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Commissioners set to adopt complete budget this month

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

The Tuscola County Board of Commissioners made adjustments to the agenda and also to the date of their first meeting of the new year.

The first board meeting will be Monday, Jan. 13, starting at 8 a.m. at the Purdy Building, 125 W. Lincoln St., Caro, with a committee of the whole meeting followed by the board's annual reorganization session at 8:45 a.m.

A committee of the whole meeting is only an informational meeting. Commissioners cannot take formal action at that time. Only during a regular board meeting can they vote on motions.

The reorganization meeting, meanwhile, consists of selecting a board chair and vice chair, and generally making committee appointments for the coming year.

After that, there will be a special board meeting at 9 a.m., followed by a public hearing on the county's proposed 2020 budget.

Commissioners had been expected to adopt a new spending plan during their Dec. 27 meeting, but they only approved a portion of it, according to Commissioner Tom Young.

"That was because no one could show us in writing where the governor had signed funding for the line items she vetoed," Young explained. "So, we are hoping to approve it at the Jan. 13 meeting."

Young was referring to Whitmer's 147 line item vetoes in which she cut nearly \$947 million from the state's 2020 budget and transferred \$625 million within departments. However, the governor did sign a supplemental budget that restored about \$573.5 million, although some cuts remain that could impact the county's finances.

The commissioners did take action during the December meeting, adopting a budget totaling \$60,316,796.

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A RIBBON-cutting ceremony has been scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 15, at 11 a.m. at the new \$12 million Quality Roasting LLC plant, located at 135 S. Bradleyville Rd. in Gilford Township. The new business boasts a 16,000-square foot facility expected to process about 2.2 million pounds of soybeans a year and provide storage for roughly 300,000 bushels of soybeans.

Ribbon cutting set at soybean plant

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony Wednesday, Jan. 15, for a new soybean processing plant constructed in northwest Tuscola County.

The event is slated to get underway at 11 a.m. at Quality Roasting LLC, which built the \$12 million processing facility at 135 S. Bradleyville Rd. in Gilford Township.

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation's Michigan Strategic Fund helped make the new plant become a reality by approving a \$10 million loan for the Wisconsin-based company.

Also supporting the project were

the Michigan Business Development Program, which approved an \$80,000 performance-based grant, and the Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development, which kicked in \$75,000.

In addition, because the poor condition of Bradleyville Road presented an obstacle to the company's need for good transportation access to the site, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) awarded a \$120,000 state transportation economic development grant.

Bradleyville Road was already nearing the end of its operational life, and with projections of increased traffic generated by Quality Roasting's trucking shipments, and to assure the roadway is able

to handle loaded trucks during seasonal weight restrictions, the funding was earmarked for resurfacing of the roadway from Gilford Road to M-81.

The overall cost of the upgrades was estimated at \$374,753, including \$120,000 in TEDF Category A funding and \$254,753 from the road commission.

TEDF "Category A" grants provide state funding for public roadway improvements that allow road agencies to respond quickly to the transportation needs of expanding companies and eliminate inadequate roadways as an obstacle to private investment and job creation.

Quality Roasting officials have
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Flu activity picking up in state, vaccinate now

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Health officials are reminding area residents that it's not too late to get a flu vaccination, and the sooner, the better.

Seasonal influenza activity in the United States continues to increase and has been elevated for seven weeks, according to officials at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), who say all regions of the country are seeing elevated levels of flu-like illness.

According to the latest numbers available, the CDC is reporting regional flu activity in Michigan.

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CRAIG BELLEW will close the books this week on a career spanning 32 years at Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City, where he served as director of pharmacy for many years before being promoted to vice president of ambulatory services in 2015. The hospital has organized a retirement open house in his honor, and the community is welcome to attend Friday from 4 to 6:30 p.m. at Northwood Meadows.

Bellew gearing up to leave Hills and Dales family after 32 years

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

You don't have to ask Craig Bellew twice when it comes to his opinion of Hills and Dales General Hospital.

Bellew sat in the new reception area of the Cass City Hospital late Friday morning, surveying the results of a recently completed \$6 million facelift/expansion, and pointed out the local healthcare facility, in short, is second to none in patient care in the region.

"It's just an amazing place we have here," he said. "There's not another hospital in the Thumb that can say what we can" about keeping up with the latest in medical technology, pharmaceuticals, patient services and safety, and the number and variety of specialty clinics offered here. "That's what I'm proud of."

Bellew's pride reflects a career spanning more than three decades at Hills and Dales. It's a job he'll walk away from later this week after a retirement party organized by the hospital and his co-workers.

An open house in Bellew's honor is scheduled for Friday from 4 to 6:30 p.m. at Northwood Meadows, 6086 Beechwood Rd., Cass City. The community is invited. There will be refreshments, with a program slated to get underway at 5:30 p.m.

Originally from Lincoln Park, Bellew moved to Cass City in 1987 along with his wife, Mary, and their children – Derek, who was four at the time, and Jessica, who was one (and today works at Hills and Dales as a clinical information technician) — after then-Hills and Dales President and CEO Ken Jensen offered him the job of director of pharmacy at the local hospital.

Bellew brought seven years of pharmacy experience with him, having previously worked at Doctors Hospital in Detroit.

"We were looking to move to a smaller area, (having) young children, and this fit the bill," recalled Bellew, who never looked back, serving

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Area church welcomes new pastor

THE GAGETOWN Church of the Nazarene has a new spiritual leader. Pastor DuWayne Loney's first service at the area church, 6609 Lincoln St., Gagetown, was Jan. 5. The new pastor and his wife, Karmen Loney, and their children, Margot and Kelvin, are settling into the community. The Gagetown Church of the Nazarene has about 50 members.



Redhawk Review

by
Taryn Pisarek

Making a positive impact on school

This week I want to shine a spotlight on a group within Cass City Schools that sometimes goes unnoticed: the Social-Emotional Committee.

This group of amazing change-makers does a variety of good acts for the school that most students and community members don't recognize as originating with their ideas.

This committee is made up of educators and administration staffers such as social worker Mrs. Campbell, guidance counselor Mrs. Hempton, social studies teacher Mr. Hartzell, para-pro Mr. Ketterer, and Mrs. Moore from DHHS.

These people look at the needs of students and staff in the school in an effort to make positive changes.

One change they've already implemented is the reading of birthdays in the daily announcements, which gives every student a ray of positive recognition. They also hosted a bus driver appreciation day in which they gave each bus driver student-written affirmations with a candy bar.

They also put on an appreciation lunch for the kitchen staff at the high school. Students wrote affirmations for this as well. Along with cooking for and serving the lunch staff, kids also helped clean the cafeteria after both lunches.

Even with all these amazing acts of good that the committee has done, the group still found time to start and run a clothing closet. The clothing closet at the school is a place to donate seasonal items that are needed (items in demand are listed on the Cass City Schools Facebook page for those interested in making a donation).

Again, I think this group of people deserves to be recognized and appreciated for all the good they are bringing into Cass City Schools. If you see one of these members around, give them a big "Thank You!"

Cass City grad earns degree in naturopathic medicine field

Aaron R. Bardwell recently graduated cum laude with a Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine Degree from National University of Health Sciences.

He previously earned Doctor of Chiropractic and Master of Oriental Medicine degrees.



Aaron Bardwell

Bardwell graduated from Cass City High School in 2009 and completed his undergraduate degree at Northern Michigan University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in biology with a physiology emphasis, graduating summa cum laude.

Bardwell plans to open a clinic in Caro after the first of the year.

He is the son of Thom and Karla Bardwell of Caro and grandson of the late Twila Bardwell.

Senior Movies has new name, set for Jan. 17

Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City will host its next Movie Matinees - formerly known as Senior Movies - Friday, Jan. 17, starting at 1:30 p.m.

Slated to be shown is "Journey Back to Christmas" - A WWII-era nurse is transported in time to 2016 and meets a man who helps her discover the bonds of family and that the true meaning of Christmas is timeless (stars Candace Cameron Bure, Oliver Hudson and Tom Skerritt).

Refreshments will be served. This adult program is offered free of charge.

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MDHHS: reduce the risk of birth defects

Every 4½ minutes a baby is born with a birth defect in the United States, a startling number that health officials say could be reduced with proper prenatal care.

That's why the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is joining with leading prenatal health experts from the National Birth Defects Prevention Network, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, American Academy of Pediatrics, March of Dimes, Society for Birth Defects Research and Prevention and MotherToBaby this month to increase awareness of five critical tips to reduce the chances of having a baby with a birth defect.

The National Birth Defects Prevention Month campaign theme, "Best for You. Best for Baby", aims to raise awareness of the roughly one in 33 birth defects cases occurring in Michigan each year.

"Not all birth defects can be prevented, but you can increase your chances of having a healthy baby by doing all you can to be your healthiest self both before and during pregnancy," said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, chief medical executive and chief deputy for health for MDHHS.

Mothers-to-be are encouraged to consider the following recommendations designed to increase their chances of having a healthy baby:

*Take 400 micrograms of folic acid every day. Folic acid is very important because it can help prevent some major birth defects of the baby's brain and spine.

*Book a visit with your healthcare provider before stopping or starting any medicine.

There are often benefits to continuing treatment throughout pregnancy. Discussing a treatment plan before a pregnancy allows a woman and her healthcare provider to weigh the pros and cons of all options to keep mom and baby as healthy as possible.

*Get up-to-date with all vaccines, including the flu shot.

Having the right vaccinations, such as influenza and Tdap vaccines, at the right time during pregnancy can help keep a woman and her baby healthy.

*Try to reach a healthy weight before you get pregnant. Obesity increases the risk for several serious birth defects and other pregnancy complications.

*Boost your health by avoiding harmful substances during pregnancy, such as alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

There is no known safe amount of alcohol during pregnancy, and drinking alcohol while pregnant can cause birth defects and cognitive impairment in the baby. Smoking during pregnancy, meanwhile, can cause dangerous chemicals to damage the placenta and/or reach baby's bloodstream.

Health officials note that the opioid epidemic has led to a sharp increase in Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome and premature birth.

The MDHHS Birth Defects Education and Outreach program encourages Michiganders to be active participants in National Birth Defects Prevention Month by following and sharing #Best4YouBest4Baby messages on social media.

More information can be found on the website Migr.org/providers/birth-defects-prevention.

Americans are coffee addicts. We think nothing about traipsing around with a paper coffee cup in hand.

Then, we became socially conscious about how many paper coffee cups were being used as well as how fast coffee cooled off in them. So, special, fancy, reusable coffee containers came into fashion.

And, coffee shops abound with specialty offerings that sound and taste more like bakery offerings than good old java.

While I was looking through some vintage photos online, I realized just how much beverage containers have changed.

Saucers have disappeared. Youngsters today probably have no idea what a saucer is because mugs are the norm now.

Back in the day, beverage cups were what we call "teacups" today — dainty little cups that sat on top of their own little dish - called a saucer. Some of them were so pretty they could be considered works of art. My mother had several cups with matching saucers she proudly displayed on shelves.

Saucers have been around since medieval times, and they did serve a purpose, especially in colonial America. Saucers were used so drinkers of hot beverages didn't burn their mouths.

To stop that from happening, a small amount of the hot beverage would be poured into the saucer. Separating it from the cup allowed the beverage to cool faster.

And, slurping was considered a compliment of how good the beverage was or as a way to show appreciations of the host's decorative cup and saucer.

I did some research on the matter, and I was surprised to learn the cup and saucer were reportedly used in explaining the draft of the U.S. Constitution. In fact, the cup and saucer were used as an example by George Washington to explain to Thomas Jefferson the reason for creating the Senate branch of government.

According to one site, Jefferson asked why the convention delegates had created the senate, to which, Washington replied, "Why did you pour tea into your saucer?"


"To cool it," answered Jefferson.

"We pour legislation into the senatorial saucer to cool it," Washington responded.

While drinking from a saucer has fallen out of practice, the saucer Senate has withstood the test of time, and is being tested once again in Washington, D.C.

Rabbit Tracks
by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)



Don't forget that Cass City village officials have slated a Committee of the Whole meeting for tonight (Wednesday, Jan. 8) starting at 7:00 p.m.

On the agenda is strategic planning for 2020 that the local village council seeks input on as the New Year unfolds. Remember, just like voting, if you don't take part in the process, then don't complain about the outcome.

Fast approaching is our annual athletic boosters' silent auction, says Cass City club member Kate Fernald, who reports this year's fundraiser is on Friday, Jan. 24th.

"We generally raise about \$4,000 for our student athletes," she says, adding, we play Saginaw Arts and Science Academy and it is a triple header that night with the varsity girls, and the junior varsity boys and varsity boys teams all in action.

Any questions or donations can be directed to Fernald at (989)325-0487.

This tidbit courtesy of my bride, Karen,

She says when writing checks in 2020 to make sure to include all the numbers for the year. If you don't — let's say you write 01-01-20 or 01/01/20 — it too easy to change the year and your checks could easily be altered with the wrong date.

Here's a check list for all snowmobilers from The Department of National Resources: Ride on the right side of the trail; Ride at a safe speed; Ride sober; Anticipate and yield to groomers; Ride safe, so you make it home to your family and friends; Keep your machine in top mechanical condition, and keep headlights and tail lights clear of snow and ice at all times; Wear insulated boots and protective clothing, including a helmet, glove and eye protection; Check the weather conditions before you depart and never ride alone.

Happy trails fellow riders.

Here's some tips for ice fisherman. To maximize ice fishing safety when enjoying winter fishing outings, it is important to know a few things about ice.

1. New ice is usually stronger than old ice. Four inches of clear, newly formed ice may support one person on foot, while a foot or more of old, partially thawed ice may not.

2. Ice seldom freezes uniformly. It may be a foot thick in one location and only an inch or two just a few feet away.

3. Ice formed over flowing water and currents is often dangerous. This is especially true near streams, bridges and culverts. Also, the ice outside river bends is usually weaker due to the undermining effects of the faster current.

4. The insulating effect of snow slows down the freezing process. The extra weight also reduces how much weight the ice sheet can support. Also, ice near shore can be weaker than ice that is farther out.

5. Booming and cracking ice isn't necessarily dangerous. It only means that the ice is expanding and contracting as the temperature changes.

6. Schools of fish or flocks of waterfowl can also adversely affect the relative safety of ice. The movement of fish can bring warm water up from the bottom of the lake. In the past, this has opened holes in the ice causing snowmobiles and cars to break through.


Tight lines boys and girls.

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Wednesday, January 8

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

Thursday, January 9

- AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.
- Caregiver Connection, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., Country Gardens, Scheurer Hospital, 203 N. Caseville Rd., Pigeon. For more information, call Merry at (989) 673-4121.

Saturday, January 11

- 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.

Sunday, January 12

- 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.

Monday, January 13

- Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubyly. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.
- AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.
- Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.
- VFW monthly meeting, 7:00 p.m., VFW Hall, Cass City.

Tuesday, January 14

- Crafty Ladies Group, 1-4 p.m., Common Grounds (next to Revive). Bring a crafting project to work on. Call 989-551-7803 for more information.
- AA Meeting, 7-8 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 4960 N. Argyle Rd. (Meeting will be held in the hall next to the little stone church.)
- Al-Anon meeting, 7 p.m., Cakima Serenity Home, Mayville. Call 989-912-5478 for more information.
- Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7 p.m., fire hall in Gagetown.
- Tuscola County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., HDC Intergenerational Building, 430 Montague Ave., Caro. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.
- Kedron OES #33 of Caro meeting, 7 p.m.
- Huron County Family Caregiver Support Group, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Human Development Commission, 150 Nugent Rd., Bad Axe. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.
- Al-Anon meeting, 7 p.m., St. Francis Parrish, Pigeon.

STANDING COMMUNITY CALENDAR ITEMS

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

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

- First Monday:**
- Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.
 - Shabbona Outreach Baby Pantry, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Shabbona Outreach 5448 Shabbona Rd. Decker, MI. Gently used clothing and equipment, diapers, bottles, toys, formula, baby food. For more information contact Judy Doerr (989) 658-8625.

- Second Monday:**
- Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.
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- Third Tuesday:**
- Living with Parkinson's Support Group, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Holiday Inn Express, 55 Rapson Lane West, Bad Axe. For more information, call Merry at (989) 673-4121.
 - Family Caregiver Support Group, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Harbor Beach Community Hospital Administration Building/Conference Center, 147 S. First St., Harbor Beach. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121
 - Ubyly Lions Club meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Ubyly Thumb Veterans Organization Hall, 2165 Bingham St., Ubyly MI 48475. A pot luck is served prior to the meeting. Everyone is welcomed.

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

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

- Third Friday:**
- 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 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.

Tuscola County RTL set to host annual memorial service Jan. 19

The Tuscola County Right to Life affiliate will host its annual Sanctity of Life Memorial Service Sunday, Jan. 19, on the front steps of the Tuscola County Courthouse, located on State Street (M-81) in Caro.

The event is scheduled to begin at 3 p.m., and the keynote speaker will state Rep. Shane Hernandez.

The memorial service will feature a short message from Hernandez, prayer, the singing of God Bless America, and a group photograph. Afterwards, everyone is invited to a follow-up gathering indoors at the Blessing Center, located at 209 N. State St., with food and beverages served.

The event is open to the general public and will be one of several similar memorial services set to take place throughout Michigan and across the country.

"Nearly 47 years have passed

since the landmark Supreme Court rulings that changed our nation's response to pregnancy. Forty-seven years later and the words 'Roe v. Wade' and 'Doe v. Bolton' still darken the hearts of all who defend the right to life," said Right to Life of Michigan President Barbara Listing.

"Because of Roe and Doe, abortion is legal through all nine months of pregnancy. Because of Roe and Doe, some do not have the right to live and breathe and grow and laugh and love," she added. "Because of Roe and Doe, hundreds of thousands of people will peacefully march in January in Washington, D.C., to be a pro-life witness, protesting the so-called right to abortion.

"After 47 years, we are still here, still ready to march and defend the lives of babies preparing to be born," Listing said. "Positive

changes are being made in Michigan, the pro-life movement is thriving, but our life-saving work continues because there is a need to value human life."

According to the Michigan Department of Community Health, a total of 26,716 induced abortions were reported in 2018 throughout Michigan. The figure represents a slight increase compared to 2017, but is a decrease of more than 45 percent since 1987 - the year when the largest number of induced abortions was reported.

There were 43 babies from Tuscola County who were aborted in 2018, down slightly from 46 babies aborted in 2017.

The Tuscola County Right to Life Board and volunteers meet monthly in Caro. More information is available on the chapter's Facebook page.

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Reporter's notebook

Don't be totes jelly

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



So, figure out your New Year's resolution?

I have. Basically, just planning to live my best life, maybe even be an influencer. I mean, sure, that's literally my resolution every year, but what can I say? That's just me — no need to be totes jelly.

If you're shaking your head and trying to figure out what on earth "totes jelly" means, I'll spare you the aggravation — the phrase is (stupidly) short for totally jealous. Seriously.

The wordsmiths at Lake Superior State University (LSSU) evidently agree with my opinion of totes jelly, as they include both "words" in their 45th annual List of Words Banished from the Queen's English for Mis-use, Over-use and General Uselessness, published just in time to give the rest of us wordsmiths a break in 2020.

The word banishment tradition, created by the late W. T. Rabe, former public relations director at Lake Superior State University, is now in its fifth decade. For every new year since 1976, LSSU — also known for premier programs in nursing, engineering, robotics, and Great Lakes freshwater research — has issued this list.

Rabe and fellow LSSU faculty and staff came up with the first list of words and phrases that people love to hate at a New Year's Eve party in 1975, publishing it on Jan. 1, 1976. Though he and his friends created the first list from their own pet peeves about language, Rabe said he knew from the volume of mail he received in the following weeks that the group would have no shortage of words and phrases from which to choose for 1977.

Since then, the list has consisted entirely of nominations received from around the world throughout the year.

Through the years, LSSU has received tens of thousands of nominations for the list, which now includes more than a thousand entries. This year's list is culled from nominations received mostly through the university's website, lssu.edu/banished. Word-watchers target pet peeves from everyday speech, as well as from the news, fields of education, technology, advertising, politics and more. A committee makes a final cut in December.

And now, the 2020 list as published by LSSU:

***Quid pro quo:** This phrase received the most nominations this year, with a noticeable spike in November (gee, we wonder why...). The popularity of this phrase has the committee wondering what it should offer in exchange for next year's nominations.

***Artisanal:** One nominator described this word as an "obfuscation," describing an "actual person doing something personal for another unknown person." The committee agrees this word should be banned for well water... but not for sandwiches.

***Curated:** Like "artisanal," this seems to be another attempt at making something more than it is, especially when used in reference to social media (or banished words lists). As Barb from Ann Arbor says, "Save it for the museum."

***Influencer:** According to Urban Dictionary, "A word Instagram users use to describe themselves to make them feel famous and more important when no one really knows who they are or care."

***Literally:** Surprisingly, this word hasn't already been banished, but here it is, one of the few words in English that has begun to serve as its own antonym. Many of the nominators cite this word's use for figurative expressions or emphasis, which is literally annoying.

***I mean:** It's easy to see why this phrase was nominated, right? I mean...

***Living my best life:** The committee very much enjoys exercising its authority in banishing words annually — literally the capstone of our year — but as Eric says, apart from reincarnation, are there "options for multiple lives"?

***Mouthfeel:** A word used by foodies to describe the texture of food or drink in the mouth, which the committee feels should be banished entirely from food reality TV shows. As our nominator asks, "Where else, exactly, would you like to touch your food or beverage?" This one just doesn't feel right in the mouth.

***Chirp:** This one is a new insult for the non-millennials on the committee. Before we get chirped for being out of touch, as our nominator suggests, why don't we leave it to the birds?

***Jelly:** An abbreviation of "jealous," the committee agrees with the nominator of this word who suggested that it's better left for toast.

***Totes:** Another abbreviation, this time of "totally." Totes overused.

***Vibe/vibe check:** A new use of the 60s term, "good vibes." This one just doesn't vibe with us anymore, unless the speaker is actually vibrating.

***OK, Boomer:** This phrase caught on late this year on the Internet as a response from millennials to the older generation.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2015)

Members of the Cass City gymnastics team earned 8 regional qualifying scores Saturday at the 9-school Fraser Invitational to swing into action in 2015. Kendra Kerkau led the way for Coach Kathy Bouverette's Red Hawks with a score of 7.55 on the bars. "Kendra was our lone athlete to earn a spot on the podium. She finished 8th and recorded her second regional qualifying score on the bars," said Bouverette, noting it takes 4 regional qualifying scores during the course of the regular season to advance into the state's regional meet. Kerkau also met the regional standard in the vault with a score of 7.95 and now needs only 2 more scores to advance into the elite gathering in both venues.

10 YEARS AGO (2010)

Two Tuscola youngsters recently donated some of their hair to the Locks of Love organization, which provides children suffering from illness-related hair loss with wigs. They are Alaina Fetterhoff, 7, of Argyle (left photo), and Mercedes Guthrie, 5, of Mayville. Both of the children had their hair trimmed at the VIP Salon in Cass City.

Cass City Middle School students recently represented their school well in the Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee in Midland. In Level One fifth and sixth graders Zachary McCoy, Ilana Blattner, Katlyn Babcock and Maegan LeValley competed, with LeValley the top Cass City finisher, leaving the competition in the 10th round. In Level 2, for students in grades 7 and 8, Kayla Zmierski was named the winner, while Michael Mulligan finished in fourth place. Zmierski will next participate in a Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee March 6 in Standish.

25 YEARS AGO (1995)

Four teachers from Cass City's Campbell Elementary School are being recognized by Harvard University for their participation in a unique learning opportunity for teachers. The 4, Brenda Fulcher, Kathreen Iseler, Barbara Tuckey and Shirley Tuckey, were involved in a 9-session training teleconference.

An open house will be held at the Deford Elementary School Sunday, Jan. 15, to honor the retirement of Teacher Assistant Joan Zemke. Mrs. Zemke has served the Deford Elementary for the last 26 1/2 years and will officially retire at the end of the day.

Hawk wrestler Eric Hoelzle pinned Mayville's Mark Raligh in the second period of Wednesday's home contest with Mayville. The Hawks captured the meet, 48-30.

Donald J. Smith, Jr. graduated from Michigan State University Dec. 10 at the Fall Commencement held at the Breslin Center in East Lansing. Smith received his bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering. Joining him were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Smith of Decker, and other family members. Smith has accepted a position with the 3 M Company in St. Paul, Minn.

Christina Gaeth of Owendale is among 95 Ferris State University students selected for inclusion in the 1995 edition of 'Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.' Gaeth is enrolled in the Ferris State College of arts and science.

This week's student of the week is Charity Gaszczynski, 11th grade, daughter of Mike Gaszczynski and Bonnie Marker. She is involved in band, Spanish Club and is yearbook editor. Charity was chosen because she won the "Building the Future, One Student at a Time" essay contest.

35 YEARS AGO (1985)

Bradley Hartel, with the U.S. Army in West Germany, spent a month's leave with his family in

Cass City. He left from Metropolitan Airport in Detroit last Wednesday to return to his base.

Ariyll Amber Smedley announces the birth of a sister, Lynelle Jolene, Saturday, Jan. 5, at Traverse City Hospital. Lynelle weighed eight pounds and 10 ounces and is 21 inches in length. Parents are Shelly and John Smedley of Kewadin and grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George Whaley of Gageton and Mrs. Arlene Smedley of Kewadin. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Veneta Kling of Owendale and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rocheleau of Caro.

Bowler of the Week for Dec. 24-30 is Mary Rabideau with a 581 actual series. She bowls for Kritzman's on the Merchante League at the Charmont in Cass City. Other 550 and higher series bowled were: Wanda Sorrell 598, Biff 's-Kinde; Linda Brakenberry 571, Bad Axe Lanes; Joyce LaRoche 561, Charmont.

After being elected to three consecutive terms as Register of Deeds for Tuscola County, John Marshall retired at the end of 1984. "It has been the best 12 years of my life," Marshall said about the time he spent serving the residents of the county. "It is the type of work that I always enjoyed. You learn a lot." Marshall said that when he first started his new job in 1973, people asked him if it was a part-time job that he was taking.

40 YEARS AGO (1980)

First baby of 1980 — Florence Wolschleger looks at son Keith Bernard, the first baby born in 1980 at Hills and Dales General Hospital. He arrived at 2:22 a.m. Friday and weighed 7 lb., 13 oz. Mrs. Wolschleger and husband Richard have two other children at their home in Ruth, Ricky and Kerry. Dr. Sang H. Park delivered the new baby.

Dean D. Rienstra has been promoted to the rank of major in the Idaho Air National Guard. He serves as assistant flight commander and weapons system officer in an RF-4 reconnaissance jet. Rienstra is co-owner of a restaurant in Boise. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Rienstra of Oak Street, Cass City.

The Novesta Township Board Monday night appointed Lucille DeLong as the new township planning director. She had been nominated by the township planning board. She replaces Jean Clarke, whose resignation was accepted by the township board Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Bukowski of Uby, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Morell and son of Minden, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Dreger and family of Utica and Mr. and Mrs. Don Jackson and family were Christmas afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Morell and family.

Cass City native Shirley S. Hendrick has been appointed academic coordinator of continuing education at the Pennsylvania State University College of Business Administration. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Smith of Third Street.

50 YEARS AGO (1970)

The first baby of 1970 finally arrived Tuesday at Hills and Dales General Hospital at 11:15 p.m. The proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. Carl Reed, Jr. It is the third boy in the family. Jefferey Lynn weighed 9 pounds, 2 ounces. David and Duane are at home. Mrs. Reed had been in the hospital since Monday waiting for the new arrival to make his appearance. As the first baby of the year, Jefferey and his parents will be showered with gifts from local merchants.

Barbara Herron and Amy Erla, both of whom are eight, made their first communion in St. Pancratius church Sunday morning. Following church Mr. and Mrs. Tom Herron and family and Fr. Leo Gengler went to the Don Erla home for coffee and later both

families and Fr. Gengler went to Frankenmuth for dinner.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schott (Marilyn Erla) Dec. 31 in Hubbard Memorial Hospital, Bad Axe, a daughter, Jamie Kristen. The baby weighed seven pounds and joins a sister, Susan. The new baby is the 30th grandchild of Mrs. John Erla.

Mrs. Lillie Bruce returned home Tuesday from a week's visit in Richland. Her granddaughter, Joanna Goodall, came home with her. Saturday Miss Kathy Goodall came to spend overnight and Sunday both girls returned to their home in Richland.

The following eight students from Cass City Schools were selected to compete in a WNEM-TV Science Quiz program. The competition was taped Sunday and will be shown Jan 25. John Ballard, Cara Prieskorn, Ken Hampshire, Roger Horak, Louis Papp, Greg Hampshire, Charles Tuckey and Joanne Eskilsen.

75 YEARS AGO (1945)

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hull of Novesta township announce the engagement of their daughter, Ina I June Gaylord, to Corp. Raymond C. Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hall, of Pontiac. Corp. Hall is stationed at Westover Field, Mass. Miss Gaylord is a sophomore at the college at Mt. Pleasant. Corp. Hall is an upper turret gunner on a B-24. No date has been set for the wedding.

Rev. Lorne J. Lee officiated at the quiet wedding Wednesday, uniting in marriage Mrs. Louise Hartsell and Herbert Hartwick. The ceremony was performed at 4 p. m. in the Nazarene parsonage. Mr. and Mrs. Omar Glaspie were the attendants. The wedding party had dinner together after the ceremony at the Home restaurant.

Lt. Clarence Wachner, a former Gageton boy, is in India near the Burma border. He writes: "Thinking of deer hunting in Michigan. Some of our boys went deer hunting in the jungle on my birthday, Dec. 24, and returned with six deer. We had venison steak for dinner and for dessert chocolate cake and peaches." Lt. Wachner plays the organ for chapel services.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kelley took Pvt. Robt. Kelly to Mayville Tuesday after he had spent a ten day furlough at his home here. He has been for some time with the hospital unit at Atterbury, Ind., where he is a patient after a number of months in the Pacific.

Mrs. Nelson Harrison received a communication Saturday from her son, Pfc. William N. Harrison, under date of Oct. 20. This is the first direct word from him since he was taken a prisoner by the Germans on Oct. 4. Mrs. Harrison was notified that he was a prisoner by the Red Cross on Oct. 24. The communication from Bill was a form card filled out in his own handwriting, which stated that he was a prisoner of war in Germany and in good health.

100 YEARS AGO (1920)

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. Bingham 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.

Married at one o'clock Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 24, at the home of Rev. Willerton of Sandusky, who officiated, Mrs. Sarah Smith and H. S. Wait, both of near Shabbona. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hammond.

A little daughter came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Lee on New Years Day. They call her Anna M. Both mother and babe are doing fine.

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• Afternoon Service 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday - Pray/Bible Study & Youth Group 6:00 p.m.

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News briefs

4-H workshop, skating events

BAD AXE — The 2020 4-H Projects Galore Workshop is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 8, at Bad Axe High School.

This workshop offers hands-on learning experiences for youth ages 5 to 19 (as of Jan. 1, 2020) in many popular project areas. Class sizes are limited to 10 youth per session. Registrations and sessions are on a first-come, first-served basis.

The workshop is free for currently active 4-H youth members and \$25 for non-4-H youth. Pre-payment for non-4-H youth is required, and all registration fees are non-refundable.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided. The registration deadline is Monday, Jan. 27.

In addition, 4-H youth members (ages 5 to 19) are invited to a free afternoon of ice skating Sunday, Jan. 12, at the Huron County Ice Arena from 1:30 to 5 p.m.

Check in begins at 1:15 p.m. at the expo center. RSVPs are required. Youth must be currently active 4-H members to attend.

Registration and more information are available by calling (989) 269-9949 (ext. 604) by Thursday, Jan. 9.

Grants presented to educators

THUMB — The Gentner Insurance Agency recently presented seven grants from the Meemic Foundation to Huron County educators.

Each of the recipients, who either nominated themselves or were nominated by a fellow educator, won a \$50 gift certificate to Teachers Pay Teachers as part of Meemic's October PopIn2Win grant. Teachers Pay Teachers is an online site for educators to find the resources, knowledge and inspiration they need to teach at their best.

The Huron County PopIn2Win grant recipients included Sherry Fritz, who was nominated by Owendale-Gagetown Schools Supt. Terri Falkenberg.

Other school districts awarded grants were: Harbor Beach, Unionville-Sebewaing Area Schools, Huron Learning Center in Bad Axe, Lakers, Bad Axe High School, and the Huron Intermediate School District.

The Meemic Foundation is a non-profit organization established by Meemic Insurance Company to give back to the education community. Since the inception of the Foundation Club, millions of dollars have been dedicated to over 10,000 classrooms through grants from the Meemic Foundation.

Another scam warning issued

CARO — The Tuscola County Sheriff's Department recently reminded residents to be on the lookout for scams after a citizen reported receiving a suspicious phone call.

The residents stated they were told that they had won the Publishers Clearinghouse Prize. However, they were asked to pay \$1,200 before the prize could be released. They were also told not to tell others.

These two things are the main giveaways that it was a fraud.

You never have to pay money to receive money and they always tell you to keep it a secret. The sheriff's department urges residents not to fall for the deception. It is extremely likely you will never get your money back.

Also, residents are urged to talk to vulnerable adults, who are often the target of these thieves, to educate them about scams before they lose their hard-earned life savings. Tens of thousands of dollars are lost each year in just Tuscola County due to fraud.

Zehnder's Snowfest is coming

FRANKENMUTH — The 29th annual Zehnder's Snowfest is set for Jan. 22-27, with many of the events taking place at 730 S Main St., Frankenmuth.

Zehnder's Snowfest hosts one of the top snow sculpting events in North America featuring larger-than-life snow sculptures and beautifully detailed ice carvings each year.

The festival hosts the National Collegiate Ice Carving Championship as well as the High School Snow Sculpting Competition, with teams creating dazzling snow and ice sculptures.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery

Commissioners to adopt full budget

Continued from page one.

"We did a baseline budget with a two-percent increase," said board Chairman Thom Bardwell. "We did not act on any of the department requests as the board (will) address — or not — those requests in 2020."

Commissioner Dan Grimshaw voiced an objection to the budget meeting notice related to the Budgeting Act, which requires all local units to hold public hearings prior to adopting budgets.

It's Grimshaw's contention that the notice posted for the public hearing on the budget did not have a required statement included in the notice. Because of that, Grimshaw said he does not feel the budget public hearing notice was properly completed and is in violation of Open Meeting Act and Budgeting Act.

Commissioner Kim Vaughan asked if the solution should be to move the county forward by fix-

ing the error in the notice.

Grimshaw's counter suggestion was for the board to adopt a 14-day budget and then properly notice the budget public hearing for the budget to adopt a spending plan for the entire 2020 year.

Bardwell suggested that if the baseline budget is adopted, then anytime a budget amendment is to be completed that a public hearing could be held with proper notice given.

The compromise was the move to the January meeting.

Information in the budget noted county coffers received additional revenue of \$1,348,231 from the completion of a Consumers wind farm, but that amount will gradually be reduced by depreciation.

Also, the millage rates were set for 2020. The county has one established millage rate and eight voter-approved special millages that total 8.3121 mills.

General fund for operations was set at 3.9141 mills, the millage for

county bridges and local streets was set at .4807, the senior citizen millage rate was set at .3200, the recycling millage rate was set at .1500, the Medical Care Facility millage rate was set at .2500, the road patrol rate at 1.3300, the primary roads and streets rate at .9657, the mosquito abatement rate was set at .6316, the veteran's services rate was set at 0.1700, and the Michigan State University Extension rate was set at .1000.

In addition, commissioners agreed to follow the same meeting schedule, with committee of the whole sessions at 8 a.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of the month, and full board meetings at 8 a.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. All meetings are to be held at the Purdy Building unless otherwise stated.

Requests to address commissioners should be submitted to the controller/administrator, in advance of the scheduled meeting dates, via email at zclay@tuscolacounty.org.

Ribbon cutting set at new soybean plant

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said they are dedicated to making a positive impact on the regional economy by creating six local jobs as well as purchasing soybeans directly from farmers in the area.

The Quality Roasting facility near Reese includes a processing building with a small office, truck scale, soybean storage bins and finished product storage. The operation will run 24/5; Sunday evenings through Friday evenings.

The approximate 16,000-square foot facility is expected to process about 2.2 million pounds of soybeans a year — about two percent of the statewide annual soybean yield — into a "high bypass soybean meal" (Exceller Meal), a highly praised ingredient in dairy cow rations. The new plant will also provide storage for 300,000 bushels of soybeans.

According to Quality Roasting CEO Scott Rabe, the factory will be able to process about 70,000 bushels of soybeans per day, utilizing a process involving heat and pressure.

The company began receiving and processing soybeans last fall.

The soybean harvest in the Thumb typically lasts about three weeks, between September and November, although poor field conditions delayed the harvest significantly for many farmers in 2019.

Quality Roasting, Inc. was established in 1991 to meet the need

and demand for high quality soybean products in cattle diets. The company's original roasting facility was built with 4,000 bushel of storage space. Today, the company boasts more than two million bushels of storage space and employs 20 people between its two Wisconsin facilities.

The Tuscola County plant is expected to generate additional income of \$500,000 annually for area farmers.

In Michigan, there are roughly 1,747 dairy farms, including 1,498 Grade A farms and 249 manufac-

turing grade farms. The average farm in Michigan has 176 cows, and 98-percent are family-owned. Michigan ranks fifth in the nation for total milk production, with dairy farmers contributing \$15.7 billion to the state's economy.

Michigan ranks 15th in the country for soy production, and soybeans are the state's fifth top agricultural exports, valued at more than \$158 million. Soybean farming in the state accounts for about \$1.2 billion in economic activity, according to Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development.

Flu activity is picking up

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Nationwide, flu cases are being linked mostly to influenza B/Victoria viruses, which is unusual for this time of year. A(H1N1) viruses are the next most common and are increasing in proportion relative to other influenza viruses in some regions.

CDC estimates that so far this season there have been at least 4.6 million flu illnesses, 39,000 hospitalizations and 2,100 deaths from flu.

But there's still time to protect yourself, because flu vaccination is always the best way to prevent flu and its potentially serious complications.

Antiviral medications are an important adjunct to flu vaccine in the control of influenza, according to the CDC, which notes nearly all of influenza viruses tested this season are susceptible to the four FDA-approved influenza antiviral medications recommended for use in the United States this season.

Still, more than a third of Americans don't plan to get a flu shot, according to a study conducted by the National Opinion Research Center (NORC) at the University of Chicago, and the results have health officials concerned.

The survey revealed 44 percent of adults have been vaccinated against influenza for the 2019-2020 flu season, but alarmingly, 37 percent have no plans to get vaccinated. The top reasons survey participants indicated for not receiving a flu vaccine include concerns about vaccine side effects, beliefs that the vaccine does not work very well, and beliefs that they never get sick with the flu.

As a result, federal health officials are asking healthcare providers to work with their patients to address these concerns and encourage vaccination for everyone ages six months and older.

"Residents should receive their flu vaccine" said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) chief medical executive and chief deputy for health. "The flu vaccine is the most important tool available to prevent yourself and your families from getting the flu."

Sharing that advice has Ann Hepfer, health officer for both the Tuscola and Huron county health departments, who says flu cases typically pick up at the end of January and continue through February.

Hepfer also pointed out that residents who get their flu shot and still come down with the virus are more likely to experience less severe symptoms and for a shorter period of time.

Aside from getting a flu vaccine, residents can reduce their risk for catching the flu by simply washing their hands frequently, according to Hepfer, who acknowledges the value of using a hand sanitizer, but says the best choice for protection is good old-fashioned soap and water.

Influenza is not the "stomach flu" and not just a "bad cold" — it is a highly contagious respiratory illness that can lead to extreme sickness and even death.

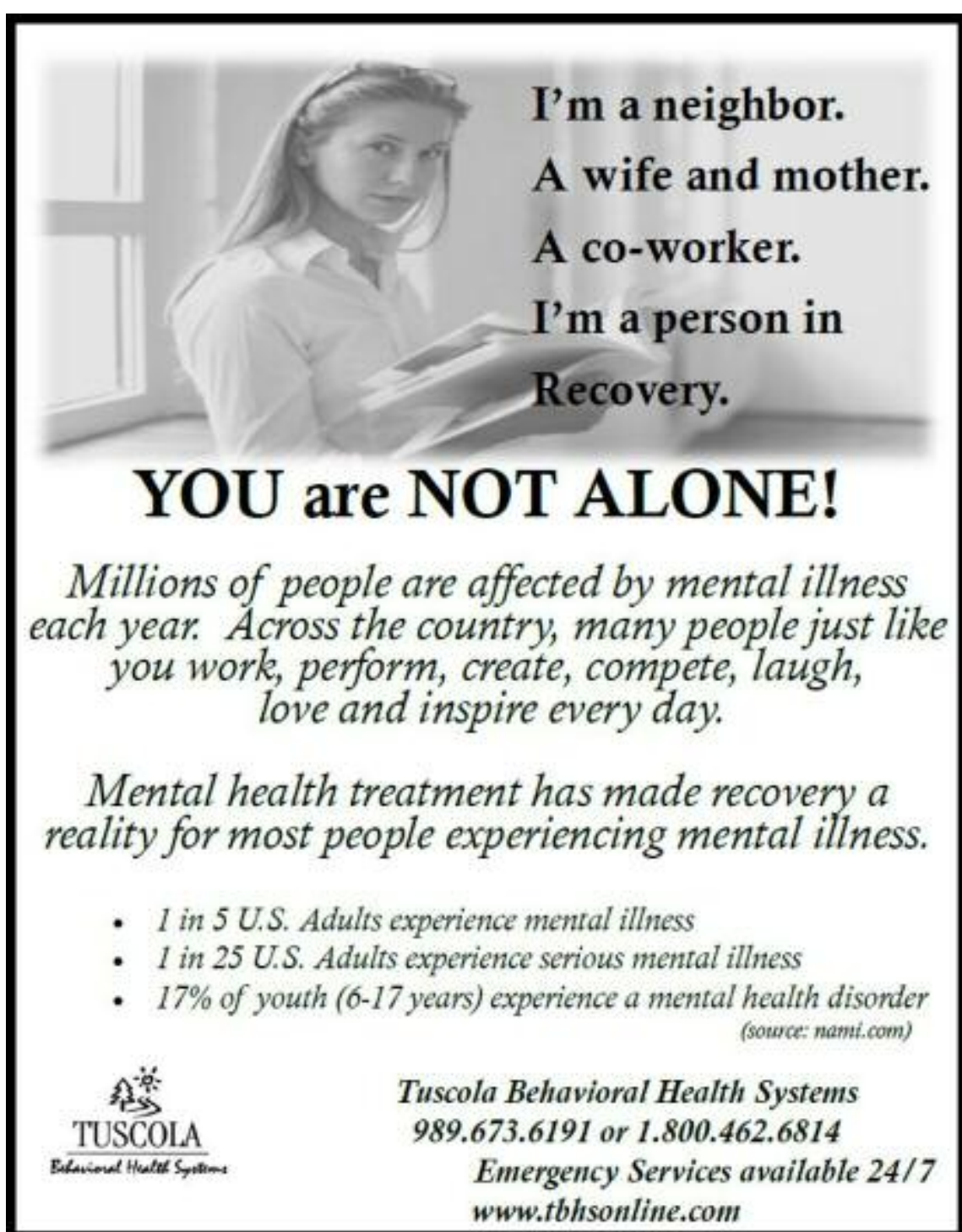
The 2018-2019 flu season saw an estimated 647,000 hospitalizations and roughly 61,000 deaths resulting from influenza infections nationwide. In Michigan, four children died from flu-related complications.

At the same time, only 46 percent of Michiganders reported receiving a flu vaccine last season.

Getting a flu vaccine protects not only yourself but also those around you who may have serious complications if they get the flu. Typically, those most severely affected are children younger than five years old, people with chronic medical conditions, pregnant women and individuals over the age of 65. It takes up to two weeks after the vaccine is administered before the body builds up enough immunity to prevent the flu, so Michigan residents should get vaccinated as soon as possible to protect themselves. The flu shot is made with inactivated or killed viruses and cannot give you influenza.

There is currently ample supply of flu vaccine available at many locations throughout Michigan, including doctors' offices, pharmacies and local health departments. To find a location near you, visit the website vaccinefinder.org. For more information on influenza vaccines and flu activity throughout Michigan, go to Michigan.gov/flu.

The Tuscola County Health Department hosts immunization clinics Monday through Friday, with scheduled appointments from 8:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Late clinics are also available — on the first and second Tuesday of the month from 11:30 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. — and the health department provides immunization clinics at the Revive Ministries' Common Grounds building on Main Street in Cass City on the third Thursday of each month from 9 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.



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Severance earns scouting's highest rank - the Eagle

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Visitors searching for specific gravesites at Elkland Township Cemetery can thank Logan Severance for making the task far easier than it used to be.

The 18-year-old Cass City High School senior spearheaded a project last summer in which he planned and organized installation of more than a dozen signs marking each of the sections in the cemetery just east of Cass City. Previously, visitors had access to maps of the cemetery, but there were no clear indications of the section locations.

But the successful campaign was not just a community outreach project – it was the final step in a long journey that entitled Severance to membership in the elite group of Boy Scouts who have earned the Eagle, the highest rank available in scouting.

Planning, organizing and completing the Eagle project is one of the last and biggest challenges a Boy Scout must tackle before earning the right to wear the Eagle insignia. The project involves developing and organizing a community service project, with the scout expected to not only plan the work, but also lead a team of volunteers in completing each step.

Severance relied on a group of supporters, with fellow members of Boy Scout Troop 500 pitching in, including brothers Vaughn, 15, and Dylan Severance, 12, and Eagle Scouts Boyd and Clay Evans; along with several family members, including his parents, Lyle and Heather Severance, and a cousin and fellow Eagle Scout, Joe Rule.

Logan said it was veteran Elkland Township Cemetery Sexton Steve Wright – who also happens to be Logan's grandfather – who planted the idea for the project in his head while the teen was working on the summer grounds crew at the cemetery.

Eventually, Logan met with members of the Cass City Area Historical and Genealogy Society, which created the cemetery maps and offered both their blessing along with some financial support for the project. Barb Hutchinson, a former longtime Rawson Memorial District Library director, also contributed, and members of the Elkland Township Fire Department kicked in \$300 to purchase the signs, while the Michigan Department of Transportation donated the signposts.

Completion of the project – and reaching his 18th birthday – marked the end of his years in the Boy Scouts for Logan, who was a youngster when he joined the organization at the urging of his parents.

"I was never involved in scouting, but my wife was; she was involved in Girl Scouts," said Lyle Severance, who answered the call for volunteers to serve as Cub Scout leaders, sharing the duties with another local resident, Shari

Bock, whose son, Payton, earned the Eagle rank late last year. Today, Severance is still involved as Scoutmaster of Troop 500.

"I enjoyed all the different activities. We always would do something different every day," Logan recalled.

Like many other Cub Scouts before him, Severance worked his way up the ladder from Tiger to Wolf, then Bobcat, Bear, Webelo and Webelo II. He then crossed over into the Boy Scouts, earning the ranks of Tenderfoot, 2nd Class, 1st Class, Star and Life before focusing solely on the Eagle.

Aiming for the Eagle

Making the decision to chase the Eagle rank was a process, one boosted by Logan's realization that he was also already earning merit badges required for the rank.

"I've been doing (scouting) so long, it would be a shame if I didn't reach the top," he said, adding he received plenty of encouragement from his grandfather Wright, who was also active in scouting but didn't earn the Eagle, and from his cousin, Joe Rule. "A lot of people were wanting me to finish."

The requirements include earning at least 21 merit badges. Of those, 12 are "Eagle Required", including first aid, citizenship in the community, citizenship in the nation, citizenship in the world, communications, personal fitness, environmental science, personal management, camping, family life, emergency preparedness or lifesaving, and swimming, hiking or cycling.

Earning badges along with various scouting activities are designed to encourage the boys to embrace the same qualities listed in the scouting law: being trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, trustworthy, brave and clean.

Severance's newly-earned Eagle rank places him in some pretty impressive company.

Past Eagle Scouts include the late Gerald R. Ford (38th president of the United States), Academy Award-winning film director Steven Spielberg, professional basketball hall of famer and later U.S. Senator Bill Bradley, Mike Rowe (host of Discovery Channel's "Dirty Jobs" show), and Neil A. Armstrong, the first man to set foot on the moon.

Since its introduction in 1911, the Eagle rank has been earned by more than two million young men. However, less than five percent of all scouts attain the highest rank in the Boy Scouts program.

Severance is the third Eagle Scout to come out of Boy Scout Troop 500 since the troop was revitalized in the fall of 2015. The troop currently has about seven members.

Lyle said he's enjoyed seeing scouts go through the process of making the decision to pursue Boy Scouting's highest rank over

the years.

"They're driven," he said. "It's fun to see them when it clicks – for a lot of them, it's a switch. They get focused and they just put their heads down and go."

In the process, their years in scouting teaches them the importance of treating others with respect, the value of leadership, and the need to strive to be good citizens in all aspects of their lives, within their own communities and far beyond, Lyle said, adding it's the emphasis on those qualities that makes the Boy Scouts organization as relevant today as it ever was.

As for earning the Eagle rank, Lyle noted, "It takes time and commitment. The ones that do (earn the Eagle), they see the value in it, they want to have achieved the goal. It sets them apart in (that) they're goal oriented. They want to achieve that pinnacle."

Logan agreed.

"I feel proud of myself. It's been a long time – you could say it's something that I've worked towards since first grade, and I probably wouldn't be the way I am today without it."

"It's taught me a lot of leadership skills," explained Logan, who has put those skills to use in scouting, as a senior patrol leader; at work – he's employed part-time in the information technology (IT) department at Walbro; and at school, as captain of a Cass City High School robotics team and as president of the Business and Professionals of America (BPA) Chapter II at the Tuscola Intermediate School District.

Logan has competed nationally in computer security contests and hopes to eventually use his skills in the IT department of a large company, focusing on defending against hackers.

It's a challenging career, but

challenges aren't new to the local teen.

"The road to becoming an Eagle Scout, a lot of times, gets tough. But you don't realize how important it is...until you (earn) it. You

value it differently," he said.

"It's like you can go on now and accomplish bigger things. It's a sense that you can accomplish anything."



CASS CITY'S Logan Severance (left) and his cousin, Eagle Scout Joe Rule, look over a map of the Elkland Township Cemetery in preparation for placing section markers that help visitors find specific gravesites. Also pictured is cemetery Sexton Steve Wright – Severance's grandfather, who suggested the project, which marked the final major step in Severance's pursuit of Boy Scouting's highest rank – the Eagle.



SEVERANCE had plenty of support from fellow scouts and family members as he completed his Eagle Scout project. They included (above, from left) Lyle Severance, Steve Wright, Sam Mack, Abe Mack, Boyd Evans, Dylan Severance, Vaughn Severance, Clay Evans, (Logan Severance), Nick McArdle, Les Severance, Joe Rule, Kay Severance and Heather Severance.



AMONG THE family members and fellow scouts assisting Severance were (from left) his dad, Lyle Severance, brother Dylan Severance, fellow Eagle Scout Boyd Evans and brother Vaughn Severance.

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Card hoop teams down Brown City to remain perfect

by Clarke Haire, Publisher

The Kingston basketball teams doubled up on visiting Brown City Friday in the Cardinals' first contests of 2020.

The Lady Cardinals got things started on a positive note for the hosts in the twin bill with a 39-22 win, while the Cardinal boys completed the sweep of their Greater Thumb East visitors with a 64-41 victory in the nightcap.

Although Coach Jay Green's gals remained unblemished at 5-0 with the double digit decision, they actually trailed 7-3 early and were tied 10-10 at the half.

"Both teams were dialed in defensively and it was a ragged first half. We finally got going in the third quarter," he said.

Kingston outscored their guests 20-7 to open the final half and then closed out the contest with a 9-5 run to prevent any upset thoughts Brown City may have been entertaining.

Payton Kolacz and Brooke Mooney each had 9 points, while Hannah James chipped in 7 points to lead Kingston.

Juliana Hansen led Brown City with a game-high 12 markers.

In the boys' game, Kingston led at the end of each quarter to claim the easy win.

The hosts jumped out to leads of 16-7 after one quarter and 32-18 after two. In the final half, Brown City was able to keep pace with the hosts in the third quarter, but trailing 46-32 entering the final eight minutes the margin was too great for Brown City to overcome.

"We struggled at times, but had a couple good runs in the first and fourth quarters. We are happy with the win and are excited for our matchup Tuesday with undefeated Laker High," said Kingston Coach Dave Lester afterwards.

Evan Neff led Kingston (2-0, 4-0) with 19 points. Jack Green had 12 points and 7 rebounds, while Marco Saenz de LaCuesta added 12 points and 5 rebounds. A balanced effort for the winners also had Quinn Boucard chip in 8 points, 7 rebounds and 3 blocks.

Matt Daws led Brown City (0-4) with 15 points.

Following Tuesday's scheduled double header with Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port, Kingston girls travel to face Dryden Thursday, while the boys make the trip to Dryden on Friday.

Hawk grapplers place third

by Clarke Haire, Publisher

The Cass City Red Hawk wrestling team kicked off the new year in splendid fashion over the weekend at the Ogemaw Heights Team Tournament in West Branch, as Coach Don Markel's grapplers posted a 3-2 record to place third in the 12-team tourney.

In pool action Cass City defeated Freeland 40-37 and Alpena 54-15 to advance into the championship pool. There, Cass City defeated Oscoda 36-3, but fell to Pine River 54-21 and to Ogemaw Heights 42-38.

"We had several good practices over the holiday season that paid dividends on Saturday. In spite of having to forfeit three weight classes, to place third in the tournament given the high level of competition was a nice accomplishment," said Markel, adding, "We still have several areas to improve upon, such as our lack of movement in the down position, which will be an area of focus during this week's practices."

The final team standings saw Pine River finishing on top, while host Ogemaw Heights was the runner-up. The complete order had Cass City next, followed by Oscoda, Whittemore-Prescott, Freeland, Beaverton, Pinconning, Gaylord, Alpena, Cadillac and Cheboygan.

Leading the way for the Red Hawks were Zach Cowdry, Hunter Turnbull, Tristan Swiderski, Matt Mihalic and Hunter Caister, each of whom posted 4-1 records.

Cass City's dual meet record now stands at 10-4.

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Thursday, Jan. 9

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Kingston @ Dryden

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Friday, Jan. 10

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BOYS' BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Jan. 7

EPBP @ Kingston
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Wednesday, Jan. 8

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Cass City gymnasts shine in home meet

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

A rare home meet was to the likings of the Cass City gymnastics team Friday as Coach Kathy Bouverette's tumblers posted the Red Hawks' first regional team score of the season, despite falling to Vassar 133.775-123.675.

"Congratulations to the gymnastics team for a great home meet over the break. Great job ladies, keep working hard," said Bouverette.

Riley Copeland placed 3rd on vault, 4th on bars, 3rd on beam, 4th on floor and 2nd all around to pace the hosts against Vassar,

while Katelyn Grifka (Ubly) placed 5th on vault, bars and all around and 4th on floor; Lauren Peters placed 4th on vault and 7th on floor; Hanna Dobson placed 8th on floor and 7th all around; Madison Beckrow placed 6th on bars; Olivia Schuette placed 8th on beam and 2nd on floor and Katie Mendrick placed 7th on beam and 8th on floor, to the delight of their veteran coach.

Cass City gymnasts that received their 3rd regional qualifying score on the day on were Copeland - 8.9, Peters - 8.6 and Grifka - 8.55 on the vault, Copeland - 7.4 on the bars and Copeland - 8.375 and Grifka - 8.375 on the floor.

Cass City gymnasts that received their 2nd regional qualifier were Beckrow - 7.9 on the vault, Mendrick - 7.65 on the beam and Schuette - 8.475, Alexis Blackstock (Bad Axe) - 8.25 and Peters - 8.1 on the floor.

Cass City gymnasts that received their 1st regional qualifier were: Dobson - 7.9, Alaina Fluegge - 8.0, Mendrick - 7.95, Kate Pohlod - 7.9 on the vault, Grifka - 7.25 on the bars, Copeland - 8.6, Schuette - 7.45 on the beam and Dobson - 7.825, Mendrick - 7.825 on the floor.

Cass City's next outing is scheduled for Saturday at the Fraser invite.

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Bardwell opening his “wellness center” clinic in Caro this month

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

Dr. Aaron Bardwell of Cass City is opening a clinic that offers patients alternative medicine options.

A grand opening celebration for the new clinic, named Beyond Health and Wellness Center, was to have been held Monday in Suite 206 on the second floor of the Rolka building in Caro, which is located across from the Tuscola County Courthouse.

Beyond Health and Wellness Center is the region’s only clinic offering a complete scope of alternative medicine encompassing naturopathy, chiropractic and oriental medicine, according to Bardwell, who explained he will be offering support for both chronic and acute conditions ranging from rheumatoid arthritis and diabetes to colds, headaches and other health issues.

Bardwell noted his naturopathic approach includes nutritional counseling, supplementation, custom herbal remedies, chiropractic adjustments, homeopathy, acupuncture and more.

“Naturopathic physicians view disease as a process and not a pathological entity. This means that we view disease and the associated symptoms as the body’s attempt to maintain normal function to the best of its abilities, rather than viewing disease and its symptoms as being caused by the specific disease entity itself,” Bardwell said. “Therefore, it is the naturopath’s goal to remove any disturbances that may be hindering the body’s ability to restore its own health naturally.”

A unique aspect of his clinic is oriental medicine, which is one of the oldest forms of medicine in the world. It is designed to restore health and balance by treating illness and disease through acupuncture, Chinese herbal medicine, oriental nutrition and dietary therapy.

Bardwell utilized tui na or oriental bodywork, as well as tai chi

and qi gong, and acupuncture, which involves the use of needles to stimulate specific points to treat illness, disease and pain.

Acupuncture can also be used to address cosmetic concerns by tightening skin and performing non-surgical lifts that can target any area of the body.

“Chinese herbal medicine is the use of Chinese herbs to treat disease and illness using the specific properties of the herbs and herb formulas in the form of teas, herbal extractions and pills,” he said. “Tui na and oriental bodywork is the use of physical, manipulative techniques, similar to massage, to influence the flow of energy in the body, and to treat physical ailments.”

Tai chi and qi gong are forms of Chinese martial arts that can be used for the treatment of many ailments, including balance issues in the elderly, breathing problems and stress relief.

“(This) is the Thumb’s only clinic offering the full scope of science-based alternative medicine,” said Bardwell, who has invested years of his life in training and education.

Most recently, Bardwell recently graduated cum laude with a Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine Degree from National University of Health Sciences. He previously earned Doctor of Chiropractic and Master of Oriental Medicine degrees.

The 2009 Cass City High School graduate, who completed his undergraduate degree at Northern Michigan University, where he graduate summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science Degree in biology, says the vision of Beyond Health and Wellness Center is to create a collaborative, integrative medical center that focuses on providing comprehensive healthcare to the Thumb region and beyond.

“We expand the concept of health to go beyond medical services by providing the community with resources to enable them to

live with healthier, more enjoyable lives through working with the local community to establish healthy food options, improve farmers’ markets, support local business, and collaborate with other forms of healthcare,” Bardwell said.

“We want (this office) to feel less like a sterile doctor’s office and more like an escape from the stress of life, while receiving an unparalleled healthcare experience,” he added. “As the community’s needs grow, our vision is to add additional health care professionals to better serve the community and our patients.

Area residents can learn more about the clinic by calling (989) 272-2774 or by visiting the website www.beyondwellness-center.com.



Dr. Aaron Bardwell



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Owen-Gage students named bee winners

Thirty-three Owen-Gage students in grades six through eight recently participated in a school-level competition in conjunction with the 32nd annual National Geography Bee.

Students answered oral questions on geography. Lucas McKnight, a seventh grade student, won the school competition. Finishing in second place was seventh grade student JoAnn Baker, while Isaac Miller, eighth grade, placed third.

As the winner of the first round of competition, McKnight will complete an online examination, which will enter him into the state level competition.

Up to 100 of the top test scorers in each state will be eligible to compete in their state bee March 27.

The National Geographic Society will provide an all-expenses paid trip to participate in the Geography Bee national championship in the spring.



OWEN-GAGE students recently named winners in a school-level geography bee in conjunction with a nationwide competition sponsored by the National Geographic Society are (pictured above, from left) JoAnn Baker, second place; Lucas McKnight, first place; and Isaac Miller, third place.

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2019-20 Winter Sports Schedule

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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Legal Notices

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foregoing Mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest **NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE MORTGAGE SALE-A** mortgage was granted by **JORDAN TURNER**, a single woman, Mortgagor(s) to **FRANKENMUTH CREDIT UNION**, 580 NORTH MAIN STREET, FRANKENMUTH, MI 48734, Mortgage dated FEBRUARY 11, 2019,

and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Tuscola County, and State of Michigan on FEBRUARY 14, 2019, in LIBER 1416 on PAGE 335 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of **SEVENTY SIX THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY THREE AND 55/100THS (\$76,283.55)** at 5% percent per annum and attorney fees as provided for in said Mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof; **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on **JANUARY 9, 2020, AT 10:00 A.M.** local time, said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder in the main lobby of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, aforesaid, on said mortgage with interest thereon and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Which said premises are described as follows: **VILLAGE OF FAIRGROVE, COUNTY OF TUSCOLA AND STATE OF MICHIGAN**, to wit: **LOT 27 OF HILLCREST SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGES 27-28, TUSCOLA COUNTY RECORDS.** During the **SIX (6) MONTHS** immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241 a, the property may be redeemed during the thirty (30) days immediately following the sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. **JOHN W. BUTLER (P 33908) ATTORNEY FOR MORTGAGEE** 24525 Harper Avenue St. Clair Shores, MI 48080 (586) 777-0770 Dated: 12-11-19
12-11-5

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):

Edwin Blackmer and Diane Blackmer, husband and wife
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Wilmington Trust, National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as trustee of MFRA Trust 2014-2
Date of Mortgage: September 30, 2005
Date of Mortgage Recording: December 9, 2005
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$73,786.91
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Watertown, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Beginning at a point 670.00 feet South of the Northwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 26, Town 10 North, Range 9 East, thence running East 168 feet, thence South 130 feet, thence West 168 feet, thence North 130 feet to the place of beginning
The redemption period shall be 1 year from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: December 18, 2019
Trott Law, P.C.
1404279
12-18-4

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 **ARCPE 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 ARCPE 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.
1404539
12-18-4

MORTGAGE SALE THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by **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
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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
Trott Law, P.C.
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1-1-4

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 ARCPE 1, LLC

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Bellew ready for retirement

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as pharmacy director until he was promoted to vice president of ambulatory services in 2015.

In his new role, he took over oversight duties focusing on the hospital's physician offices, rehab, outpatient and inpatient pharmacies, and patient safety.

Although his job title changed, Bellew's dedication to Hills and Dales never has, largely because he has always believed in the vital role rural hospitals play in small communities.

"Without the outlying, critical access hospitals, communities would be starving for health care," he said. Hospitals such as Hills and Dales also provide a lifesaving link to larger facilities for many patients in need of emergency care in cases involving cardiac issues, stroke and trauma following a traffic crash or farming accident.

That's a reality Bellew is all too familiar with, having suffered a heart attack at home in 2013. At Hills and Dales, the staff revived and stabilized him and administered clot-busting medications before transferring him to another facility for additional care.

But providing state-of-the-art services isn't Hills and Dales' only mission, Bellew noted.

"What you see here, too, is what we give back. We really do give back to the community," he said, adding the hospital regularly organizes educational programs and health fairs, for example, and for the past few years has partnered with the Cass City Schools to help fund a full-time school nurse.

Bellew, who has also been personally involved in community in other ways – he served on the Cass City Board of Education for nearly 10 years and is a longtime Cass City Rotary Club member — says he knew it was time to retire.

"It's like family here, (but there) comes a point when the 'youngsters' need to take over," he said, adding he and his wife have no plans to leave the community. "I think the community has kept us here. It just feels comfortable to me. Cass City has just been phenomenal to my family."

Still, Bellew acknowledged it won't be easy to leave his post.

"(I'll miss) the people. It's so family-driven here," he said.

And, Bellew will be missed at Hills and Dales, commented President and CEO Jean Anthony, who was working as a nurse at the hospital when Bellew first joined the staff.

"I have had the pleasure of working with Craig since he joined Hills and Dales as our inpatient pharmacist. Throughout our years together, there have been many projects, both big and small, and Craig has been a vital piece in all of them," Anthony said.

"He has always gone above and beyond his job role, ensuring the needs of Hills and Dales were taken care of," she added. "He was the leader of the Hospital Drive Pharmacy building project, a huge part of our recent expansion and renovation, and has served as our patient safety officer for years."

"I can't say enough about Craig and the work he has done throughout the years. If anyone needed anything, Craig has always been available and willing to help. Our institution will not be the same without him. He deserves a wonderful retirement and we wish him the very best as he moves on to the next phase in his life."

Opioid overdose deaths decreased overall in '18

After several years of increases in overdose deaths, Michigan experienced a decrease overall in 2018, including a slight decline in opioid-related overdose deaths, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) recently announced.

Last year there were 2,599 overdose deaths, 2,036 of which were opioid-related.

Overall overdose deaths declined by 3.2 percent from 2017's 2,686 tally – with the deaths down for the first time in six years. Opioid-related overdose deaths decreased by eight-tenths of a percent from the 2017 total of 2,053. The age-adjusted opioid overdose death rate decreased from 21.4 deaths per 100,000 residents in 2017 to 21.1 deaths per 100,000 residents in 2018.

"This is a step in the right direction, however, there is much work to be done, particularly when it comes to disparities and access to treatment," said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, chief medical executive and chief deputy for health for MDHHS. "We have a plan in Michigan to cut opioid-related overdose deaths by half in five years, and we will be using all available resources to make that goal a reality."

The decline in opioid-related overdose deaths in 2018 was largely driven by decreases in the number of deaths due to poisoning by heroin and commonly prescribed natural and semisynthetic drugs such as oxycodone, hydrocodone, hydromorphone and oxymorphone.

Drug poisoning deaths involving synthetic opioids such as fentanyl continue to climb.

"With the devastation that the opioid epidemic inflicts on families and communities, the Michigan State Police is committed to doing all that we can to help," said Col. Joe Gasper, director of the Michigan State Police.

"Whether it be from a prevention standpoint with our Angel Program that assists those struggling with opioid use to find treatment or our efforts to arrest drug traffickers and interdict shipments of fentanyl coming into our state, we're committed to working with our state and federal partners to combat this deadly epidemic."

Despite overall progress in decreasing overdose deaths, the data shows troubling disparities across racial groups. MDHHS is firmly committed to ensuring equitable access to prevention, treatment, and harm reduction and taking targeted steps to address racial disparities.

Overall overdose mortality rates among white residents decreased by 6.5 percent, while rates among black residents increased by 14.7 percent. Opioid overdose mortality rates among white residents, meanwhile, decreased by 5.1 percent, while rates among black residents increased by 19.9 percent.

Michigan residents of other races experienced a 9.1 percent decrease in overall overdose mortality and an 8.7 percent decrease in opioid overdose mortality.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, MDHHS and other members of the Michigan Opioids Task Force recently announced a slate of steps the state is taking to combat the opioid epidemic.

The state's strategy addresses three key areas: preventing opioid misuse, ensuring individuals using opioids can access high-quality recovery treatment and reducing the harm caused by opioids to individuals and their communities.

The effort includes:

*Launching a \$1 million statewide anti-stigma campaign focused on changing the conversation about opioid use disorder treatment and encouraging Michiganders to seek treatment to help improve their lives and ultimately prevent overdoses.

*Releasing a toolkit for medical providers on safer opioid prescribing practices along with the University of Michigan Injury Prevention Center.

*Removing prior authorization requirements for specific medications used to treat these disorders, including buprenorphine, as of Dec. 2.

*Beginning medication-assisted treatment programs in three state prisons, with a goal of expanding treatment to all facilities by 2023.

*Expanding syringe service programs across the state to help reduce the amount of harm caused by opioid use disorder to individuals and their communities from 13 to 25 agencies.



BELLEW IS pictured above (far left) in his last photo as a member of the Hills and Dales General Hospital leadership team. Also in the photo are (from left) **Jean Anthony**, president and CEO; **Jennifer TerBush**, vice president of patient services; **Peggy Davidson**, new vice president of ambulatory services; **Dave Wohl**, new vice president of population health and business development; and **Mary Cunningham**, new CFO.

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