spend time at first base, as is Schenk, who also should see action in the outfield, along with Moore and Horne.

"We do not have much depth," admits Stern, "(But) we have a lot of experience with our returning players. Many of our players have spent their summers playing baseball."

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## Kingston wins three of four at Sandusky

Kingston kicked off its 2019 baseball season by sweeping host Sandusky in non-conference play.

In the coaching debut for Frank Licavoli, the Cardinals posted wins of 8-2 and 7-2 to the delight of the first year coach.

Senior Scottie Helton pitched 4 2/3 innings, striking out 12 batters and walking three to collect the win in Tuesday's opener, while freshman Ethan Ulewicz earned the save throwing 1 1/3 innings. He struck out one and walked one.

Senior Levi Cryderman got the win in the second game, striking out two and issuing three free passes.

"Both games our defense played very well this early in the season and our plate discipline was good taking 16 walks between both games," said Licavoli.

Senior catcher Colton Staddler led the way at the plate in both games, going 4-4 on the night with three singles and a double.

Turning to the Lady Cardinals, a huge sixth inning resulted in an 8-7 win for host Sandusky in game one, before the visitors were able to rebound nicely and earn a split with a 12-6 win in the nightcap.

Payton Kolacz and Olivia Ulewicz combined to handle the pitching duties in the opener and allowed six hits, while fanning four.

At the plate, Ashtian Davis, Hannah James and Kail Norris each had one hit in vain.

Game 2 saw the Cardinals strike for 11 runs in the fourth.

Ulewicz and Camryn MacGuire handled the mound work for the visitors, while Gerilyn Carpenter came up big at the plate, slugging a triple with the bases loaded.

## Lady Hawks' hitting should be improved

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Krol and DeeDee Haley.

Krol will fill in for Ross at first base and Haley will join Haire in the outfield, as will varsity rookie Abbey Salcido.

Also sure to see plenty of playing time in the early season are varsity newcomers Hailey Beckrow, Abby Halabis, Tiana Tageson, Morgan Russell, Olivia Peters and Madilyn Tschirhart.

From the group, Hacker says junior Beckrow should break into the starting lineup as a middle infielder, while freshman Halabis will help with the team's pitching duties.

"We've always been good defensively. This year we invested \$1,200 with a hitting coach from Peak Performance and I think the money was well spent. I think we will have something for (perennial league favorites) USA and Reese this year," Hacker said, noting Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port and Caro should have solid teams.

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

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Megan Pawlowski	Harbor Beach	Senior
Gabby Gough	Sandusky	Senior
Marisa Schiller	Sandusky	Senior
Katelyn Sweeney	Ubly	Junior

### SECOND TEAM

Alexis Wiltse	Brown City	Senior
Claire Woodke	Harbor Beach	Junior
Abby Bolsby	Sandusky	Junior
Josie Gusa	Ubly	Sophomore
Aubree Smith	Capac	Senior
Liz Rohling	Marlette	Junior

### HONORABLE MENTION

Hallie Essenmacher	Harbor Beach	Senio
Haylie Essenmacher	Harbor Beach	Senio
Olivia Jacobson	Sandusky	Junior
Haili Gusa	Ubly	Senior
Ellie Peruski	Ubly	Junior
Shelby Husovsky	Capac	Senior
Jona Mullin	Capac	Junior
Jordyn Boyne	Marlette	Junior
Ashlyn Perales	Marlette	Freshman
Robyn Heffner	Memphis	Senior
Taylor Carrow	Memphis	Freshman
Sarah Woodall	Brown City	Senior



**THE 2019 Cass City Red Hawk golf team members include: (front row, l-r) Taryn Pisarek, Matt Roth, Mia Wright, Imogen Sanders, Mariah Mellendorf, Jeffrey Mathewson, Quincy Creason (back row) Coach Jon Ligrow, Ryan Pisarek, Adam Habicht, Anthony Pawloski, Rees Romain, Alex Swiderski, Quentin Rick and Trevor Warren.**

## Ligrow returns for third year in charge of Hawk golfers

by Clarke Haire  
Publisher

Coach Jon Ligrow has a full roster entering his third year as the Cass City Red Hawk golf coach.

Included among the returning letter winners are Matt Ross, Taryn Pisarek, Ryan Pisarek, Imogen Sanders and Mariah Mellendorf.

Ross, and the Pisarek siblings, came on strong at the end of the

2018 season and their continued improvement will be vital if the Red Hawks hope to have a breakout season.

Missing, however, from last year's roster are consistent point winners Reed White, Nick Perry, Kalean Boynton and Garrett Dei-

tering.

Hoping to offset their absence are Red Hawk newcomers Mia Wright, Jeffrey Mathewson, Quincy Creason, Adam Habicht, Anthony Pawloski, Rees Romain, Alex Swiderski, Quentin Rick and Trevor Warren.

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## Lady Bulldogs split twin bill

The Owendale-Gagetown softball team opened its season by trading decisions with North Huron.

In the opener, Carley Haldane earned the 15-5 win in the circle for the Bulldogs, allowing six hits and four runs. She walked two and whiffed two.

At the plate, Bulldogs Aaliyah Gonzales, Madelyn Haldane and Dagon LaCroix each had two hits.

In the late affair, North Huron posted a 13-6 victory.

Madelyn Haldane suffered the loss on the hill, surrendering 11 hits. She walked seven and struck out seven. She helped her own cause at the plate with two RBIs.

"Girls started slow in first game, but battled back. Proud of offense and defense, girls played as a team," said Owendale-Gagetown Coach Bob Haldane, adding, "In the second game North Huron wanted it more, our defense let us down. Offensively we didn't show up, their pitching threw us off."

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



## BOYS' BASEBALL (VARSITY)

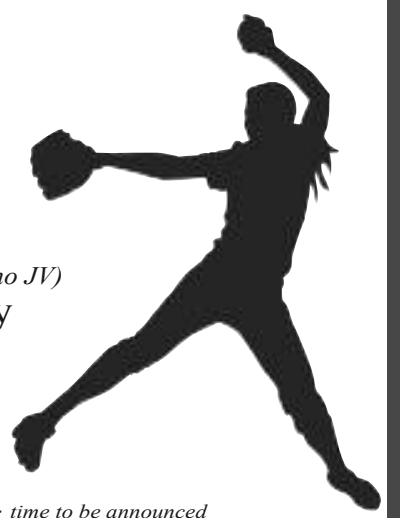
DATE	OPPONENT
<b>4/9</b>	<b>Marlette</b>
4/12	Memphis
4/13	Tuscola Tourny @ Millington - time to be announced
4/15	Capac
4/18	Bad Axe
4/23	Sandusky
<b>4/25</b>	<b>Vassar</b>
4/29	Ubly
<b>5/2</b>	<b>USA</b>
5/6	Brown City
<b>5/9</b>	<b>Harbor Beach</b>
5/13	EPBP Lakers
<b>5/17</b>	<b>Caro</b>
5/20	Deckerville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



All games begin at 4 p.m. unless noted

## GIRLS' SOFTBALL (VARSITY)

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



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## TRACK

DATE	OPPONENT
4/2	<b>Caro/Bad Axe</b> at 4:30 p.m.
4/9	<b>Brown City/Lakers</b> at 4:30 p.m.
4/12	Brown City Invite at 4:00 p.m.
4/16	<b>USA/Ubly/Bad Axe</b> 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	<b>Bad Axe/Brown City/Sandusky</b> 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.
<b>5/7</b>	<b>Capac/Brown City/Ubly @ 4:30 p.m.</b>
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.
<b>5/7</b>	<b>GTC Jamboree @ Cass City</b> 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	<b>Vassar/Reese</b>
4/15	<b>Bad Axe/Brown City</b>
4/17	<b>Caro/Marlette</b>
4/22	<b>Lakers/Marlette</b>
4/24	<b>Brown City/Memphis/H.B.</b>
4/29	<b>Ubly/USA/HB/Reese/Capac/BA</b>
5/1	<b>Vassar/USA</b>
5/6	<b>Harbor Beach/Sandusky/Caro</b>
5/8	<b>Capac</b>
5/15	GTC West League Meet @ Reese <i>time to be announced</i>



All meets begin at 4:30 p.m. unless noted

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Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m. • Wednesday Family Night 6:30 p.m.  
Pastor: Phil Burkett • Associate Pastor: Joel Schwendinger • www.casscitymc.org



## Cass City United Methodist Church

5100 Cemetery Rd., Cass City, MI 48726 • 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



## 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.  
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Sundays - 10 a.m. | Wednesday - 7 p.m.  
Pastor: David Cooper | 872-4055  
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## Evangelical Free Church of Cass City

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



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• Worship Service 9:30 a.m.  
Coffee Hour following worship • Pastor: Rev. Linda Graham



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Sunday School: 10 a.m. • Sunday Service: 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.  
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## NOTICE FOR EVERGREEN TOWNSHIP

The Evergreen Township Board will hold  
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**Tuesday, April 16th, at 7:30 p.m.**

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss  
the future options for road spending  
in the township.

The meeting will be held at the  
**Evergreen Township Hall,  
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**Randy Severance, Clerk**

## Village of Cass City Cass City, Michigan 2019 Street Improvements ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for the construction of the 2019 Street Improvements will be received, by the Village of Cass City, at the municipal building of the Village of Cass City, 6506 Main Street, Cass City, MI 48726 until 11:00 a.m. local time on Monday April 22, 2019, at which time the bids received will be publicly opened and read. The project consists of completing local street improvements by crushing and shaping the existing roadway, milling the existing roadway, HMA Paving, and chip and seal with fog seal.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by certified check or bidder's bond in the amount of 5% of the bid. Checks shall be drawn payable to Village of Cass City as security for the acceptance of the contract and subject to the conditions stated in the Instructions to Bidders.

The Owner reserves the right to waive an informality in any bid, to reject any or all bids, or accept any bid which is considered most favorable to the Owner.

Electronic copies of plans, proposal forms and specifications may be viewed beginning Friday, March 29, 2019 on the bidding section of the Spicer Group website at www.spicergroup.com. Use the Bid Form in the specifications for submittal of sealed bid. All addendums will also be posted to this website. The contractor is responsible for ensuring all addendums have been received and acknowledged prior to submittal of the bid. No paper copies of these documents will be available for purchase.

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## Village of Gagetown Public Notice

An ordinance adopted by the Village of Gagetown on the 1st day of April, 2019, for the prohibition of marijuana businesses and establishments in the Village of Gagetown pursuant to the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act, pursuant to the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act, Ballot Proposal 1 of 2018:

### THE VILLAGE OF GAGETOWN HEREBY ORDAINS

- Section 1: Pursuant to the provisions of Section 8.1 of the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act (the "Act"), marijuana businesses and establishments, as defined by the Act, are completely prohibited within the boundaries of the Village.
- Section 2: Any applicant for a state or local license to establish a marijuana establishment, as defined by the Act, within the boundaries of the Village shall be deemed to not be in compliance with this Ordinance.
- Section 3: This section does not supersede rights and obligations with respect to the transportation of marijuana through the Village to the extent provided for by the Act, and does not supersede rights and obligations under Michigan Law with respect to the establishment and licensing of medical marijuana facilities under the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act, the Medical Marijuana Licensing Act, 2018 PA 281, or any other law of the State of Michigan allowing for or regulating marijuana for medical use.
- Section 4: In conformance with Section 4.1(e) and 6.2(b) of the Act, except as otherwise provided in this section, the sale or consumption of marijuana in any form and the sale or display of marijuana accessories, as defined by the Act, is prohibited in any public places within the boundaries of the Village.
- Section 5: Notwithstanding the limitations set forth in Section 5 hereof, marijuana may be consumed where approval is granted for the consumption of marijuana at a Village-approved festival or activity in areas designated by the Village for such festival or activity and that are not accessible to persons under 21 years of age.
- Section 6: Any person who violates any of the provisions of this Section shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction punishable by a civil fine of \$500.00 plus court-imposed costs.
- Section 7: This section does not supersede rights and obligations with respect to the transfer and consumption of marijuana on private property to the extent authorized by the person who owns, occupies or operates such property, as provided in and authorized by the Act, and does not supersede rights and obligations with respect to the use of marijuana for medical purposes as provided by any law of the State of Michigan allowing for or regulating marijuana for medical use.
- Section 8: Should any word, sentence, phrase or any portion of this Ordinance be held invalid by any Court of competent jurisdiction or by any agency having authority to do so for any reason whatsoever, such holding shall be construed and limited to such word, sentence, phrase, or any portion of the Ordinance held to be invalid and shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any remaining words, sentences, phrases or portions of the Ordinance.
- Section 9: All prior existing ordinances or parts of ordinances adopted by the Village of Gagetown inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed.
- Section 10: The adoption of this Ordinance is hereby declared to be immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and this Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.
- Section 11: This Ordinance shall be recorded by the Village Clerk in the Village Ordinance Book as soon as it is adopted, which record shall be authenticated by the signature of the Village President and Village Clerk, and shall be published once in the County newspaper of record.
- Section 12: This Ordinance shall take effect upon publication.

Dated: 4/10/2019

Dated: 4/10/2019

David Abbe  
Village President

Joan Koch  
Village Clerk

### CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

I hereby certify a copy of this Ordinance was published in the Cass City Chronicle on the 10th day of April, 2019.

Village Clerk

# Legal Notices

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

1379156 **3-20-4**

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

1379285 **3-20-4**

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement  
 NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to MCL 600.3212, that the following will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on April 18, 2019:  
 Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Ann K. Tomcho  
 Original Mortgagee: Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, A Subsidiary of Lehman Brothers Bank, FSB  
 Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust  
 Date of Mortgage: June 18, 2004  
 Date of Mortgage Recording: June 24, 2004  
 Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$107,491.78  
 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Wisner, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 15, Town 14 North, Range 7 East, and running thence East 8 rods, thence North 20 rods, thence West 8 rods, thence South 20 rods to the place of beginning.  
 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).  
 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.

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 Date of notice: March 20, 2019  
 Trott Law, P.C.

1379491 **3-20-4**

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement  
 NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to MCL 600.3212, that the following will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on April 18, 2019:  
 Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Chester Stone or Janice K Stone, or successors, as Trustee of the Stone Family Living Trust dated April 30, 2002  
 Original Mortgagee: Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, a subsidiary of Indy Mac Bank, F.S.B  
 Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust  
 Date of Mortgage: March 8, 2006  
 Date of Mortgage Recording: April 20, 2006  
 Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$120,744.53  
 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Gilford, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing at the Northeast corner of East 60 acres of South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4, thence South to former ST and H RR R/W, thence Southwesterly along said R/W to center of Hobart drain, thence Northerly along center of said drain to North line of said East 60 acres, thence East to the point of beginning, Section 26, Township 13 North Range 7 East, Gilford Township, Tuscola County, Mi. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).  
 If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.  
 This notice is from a debt collector.  
 Date of notice: March 20, 2019  
 Trott Law, P.C.

1379493 **3-20-4**

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 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 27, 2019  
 File No. 19-002359  
 Firm Name: Orland PC

**3-27-4**

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C., is attempting to collect a debt, any information obtained will be used for that purpose. MORTGAGE SALE—Douglas Botkins and Ruthann Botkins, husband and wife, granted a mortgage to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated December 8, 2016, and recorded on December 16, 2016, in Liber 1364, on Page 1001, and assigned by said mortgagee to Union Home Mortgage Corp., as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Nine Dollars and Eighty-Three Cents (\$216,589.83). 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, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on May 2, 2019 Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as: The East 485 feet of the North 450 feet of the West 3/4 of the North half of the Northwest quarter of Section 9, Township 12 North, Range 8 East, Juniata Township, Tuscola County, Michigan. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241, in which case the redemption period shall be 1 month, or under MCL 600.3241a 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later, or extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Union Home Mortgage Corp. Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335

1381055 **4-3-4**

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C., is attempting to collect a debt, any information obtained will be used for that purpose. MORTGAGE SALE—Patti Miller, an unmarried woman, granted a mortgage to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated January 20, 2017, and recorded on January 25, 2017, in Liber 1367, on Page 241, and assigned by said mortgagee to Quicken Loans Inc., as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Nineteen Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Five Dollars and Sixty-Six Cents (\$119,695.66). 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, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on May 2, 2019 Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as: Lot 15 of Williamsburg Estates No. 2, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 5. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241, in which case the redemption period shall be 1 month, or under MCL 600.3241a 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the

MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later, or extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Quicken Loans Inc. Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335

1381057 **4-3-4**

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement  
 NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to MCL 600.3212, that the following will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on May 9, 2019:  
 Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Clifton L Sullins and Hazel M Sullins, husband and wife  
 Original Mortgagee: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.  
 Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC  
 Date of Mortgage: May 6, 2010  
 Date of Mortgage Recording: May 13, 2010  
 Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$96,471.16  
 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Kingston, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing at a point 986 feet North of the Southwest corner of Northwest 1/4 of Section 30, Town 12 North, Range 11 East, thence East 57 rods, thence North 334 feet, thence West 57 rods, thence South 334 feet to the place of beginning, Kingston Township, Tuscola County, Michigan  
 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).  
 If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.  
 This notice is from a debt collector.  
 Date of notice: April 10, 2019  
 Trott Law, P.C.

1381064 **4-10-4**

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement  
 NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to MCL 600.3212, that the following will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on May 9, 2019:  
 Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Scott A Soderlund and Colleen Soderlund, husband and wife  
 Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.  
 Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC  
 Date of Mortgage: November 14, 2002  
 Date of Mortgage Recording: January 13, 2003  
 Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$56,093.84  
 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: The north 16 rods of the West 100 acres of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 12, Township 10 North, Range 8 East, Township of Millington, County of Tuscola, Michigan  
 The redemption period shall be 1 year from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a.  
 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: April 10, 2019

Trott Law, P.C.  
 1381582 **4-10-4**

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 Angela L. Tyson, an unmarried woman, mortgagor, to Independent Mortgage Company, a dissolved Michigan corporation, as assigned to Independent Bank, a Michigan banking corporation, mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated September 4, 2009, and was recorded on September 18, 2009, in Liber 1183, on page 1258 of the Tuscola County records, subject to a Modification Agreement recorded at Liber 1200, Page 1040, further subject to a Modification Agreement recorded at Liber 1265, Page 735, further subject to a Modification Agreement recorded at Liber 1409, Page 1393, further subject to an Assignment of Mortgage recorded at Liber 1245, Page 936 and further subject to a Partial Discharge of Mortgage recorded at Liber 1391, Page 1016. The balance owing on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is \$59,957.74, including interest at 4% 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 May 9, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the Tuscola County Court Facility, 440 N. State Street, Caro, Michigan, that being the place of holding Circuit Court for Tuscola County, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

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

Part of the NE 1/4 of Section 4, T12N, R9E, Village (now City) of Caro, Indianfields Twp., Tuscola Co., Michigan, described as: Beginning at a point on the N line of said Section 4 which is N 88°59'00" W, 1885.0 ft from the NE corner of Section 4; thence continuing along said N line, N 88°59'00" W, 726.82 ft; thence S 00°22'00" W, 537.97 ft; thence S 88°59'00" E, 729.95 ft; thence N 524.00 ft to the point of beginning.

Excepting that part of the NE 1/4 of said Section 4, described as beginning at a point on the N line of said Section 4 which is N 88°59'00" W 1885.00 ft from the NE corner of said Section 4; thence continuing along said N line, N 88°59'00" W 266.00 ft; thence S 524.00 ft; thence S 88°59'00" E 266.00 ft; thence N 524.00 ft to the Point of Beginning.

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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 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 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: April 2, 2019  
 By: Henry L. Knier, Jr. (P46393)

Attorney for Independent Bank, Mortgagee

900 Washington Ave., P.O. Box 219 Bay City, MI 48707  
 (989) 892-4574 **4-10-4**

# Obituaries

## Karen Preppernau

Karen Marie Preppernau, 74, of Cass City, died following a lengthy illness Monday, April 1, 2019 in Courtney Manor Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Bad Axe.

She was born July 24, 1944 in Hamtramck to Walter and Katherine (Wielgus) Grace.

She married Wendell Harmon. She later married Charles Holm. He died May 22, 1995. She married Jim Preppernau.

Karen worked as a licensed practical nurse in the emergency room of McKenzie Hospital, Sandusky. She enjoyed her job in the parts department of the Chrysler Dealership in Cass City. Karen also worked in Dr. Raythatha's office. She moved to Sun City, AZ and lived for a while in Mesa, AZ before moving back to Michigan. As a young girl, Karen loved to figure skate and in later years she liked to bowl and travel. She always had reality shows playing on the television. Her favorite was "Say Yes to the Dress".

Karen is survived by her children: Angeleatta Gabelaid of Minden City, Scott (Doris) Harmon of Deford, Melissa Murphy-Harmon of Gastonia, NC, Corey (Kimberlee) Harmon of St. Clair, Derik (Tammy) Harmon of Fairgrove and Chad (Janell) Harmon of Caro; brother, Dennis Grace of Clinton Twp.; 15 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

A graveside service will be held at a later date in Elkland Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

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

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.



## Laura Spencer

Laura June Spencer, 69, of Cass City, died following a lengthy illness Friday, April 5, 2019 in Covenant Healthcare Harrison Campus, Saginaw.

She was born March 11, 1950 in Cass City to C. Wayne and June (Stevens) Spencer.

Laura attended Cass City High School. She worked for Snover Stamping for over sixteen years. Laura left work to attend to the health care of her father and later, for her mother. She enjoyed making beautiful ceramic pieces and painting them. Laura always looked forward to a casino trip. She loved to shop and would travel anywhere to buy a pie, especially berry and lemon merengue.

Laura is survived by her sister, Judy Peters of Allegan; brother, Clinton (Diana) Spencer of Bay Port; sister-in-law, Dorothy Spencer of Cass City; nieces and nephews, Greg (Jodi) Peters of Allegan, Paula (Rick) Bolton of Cass City, Sheila (Ed) Yeo of Roscommon, Shannon (Jimmy) Hollinshead of Bay Port, Cheyann (Mike) Parks of Deford and Casey (Michael) Jackson of Caseville.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Raymond Spencer; brother-in-law, Roger Peters; nephew, Kirk Peters.

A funeral service was held Monday, April 8, in Novesta Church of Christ, Cass City with Brad Speirs officiating.

Interment will be in Novesta Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

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

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## Richard Keith Welby

Richard Keith Welby, 69, of Uby, formerly of Troy, passed away Tuesday, March 19, 2019.

He was born November 16, 1949 in Detroit.

Keith worked as a metal model maker for General Motors Truck and Bus located in Pontiac, Mich. for many years before being transferred to General Motors, Warren Tech Center. He went by the name of Doc by his friends and coworkers. With his time off of work he enjoyed working on classic cars with his son and teaching his daughter how to do home improvements. Summer vacations always consisted of going to Florida with his family to visit his parents. You could tell by the grin on his face he was happiest when he was on the beach. He also enjoyed John Wayne movies and loved Boston Crème Pie.

Keith is survived by his children, Amelia Hope Welby and Richard Jason Welby; one granddaughter Nora Rose Welby; sister Catherine (Mike) Gris and brother John Welby.

He was predeceased by his wife of 31 years, Rose Marie Welby; parents Richard John and Corrine (Specht) Welby; brother Fred Welby; in-laws George and Donna Barber; sisters-in-law Deborah Welby, Mary McWilliams and Marcia Barber; brothers-in-law Dennis McWilliams and Doug Schneider.



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# SWEET SUCCESS

## Bardwell carrying on family's syrup legacy

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

Spring's cool nights and warm days is the sweet season for maple sap gathering throughout Michigan's Thumb area.

Although the Bardwell family has been in the maple syrup business in times past, this is the second year Thomas (Thom) Bardwell seriously focused on maple syrup production under the name MapleWorxz with the assistance of two other "kindred spirited" families.

"Although the name is different, the business has a tradition of being handed down from one generation to the next. My family was making syrup about two generations ago with my grandfather and father. They purchased a new evaporator in the fall of 1949," said Bardwell, of Ellington Township.

"With that humble beginning, my family made maple syrup and distributed it to the local stores to sell with my grandfather's name on the label — Frank Bardwell — and then Fred Bardwell on the label for many years.

"There weren't health codes like there are today and people just knew and trusted each other," he added. "As far as we know, no one fell sick because of the family's maple syrup."

The name is about the only thing that has changed over the years.

Today, the Bardwells use the same processes and standards in making maple syrup that Thom's grandfather and father used, although the equipment has been upgraded.

"The hearth had been in production until last year. It just didn't make sense to attempt to rebuild it," said Bardwell, who serves as chairman of the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners. "After all, the wood hearth lasted 68

years and the original pans were replaced in 1986, and then again this year they were replaced."

One change is the way maple sap is cleaned.

"My family used to cleanse the maple syrup with eggs, which was a standard practice; however, today we use filters that perform the same function to remove impurities such as 'sugar sand' and improve the clarity," he noted.

maple syrup quicker, there have been many discussions relating to taste differences between the two processes," Bardwell noted. "Since it is up to our customers, we are sticking with our preferred method, which is the old-fashioned way, as our customers tell us that our maple syrup is the best they ever had."

Depending on the weather, maple sap gathering typically runs for about five weeks. For a good sap run, warm days and cool nights are needed. In an average year, each tap hole in a tree will produce roughly 10 gallons of sap, which will make about one quart of maple syrup. MapleWorxz has transitioned from Bardwell's grandfather's and father's syrup business on down to Bardwell and his son, Aaron Bardwell, who is the fourth generation helping with the family business.

Aaron recently earned his Doctor of Chiropractic Degree and is in the process of finishing a four-year Doctorate of Naturopathy (ND) Degree.

"Once I graduate, I plan on moving back to the family farm and continue learning the family maple syrup process with the intent of carrying on the tradition, just as my father continues to do," Aaron said.

Aside from maple syrup, the Bardwell family also operates a custom frame business at their residence at 3540 North Hurds Corner Rd., Caro.



Most of today's syrup producers use a reverse osmosis process to remove water from the maple sap prior to it entering the evaporator, which cuts down the evaporating time. The reason for using reverse osmosis is that it takes out 40 percent or more of the water out of the sap, which is 96 to 98 percent water to begin with, and creates a higher sugar content in the sap, resulting in less time required to evaporate to make maple syrup.

However, the Bardwell family hasn't embraced that process. Instead, they've opted to continue making syrup the same way as when the business was started in 1949. And, they tap sap from the same 20-acre maple forest that Frank Bardwell started the business with.

"We prefer to boil the sap straight from the tree which has a sugar content averaging 2.5 percent without removing any water. Although we could make the



ALTHOUGH THOM Bardwell's family has been in the maple syrup business for 70 years, this is the first year of operating the business under the name of MapleWorxz, with a new sugar house and equipment.



DURING WARM spring days, maple sap drips into collection buckets like the one pictured above with Ellington Township's Thom Bardwell, whose family has been producing maple syrup for decades. In an average year, each tap hole in a tree will produce about 10 gallons of sap, enough to produce one quart of maple syrup.

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