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Revive plans to open donation-only eatery in town

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Rob Sangster spent years in Cass City building a reputation as a skilled auto mechanic, fixing

everything from worn brakes to worn out transmissions, but these days he's looking forward to spending his time fixing meals that he hopes will warm souls as well as satisfy appetites.

Revive Ministries, Cass City, recently announced plans to launch a new outreach in town in the form of a café that will provide diners with a bite to eat in exchange for a donation.

Sangster agreed to head up the project as manager of what will be called the Common Grounds Café, located inside the former Carmela's Pizzeria, 6414 Main St., which is adjacent to the Revive Ministries thrift store and food pantry operations. Revive, which bought a portion of the Carmela's building in 2016 to house its Common Grounds outreach, recently closed on the purchase of the remainder of the building.

Revive plans to remove a block

wall separating the two halves of the Carmela's building – erected three years ago to create the Common Grounds space – in order to open up the area for the diner.

"It's going to be a very simple café," said Sangster, who explained the initial plans call for offering a couple of staple food items, such as burgers and pizza, along with a daily dinner special. There will also be soups, chili, etc.

Like Revive Ministries, the café will be a non-profit operation, relying on donations only. In other words, Sangster said, customers will be asked to pay what they can afford. The idea, he added, is that those who can afford to buy a meal will do so and also donate a few extra dollars to cover the cost

of those unable to pay.

"We're looking at it as another tool to reach into the community," he said.

"We're stepping out on faith, for sure" with this project, acknowledged Sangster, who pointed out that faith is already yielding unexpected support, including the donation of a commercial eight-burner stove and double oven.

"We have had a lot of support from the community already – and excitement," he added.

Members of the Revive Ministries Board of Directors have talked about the café idea for several years, but they knew they couldn't make it work without hir-

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THE FORMER Carmela's Pizzeria (in foreground), 6414 Main St., will soon be home to a different type of restaurant as officials with Revive Ministries, Cass City, prepare to open Common Grounds Café. The new diner will serve up a simple menu and ask that customers pay with a donation based on what they can afford.



CASS CITY'S Rob Sangster, pictured above behind the counter at the former Carmela's Pizzeria in town, is looking forward to serving as manager of the Revive Ministries' new Common Grounds Café. The building is connected to Revive's thrift store and food pantry operations at the corner of Main and West streets.

Donations sought for county murder victim

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

Those who knew Brandy Marie Dickson say they're struggling to come to terms with her death allegedly by a man who once said he loved her.



Brandy Dickson

Dickson, 36, died Dec. 15, from multiple stab wounds in a domestic assault in Tuscola County's Ellington Township, and her 11-month old daughter remains hospitalized from critical wounds she suffered during the same attack.

Donations are being sought to assist Dickson's family, with a GoFundMe page accompanied by a goal of raising \$5,000 created to help cover her funeral expenses at the Ransford Collon Funeral Home in Caro.

Tuscola County Deputies responded to the scene of the horrific assault – at 2900 Gerou Rd. – during the evening hours of Dec. 15.

According to reports, deputies located Dickson outside the residence with a knife near. She was taken to a nearby hospital, but succumbed to her injuries. Her baby daughter, meanwhile, was taken by medical transport helicopter to a hospital for treatment.

The suspect, Larry E. Lyons, 27, who investigators say is the father of Dickson's daughter, was taken into custody. He is charged with open murder, assault with intent to murder, second-degree child abuse, third-degree child abuse, carrying a dangerous weapon with unlawful intent, and third-offense

domestic violence.

Lyons, who was denied bond and remains lodged in the Tuscola County Jail, is scheduled to appear for a preliminary examination Jan. 8 at 9:30 p.m. in Tuscola County District Court.

Dickson graduated Cass City High School in 2001. She attended Baker College in Cass City

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Sheriff Biniecki won't seek reelection

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

It was Hannibal, renowned Carthaginian general and states-

man (247-183 BC), who is credited with coining the phrase, "I shall either find a way or make one." It's a phrase Sanilac County Sheriff Garry Biniecki hopes area

residents will think of when they look back at his administration's accomplishments.

Biniecki recently announced he will not be seeking reelection when his current – and third – term in office comes to a close.

A veteran law enforcement officer whose career with the sheriff's department spans more than 44 years, Biniecki indicated he's pleased with the legacy he'll leave behind.

"We have accomplished much of what we set out to do, and it has been a pleasure to see it come to fruition," he said.

"Some of our key accomplishments over these years are areas such as the jail addition and renovation project, where health and safety issues for staff and the inmates were addressed and remedied," Biniecki noted. "This major accomplishment was done through teamwork and without burdening the taxpayers for the debt, by creating a larger revenue source throughout the federal bed rental program.

"Sanilac County has also experienced a reduction in crime, credited to our staff and innovative ways to fight crime," Biniecki



Blast from Cass City's (wintery) past...

IT WAS A green Christmas, but chances are good Old Man Winter isn't finished with the Thumb region just yet. Former longtime Cass City resident Tyler Perry shared this photo of what a good old-fashioned snowstorm can look like along Cass City's Main Street. "It (picture) was taken around Jan. 27, 1967, after a monumental blizzard hit Michigan. Notice the awning on Riley's Foot Comfort collapsed under the weight of the snow," noted Perry, who said a number of the buildings then are no longer occupied or standing. The photo was taken facing north Main Street, just east of the traffic light.



Garry Binieski

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Owen-Gage School officials name December focus students of month

The focus for Owen-Gage's students of the month for December is being a "Cooperative, Collaborative Worker". A student who is a cooperative, collaborative worker communicates without bias, accepts and involves all

members of a group and is able to function as a leader and/or a follower.

They also can move effectively from one group to another and demonstrate loyalty and trust in a group.

The following students have been chosen: Hailey Forman, fourth grade (elementary level), daughter of Carl and Jaelyn Forman; Lily Willerton, seventh grade (junior high level), daughter of John Willerton and Loretta Willerton; Boyd Evans, eleventh grade (high school level), son of Maurice and Tanya Evans; and Seth Waske, twelfth grade (senior student), son of Aaron and Danielle Phillips.

Special recognition goes to the "Senior Student of the Month", Seth Waske. Waske was a member of the band, in which he played the French Horn, and was a member of the Media team during his freshman year at Lakers

H.S. Since attending Owen-Gage, Waske has been on the honor roll, participated in sports and other activities. He participated in baseball as a junior. As a senior, Waske participated/will participate in football, basketball and baseball.

As a junior, Waske was a member of the prom committee. As a senior, he was nominated as a homecoming king candidate, serves as the senior class representative to the student council, and is a member of the yearbook staff. Waske has attended the Huron Area Technical Center the past two years where he has been enrolled in the Law Enforcement/Public Safety program.

In his spare time, he enjoys woodworking, hands-on activities, and playing card games.

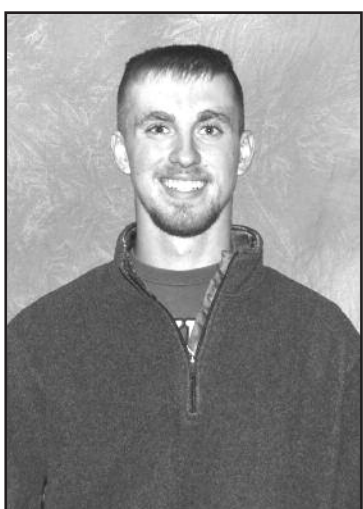
Waske plans to attend Oakland University in the fall and major in biochemistry.



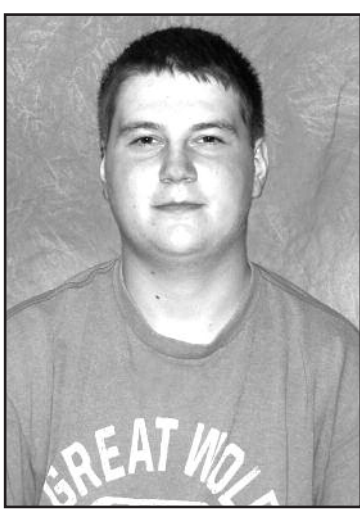
Hailey Forman



Lily Willerton



Boyd Evans



Seth Waske

Ubly announces honor roll students

The following students have been named to Ubly Jr/Sr High School honor roll during the first marking period, they are:

Grade 12

Olivia Brown, Austin Cregeur*, Jacob Davis, Kali Dutcher, Grant Geiger*, Andrea Grifka, Rachel Lepek*, Shelby May, Claire Melnik, Hannah Melnik, Shane Osantowski, Ellie Peruski*, Caleb Powers*, Isle Roggenbuck, Hannah Schroeder*, Jaiden Schulte*, Haley Smith, Abigail Sorenson, Katelyn Sweeney*, Danielle Tschirhart, Danielle Umbreit, Alexia Vogel, Dakota Vogel, Kylie Vogel, Sierra Walker*, Jazmyn Warchuck, Isaac Warczynsky, Zachary Ziehm

Grade 11

Alivia Bischer*, Kylee Brandt, Kendra Glaza, Lindsey Gosdzinski, Josephine Gusa*, Katie Heilig, Carson Heleski, Amanda Hill*, Kalli House, Markus Howard, Haley Klama*, Coryne Klemmer, Haley Krueger*, Allison Lautner*, Dajnae Leipprandt, Erin McCarty*, Reese McLellan*,

Cole Messing, Shelby Messing*, Madison Michalski, Sarah Peplinski*, Levi Peruski, Samantha Souva*, Gabriel Sweeney, Nolan Van Erp*, Elizabeth Weber*, Hally Ziehm

Grade 10

Jenna Arntz*, Matthew Brandel, Alexander Foote, Nora Franzel*, Trinity Franzel*, Ethan Gillig, Katelyn Grifka*, Tess Grifka*, Alexis Guigar*, Lindsey Guza, Theron Harris*, Ryan Hill, Carter Hughes, Lily Kieliszewski*, Brady Langenburg, Kylie Maurer*, Hailey Mausolf, Logan Mueller*, Colin Oberski, Erick Schmidt, Myah Schulte, Emma Smalley*, Annisa Smith, Leah Stringer*, Alexander Susalla, Kyle Sweeney, Hunter Walker, Emma Widger

Grade 9

Haylee Arlitt, Joy Auman, Elizabeth Bellis, Jeanna Bischer, Gabrielle Bukoski, Michael Cook, Elizabeth Glentz, Christopher Gosdzinski, Maze Gusa*, Abigail Guza*, Carly Guza, Mark Heilig, Alyson Jones, Jalyne Kolar*, An-

thony McCarty*, Abigail Michalski, Jarrett Nast, DeLaney Peruski*, Taylor Peruski, Jacob Schroeder, Jenna Stambough, Jace Susalla, Andrew Vogel, Logan Volmering*, Samantha Warczynsky, Mercedes Wolschleg

Grade 8

Christopher Arlitt, Jocelyn Bambach, Brianna Beaver*, Rose Brilinski, Jadyne Brown, Makaila Cantrell, Mitchell Foote*, Austin Franzel, Austin Gentner, Emily Greyerbiehl*, Colin Grifka, Utah Gusa*, Addison Hagen*, Aran Harris*, Mason Hughes, Erica Klee*, Madeline Langenburg, Ryan Learman*, Julia Maurer, Seth Maurer, Jacob Messing, Wade Messing, Brett Mueller, Caiden Parker, Jenna Particka, Camden Peruski, Evan Peruski, Courtney Puvalowski, Leah Schumacher*, Tori Shaltonis, Miranda Smigelski, Jaxson Susalla*, Aaron Weber

Grade 7

Micheal Bukoski, Arabella Coddington*, Olivia Dillon, Miley Donnellon*, McKenzie Essenmacher, Kaden Flikkie, Brayden Franzel*, Richard Gerow, Josie, Grifka, Allie Guza*, Grant Guza, Rayne Guza, Sommer Guza, Jacob Halifax*, Aiden Kolar, Trenton Lautner, Ethan Maurer*, Miette-Pamela Maurer*, Ryan McCarty, Kara Morell, Lindsey Niemiec, Kaily Oberski, Collin Osantowski, Colton Oswald, Julia Pawlosky, Dalton Pierson, Caleb Ratcliff, Morgan Schulte, Abbey Shaltonis, Claire Smalley, Cameron Smith, Skyler Smith, Addison Stomack*, Camry Stringer*, Javien Susalla*, Kaden Vogel, Luke Volmering*, Auron Waterbeck*, Jasmine Wilbur, RaeAnna Williams, Jonathan Wolschleger, Randan Yaroch, Daniel Zdrojewski

Grade 6

BreeAnn Adams, Arianna Aumann, Ella Gilliam, Sadi Heleski, Sophi Heleski, Logan Johnson*, Guy Knoblock*, Diamond Leipprandt, Griffin Messing, Lillian Michalski, Maleah Roth, Wyatt Schumacher, Suzanne Smigelski, Conner Smith, Kylee Stirrett, Jordan Susalla, Katie Sweeney, Aliona Uhl, Michael Walsh*, Owen Warchuck*, Aaron Weber, Isabel Wright

*Denotes all A's

Regular Meeting Schedule of Township Board Meetings

Greenleaf Township
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Phone: 989-670-1401

The Greenleaf Township Board will meet on the following dates for the 2020 year. The Greenleaf Planning Commission will meet on the following dates for the 2020 year.

All meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will take place at the Greenleaf Township Hall
6435 Bay City Forestville Road
Cass City, MI. 48726

Township Board

Thursday January 16
Thursday February 20
Budget Hearing
Thursday March 19
Thursday May 21
Thursday July 16
Thursday September 17
Thursday November 19

Planning Commission

Thursday February 20
Thursday April 16
Thursday June 18
Thursday August 20
Thursday October 15
Thursday December 17

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A copy of this notice is on file in the Clerk's Office, located at:
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Judy Keller
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OPINION...**

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AG taking welcome action on robocalls

You would be hard pressed to find a friend, family member or neighbor who hasn't been the recipient of robocalls.

Which is why we're glad to applaud Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel's efforts to put those behind the irritating calls on notice. A powerful force of state and federal partners have joined Nessel in a sweeping crackdown on illegal robocalls targeting the state's residents.

Highlighting the fact that Michigan residents were on the receiving end of well over a billion robocalls in 2019, Nessel said it's time to take action.

"There is nothing more annoying, more intrusive, uninvited and unwelcome than robocalls," Nessel said. "Because of that bombardment of calls, more and more Michiganders end up falling victim to the avalanche of illegal robocall scams targeting them each day. We are working to put a stop to that starting right now.

As part of the crackdown, Nessel unveiled 12 initiatives designed to get at the root of the issue and begin putting a halt to illegal robocall scammers in Michigan. The comprehensive, four-pronged approach includes educating Michigan residents on the issue, stricter enforcement of existing laws, legislative work to strengthen Michigan law, and developing a roadmap for other states to follow.

The initiatives have drawn support from several organizations, including AARP of Michigan, Federal Communications Commission (FCC), Federal Trade Commission (FTC), Better Business Bureaus of Southeastern and Western Michigan, the Elder Law and Disability Rights Section of the State Bar of Michigan, Michigan Association for Local Public Health (MALPH), the Telecommunications Association of Michigan (TAM), and USTelecom - The Broadband Association.

In addition to the initiatives, Michigan has signed a formal agreement with the FCC to share enforcement information on robocalls.

AARP of Michigan State Director Paula D. Cunningham noted that while some robocalls are wanted, the majority aren't - and they often target Michigan seniors.

"We appreciate robocalls that let you know your prescription is ready," said Cunningham. "But unfortunately, scammers increasingly are using robocalls to get victims to reveal private information that can be used to take their money. Many of these victims are older adults. We support the crackdown on these kinds of calls."

In addition to the initiatives and cooperation agreement with the FCC, Nessel also unveiled a one-stop online resource for Michigan residents to better understand the pervasive issue and spot ways to stop illegal robocalls. The website - mi.gov/robocalls - includes recordings of common illegal robocalls, a variety of educational handouts, and a list of up-to-date scams targeting Michigan residents and Americans across the nation.

Nessel urged Michigan residents to report all illegal robocalls to her office by filing a complaint on the new one-stop online website for all information about illegal robocalls at mi.gov/robocalls, or by calling 877-765-8388.

I think holiday columns are hard to write, especially New Year's columns.

I've written a column on and off for over 35 years for the various newspapers I have worked for, and there are times when ideas for something to write about are sparse.

New Year's is one of those times. There was a time when I looked forward to the arrival of a new year because of all of the partying, music and seeing friends. I was always the first to arrive and the last to leave a party.

For me, celebrating the arrival of the next year didn't end at the traditional time. There would be several house parties to attend. Then, going out to breakfast. I would finally head to bed as the morning of the year's first day was well underway.

That was then. Since then there have been several times the New Year arrived without me to witness it.

With New Year's Eve comes several traditions, including the televised celebration from Times Square in New York.

The first celebration there took place in 1904 - long before television. The main fanfare was lots and lots of fireworks, but a short time later, fireworks were banned.

According to the Times Square website, previous celebrations included lowering an iron ball down a flag pole and counting down to the next year.

Since then, the Times Square event has become more glamorous, with a multi-colored ball lowered as the countdown to midnight starts, as well as music, dancing and more.

I was curious, so I looked up information on the tradition of the New Year's kiss. I couldn't find much about it except for a sentence in and old "USA Today" newspaper that reported, "not doing so (engaging in a New Year's kiss) will ensure a year of loneliness."

And, the traditional song, "Auld Lang Syne", which means "old long ago", was written by 18th-century Scottish Poet Robert Burns.

In checking the Internet for more information about New Year's traditions, there were refer-


ences to eating certain foods, such as 12 grapes for the 12 months of the year for good luck, wearing colorful undergarments to have a bright future, etc.

Because of the early deadline to accommodate the holiday printing schedule, this column had to be written well in advance of New Year's Eve. As a result, I wasn't sure what I would be doing as 2020 arrived. I received a few invitations to attend gatherings, but I wasn't even sure if I would be awake as the new year rolled in.

Either way, Happy New Year one and all!

Rabbit Tracks
by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)



Celebrate School Board Recognition Month in January 2020. It's a great time to praise your hard-working school board members and educate the public about the important role that a school board plays in our communities and schools.

Serving on the Cass City Board of Education are Alice Zaleski, President, Janie Meeker, Vice President, Dave Osentoski, Treasurer, Emily Lasceski, Secretary and Trustees George Batty, Stacey Bliss and Janet Richards.

Over in Kingston, the Board of Education consists of Kristen Misener, Trustee, Dave Kolacz, President, Jeff Long, Secretary, Dan Rayl, Trustee, Jason Koehler, Treasurer, Scott Neff, Vice-President and Lane Walker, Trustee.

The Owen-Gage Board of Education members are Dan Warack, President, Matt Roemer, Vice President, Terry Fahrner, Treasurer and Trustees Tom Jeffery, Julie Good and Kathleen Wood.

And in Ubyly, Clint Hagen serves as President, Nancy Elliott, Vice President, Ryan Kramer, Treasurer, Tammy Peruski, Secretary, Brad Hagen, Trustee, Joe Stacer, Trustee and Jake Maurer, Trustee.

Now that you know them, don't forget to thank them.

Here's a couple other groups of board members that are community servants worthy of our gratitude.

The Hills & Dales Foundation Board of Directors currently consists of 8 community volunteers from a variety of professional backgrounds that serve through the Foundation to enhance the resources of Hills & Dales Hospital. These men and women make policy decisions related to the governance of the Foundation. They also assist in the fundraising process and approve appropriate funding requests within the hospital.

They are Bert Althaver, Greg Biddinger, James Bolton, Ed Fox, Curt Strickland, Kate VanAuken, Ruth Whittaker and Alice Zaleski, while on the Cass City Chamber board are Mike Rule, Michelle Hartwick, Sam Collins, Aaron Barrigar, Amy Peters, Andy Gray, Carolyn Westerby, Cindy Kruse, Jacob Boynton, Jaime Fritz, Jeff Hartel, Kevven Dorland, Krysta Boyce and Judy Keller.

Don't think it pays to take part in Cass City's Christmas in the Village campaign? I'd bet Debra Sizemore would say otherwise. She had the winning ticket from the Cass City Lions Club 50/50 raffle held Saturday, Dec. 7 and pocketed \$373 according to club member Dennis Meck.

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Wednesday, January 1

•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, January 2

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

Saturday, January 4

•Al-Anon meeting, 11 a.m., Cakima Serenity Home, Mayville. Call 989-912-5478 for more information.
•Grief/loss meetings, 9:45 a.m., Novesta Church of Christ.
•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.

Sunday, January 5

•Thumb Area Companions, 3 p.m., hosted by Dawn Woidan at Hills and Dales Boardroom 4675 Hill Street. Social support group that strived to benefit from social contact with others experiencing grief/loss.
•Hillside Community Brunch, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., All you can eat. Free will offering.

Monday, January 6

•Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubyly. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.
•AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.
•Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.
•Shabbona Outreach Baby Pantry, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Shabbona Outreach 5448 Shabbona Rd. Decker, MI. Gently used clothing and equipment, diapers, bottles, toys, formula, baby food. For more information contact Judy Doerr (989) 658-8625.

Tuesday, January 7

•Crafty Ladies Group, 1-4 p.m., Common Grounds (next to Revive). Bring a crafting project to work on. Call 989-551-7803 for more information.
•AA Meeting, 7-8 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 4960 N. Argyle Rd. (Meeting will be held in the hall next to the little stone church.)
•Al-Anon meeting, 7 p.m., Cakima Serenity Home, Mayville. Call 989-912-5478 for more information.

STANDING COMMUNITY CALENDAR ITEMS

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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 Gageton.
•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 Wednesday:

•Dorcas meal at Cass City United Methodist Church at noon. 1 1/4 mile north of Cass City (989) 872-4604 for take outs.

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 Monday:

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

Third Tuesday:

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

•Family Caregiver Support Group, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Harbor Beach Community Hospital Administration Building/Conference Center, 147 S. First St., Harbor Beach. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121
•Ubyly Lions Club meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Ubyly Thumb Veterans Organization Hall, 2165 Bingham St., Ubyly MI 48475. A pot luck is served prior to the meeting. Everyone is welcomed.

Third Wednesday:

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

Third Thursday:

•Sanilac County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, 3 p.m., HDC Adult Day Services Building, 227 N. Elk St., Sandusky. For more information, contact Kim at (989) 673-4121 or Amanda at (810) 648-4497.
•Grief Support meetings, "Healing Together," Heritage Hill, 1430 Cleaver Rd., Caro, 7- 8:30 p.m. For questions or to register to attend please call the office at (989) 872-5852 or toll free (877) 872-5852. These sessions are open to anyone dealing with a grief or loss. Sponsored by Hospice Advantage, Cass City.

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

Third Friday:

•Movie Matinees, 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 Sunday:

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

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

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

•Grief/loss meetings, 9:45 a.m., Novesta Church of Christ.

State budget includes more cash for residents who receive child support

Michigan residents who receive child support in addition to cash assistance through the Family Independence Program (FIP) will soon see more money they can use to buy food, clothing and other items for their children under a change in Michigan's fiscal year 2020 budget.

The budget recently signed by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer includes \$946,000 to support child support pass-through payments of up to \$200 a month for qualifying households that receive assistance through FIP. This relatively modest investment will have a substantial return for Michigan, with an estimated 2,700 families receiving an additional \$2.5 million in child support.

Currently, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) keeps child support payments that would be paid to parents who receive FIP. This collected money is paid to the federal and state government to offset FIP expenses.

However, federal law permits states to "pass through" up to \$200 a month of child support to families with two or more children and up to \$100 to families with one child.

"Providing greater opportunities for families to succeed is one of MDHHS's top priorities," said Erin Frisch, MDHHS chief deputy director for opportunity. "This change accomplishes that and is a win for families that receive child support and their communities."

"In addition to helping families, providing this additional financial support stimulates the economies of communities where parents live, as they will soon have more to spend on groceries, clothes and other essentials of living."

Sending child support to the families rather than keeping it increases participation and cooperation with Michigan's Child Support program because the paying parents know that a portion of what they pay will go to the family, versus going to the government. The parent or guardian who receives the child support is also more likely to help the program establish and enforce child support orders.

Before 2012, Michigan provided a pass-through payment of \$50 to parents receiving FIP. This was eliminated due to budget constraints.

"Michigan should be commended for helping more families

get the support they need and deserve for their children," said Vicki Turetsky, head of the federal Office of Child Support Enforcement in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services from 2009 to 2017 and now a consultant.

"In states across the country, we have seen that when these dollars are made available to families, the families have more income and noncustodial parents pay more child support and agree more readily to establish paternity and support orders. Child protection complaints even go down," she added. "The child support paid by parents matters to their children. Research finds over and over again that children who receive child support do better in school, for example."

Families receiving FIP qualify for the pass-through only if the parent who owes child support pays it. Additionally, if the paying parent pays less than \$100, the family will only receive the amount he or she pays.

Pass-through child support payments will begin in January. Letters will be mailed to all affected FIP recipients notifying them of the change.

Circuit court proceedings

Several appear on felony charges

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

*Kelly D. Beardt, 38, Marlette, pleaded no contest to charges of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor and possession/sale of counterfeit insurance certificates July 20 in Fremont Township.

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

*Dominic L. Franko, 27, Millington, pleaded guilty to assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer Aug. 22, in Arbella Township.

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

*Corey J. Jobson, 28, Caro, pleaded no contest to aggravated

stalking between May 8 and June 25 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (two prior felony convictions).

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

*Marie A. Payne, 49, Vassar, pleaded no contest to two counts of unlawful use of a motor vehicle between June 1 and Aug. 21, 2018, in Vassar Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was

ordered and bond was continued. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Seth E. Wilson, 25, Saginaw, was sentenced to five to 20 years in prison following his pleas of no contest to charges of engaging in child sexually abusive activity, using a computer to commit a crime, and criminal sexual conduct, second degree, between June 29, 2018, and June 29, 2019, in Dayton Township.

He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,744.

Donations

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and earned an associate's degree in massage therapy in 2005, and a medical assistant degree in 2006.

There will be an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner fundraiser Thursday, Jan. 9, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Colwood United Brethren Church, 1840 N. Colwood Rd, Caro. Tickets are \$10. There will also be a silent auction, and donations are being accepted.

Proceeds will go towards funeral expenses and a trust for Dickson's children, Hunter and Aurora.

Another fundraiser is being planned for Jan. 18. Details will be announced when they are available.

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Reporter's notebook

Ads having nothing to do with reality

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



I'm still shaking my head over Peloton's decision to remove its "controversial" exercise commercial from the airwaves after the spot drew criticism from snowflakes far and wide.

In case you missed it, the commercial focuses on a young, fit woman whose husband gives her a Peloton exercise bike for Christmas, and she keeps a video diary over the course of the next year.

The advertising spot drew plenty of criticism.

In one widely-circulated tweet, for example, an individual complained that a "116-pound woman's YEARLONG fitness journey to becoming a 112-pound woman who says, 'I didn't realize how much this would change me', is a little ridiculous."

Where has this person been? I mean, how many diet and exercise plan companies utilize people in their commercials who look like they've spent the last five years on a desert island doing sit-ups and crunches all day long? Right, most of them.

Nothing new here, except maybe the part about someone having the drive and time to stick with a regular regime of exercise for an entire year. Who does that?

Let's face it, the majority of exercise advertisements are no more realistic. Well, at least in the reality I'm familiar with in the Thumb, where exercise typically comes in the form of hard work on the farm and in communities where people aren't afraid to roll up their sleeves and get their hands dirty.

I'd wager most of the folks I know around here don't have \$2,200 exercise bikes setting in their ritzy apartments, with some modern-day Jack LaLanne (look the name up, kids) shouting encouragement from a video monitor attached to the handlebars. It's no wonder the actors in those ads have no problem spending another \$39 a month in membership fees for the exercise classes.

Judging by comments voiced by other critics, the real "problem" with that Peloton ad is that the woman seems to be looking to her husband for approval at the end of the spot.

Really? Good grief. Not even the actor who portrayed the husband saw that one coming.

Poor guy. He should have known that, even on television, buying exercise equipment for your better half, especially for Christmas, is a tricky proposition at best. I have some experience in this arena.

Two years ago, while organizing my Christmas shopping list, my wife asked me to buy her an exercise machine for Christmas.

I figured it was a trap. Had to be, right, guys? Might as well pick up a nice new vacuum cleaner, mixer, ironing board, custom spatula assortment and matching apron for her while I'm at it.

Of course, I resisted. Sure, at our age, shedding a few extra pounds is an ongoing battle, but seriously? Exercise equipment? The sort of contraptions composed of bulky metal frames and wheels and handle bars that only take up space after the third or fourth day of January?

"I'll use it in 'waves,'" she told me.

So, she unwrapped an exercise bike on Christmas Day 2017. A couple years later, I can tell you she's been true to her word about using it "in waves", although the seas in our home were generally calm in 2019. Just saying.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2015)

The Owendale Lions Club recently inducted four new members, led by Immediate Past District Governor Wesly Wagster, during its annual Christmas party at Sherwood on the Hill in Gagetown. They are William Cleland, Steven Sweatland, Heidi Faist and Marilee Gaist.

Shawn and Sheri Sherman and Kevin and Susan Thorp announce the engagement of their daughter Hayley J. Thorp to Nathan G. Wright son of Mack and Kathy Wright of Lapeer.

Wyatt Dickson and Ethan Montei kicked off the new year in perfect style. Both of the Cass City Red Hawk wrestling team members compiled 5-0 records Saturday at the North Branch Team Tournament to lead Coach Don Markel's grapplers at their first showing of 2015.

Wyatt Dickson is Schneeberger's choice for "Athlete of the Week" honor – the first of 2015.

The Red Hawk freshman has been a pleasant surprise for Cass City wrestling Coach Don Markel. Dickson's 5-0 showing Saturday at the North Branch Team Tournament resulted in the individual 119-weight class crown.

"Good Christmas vacation practices paid dividends for several Cass City wrestlers (who) posted victories over opponents that they had lost to earlier in the season," said Markel.

Dickson avenged an early season setback to Crowell-Lexington's Garrett Gelinski en route to individual glory. Gelinski earned a 7-4 decision against Dickson in a pre-Christmas affair, but was pinned in the second period over the weekend by Dickson.

For the season, Wyatt has recorded 10 pins. He is the son of Robert and Melissa Dickson.

10 YEARS AGO (2010)

Air Force Airman Kary D. Kitchen graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. The airman completed an intensive, 8-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Airmen who complete basic training earn 4 credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Kitchen is the son of Robert Kitchen of Cass City. He is a 2006 graduate of Caro High School.

Amy Martin of Cass City gave birth to the area's first baby of the new year. Hailey Marie Upthegrove was born Tuesday, Jan. 5, at Huron Medical Center in Bad Axe. She weighed 5 pounds and 5 ounces and measured 18 inches in length. She was welcomed by her father, Ryan Upthegrove of Port Austin and 2 sisters, Melanie, 5, and Lillyann, 1 1/2, as well as grandparents, David and Cyndi Martin of Cass City and Linda and Robert Upthegrove of Port Austin.

Richard and Rebecca Kanaby of Lansing announce the birth of their daughter, Mia Marie. Mia was born Dec. 12, 2009 at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing around 10:30 p.m. She weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces and was 21 inches long. Paternal grandparents are Francis and Marilyn Kanaby of Ubly, and great-grandparent Marie Wheeler of Bad Axe. Maternal grandparents are Dennis and Linda Heling of Milford, and great-grandparent Vera Heling of Milwaukee, Wis. Mia is the 10th grandchild for Francis and Marilyn and the 5th grandchild for Dennis and Linda.

25 YEARS AGO (1995)

Tuscola County Circuit Judge Patrick R. Joslyn swore in the county's commissioners during a brief ceremony Tuesday morning at the courthouse in Caro. Above, Joslyn congratulates new District 2 Commissioner Dr. Ed Scollon of Cass City.

Herbert and Virginia Sommerfield of Bay City announce the engagement of their daughter, Bonnie Marie, to Ron Harold Spaulding, son of Raymond and Shirley Spaulding of Cass City. A May 6

wedding is planned.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Steve N. Hollis, son of Larry F. and Carole J. Hollis of Cass City, recently returned from a 6-month deployment to the Mediterranean and Adriatic seas and Persian Gulf with Airborne Early Warning Squadron 121 (VAW-121), embarked aboard the aircraft carrier USS George Washington. Hollis was one of 5,000 Marines and Sailors who completed the 51,000-mile voyage aboard USS George Washington, which included duty off Bosnia-Herzegovina in the Adriatic Sea, and enforcing the "no-fly zone" over southern Iraq. Hollis is a 1982 graduate of Cass City High School.

35 YEARS AGO (1985)

Jessica Jacqueline Koepf, daughter of Clem and Sally Koepf, Dodge Road, Cass City, was the first baby born at Hills and Dales Hospital in 1985. Dr. Sang H. Park, MD, delivered her Jan. 1, at 1:43 a.m. Jessica weighed 10 pounds, and is 22 inches long. Jessica will receive gifts from several of the area businesses for being the first baby born in 1985. She is their first child.

Edward Schwartz, U.S. Navy, currently assigned to the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower, was one of 1,000 sailors invited to attend midnight mass in Vatican City, Rome, conducted by Pope John Paul Monday night, Dec. 24. They traveled by bus to Rome to St. Peter's Basilica. Six months on this ship will include time spent in the Mediterranean area. Edward's parents, Edward and Marge Schwartz, saw the televised mass which was shown from midnight until 2 a.m. with attendance at 27,000 including 30 priests who assisted with communion.

Col. Ronald Bila, Mrs. Bila and their son Ron, a student at CMU in Mt. Pleasant, spent last week with Mrs. Bila's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Lounsbury. Christmas Day Mr. and Mrs. Lounsbury and their guests, Laurie Bila of Farmington Hills, Carl Lounsbury, Cass City, and Mr. and Mrs. James Schad and three children of Flint were guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Schad at Clio.

40 YEARS AGO (1980)

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Fritz had with them for Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Karr, Scott and Kimberly of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fritz and daughters, Lisa and Jennifer, of Mayville and Mrs. Francis Fritz' sister, Mrs. Carrie Griswold of Milwaukee, Wis., who is spending some time here.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ryland of Cass City announce the engagement of their daughter, Bobbi, to Jeff Warack, son of Mrs. Juanita Warack of Gagetown. Bobbi is a 1979 graduate of Cass City High School. Jeff graduated in 1977 from Owendale-Gagetown High School. Wedding plans are indefinite.

Mrs. Theda Seeger spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Ken Sweet at Lapeer. She then went to Berkley where she spent from Tuesday until Saturday with her niece and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Heintz.

50 YEARS AGO (1970)

Pvt. Dennis Merchant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Merchant, returned to Fort Knox, Ky., after spending 15 days home over the holidays. He graduated from basic training Dec. 5 and is now taking Advanced Individual training at Fort Knox in radio operator school, a 10-week course.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Graham returned home Dec. 29 after spending Christmas and a few days with members of their family. Christmas Day was spent with the William Bottrells in Flint. From there they went to visit Christina Graham in Detroit and the Alfred P. Halls at Mt. Clemens before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Van Horn were honored by their children Saturday, Dec. 27, for their 60th wedding anniversary at an open house at the Kingston school multi-purpose room. Approximately 150 relatives

and friends attended. Mr. and Mrs. Van Horn were married Dec. 23, 1909, at the home of her parents at Kingston, Mich., by the late Elder Sutphen. They were attended by Hattie Van Horn Pringnetz, now deceased, and Ray Silvernail of Cass City. Mr. and Mrs. Van Horn were both born at Kingston. They had eight children, Mildred Trisch of Cass City, Alvin of Fenton, Francis of Deford, Emma Jane Schield, deceased, Theodore of Kingston, Arlene Peterson of Harbor Beach, Naomi Barber of Roscommon and Geraldine Conely of Caro. They also have 22 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. Most of their 60 years have been spent on their farm north and west of Kingston, where they still live. They are both members of the Caro Free Methodist Church.

Joanne Greenlee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Greenlee of Argyle, was initiated into Kappa Delta Pi, an honor society in education. Individuals are invited to become members of the society by vote of the chapter because of high records and an exhibited professional attitude. Miss Greenlee is a junior at Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant.

75 YEARS AGO (1945)

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kappan of Ellington township had the misfortune to lose their home and its entire contents by fire Friday morning. The fire started in the kitchen which was recently built to the house and was not quite completed. The family fought the fire so long that nothing could be saved from the burning building. Mr. and Mrs. Kappan moved to the farm formerly owned by Anthony Doerr last April from Detroit. Three hundred dollars insurance was carried on the home.

A business transaction which was in the making several weeks was consummated Friday morning in which Arnold Copeland and Hugh Munro become owners of the G. A. Striffler farm implement business on East Main street. To the new owners of the business is also transferred the store, warehouses and four village lots. Edward Mark, who for many years has been employed at this implement station, will continue in the employ of the new firm.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Hartley took their son, Pfc. Carl D. Hartley, of the Marine Corps to Detroit Thursday from which place he left for Quantico, Va., where he will be stationed. He has had a 30 day leave after spending 28 months in the Pacific area. Pfc. Hartley was in four major engagements in the Marshall Islands and Guam. This is his first leave since he enlisted in the Marine Corps Apr. 27, 1942.

100 YEARS AGO (1920)

Many do not know that a centenarian dwells in our little town, that person is Mrs. Catherine Daugherty with the exception that her eyes are dim, she is like unto a woman of 5 hale and hearty, possessing her reasoning faculties well. Her maiden name was Catherine Hess, born at Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 29, 1819. At twenty years of age, she married Hiram Daugherty long since passed on. Nine children were the fruit of the union, four of whom are yet living, Hiram of Oregon, Pete and "Boney" of Deford, Mich., Mrs. Rose Crawford of Pontiac.

John Hunt of Verona township, undoubtedly one of the most favorably known farmers in Huron county, has announced himself as a candidate for the office of state senator from the Sanilac-Huron district. Arthur Cart is another farmer who has made a success of breeding Holstein cattle and conducting a general farm, who has decided to enter the race for the judge of probate's chair.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. McConkey entertained for New Year's dinner the following relatives: Mr. and Mrs. B. Bingham, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Bindham and daughters, Leola and Mattie, Mr. and Mrs. Henry McConkey and daughters, Cecil and Beatrice, Mrs. M. Hendrick, O. P. Kline and Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Jordan of Clarksville, Mich. The last named is an aunt of Mrs. McConkey.

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News briefs

January food distributions set

THUMB — The Human Development Commission (HDC) will host free food distributions in the Thumb this month.

In Tuscola County, the distribution will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, at the HDC office at 429 Montague Ave., Caro. Participants must have a card to pick up food. More information is available by calling HDC at (989) 673-4121.

A distribution in Huron County will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 7, at the Huron County Expo Center, 170 W. Soper Rd, Bad Axe. Participants must have a card to pick up food. Call (989) 269-9502 for more information.

In Sanilac County, the distribution will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21, at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, 6785 Marlette St., Marlette. Again, participants must have a card to pick up food. More information is available by calling (810) 648-4497.

Gagetown officials buy sweeper

GAGETOWN — Gagetown Village officials recently announced the purchase of a new piece of equipment.

A leaf vacuum was purchased from Tri-County for \$2,000. And, it is compatible with two pieces of equipment the village already owns.

The Gagetown Village Council's next regularly scheduled meeting will be at 7 p.m. Feb. 3.

Kingston Days meet slated Jan. 8

KINGSTON — The next Kingston Days Committee meeting will be at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8, at the Kingston-Koylton Township Hall, 655 Ross St., Kingston.

Anyone from the community who would like to be involved in next year's Kingston Days festival is welcome to attend.

Free skating Jan. 12 for 4-Hers

BAD AXE — 4-H youth members ages five to 19 are invited to a free and fun afternoon of ice skating Sunday, Jan. 12, from 1:30 to 5 p.m. at the Huron County Ice Arena.

Check-in begins at 1:15 p.m. at the expo center in Bad Axe.

RSVPs are required by calling (989) 269-9949 (ext. 604) by Thursday, Jan. 9. Participating youth must be currently active 4-H members to attend this event free.

Parents can accompany their 4-H youth free of charge.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery

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O-G Schools Chief Falkenberg earns "highly effective" rating

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

The Owendale-Gagetown Board of Education recently approved extending school Supt. Terri Falkenberg's contract with the district for three years. In addition, she was granted a \$5,000 raise.

Her bump in wages will start in 2020. However, any pay increases in the second and third year will be decided at a later date.

Board members went into closed session to discuss the contract terms.

The board conducted Falkenberg's annual administrator job performance evaluation in November. She received the rating of "highly effective" — the same rating she has received each year since the evaluation process started in the 2016-17 school year. Michigan law requires boards of education to conduct evaluations of their superintendents each year

based on a number of factors. After completing the review, the board assigns the administrator a rating of highly effective, effective, minimally effective or ineffective.

Falkenberg has been with the Owendale-Gagetown School District for 21 years. Before becoming both the district's superintendent and principal, she served as principal for five years and as a teacher for eleven years.

Ubyly Village officials take proactive approach to protect water quality

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

Because of concerns regarding water quality, the Ubyly Village council recently approved some maintenance work on the community's water tower.

The council hired a firm to complete water tower maintenance, including an inspection, in the coming year.

"(The) contract is for \$875. They will inspect the water tower overall and the corrosion protection system and provide a report on any issues so they may be addressed," explained village President Jason Nicol. "Basically, we felt after Flint's problems, we would like to take a pro-active ap-

proach to maintaining the water system."

In other matters, the council approved selling .93 of an acre to Robert Peruski for \$8,454. Peruski wanted to buy 60 feet from Lepek Road to his property for parking for his business. The village has a 66-foot right of way, and he bought 33 feet of it.

Peruski's agreement to purchase the land came with some right-of-way stipulations, and he also paid for a survey.

Turning to the village's new computer program, it was noted during the village meeting that bills had been approved for payment by Nicol before the meeting because of a changeover in the

computer billing system.

According to Clerk Barb Butch, the changeover to the BS&A payroll and billing system has been started. All Quickbooks data has been extracted by BS&A and will be transferred to the new system. As a result, no bills will be paid for about two weeks during training.

Also during the regular session, the council approved its 2020 meeting schedule. Village meetings are at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month with two exceptions; the January meeting will be on the second Thursday, Jan. 9, due to the holiday, and there will be a meeting at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 27 to accommodate a budget hearing.

Sheriff Biniecki won't seek reelection

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said.

"Over the past several years, we have written and been awarded multiple state and federal grants, with several million dollars' worth of equipment and technology grants coming back to Sanilac County."

The sheriff has said increased accountability within the department, as well as improved efficiency and effectiveness in serving the community are among his goals achieved during his tenure. In addition, he followed through with promises to launch a county-wide arson investigation unit and to reinstate the sheriff's work crew program, saving taxpayers thousands of dollars in labor costs.

Biniecki first joined the sheriff's department in 1976 as a corrections deputy, and he attended the police academy in 1977. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1984 and

was appointed to the position of undersheriff in 2006. Biniecki served in that role until 2009, when he was first elected sheriff.

Over the years, he earned a reputation not only as a leader in law enforcement, but also for giving back to the community as a 4-H leader in archery shooting sports. He has also enjoyed mentoring youngsters in conservation.

An active member and past president of the Sandusky Lions Club, Biniecki says he's confident the sheriff's department will continue to serve residents well for many years to come.

"There are a lot of very dedicated, hard-working people serving our citizens, from administration, records, jail staff and patrol, to our many volunteer groups, all striving every day to make a positive impact in the community we serve," he said. "I know I leave the office of sheriff in very capable hands, with a challenge to carry on with (that) mis-

sion."

Biniecki indicated he's looking forward to retirement.

"At this point in my life, I hope to focus on some personal goals. To start with, I've been informed that there is a very long 'honey-do' list of things to do that I apparently have neglected over the years," he joked.

"Spending time with family will also be a priority, along with exploring," he added. "My wife and I have always wanted to go to Patagonia, not to mention that Lake Huron still has hundreds of undiscovered shipwrecks to locate and explore."

"What I want everyone to know is how grateful I am for all their support they have shown over the years," the sheriff said.

"I never thought I would live this dream, so thank you, Sanilac County, for all the memories. They make us who we are, and I for one won't forget any of you."



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THE 2019-20 Cass City High School student body includes several exchange students, they are pictured above (from left): Suhailo Alimova, Jule Palm, Nina Milatovic, Wanasaphan Sanworanart; (back) Khuslen Zaya, Miguel Orive, Thom Rijshouwer, Halil Peza and Daniyil Serhiyovych.



TUSCOLA County Sheriff Glen Skrent recently hired William Webster (pictured above) to serve with the department. Webster, who was among the graduates of the 113th Delta College Police Academy, became interested in law enforcement during his days as a student at the Tuscola Technology Center in Caro. At the police academy, he earned a "top shot" award while training in firearms.

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Look at all the gifts this new comer will receive if he or she is the first one to arrive in our community in the new year.

Novesta Twp. officials settling into new hall

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

Now that Novesta Township once again has a permanent home, township officials are putting their new house in order.

As part of settling into the new hall, located at 3016 N. Cemetery Rd., Cass City, records and files are being organized and those not needed purged.

Despite the effort to organize, some records have to be kept forever, while other records can be purged after a set number of years depending on what kind they are.

For 19 years, the township conducted business at the gun club because the old township hall on Deckerville Road in Deford needed so many repairs and didn't have an inside restroom.

Finally having a hall of their own means township officials can now store all important records in one, secure location. It was not possible to keep the records at the gun club, so each board member had been keeping the records they were responsible for at their homes.

"The best part of having the new hall is that now the township records are all in a safe, climate controlled environment," township Clerk Pennie Rienas commented following a recent monthly meeting.

While going through the records, officials noted that paperwork establishing a planning commission could not be found. In addition, there have been questions regarding whether the township's blight ordinance is a binding ordinance,

prompting the township board to consider revoking the ordinance and revisiting the issue.

Officials also discussed the need to review a local public nuisance ordinance with the township attorney.

Because of those issues, officials are planning to schedule a special meeting following the annual meeting in the spring to solicit public input.

Resident Dan Bera questioned if the master plan has been adopted, and township Supervisor Chad Daniels said he would look into the matter.

In other matters, the board discussed plans to ask voters to approve a two-mill increase for four years during the March 2020 election to fund construction, reconstruction, repair and maintenance of roads in the township.

If approved, the millage would generate about \$73,615 the first year, costing the owner of an \$80,000 home about \$80.

Currently, the township levies a pair of one-mill taxes for roads, and one of those millages is expiring. Instead of asking for a one mill renewal, the board opted to request two mills in order to generate a little more revenue.

In 2020, the board will continue meeting on the first Monday of each month starting at 7:30 p.m. The next meeting is slated for Monday, Jan. 6. The township's planning commission will meet at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28.

Officials also noted the township has a new website at novesta-twp.org.

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Revive to open eatery

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ing someone dedicated solely to managing the operation.

However, the board decided to pursue opening the café and offer the job of managing the operation to its longtime board president — Sangster — this fall after Sangster found himself at a crossroads in his career.

Sangster figures God's timing had everything to do with him losing his job as an engineering designer at Walbro in conjunction with a round of cutbacks in late October, the same way the door to employment at Walbro was opened up after he was forced to close the books on a 17 ½-year career as a mechanic with the closure of J and C Service, Cass City.

And while he's been busy preparing for his new career with commercial food preparation training and health department paperwork, Sangster is eager to get started.

"I went to college (to study auto) mechanics, but I've always loved cooking and always had a passion to have a restaurant," he said. "So, we're excited. Thumb Bank (and Trust) has backed us very graciously. Right from the start, they've been a very big supporter.

"This creates another avenue to be involved in the community... by giving back — reaching into the community and showing God's love," Sangster said of the Common Grounds Café. "It's building relationships with (members of) the community, and getting them to build relationships with each other."

In the beginning

That mission has been at the heart of Revive Ministries since the organization was founded back in 2005 by the congregation of the Cass City Missionary Church.

The ministry's early beginnings largely involved organizing a weekend children's fun fair each year, offering free kids' activities, snacks and games, according to Jaime Fritz, who also serves on the Revive Ministries Board of Directors.

At the time, the goal was to get out into and connect with the community by hosting a fun event for all families to enjoy. But in the process, organizers quickly recognized that many families were struggling financially and could use a helping hand.

As a result, Revive organized a food distribution in the second year and added a clothing distribution in the third year.

In 2009, the ministry moved into its own headquarters in a warehouse located next to the McDonald's restaurant in Cass City, where the volunteers began to host monthly food pantries. It was in that same year that ministry transitioned into becoming an independent, non-profit organization, Fritz noted.

"So, the church launched us into the community," she said. "We always call them the 'parent church' because they got us started."

In 2010, Revive officials found themselves facing the prospects of having to move out of the warehouse with no place to go. Taking another step of faith, the group managed to put together \$8,000 and reached out to area churches, professional organizations, businesses and individuals, which pledged another \$30,000, making it possible to secure a mortgage for their current headquarters inside the former Burkhardt Plumbing and Heating building. Three years later the ministry paid off that note.

The building now houses both the Revive thrift store, offering affordable clothing and housewares, and the food pantry.

The thrift store, which was open just one day a week from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. back in 2009, today welcomes customers five days a week.

The ministry, which has continued to sponsor various free outreach activities are area residents, expanded the facility with the addition of Carmela's property in 2016 in order to create its Common Ground meeting place.

"We wanted this to be a 'common ground' where everybody in Cass City could come in and participate" in activities and social gatherings, Fritz explained. The facility has since served as a registration center for food pantries as well as a meeting place for a ladies crafting group, Praying Ladies Uplifting Schools (PLUS), weekly breakfast meetings for Cass City Junior-Senior High School students, and monthly Tuscola County Health Department immunization clinics.

"It's really opened up a door for us to do more in the community," said Fritz, who explained that people visiting Common Grounds are exposed to information related to all of Revive's programs.

And distribution of free food remains a big part of the ministry.

While residents must meet certain income and residency requirements to participate in the food pantries offered on the third Saturday of each month, everyone is welcome to the ministry's "pop-up" food pantries each Wednesday from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Fritz said the local pop-up food distributions — made possible by Walmart in cooperation with the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan — are substantial. Between March 2018 and March 2019, the distributions included more than 33,500 pounds of meat, 23,563 pounds of produce, 13,100 pounds of bakery goods and more than 700 pounds of dairy items.

The ministry has grown significantly over the years, but Fritz says the volunteers who keep everything running smoothly have not forgotten how important it is to make personal connections with the residents they serve by engaging them in conversation in an effort to get to know them better.

That's the same approach customers will find at the Common Grounds Café when the doors are open for business.

Revive officials haven't yet scheduled a grand opening, but they're hoping to pick a date after completing all the necessary paperwork and some minor construction and other physical updates to the building.

"We would love to say that by the end of February, we're up and running. I don't know that will happen," Sangster said. "But we're hoping. And praying."

Both he and Fritz indicated they believe the venture will prove to be another Revive success story, thanks to the many area residents who have been faithful in supporting the ministry's work over the years.

"We feel God leads it, and we go with it, but the community's been right there," Fritz said.

Editor's note: More information related to all Revive Ministries programs is available by calling (989) 551-7803.



REVIVE'S Common Grounds meeting room (above) will be expanded and become part of the Common Grounds Café with the removal of the wall (at right) that separates it from the rest of the former Carmela's Pizzeria building.

More than 238,000 receive letters on how to keep Healthy Michigan Plan

More than 238,000 people enrolled in the Healthy Michigan Plan are receiving letters explaining what is needed to comply with the program's new work requirements under state law.

Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, who noted the law took effect during the previous administration, said the notices are the latest effort by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) to preserve health insurance coverage for as many people as possible.

Anyone who receives this letter must tell MDHHS monthly about their work or other activities, such as job training approved by MDHHS or searching for a job. They must work or participate in other qualifying activities for at least 80 hours each month, or they could lose their Healthy Michigan Plan coverage.

Healthy Michigan Plan beneficiaries who are subject to the work requirements must report work or other activities to MDHHS from Jan. 25 to Feb. 29 by visiting the website www.Michigan.gov/MiBridges or calling 833-895-4355. They will need to continue to do that every month.

Whitmer and MDHHS Director Robert Gordon have made clear their concerns about the work requirements that were signed into law before Whitmer took office. If Michigan's experience is similar to what happened in other states

that added work requirements, the law will strip away health insurance from more than 100,000 Michiganders, they said.

Michigan's work requirements are in jeopardy as a result of a lawsuit filed last month.

In Arkansas, Kentucky and New Hampshire, after similar lawsuits were filed, a federal court issued an injunction halting application by vacating approval of each states' work requirements. This is an action Michigan could face as well.

Facing similar litigation, Republican governors in Indiana and Arizona, and New Hampshire (prior to the court vacating the requirements) voluntarily put their states' work requirements implementation on hold.

Michigan legislative leaders, however, refused to take the same course of action, Whitmer said, in spite of requests by both herself and Gordon to delay implementation to avoid the risk of wasting millions of taxpayer dollars and confusing Healthy Michigan Plan beneficiaries. If the court blocks the requirements, MDHHS will need to spend additional money to inform Healthy Michigan Plan beneficiaries of the update, Whitmer added.

Michigan is the only state moving ahead with expanded Medicaid work requirements in January, despite legal action.

"Implementing work require-

ments under a dark legal cloud is not a good use of taxpayer dollars, as conservatives in Indiana, Arizona and New Hampshire have recognized," Gordon said. "Unfortunately, that's now MDHHS's job, and we will do everything in our power to implement the law effectively."

"I am proud of the excellent work of the MDHHS team in designing notices that tell individuals in the clearest possible terms what they must do to comply with the law. I urge individuals to review these notices carefully."

Michigan enacted its Healthy Michigan Plan effective April 1, 2014, after bipartisan approval of legislation that expanded Medicaid to residents with incomes at or below 133 percent of the federal poverty level. More than 640,000 people have Healthy Michigan Plan coverage today.

According to research from the University of Michigan, the Healthy Michigan Plan has more than doubled primary care usage, reduced enrollees' reliance on the emergency room by 58 percent, cut uncompensated care by nearly 50 percent, and added \$2.3 billion to the state's economy.

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Hawks win low scoring affair at SC4 tourney

by Clarke Haire
 Publisher

For the second straight year, the Cass City girls' basketball team is hoping a win over Capac at the St. Clair County Community College holiday tournament will carry over into the new year.

After starting the season losing two of their first three games, Coach Justin Ketterer's team ended play in 2019 with a pair of wins, much to the second year mentor's liking.

With a 33-22 victory Friday in Port Huron, Cass City improves to 3-4 overall, 1-0 in the Greater Thumb West. When they return to

the court to entertain Marlette on Jan. 7, followed by games against Bad Axe and USA - the Patriots are 1-4 on the campaign - Ketterer likes Cass City's chances in those contests to kick off play in 2020.

"We have some winnable games on the schedule coming up," he said.



Abbey Salcido

Another strong performance from senior Abbey Salcido like the one she turned in against Capac would go a long way in

achieving those goals. Salcido caught fire from behind the 3-point arc in the first half to propel Cass City to a 23-14 cushion at the break against Capac and would finish the afternoon with a team-high 11 points.

Cass City used a balanced attack in the early going to leap out in front, 11-6. Four Red Hawks broke into the scoring column in the first quarter, with senior Tiara Anthony the lone Red Hawk with

multiple baskets.

Capac, meanwhile, kept within striking distance behind the play of Natalie Madey, who went off for a game-high 16 tallies, including 10 entering the third period.

But there Cass City held Capac to just a solo basket by Madey but built a 33-16 cushion with 8 minutes remaining in regulation when Ketterer went deep into his bench.

The low scoring contest didn't

include one made free throw. Cass City missed its four tries from the stripe and Capac didn't attempt a foul shot.

Completing the list of scorers for Cass City was Anthony with 8 points, Saylor Cuthrell with 6 and Abbey Halabis with 4, while Madison Cumper and Morgan Russell split 4 tallies.

For Capac, Juliana Closurdo, Jena Mullin and Gabiriela Hirnanda added 2 points each.

Girls' Basketball

Standings

	GTW		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
Caro	1	0	4	1
Cass City	1	0	3	4
Reese	1	0	2	3
Vassar	0	0	3	2
Bad Axe	0	1	1	4
USA	0	1	1	4
EPBP	0	2	0	5

Year in review

by Clarke Haire
 Publisher

Sporting news in 2019 was unprecedented.

From Kingston girls' basketball team's run to the Division 4 semi-finals, to Cass City's, Kingston's, and Ubyly's paths to the state semifinal rounds in football (not to forget the Bearcats' volleyball squad that won district and regional titles before falling in the quarterfinals) nor the USA volleyball team that was tagged the Thumb Sportswriters Association (TSA) top team in the region this past after winning GTW and district banners behind the TSA player-of-the-year winner, Patriot Grace Williamson.

Here are some other (mostly) highlights that won't be forgotten anytime soon.

January 23, 2019: Jordan Mester led the Cass City mat men to runner-up honors Saturday at the 8-team Mayville invite with a perfect showing. The Red Hawk freshman had plenty of help, however, as teammates Drew Markel, Lucas Swiderski, Tristan Swiderski, Ryan Pisarek, and Noah Zaleski each posted 4-1 records.

February, 13, 2019: Cass City claimed their fourth district team wrestling championship in five years early last week and then advanced four Red Hawk mat men into the Individual Regionals over the weekend.

At the Individual District over the weekend in Mayville, four Red Hawks placed in the top four spots of their weight class to advance into the Individual Regionals this Saturday.

Leading the way for Cass City was runner-up Lucas Swiderski (125-weight class) who enters the week with a 39-12 season record, while Tristan Swiderski (135-weight class) and Hunter Caister (171-weight class) each recorded third place honors. Drew Markel (125-weight class) came in fourth place to complete the list of Red Hawks who advanced on the day. Tristan Swiderski hold a record of 39-12, Caister a record of 45-7 and Markel a record of 36-15 prior to this week's play.

Lucas Swiderski posted wins against Gavin Tetreau, BADA, and Jackson Knieper, NEWL, while Tristan Swiderski defeated Harry Helmick, NEWL, Ethan Dove, BLMO, and Robert Russell, STLO. Caister defeated Cody

Bailey, BADA, Gunner Fraser, SAGM, and Colton Huizar, Vassar and Markel defeated Gavin Tetreau, BADA, and Josh Steffes, BLMO.

Adding to Tristan Swiderski's big day Saturday, he recorded his 100th career victory, according to Coach Don Markel.

February 20, 2019: Kingston Community School District's Lady Cardinals basketball team continues being a powerhouse on the court.

Coach Jay Green's squad won their seventh straight league title Thursday at Deckerville with a convincing victory in North Central Thumb League Stars (NCTLS) play.

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

February 20, 2019: In their only home meet of the season Saturday, the Cass City gymnastic team posted the Lady Red Hawks first regional qualifying team score. Still, it was Vassar that came out on top over the weekend, 131.725 to 120.05.

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

"I do however have some girls going individually (into the regional competition). Riley Copeland is going on Vault, Beam and Floor. She needs one more (qualifying score) on bars and she will go on all around. Olivia Schuette received her 4th qualifier on floor. Hanna Dobson received her 4th on beam. Madison Beckrow received her 4th qualifier on Vault. Katelyn Grifka (Ubyly) received her 4th qualifier on Vault. Lauren Peters and Alaina Fluegge (Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port) are going on Vault," said Bouverette.

February 27, 2019: In front of a packed gym at Kingston High School Friday night, Coach Dave Lester's Cardinals hung on to collect a share of the North Central Thumb League Stars basketball crown.

With a 44-43 victory, Kingston improved to 17-3 overall and sell. Please turn to page 10.

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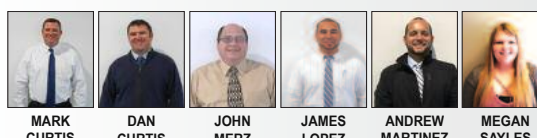
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State semifinal appearances highlight high school sports events in 2019

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cured its second conference crown in three years, while Dryden ends its regular season with a mark of 14-6.

March 6, 2019: Cass City ended its regular season with an easy 43-14 victory over winless Lakeville Thursday, but it was the Lady Red Hawks' triumph over visiting rival USA on senior night that this year's squad won't forget anytime soon.

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

Still, USA was able to narrow the gap to 32-28 in the third and then drew even with the hosts at 42-42 in the closing seconds.

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

March 20, 2019: The village of Gageton was once the hometown of a Ninja.

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

March 27, 2019: Jim Baker couldn't have known the answer to his prayer – and to the prayers of hundreds of family members, friends and others supporting him in the Cass City community – was just about 15 minutes away.

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

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

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

Just a few days earlier, the veteran scouting leader and coach was battling a progressive liver disease. Baker was previously diagnosed with non-alcoholic cirrhosis of the liver, also known as fatty liver disease, in which a build-up of fat results in scarring/damage to the organ.

April 3, 2019: A former Reese High School coach has been bound over to Tuscola County Circuit Court on a charge of embezzlement.

Scott Andrew Long, Jr., 32, waived his preliminary examination during a probable cause conference last week in Tuscola County District Court. A date will

now be set for his formal arraignment on the charge in circuit court.

Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark E. Reene authorized the charge – embezzlement of \$1,000 to \$20,000 from a non-profit or charitable organization – in early March following an investigation of missing money from the Reese Public Schools and/or the Reese Public Schools Athletic Program.

May 1, 2019: Jarod Naegele and Zack Beecher aren't quite ready to hang up their spikes just yet.

The Cass City seniors both inked letters of intent Thursday during a signing ceremony at the Cass City Jr./Sr. High School library.

Naegele will continue his football career at Ohio Northern University, while Beecher is slated to join the Delta College baseball team next season.

May 8, 2019: At the Ugly Invite, held earlier in the week on Tuesday, Cass City earned a share of the title with 89 points.

"The girls earned a share of first place in the 6-team invitational. We tied with Harbor Beach for the invite title, which marks the first girls track title at any event since 2016," Coach Adam Dorland said, adding, "We were still without our best hurdler and this invite doesn't host the pole vault which is one of our team strengths. Everyone helped in the win and I couldn't be more proud of our squad."

May 15, 2019: Bad Axe continued their dominance on the links Friday, winning the Greater Thumb Conference Jamboree hosted by Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Schools at Scenic Golf and Country Club.

As usual, the Hatchets were led by Colby Meeks, who turned in the only sub-40 round on the day, carding an impressive score of 39 on the par 36 front nine at the Huron County track.

May 29, 2019: Cass City completed a perfect Greater Thumb West baseball schedule with wins of 10-0 and 9-2 over host Reese to claim the Red Hawks' first conference championship since 2012.

After Reese spoiled Cass City's bid for league honors in 2018 – the Rockets sweep the Red Hawks last year in both teams final Greater Thumb West (GTW) twin bill that sent the crown to Vassar despite entering the affair with a one-game edge in the standings – the visitors made certain history didn't repeat itself Wednesday in convincing fashion. With the sweep, Coach Josh Stern's Red Hawks finish 11-0 in the GTW, 24-2 overall, while the Rockets finish as the GTW runner-up at 7-3 and 13-13-1 overall.

Meanwhile, over in Kingston, the Lady Cardinals are the undefeated NCTL Stars softball champions. They improved to 23-0 overall Thursday with victories of 17-2 and 13-0 against visiting Owen-Gage.

June 5, 2019: It's been 16 years since Cass City High School's last district softball title, but that drought ended Saturday as the

Lady Red Hawks cruised to a 10-0 victory, spoiling Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port's bid for district honors on their own field.

However, in district baseball action, inclement weather provided plenty of raindrops and a few lightning strikes at the Division 3 District baseball tournament Saturday at Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port High School.

The biggest shocker, however, was delivered by the host Lakers who defeated highly-favored Cass City in a low scoring championship thriller.

June 12, 2019: A season that won't be forgotten anytime soon ended over the weekend for the Kingston High School softball team.

After winning their first 27 contests, the Lady Cardinals fell in the Division 4 Regional championship game at Genesee Saturday to Unionville-Sebewaing Area School 8-0.

With the 8-0 win, the Patriots advanced to the quarterfinal round to take on Allen Park Inter City Baptist (19-2) at Saginaw Valley State University. Tuesday's contest was scheduled for a noon start.

July 10, 2019: End of an era. These 2019 Cass City Fire In The Sky basketball champs have all been playing in the Freedom Festival tourney for the better part of 25 years and have won multiple championships. They decided to play one last time in the 36/37 age bracket and went out with a bang! They are: Nathan Brinkman (2001) Craig Emmert (2001) Ryan Holmgren (2001) and Bill Goodall (1999).

July 17, 2019: The Cass City 10U baseball team won the Brown City tournament over the weekend. The champs are Corbin Forster, Chris Matthews, Brady Krueger, Will Perry, Ethan Speirs, Justin Murdoch, Deighan Moyer, Blake Mackowiak, Deshawn Moore, Jackson Anthony, Robert Gibbons, Preston Dorland, Tyler Reinke and coaches Troy Perry, Nick Moyer, Josh Mackowiak, Brad Speirs and Jason Reinke.

July 31, 2019: The 2019 Western Women's Softball League and Tournament champs are Nicol & Sons Excavating. They won the league title with a 13-1 record and then went undefeated to win the league tournament. They are: Jaime Nicol, Megan VanVliet, Sara Ritter, Brittany Hamilton, Kristen Stahl, Jessica Hahn, Lauren Taylor, Dana Essenmacher, Kathy Bouverette, Kelsey Bouverette, Coach Stephanie Hutchinson, Cathy Storm, Kristie Lashbrook, Coach Shirley Woodward, Jennifer Kilbourn and Christie Ferguson-Pavlovics. Missing is Coach Doug Hyatt, Tiffany Mason and Holly Roth-Guza.

August 7, 2019: The Kingston School District will dedicate its newly upgraded football field to longtime Coach Mike Rea during the first home game of the season, Thursday, Aug. 29, starting at 7 p.m. against Morrice High School.

Rea coached Kingston football for nearly 30 years.

The event will start with a tailgate party before the game, followed by a ceremony honoring Rea. School officials are hoping many of his former players will be able to attend.

"I'm astounded. I'm very honored and very humbled," said Rea. "There are other coaches who should have received that award before me."

August 28, 2019: The annual Hills and Dales General Hospital golf outing raised more than \$33,000 in 2019, making it the largest amount collected in the 21 year history of the fundraiser.

The event – held Aug. 20 – attracted 32 teams to Ugly Heights Golf and Country Club and 12 teams to Rolling Hills Golf Course in Cass City. Additionally, there were over 40 sponsors for the affair.

The 2019 overall winner of the Hills and Dales General Hospital annual golf outing fundraiser is Anrod Screen. The team members included Greg Biddinger, Jeff Mackenzie, Brody Beachy and Erik Tamlyn.

September 25, 2019: Next month a program on GRIT will be presented to Cass City students and community.

Former University of Michigan basketball player Austin Hatch will speak Oct. 10 in Cass City Schools. The assembly will begin at 9:15 a.m. sharp and will conclude at about 11 a.m.

"Austin's story has been shown on ESPN and many other media outlets over the past few years. Austin, who survived two plane crashes that resulted in the loss of many members of his family, has a message of overcoming adversity and showing GRIT," according to Superintendent Jeff Hartel. GRIT is an acronym Hatch developed from overcoming injuries suffered in the second of two plane crashes and is his key to overcoming any form of adversity we face in life.

October 2, 2019: Owen-Gage Homecoming King Chase Howard, son of Kendall Howard and Carla Weber and Queen Kaitlyn LaCroix, daughter of Amy and James LaCroix were announced during halftime of the Bulldog football game with CPS. The hosts won their first contest with a 28-20 decision.

October 9, 2019: A dozen teams gathered for the Cass City Invitational Saturday, where the USA boys and Reese girls captured team honors.

"We had a great day to run at our only home meet. We had 12 teams competing on the traditional slow course that was very wet and soggy for running conditions," said Cass City Coach Jon Zdrojewski.

USA - they are currently ranked Number 2 in the state among Division 4 teams – tallied a winning score of 31, while Deckerville with 54 points was the runner-up and Cass City with 91 points placed third. Rounding out the

Top 6 team places were Reese (92), Kingston (113) and Harbor Beach (136).

Individually, Cass City's Nick McArdle top the field of 59 with a winning time of 16:35 and was 45 seconds faster than Carsonville-Port Sanilac's Ethan Handley who placed second.

"Nick is currently ranked 3rd in the state individual race in Division 3," Zdrojewski said.

For the Lady Red Hawks, Riley Copeland finished in 4th place with a time of 21:01 to lead the way. Madi Ware was next for Cass City taking 13th place in 22:01. The next three Cass City scorers saw Mary Muter taking 15th place and setting a new season best time of 22:02, while her sister Marla Muter finished in 29th place in 24:02 and Amelia Weiler placed 33rd in 24:39.

October 30, 2019: With the Greater Thumb West volleyball championship in its path, the Cass City Lady Red Hawks hit a road block last week in Caro. There, Coach Amy Cuthrell's spikers fell from the top of the conference standings as the host Tigers avenged an earlier setback against their M-81 rivals in four sets.

"Sad day," said Cass City Coach Amy Cuthrell afterwards who was lost for words.

Individually, Hailey Beckrow was force at the net for Cass City with 25 kills, while Haven Bouverette added six kills. The Red Hawk offense also had Abby Phillips with 22 assists and Taylor Cumper with 14 assists.

November 13, 2019: Kingston refused to quit Friday during the Cardinals' gridiron regional final and escaped with a thrilling 50-48 victory over host Mio AuSable.

Coach Brandon Jones' team trailed 8-0 after one quarter, 20-8 after two and 32-22 after three. However, Kingston posted 28 points in the final 12 minutes to claim the school's first 8-player trip to the semifinal rounds.

"There are no words that can truly describe how proud I am of our team. Time and time again we were faced with situations where it would have been easy to throw in the towel, but our guys were resilient and kept fighting back," said Jones.

November 20, 2019: The Cass City football team kept their state championship dreams alive Saturday with a thrilling victory over visiting perennial power Detroit Loyola.

There were multiple stars in the Red Hawks' Division 7 Regional Championship game, but none bigger than senior standouts Sandyn Cuthrell and Hadyn Horne, who teamed up for the game's only touchdown and each intercepted a pass at the goal line to preserve the 6-0 triumph.

Cass City's 11th straight win captured the school's first regional gridiron trophy and advances the Greater Thumb West and district champs into this weekend's Division 7 semifinal contest in Novi. There, Coach Scott Cuthrell's gang will take on Jackson Lumen Christi.



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BOYS' BASKETBALL (JV/VARSITY)

DATE	OPPONENT
12/13	Ubly 42, CC 39
12/20	EPB 62, CC 52
1/08	Marlette
1/10	Bad Axe
1/15	USA
1/17	Vassar
1/22	Caro
1/24	S.A.A.S.TBA
1/29	EPB Lakers
1/31	Reese - Snowcoming
2/05	Capac
2/07	Bad Axe
2/12	USA
2/14	Vassar - 40 yr. Anniv. Team
2/19	Caro
2/21	Harbor Beach
2/26	Montrose
2/28	Reese
3/05	Nouvel
3/9-13	Districts @ USA.....TBA

All games begin at 6 p.m.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL (JV/VARSITY)

DATE	OPPONENT
12/03	Harbor Beach 43, CC 32
12/06	Nouvel 58, CC 14
12/10	CC 33, Sandusky 30
12/12	Ubly 32, CC 13
12/17	Birch Run 47, CC 32
12/19	CC 34, EPB Lakers 34
12/27	CC 33, Capac 22
1/07	Marlette
1/09	Bad Axe
1/14	USA
1/16	Vassar
1/21	Caro
1/24	S.A.A.S.6:30
1/28	EPB Lakers
1/30	Reese
2/06	Bad Axe
2/11	USA
2/13	Vassar
2/18	Caro
2/25	Reese
3/2-6	Districts @ Bad Axe.....TBA

All games begin at 6 p.m.

WRESTLING

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
12/11	Lakers	6:00 p.m.
12/14	Birch Run Team Tourney	9:00 a.m.
12/18	Mayville/Marlette	6:00 p.m.
12/21	Ryan Mercer Memorial Tourney	9:00 a.m.
1/04	Ogemaw Hgts. Team Tourney	9:00 a.m.
1/08	Vassar/Ubly	6:00 p.m.
1/11	Flushing Team Tourney	8:00 a.m.
1/15	Caro/Capac	6:00 p.m.
1/18	Mayville Team Tourney	9:00 a.m.
1/22	Bad Axe/Brown City	6:00 a.m.
1/25	Yale Team Tourney	9:00 a.m.
1/29	Sandusky/Memphis	6:00 p.m.
2/01	Clio Team Tourney	9:00 a.m.
2/08	GTC League Meet-Memphis	9:00 a.m.
2/13	Team Districts - Cass City	6:00 p.m.
2/15	Ind. Districts - New Lothrop	9:00 a.m.
2/19	Team Regionals @ TBA	TBA
2/22	Ind. Regionals @ TBA	TBA
2/28-29	Team State Finals @ Kalamazoo	TBA
3/6-7	Ind. State Finals @ Ford Field	TBA

GYMNASTICS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
12/7	Holt Invitational	9:00 a.m.
1/7	Vassar	6:30 p.m.
1/11	Fraser Invitational	9:00 a.m.
1/20	Bounce Meet - Hartland	TBA
1/25	Huron Valley @ Lakeland	8:00 a.m.
2/1	Haslett Invite	10:00 a.m.
2/8	Vassar Invite	10:00 a.m.
2/19	Port Huron	TBA
2/20	Vassar	6:30 p.m.

BOWLING

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
1/7	Harbor Beach	4:00 p.m.
1/9	North Huron @ Bad Axe	4:00 p.m.
1/14	USA	4:00 p.m.
1/16	Caro	4:00 p.m.
1/21	CPS	4:00 p.m.
1/23	Reese	4:00 p.m.
1/28	Brown City	4:00 p.m.
1/30	Bad Axe	4:00 p.m.
2/04	Sandusky	4:00 p.m.
2/06	Boys @ Cass City	TBA
2/08	Singles @ Sandusky	TBA
2/11	Girls @ Capac	TBA
2/15	Team @ Caro	TBA

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12-11-5

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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Boyd Vollweiler, an unmarried man of 7083 North Lake Rd., Millington, MI 48746, the Mortgagor, to Flagstar Bank, FSB, whose address is 5151 Corporate Drive, Troy, MI 48098-2639, the Mortgagee, which Mortgage is dated July 29, 2005, and was recorded on August 9, 2005, Liber 1048, Page 1423, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and which Mortgage was assigned by said Mortgagee Flagstar Bank, FSB, to ARCPPE 1, LLC, 1900 Sunset Harbour Dr., The Annex, 2nd Floor, Miami Beach, FL 33139, by an assignment dated January 16, 2017, and recorded on January 20, 2017 in Liber 1366, Page 1472, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty Three Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Four Dollars and 42/100's (\$83,674.42), including interest at 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 front entrance of the Tuscola County Courthouse Building at 440 N. State Street, in the City of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, at 10:00 a.m. on January 16, 2020. Said premises are situated in Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as: SEE ATTACHED LEGAL DESCRIPTION commonly known as 7083 North Lake Rd., Millington, MI 48746 Tax ID No. 021-004-000-0130-00 The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated December 12, 2019 ARCPPE 1, LLC

1900 Sunset Harbour Dr. The Annex, 2nd Floor Miami Beach, FL 33139 /s/ S. Thomas Padgett S. Thomas Padgett (P31748) DeBrincat, Padgett, Kobliska & Zick 34705 W. Twelve Mile Rd., Suite 311 Farmington Hills, MI 48331 (248) 553-4333 THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 4, TOWN 10 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST, EXCEPT COMMENCING AT A POINT THAT IS S 89 DEGREES 56' E, 165 FEET FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION; THENCE S 89 DEGREES 56' E 201 FEET; THENCE S 0 DEGREES 08' W, 325 FEET; THENCE N 89 DEGREES 56' W, 305.34 FEET; THENCE N 19 DEGREES 47' 24; E, 310.20 FEET; THENCE N 0 DEGREES 08' E, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. ALSO EXCEPT COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 4, THEN SOUTH 400 FEET; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY TO A POINT ON THE NORTH SECTION LINE 165 FEET EAST OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 4; THENCE WEST TO A POINT OF BEGINNING. ALSO EXCEPT COMMENCING AT A POINT WHICH IS S 00 DEGREES 08' W, 325 FEET FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 4, THENCE S 00 DEGREES 08' 00" W, 360 FEET; THENCE S 89 DEGREES 56' 00" E, 366 FEET; THENCE N 00 DEGREES 08' 00" E, 360 FEET; THENCE N 89 DEGREES 56' 00" W, 366 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. ALSO EXCEPT COMMENCING AT THE NORTH 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 4; THENCE SOUTH 1523.12 FEET; THENCE WEST 660.91 FEET; THENCE NORTH 1511.8 FEET; THENCE EAST 661.87 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. TAX ID NO: 021-004-000-0130-00

12-18-4

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 January 16, 2020:
Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Morgan Watkins and Ruth Watkins, husband and wife
Original Mortgagee: Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, a Subsidiary of IndyMac 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: June 14, 2006
Date of Mortgage Recording: July 5, 2006
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$70,649.71
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Dayton, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 231, Shay Lake Heights Subdivision No. 2, Being a part of the East half of Section 14, Town 11 North, Range 10 East and Lot 232, Shay Lake Heights Subdivision No. 2, being a part of the East half of Section 14, Town 11 North, Range 10 East
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: December 18, 2019
Trott Law, P.C.

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MORTGAGE SALE THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by D & G Hall, L.L.C., a Michigan limited liability company, and Dwayne L. Hall and Gloria J. Hall, husband and wife, mortgagors, to Mayville State Bank, mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated March 24, 2011, and was recorded on April 4, 2011, in Liber 2495, on page 443 of the Lapeer County records, and also recorded on September 14, 2011, at Liber 1230, page 248 of the Tuscola County records. The balance owing on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is \$167,997.29, including interest at 6% per year. 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 on the Lapeer County property will be held on January 15, 2020, at 9:30 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the Lapeer County Court Facility, 255 Clay St., Lapeer, Michigan, that being the place of holding Circuit Court for Lapeer County, Michigan. The sale on the Tuscola County property will be held on January 16, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the Tuscola County Court Facility at 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 Lapeer County property to be sold is located in the Township of Rich, County of Lapeer, Michigan and is described as:

Parcel 1: Commencing at the W 1/4 corner of Section 9, T10N, R10E, Rich Twp., Lapeer Co., Michigan and the point of beginning; running thence N 02°19'37" W 2017.0 ft along the W line of said Section 9; thence N 87°07'48" E 693.63 ft; thence N 02°19'37" W 628.0 ft; thence N 87°07'48" E 641.47 ft along the N line of said Section 9; thence S 02°16'31" E 2657.30 ft along the W 1/8 line of said Section 9; thence N 87°39'28" E 1332.64 ft along the E and W 1/4 line of said Section 9; thence S 02°13'26" E 2197.60 ft along the N and S 1/4 line of said Section 9 to a point that is 415 ft N of the S 1/4 corner of said Section 9; thence S 87°05'54" W 1332.05 ft along a line that is parallel to and 415 ft N of the S Section line of said Section 9; thence N 02°14'29" W 879.80 ft along the W 1/8 line of said Section 9; thence S 87°22'41" W 666.13 ft; thence N 02°15' W 220.0 ft; thence S 87°22'41" W 666.17 ft; thence N 02°15'32" W 874.30 ft along the W line of said Section 9; thence N 87°44'28" E 350.0 ft; thence N 02°15'32" W 207.0 ft; thence S 87°44'28" W 350.0 ft; thence N 02°15'32" W 18.0 ft along the

W line of said Section 9 to the point of beginning. Being a part of the W half of Section 9, T10N, R10E, Rich Township, Lapeer County, Michigan.

Except: Part of the SW 1/4 of Section 9, T10N, R10E, Rich Twp., Lapeer Co., Michigan, being further described as commencing at the S 1/4 corner of said Section; thence N 02°13'26" W 1421.62 ft along the N-S 1/4 line to the point of beginning; thence S 87°46'34" W 375.98 ft; thence N 02°13'26" W 231.72 ft; thence N 87°46'34" E 375.98 ft; thence S 02°13'26" W 231.72 ft along the N-S 1/4 line to the point of beginning.

Except: Part of the SW 1/4 of Section 9, T10N, R10E, Rich Twp., Lapeer Co., Michigan, being further described as commencing at the S 1/4 corner of said Section; thence N 02°13'26" W 1189.90 ft along the N-S 1/4 line to the point of beginning; thence S 87°46'34" W 375.98 ft; thence N 02°13'26" W 231.72 ft; thence N 87°46'34" E 375.98 ft; thence S 02°13'26" W 231.72 ft along the N-S 1/4 line to the point of beginning.

Except: Part of the SW 1/4 of Section 9, T10N, R10E, Rich Twp., Lapeer Co., Michigan being further described as commencing at the S 1/4 corner of said Section; thence N 02°13'26" W 958.18 ft along the N and S 1/4 line to the point of beginning; thence S 87°46'34" W 375.98 ft; thence N 02°13'26" W 231.72 ft; thence N 87°46'34" E 375.98 ft; thence S 02°13'26" W 231.72 ft along the N-S 1/4 line to the point of beginning.

Except: Part of the SW 1/4 of Section 9, T10N, R10E, Rich Twp., Lapeer Co., Michigan, being further described as commencing at the S 1/4 corner of said Section; thence N 02°13'26" W 705.54 ft along the N-S 1/4 line to the point of beginning; thence S 87°46'34" W 306.94 ft; thence N 18°58'07" W 239.63 ft; thence N 02°13'26" W 23.17 ft; thence N 87°46'34" E 375.98 ft; thence S 02°13'26" E 252.64 ft along the N-S 1/4 line to the point of beginning.

Except: Commencing at the W 1/4 corner of Section 9, T10N, R10E, Rich Twp., Lapeer Co., Michigan; thence S 02°15'32" E 225.0 ft along the West line of said Section 9 to the point of beginning; running thence N 87°44'28" E 350.0 ft; thence N 02°15'32" W 207.0 ft; thence N 87°44'28" E 35.19 ft to the approximate centerline of a ditch; thence S 17°46'22" E 286.15 ft along the approximate centerline of a ditch; thence S 04°46'36" E 803.21 ft along the approximate centerline of a ditch; thence S 87°22'41" W 497.02 ft; thence N 02°15'32" W 874.30 ft along the W line of said Section 9 to the point of beginning. Being a part of the SW 1/4 of Section 9, T10N, R10E, Rich Twp., Lapeer Co., Michigan.

commonly known as 9350 N. Lapeer Road, Mayville, Michigan 48744
tax i.d. 018-009-008-00 and The Tuscola County property to be sold is located in the Township of Wells, Tuscola County, Michigan, being more particularly described as follows:

NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 15, T12N, R10E, Wells Twp., Tuscola Co., Michigan, except a strip of land on South side described as:

Commencing at the SE corner of said NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4; thence N 89°12' W 1328.5 ft; thence N 55.9 ft; thence S 89°25' E 1328.5 ft; thence S 61 ft to beginning.

commonly known as vacant land on James Road, Caro, MI 48723
tax i.d. 022-015-000-1900-00

If the property described in this notice is sold at foreclosure sale, then under MCL 600.3278, the Mortgagor(s)

will be held responsible to the buyer of the property at the foreclosure sale, or to the Mortgage holder, for damage done to the property during the redemption period.

The redemption period will expire six (6) months after the date of the foreclosure sale.

SMITH, MARTIN, POWERS & KNIER, P.C.
Dated: December 16, 2019

By: Henry L. Knier, Jr. (P46393)
Attorney for Mayville State Bank, Mortgagee
900 Washington Ave., P.O. Box 219
Bay City, MI 48707 - (989) 892-4574

12-18-4

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 January 30, 2020:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Waylon J. Tait, a married man and Jane A. Tait, his wife

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): The Bank of New York Mellon F/K/A The Bank of New York as Trustee, in Trust for the Registered Holders of NAAC Reperforming Loan REMIC Trust Certificates Series 2004-R1
Date of Mortgage: November 14, 2002

Date of Mortgage Recording: November 21, 2002
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$157,278.71

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Indianfields, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Part of the East one half of Section 2, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, described as: Beginning at a point in the centerline of East Dayton Road which is South 00 degrees 03 minutes 05 seconds West, 755.51 feet along the East line of Section 2 and North 65 degrees 45 minutes 00 seconds West 2138.00 feet along the centerline of East Dayton Road from the East quarter corner of said Section 2, thence continuing along the centerline of East Dayton Road, North 65 degrees 45 minutes 00 seconds West, 138.53 feet to the centerline of Weeden Road; thence along the centerline of Weeden Road South 21 degrees 00 minutes 15 seconds West 219.31 feet to the Northerly line of the Detroit Edison Property; thence along said line, South 46 degrees 18 minutes 00 seconds East 123.83 feet; thence North 26 degrees 18 minutes 30 seconds East 260.36 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: January 1, 2020
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“Taste of Thumb” benefits Sanilac County youngsters

The 2020 “Taste of Thumb” is fast approaching. The annual event, slated for Sunday, Jan. 26, from one to 3 p.m. at the Carman Banquet Hall in Peck, is a fundraiser for the Sanilac County Child Abuse Prevention Council that showcases samples of the cuisine of local restaurants, caterers, bakeries and wineries.

“This year we are excited to welcome back a few returning vendors from past events: Autumnwood of Deckerville, The Stone Lodge from Port Sanilac, Downtown Deli located in Sandusky, and a new vendor Sugar Town Sweet Shop, and Tealightful,” said organizer Amy Dumaw. “There are several other local restaurants that have to confirm their reservation in the next few weeks.”

Any businesses interested in participating should contact Dumaw at (810) 648-4098 (ext. 144).

Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased online at www.sanilacchild.org or by calling Dumaw or Jennifer Gezequel at (810) 648-4098 (ext. 155).

Proceeds from the event go to support the Sanilac County Child Abuse Council’s prevention and intervention programs.

“Our programs include the two local baby pantries located in Sandusky and Crosswell, the body safety education program — Kids Have Rights, The child advocacy center, youth empowerment camps, Safe Sleep programs, the car seat program (and) the lifejacket loaner boards,” Dumaw noted.

More information is available by visiting the website www.sanilacchild.org.



CASS CITY Elementary School students recently hosted a “Donuts with Heroes” event to recognize local emergency responders. Among those who participated were (front row, from left), Elkland Township fire fighters Adam Dorland and Kyle Hartwick, Samantha Provost-Toppe of the Bad Axe Police Department; (back row, left) Tech Sgt. Bill Rathje (U.S. Air Force); Elkland Township fire fighters Matt Guinther, Mark Tomlinson and Tony Middaugh; Brad Spangler, Tuscola County Sheriff’s Department; and Jim Freeman, Cass City Police Department deputy chief.



Obituaries

Erwin “T” G. Hall

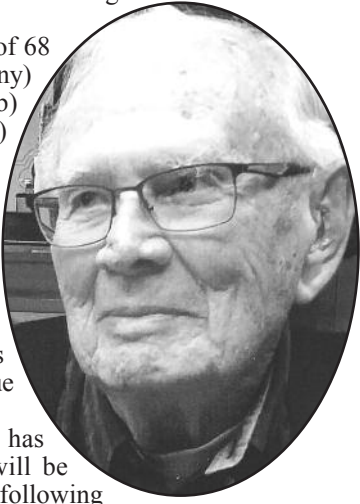
Erwin “T” G. Hall, 94, of Deford, passed away Fri., Dec. 27, 2019 at Tuscola County Medical Care Facility.

He was born Sept. 30, 1925, in Caro, the son of the late George and Daisy (Gordon) Hall.

On Sept. 1, 1951 he married Amy G. May in Caro, after meeting her at the Chevrolet Dealer in Caro, where he worked.

“T” served in the U.S. Army during WWII. He owned Hall’s Trim Shop for many years and he enjoyed restoring antique cars and boats.

He is survived by his loving wife of 68 years, Amy; children, Kenneth (Melany) Hall of Caro, Kelly Ann (Bob) Lehrman of IL, Karen Kay (Mike) Noble of Deford and Kathy Jo Kluthe of MN; 10 grandchildren, Kristen, Krenda, Ryan, Gavin, Kasandra, Daniel, Hannah, Hunter, Kevin and Jake; 11 great-grandchildren and special nephew, Dwayne (Gloria) Hall.



In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a daughter, Wendy Sue Hall.

Honoring “T”’s wishes, cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held in the late summer with burial following in Indianfields Township Cemetery.

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Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the Township of Elkland will hold a public hearing on the **21st day of January, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Township Hall located at 6691 Church St., Cass City, MI 48726.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider the application by **Thumb Aggregate Sales, LLC for a special land use permit for the purpose of operating a mining operation to be located at 3435 Cass City Rd., Cass City, Michigan 48726.**

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

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