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## Courthouse cell phone ban will be lifted Feb. 3

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Visitors to the Tuscola County Courthouse in Caro will soon be able to do something they haven't been allowed to do in six years –

bring their cell phones when they enter the building.

In fact, Tuscola County court officials last week agreed to put the new mandatory rule into effect starting Monday, Feb. 3.

Rules banning cellphones in

courthouses across the state were reversed last week by the Michigan Supreme Court, which adopted amendments to court rules to explicitly allow the public to bring not only cell phones into courthouses and courtrooms, but

also iPhones, Androids and other handheld electronic devices.

The changes also allow residents to photograph court records.

Previously, rules regarding cell phones and other personal electronic devices varied widely from court to court. Now, all courts have until May 1 to implement the rule change.

A new release issued by the Michigan Supreme Court noted the court's decision came after "an extensive process public consultation that included nearly 50 written comments from the public and additional testimony at a recent hearing."

"The comments we received and testimony we heard that cell phone access was essential to self-represented litigants was compelling," Chief Justice Bridget Mary McCormick said. "We appreciate the willingness of local courts to implement this reform that will help make sure the doors to our courts are open to all."

The amended rules establish a statewide policy that allows the

public to use a cell phone or other personal electronic device, such as a tablet or laptop, in a courtroom or courthouse to:

\*Retrieve or store information, access the Internet, and send/receive text messages as long as the user is silent; and

\*Reproduce court documents as long as the process leaves no marks and does not unreasonably interfere with operation of the clerk's office.

However, the amended rule does not include courtroom restrictions to maintain security and prevent disruption. Devices must be silenced in the courtroom and cannot be used to make or receive calls while court is in session.

Other restrictions state the public:

\*Cannot communicate with any courtroom participant or photograph or record any juror or potential juror.

\*Cannot record court proceedings without the permission of the judge.

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## Cyber attack!

County sees dramatic increase in hacker activity

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

Increased tensions with Iraq have led to rising concerns over the potential for attacks against the United States — attacks that can target this country's information technology systems, which can cause a great deal of damage to infrastructure, daily operations, and especially security.

Although cyber attacks are nothing new, the number of recent attacks directed at Tuscola County government is.

"The cyber attacks have really increased since Monday. They are up 40 percent since December," Tuscola County Chief Information Officer Ean Lee commented last week. He noted getting several hundred cyber attacks a day is not unusual, but getting several thousand a day is concerning.

"The 40 percent increase ranges to under 10,000 but more than 5,000 attacks," Lee explained. "Those are just the attempts on our firewall. And then there are the thousands of emails a day we filter out. There are also phishing attempts and malicious codes inside of attachments."

In light of the recent threats, Lee sent an email to employees and staff, reminding them of basic cyber safety protocols.

Because of the heightened tensions between the Islamic Republic of Iran and the United States, and Iran's historic use of cyber offensive activities in retaliation, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security - Cyber-infrastructure Division, also issued several notices last week on how to protect critical infrastructure.

According to Homeland Security, offensive cyber operations targeting a variety of industries and organizations, including financial services, energy, government facilities, chemical, healthcare, critical manufacturing,

communications and defense, are on the rise.

"The attacks have increased. Every day we anticipate and defend against malicious cyber knocks on our door and attempts

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Sign, sign, everywhere a sign...

CASS CITY officials have been busy installing new wayfaring signs throughout the village, along M-81 and village streets, in an effort to guide residents and visitors alike to the community's recreational facilities. Officials had hoped to secure maroon colored signs, but village Manager Debbie Powell noted MDOT requires the signs to be either green or Pure Michigan blue. (Related photo, page 12)

## Murder suspect's case on hold for psych exam

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

An Ellington Township man charged with fatally stabbing the mother of his 11-month-old daughter and seriously injuring the child last month at his residence has been ordered to undergo a psychiatric exam at the Michigan Center for Forensic Psychiatry in Ypsilanti.

Tuscola County District Court Judge Jason E. Bitzer last week granted a motion to have the defendant, 37-year-old Larry E. Lyons, examined. The request came from Lyons' court-appointed defense attorney, Jill L. Schmidt.

The evaluation services division of the Center for Forensic Psychiatry (CFP) conducts court-ordered psychological evaluations for all district and circuit criminal courts

throughout the state. Evaluation issues usually involve questions about competency to stand trial and criminal responsibility. Upon

completion of the evaluation, a certified forensic examiner will issue a report to the court.

Lyons faces multiple felony charges, including open murder, in the death of Brandy Marie Dickson, 36.

Prosecutors, who say the victim was clutching the couple's daughter as Lyons allegedly attacked her with a knife inside his home, is also charged with assault with in-

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Larry Lyons

## Amnesty period set for warrants issued for unpaid court costs, fines

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Tuscola County District Court officials are offering a golden opportunity to folks who cross their fingers every time they see a police officer because there's a warrant with their name on it for failure to pay court costs, fines and fees.

In short, if you pay up, the court is willing to forgive and forget.

District court officials in Caro last week announced an amnesty program for anyone with an outstanding criminal or traffic warrant due to failure to pay fines, costs and fees.

Those who appear and make payment in full will not be arrested or incarcerated, and their warrant will be canceled, according to Sheila Long, court administrator.

In addition, Long said, the court will waive late fees, warrant fees and "waive to show cause" fees.

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# Cass City Schools name "students of the month"



**Young 5's Student of the Month is Sawyer Thick**

Nominated by: Mrs. Maurer

Characteristics he displays: Sawyer is an awesome Young 5's student. He is a hard worker, a great listener, and follows directions the first time they are given. He is also a very nice friend to his classmates. Sawyer is the son of Eric and Terra Thick.

Some of his favorite things: Cass City Red Hawks and going to my papa's house.



**1st Grade Student of the Month is Rylan Kappen**

Nominated by: Mrs. LeValley

Characteristics he displays: Rylan Kappen is a hard working 1st grader. He is kind and helpful to his classmates and teacher. Rylan consistently displays the characteristics of SOAR.

Rylan is the son of Jason and Sheree Kappen.

Some of his favorite things: Playing with his dog, hunting and wrestling.

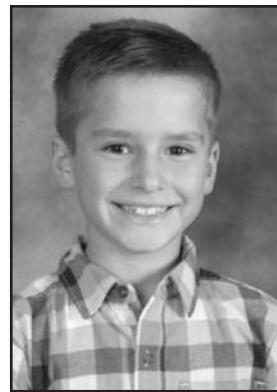


**2nd Grade Student of the Month is Reagan Shadley**

Nominated by: Mrs. Sweeney

Characteristics she displays: Reagan is a good friend to everyone. She is helpful, loving and kind. She is careful, neat and on time with her work. Reagan can be counted on to do the right thing at all times. Reagan is the daughter of Robert and Keshia Shadley.

Some of her favorite things: Spending time with family and friends, school, reading and animals.



**3rd Grade Student of the Month is Braden Messing**

Nominated by: Mr. Hollocker

Characteristics he displays: Braden is a fantastic all around student! He is kind, considerate, respectful and a leader in the classroom.

Braden is the son of Stanley and Laurie Messing.

Some of his favorite things: Playing baseball, math and playing with my brother and cousins



**4th Grade Student of the Month is Keegan Elston**

Nominated by: Fourth Grade Teachers

Characteristics he displays: Keegan is a very well-mannered student who works hard to do his best. He gives thoughtful answers and shows responsibility daily. His kindness to others makes him a great friend and classmate. We sure are fortunate to have Keegan in our classes this year! Keegan is the son of Christopher and Jessica Elston.

Some of his favorite things: Reading chapter books, the color green, animals and Science and Math. Keegan would like to be a Geologist when he grows up!



**5th Grade Student of the Month is Lindsey Langenburg**

Nominated by: Fifth Grade Teachers

Characteristics she displays: Lindsey is an outstanding student! She is a very conscientious student and makes sure all of her work is of the highest quality and turned in on time. She has a delightful sense of humor and is a friend to everyone. Lindsey is the daughter of Mike and Heather Langenberg.

Some of her favorite things: Zip-lining, gymnastics, playing basketball, roller coasters, and going camping with her family!



**6th Grade Student of the Month is Kylie Perkins**

Nominated by: 6th Grade Team

Characteristics she displays: Kylie has the most pleasant personality. She always greets you with a smile and a quiet hello. She is extremely conscientious and vigilant with her grades and progress. She really keeps an eye on things and is polite to relay any mistakes. She is one that does "more" than is asked of her. A great person and student. Kylie is the daughter of Rich and Heidi Perkins.

Some of her favorite things: Softball, traveling, soccer, lasagna and science



**12th Grade Student of the Month is Katherine Mendrick**

As Katie Mendrick's teacher, I have found that she is an extremely hard worker who takes great pride in doing her work to the best of her ability. Academic success is important to Katie, and she combines her strong work ethic with her high intelligence to meet her goals. Katie is also kind and caring. She will take time out of her own work to help students who may be struggling to grasp a concept or idea. While working with other staff and students, Katie displays very strong communication skills. She combines her appropriate sense of humor with a strong vocabulary to clearly express the information she seeks to disseminate.

I have witnessed Katie display many elements of strong character throughout the time I have been her Senior Seminar teacher. She is always respectful to everyone, and she serves as a positive role model for younger students. Katie comes to class each day with a smile on her face and a positive attitude.

~Mr. Ryan Walker

Some of her favorite things: Hobbies: Love to dance, read, cross stitch, sleep and dog sled racing. Favorite movie: Aristocats. Favorite snack: popcorn. Weekend fun: having friends over for impromptu Wii nights. Favorite subject: Mathematics, because there are rules and a set amount of answers.

Katherine is the daughter of Daryl and Debra Mendrick.

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**Not bullied or wallet shamed**



## Protect your family against lead danger

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is reminding Michiganders about the sources of lead in and around their homes, and how to protect their health.

It's worth taking a few moments to protect your family. Lead can be found in soil, chipping and peeling paint, drinking water if supplied by lead pipes, certain home remedies, and is used in some hobbies and occupations. "Everyone should know about the risks of lead and how to prevent exposure," said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, MDHHS chief medical executive and chief deputy director for health. "For children and pregnant women, lead exposure is especially dangerous because it can impact a child's developing brain or lead to miscarriages or preterm birth. Parents should talk to their healthcare provider about getting their child a lead test and learn about ways to make their homes lead safe."

There are several things residents can do to mitigate, reduce or eliminate those exposures. A state website — Michigan.gov/MILeadSafe — provides a one-stop-shop on lead, lead hazards and mitigation steps. It also has links to important community resources and information for families.

Some simple steps people can take to protect their families from lead include:

\*Take your shoes off before going into your home to avoid tracking lead-containing soil and dust from outside.

\*Vacuum with a High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) filtered vacuum.

\*Wash your hands before eating to keep from accidentally swallowing lead dust.

\*Keep paint in good repair; fix chipping or cracked paint right away, and hire a certified lead professional to test your home and help with home repairs and renovation in houses built before 1978.

\*Install NSF-certified filters on faucets and only use cold water for drinking or cooking.

\*Run your water before using it for drinking or cooking (also called flushing your lines).

\*Eat healthy foods with calcium, iron and vitamin C to limit the amount of lead that gets into your body.

In 2018, Michigan adopted one of the nation's toughest lead rules for drinking water. It requires removal of lead service lines and lowers the action level that determines when public water supplies must take steps to reduce the corrosiveness of the water they supply. The rules also impose more stringent drinking water sampling requirements designed to provide municipalities with more accurate readings of potential lead exposure in communities.

Testing this year has discovered lead levels above acceptable levels in several communities across the state, including Benton Harbor, Birmingham, Clare, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Hampton Township, Harper Woods, Hazel Park, Highland Park, Leslie, Melvindale, Oak Park, Parchment and White Lake Township.

MDHHS is providing filters in those impacted communities for households that have a child or pregnant woman and also receive WIC benefits, Medicaid insurance or cannot afford a water filter. Additionally, the department is investigating lead sources in homes, referring eligible families with lead in homes to abatement programs and providing support to local public health agencies.

For more information about lead and how to protect your health, visit Michigan.gov/MILeadSafe.

My life's journey has been a series of ups and downs as well as several wrong turns.

Through the years, determination has kept me going.

I've overcome being a widow in my early twenties. I've overcome divorce. I've overcome the death of a child and cancer.

There are two things I've never been able to overcome - procrastination and not liking change.

I secretly have this philosophy of "Why do it today when it can be put off until tomorrow." That generally works pretty good for me, especially when someone else steps up and does what needs to be done.

Over the years as a journalist, I learned to adjust to meet deadlines, but in my heart of hearts I secretly riled against deadlines.

Whatever the deadline date was, I marked it on my calendar to be at least a week ahead of what the real deadline was. Doing that faked my editors into thinking I was a very efficient worker.

Now that I'm a freelance writer and no longer a staff writer, I can reveal that secret. The editors never caught on that I'm a procrastinator.

But I wasn't so lucky with keeping the fact that I don't like change a secret.

When it comes right down to it, I believe it's not so much that I don't like change; it is more a matter of I know how I think and want things.

There is a certain kind of change wallet I like and it is difficult to find. Because of that, I keep my change wallet forever because finding another one like it takes several months of searching. When I do find one that is like my original, I buy it and put it away until it is absolutely needed to replace the old one when it is no longer serviceable (falling totally apart).

My change wallet actually became an area of contention between myself and a couple of friends who are several years younger. I admit I had the wallet for so long that the area where I hold it had worn the finish down.

My favorite style of wallet has dividers. One is for dollar bills, one for change, and another for stamps, coupons and discount cards. The last divider is for receipts that have to be kept for tax purposes.

When a year draws to a close, there were so many saved receipts, the wallet would no longer close; so from about October to when I got ready to do taxes, I used a rubber band to hold the wallet closed. My friends scoffed at that, but I had all of my tax info in one place. Because of that, I felt the joke was on them, especially when they lamented they couldn't find some of the receipts they needed for their taxes.

Also, I'm from a generation of "waste not, want not." Although my change wallet lost some of the shine where my fingers held it, and was overstuffed during the last few months of the year, I feel justified in my preference of wallet because it is the style I like. Who cares that it doesn't look new anymore? No one sees it except when I pull it out to pay for something.

Eventually, there came a time when those friends and I took different paths.


During our last lunch together, they once again kidded me about my wallet as I paid for my lunch.

I told them that to commemorate our last day together I would toss my well broken in wallet. That

was about six years ago. I've kind of kept my promise to them. I will toss out my wallet... eventually, being the true procrastinator that I am. Plus, I know what I like and I like this wallet.

**Rabbit Tracks**  
by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)



Are you ready for a fun night out filled with great entertainment and a chance to renew old friendships? Then make plans to attend the 84th Annual Sanilac County Dairy Banquet: A Celebration of Dairy.

The banquet is held each year to celebrate the accomplishments of one of Sanilac County's most important industries: the dairy industry. Sanilac County has one of the largest and most progressive dairy industries of all counties in Michigan and is an important contributor to the local economy. It is estimated that the Sanilac County dairy industry generates nearly \$140 million in gross revenue that is circulated through our local economy. Therefore, each year the important accomplishments of individual dairy farmers and dairy farms are honored at the Sanilac County Dairy Banquet.

This year, you will not want to miss our guest speakers, Addy Battel, Cass City and Pearl Daskam, Ubly. These dynamic 17-year-old high school seniors are the co-founders of the award winning project, Meating the Need for Our Village. The pair started a project with friends five years ago using an FFA grant to raise chicken and pork, and have grown Meating the Need for Our Village into a nationally recognized organization providing high-quality food to families in Tuscola, Sanilac and Huron counties. Their work has so far led to a \$60,000 impact in the Thumb through 10,000 pounds of meat, 2,800 gallons of milk, 300 dozen eggs, 350 pounds of produce and 300 pounds of cheese — all raised or procured by 4-H, FFA, agriscience class and homeschool youth. Addy and Pearl focus on food equity and youth empowerment and hope to make fighting the root causes of hunger and poverty their life's work.

There will also be time to visit with colleagues, neighbors and friends. Also the winner of this year's Lifetime Achievement Award will be announced. This award is given to recognize an individual who has given a lifetime of service to the dairy industry in Sanilac and St. Clair counties. It will recognize an individual's achievements and sacrifices in promoting and producing for the dairy industry. The Sanilac County Dairy Banquet will take place on Saturday, January 18, at the Countryside Free Methodist Church — Family Life Center in Sandusky, across from Tri-County Equipment. Doors will open at 7:00 p.m. and serving will begin at 7:15 p.m. Appetizers will be served, followed by a scrumptious prime rib dinner.

Tickets are available at the Sanilac County Michigan State University Extension Office at 171 Dawson Street in Sandusky, or from one of the following dairy banquet committee members: Dennis & Sara Lee of Deckerville, Dr. Bob Hassler of Sandusky, Trevor & Mary-Lynne Stone of Sandusky, Marianne Buza from MSU Extension and Andy Brown of St. Clair County, or any of the DHIA technicians (Pam Thom, Duane Zimmerman, Anna Wisner, Nate Harmon, Loretta Broecker and Martha Draper). Tickets are \$15.00 per person (\$7 for children 10 and under) if purchased in advance, or \$18 per person if purchased at the door.

We hope you will make plans to attend this year's banquet, it promises to be a memorable affair.

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On January 9th, organizations in support of law enforcement officers nationwide promoted National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day.

Across the country each year, citizens take the lead to show support on this special day and honor Law Enforcement Officers of every rank and file who have chosen a profession that puts their life on the line every day for their communities.

Locally, Thumb Bank employee Pam LaFave presented Cass City Police Chief Craig Haynes with a sweet treat during the 2020 celebration.



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### Wednesday, January 15

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

### Thursday, January 16

•AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.  
•Sanilac County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, 3 p.m., HDC Adult Day Services Building, 227 N. Elk St., Sandusky. For more information, contact Kim at (989) 673-4121 or Amanda at (810) 648-4497.  
•Grief Support meetings, "Healing Together." Heritage Hill, 1430 Cleaver Rd., Caro, 7-8:30 p.m. For questions or to register to attend please call the office at (989) 872-5852 or toll free (877) 872-5852. These sessions are open to anyone dealing with a grief or loss. Sponsored by Hospice Advantage, Cass City.  
•Caregiver Support Group, 11:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Bullard-Sanford Memorial Library, 520 W. Huron Ave., Vassar. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

### Friday, January 17

•Movie Matinees, Rawson Memorial Library, Cass City at 1:30 p.m.

### Saturday, January 18

•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.  
•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.

### Sunday, January 19

•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 20

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

### Tuesday, January 21

•Crafty Ladies Group, 1-4 p.m., Common Grounds (next to Revive). Bring a crafting project to work on. Call 989-551-7803 for more information.  
•AA Meeting, 7-8 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 4960 N. Argyle Rd. (Meeting will be held in the hall next to the little stone church.)  
•Al-Anon meeting, 7 p.m., Cakima Serenity Home, Mayville. Call 989-912-5478 for more information.  
•Living with Parkinson's Support Group, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Holiday Inn Express, 55 Rapson Lane West, Bad Axe. For more information, call Merry at (989) 673-4121.  
•Family Caregiver Support Group, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Harbor Beach Community Hospital Administration Building/Conference Center, 147 S. First St., Harbor Beach. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121  
•Ubyly Lions Club meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Ubyly Thumb Veterans Organization Hall, 2165 Bingham St., Ubyly MI 48475. A pot luck is served prior to the meeting. Everyone is welcomed.

### STANDING COMMUNITY CALENDAR ITEMS

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

**First Sunday:**  
•Hillsdale 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.  
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**Second Monday:**  
•Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.  
•VFW monthly meeting, 7:00 p.m., VFW Hall, Cass City.

**Second Tuesday:**  
•Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7 p.m., fire hall in Gagetown.  
•Tuscola County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., HDC Intergenerational Building, 430 Montague Ave., Caro. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.  
•Kedron OES #33 of Caro meeting, 7 p.m.  
•Huron County Family Caregiver Support Group, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Human Development Commission, 150 Nugent Rd., Bad Axe. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.  
•Al-Anon meeting, 7 p.m., St. Francis Parrish, Pigeon.

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

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

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

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

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

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

•Caregiver Support Group, 11:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Bullard-Sanford Memorial Library, 520 W. Huron Ave., Vassar. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.  
**Third Friday:**  
•Movie Matinees, Rawson Memorial Library, Cass City at 1:30 p.m.

**Third Saturday:**  
•Revive Food Pantry, from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Must live in the Cass City School District and meet the financial guidelines. For more information, call (989)551-7803.  
•**Fourth Monday:**  
•Cass City School Board meeting, 7 p.m.  
•Hills & Dales General Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 11:30 a.m., Gilligans (no meetings July, August, December).

•Tuscola County Right to Life meeting, 6:30-8 p.m., Caro Area District Library, 840 W. Frank St., Caro. For more information, call (989) 872-3259.  
•Families Against Narcotics, 6 p.m., Hills and Dales Corporate Services and Regional Education Center, 6667 Main St. Cass City. For more information, call (989) 551-4326.  
**Fourth Wednesday:**  
•Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m.  
•Huron County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, Huron Behavioral Health, Bad Axe. For more information, contact Rhonda Quinn at (989) 269-9293.  
•Sanilac County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, Sanilac County Medical Care Facility, Noon to 2 p.m. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

**Fourth Thursday:**  
•Community Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.  
**Last Monday:**  
•Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.  
**Last Wednesday:**  
•Cass City Chamber meeting, 8 a.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Area sheriffs say phone scam artists getting more creative

The sheriffs in Tuscola and Sanilac counties say the new year has brought an increase in not-so-new scams targeting Thumb residents.

Scams are continuing and getting very creative when it comes to presenting them as being legitimate offers, according to Sanilac County Sheriff Garry Biniecki, who noted his department's detective bureau is seeing an increase in phone scams.

"The detective bureau has taken numerous calls within the last month in regards to Social Security Scams and the 'police call' or 'lawyer call' scams as well," Biniecki said. "The number may look like they are calling from 810-648-2000, when in reality they may have stolen the number to make the call look legit.

"They can steal bank numbers, accountant numbers, or even personal numbers, so if it seems suspicious, contact the business directly to verify any issues.

Please use caution in taking these calls and report the number if you are given a call-back number or left a message.

Tuscola County Sheriff Glen Skrent agreed.

"Seems to be an uptick in the fraud calls to our residents right now; 'grandson in jail fraud call', 'a vehicle registered in Texas with drugs call', 'threat of lawsuit call requesting Social Security number'", Skrent said. "All these are fraud. Don't give out any information before you verify the situation."

Biniecki reminds citizens to be proactive in their response to calls that appear threatening or offer what sounds to be an amazing deal.

If someone asks you for your cash, gift cards, credit card numbers, security log-ins, or other personal information, especially if you don't know them well, the safest move is to refuse their request and check with the police, or

find an independent way to contact a legitimate business and follow up rather than responding right away to the caller, he said.

"Don't give out computer or phone log-ins, personal or financial information to someone who calls you. If you are unsure, hang up and independently find the phone number of the alleged represented agency and call yourself," Biniecki added. "A law enforcement agency will not ask you for this type of information or request that money be sent by way of money order for any reason."

Residents are also reminded to beware of high-pressure techniques, such as the need to give information or make decisions on the spot, and be on the lookout for celebrity friend requests or requests to connect through social media networks.

"Remember, if it sounds quirky, weird or too good to be true, it probably is," Biniecki said.

## Circuit court proceedings

### Several appear on felony charges

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

\*William G. Diehl, 25, Caro, was sentenced to 90 days in the county jail following his plea of guilty to attempted unlawful posting of a message June 3 in the village of Kingston. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (two prior felony convictions).

In addition to jail time, he was placed on probation for 12 months and ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$785.

\*Charles M. Herzog, 56, Bridgeport, was sentenced to 18 to 30 years in prison following his pleas of no contest to five counts of criminal sexual conduct, first degree, between Aug. 1, 2017, and Oct. 31, 2017, in Vassar.

He was also placed on lifetime electronic monitoring and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$530.

\*Robert A. Hempton, 58, Unionville, pleaded guilty to a charge of possession of ammunition by a felon April 27 in Akron Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$3,500. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*Daniel R. Lohr, 20, Caro, pleaded guilty to breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny Aug. 7-8, 2017, in Almer Township.

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

\*Shawn M. Dean, 34, Vassar, pleaded guilty to charges of larceny by conversion, obtaining money or property valued at \$1,000 to \$20,000 by false pre-

tenses, and writing a non-sufficient fund check for \$500 or more between Aug. 1 and Oct. 31, 2018, in Millington.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$2,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*Dustin H. Southgate, 21, Akron, pleaded no contest to domestic violence - aggravated assault, second offense, Oct. 28, 2018, in Akron.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$20,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*Christopher L. Hall, 29, Vassar, pleaded no contest to two counts of possession of child sexually abusive material and two counts of use of a computer to commit a crime May 15 in Vassar.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$150,000. Sentencing is to be

scheduled.

\*Christopher A. Dicks, 33, Mayville, was sentenced to 18 months to 20 years in prison following his plea of no contest to domestic violence, third offense, June 5 in Wells Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

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

\*David A. Pellicchia, 50, Sterling Heights, was sentenced to 18 months to 20 years in prison following his plea of guilty to receiving and concealing stolen property value at more than \$1,000 March 7, 2017, in Vassar Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

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

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## Reporter's notebook

### Resisting debate isn't easy for me

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor



I have to admit I like a good debate, but it's difficult to engage in one these days, especially on any sort of social networking site. There's just too much anger and hate out there waiting to be unleashed, you know?

So, in the interest of civility, I've been preparing for this election year by gradually (and gently) weeding out Facebook "friends" who have a tendency to clog my own Facebook page feed with comments and memes that demonstrate certain support for behavior I find unacceptable and unjustifiable based on my own personal values.

Oh, I don't "unfriend" (break all online ties) with these folks; I just stop "following" them (seeing a regular stream of their posts).

It's my response to a struggle when it comes to suppressing my own opinion in the face of a debate/argument I don't agree with. It's a decided weakness, one I've been working on for years, with some success.

Problem is, when people participating in various discussions - most of whom you've never even met - are able to hide behind their keyboards in anonymity, they tend to get bolder (and, frequently, immature) in voicing their opinions. Sometimes, it's not necessarily what they say, but how they say it.

For many, making a point or follow-up comment consists of name-calling. I would describe the behavior as juvenile, but their behavior evidently hasn't reached that level of maturity.

I recall a Facebook friend telling me a couple years ago that rude debate and a little name-calling is acceptable - "Just the way it is today." We agreed to disagree on that point, because I just don't buy the whole "Hey, it's the 1990s" (or whatever) argument that so many special interest groups are fond of incorporating into their campaigns.

Nope. The rules, if you're talking about something such as common decency and respect, haven't changed; there are just more voices trying to convince you otherwise.

But I digress.

The second reason I'm avoiding some online debates is they tend to involve people you know and like. Why else would you have them as Facebook friends?

Have you ever gotten into a real online brouhaha with one of those friends and then regretted your choice of words when you later ran into them, face to face?

I have, and it can be uncomfortable, especially when the issue involved was hardly earth shattering in the broad scheme of things. I realize the points of our debate were just that - points, positions, attitudes, etc. They had nothing to do with why I like and respect that person. I also know that if we sat down for coffee and engaged in the same debate, the outcome might not be different, but our attitudes and friendship would probably remain intact. And, we would probably leave with a handshake and a "have a good day!"

How did we get to a point where a difference of opinion automatically makes the other person an ignorant moron?

I suppose we could blame it, in part, on today's technology feeding us an overflowing stream of fake news (the real fake news, not the items that are true but tick you off), served with a healthy portion of gullibility.

I strongly believe our political leaders carry a share of the blame, too. Not all of them, of course; just the individuals who find it difficult to get their points across without attacking and/or belittling others. Sadly, these folks are a dime a dozen, as are the folks who ignore/overlook/justify that sort of behavior.

But they're entitled to their own opinions, right? My point is, if we're going to be adults, we need to start owning our own words and actions again, and weigh our desire to be "right" against our need to be decent human beings, even online.

# Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



## 5 YEARS AGO (2015)

Addy Battel, 12, and Ethan Healy, 13, both members of the Cass City Junior High Future Farmers of America (FFA) Chapter, recently applied for and received a \$1,000 grant from the National FFA Foundation. They'll use the funding to operate their own maple syrup business as part of their FFA supervised agricultural experience this year.

Kristyn and Alejandro Casarez of Cass City are proud parents of their newborn son, Dominic Reyes Jay Casarez, who arrived Monday, Jan. 12, at Huron Medical Center in Bad Axe. Dominic - the first local baby of 2015 reported to the Chronicle, weighed in at a hefty 11 pounds 8 ounces and measured 24 inches in length.

Members of the Cass City/Thumb Area Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) recently celebrated their 50th anniversary. Today's membership includes three founding members, including Geraldine Prieskorn, Dotty Scollon and Holly Althaver.

## 10 YEARS AGO (2010)

Thelma M. (Lown) Graham may not know the secret to longevity, but she could tell you a thing or two about living a long and happy life. Graham ought to know. Up until a year and a half ago, when she broke her hip in a fall, Graham was still mowing her own lawn, shoveling snow from her walks in the winter and driving her 1975 Dodge Dart around town. Pretty impressive, considering the area resident celebrated her 100th birthday Thursday. Graham was born Jan. 21, 1910, in Detroit. She says an active lifestyle and remaining independent have been keys to her longevity.

Air Force Airman 1st Class Mathew G. Duncan is returning to the U.S. after a deployment to Southwest Asia in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Operation Enduring Freedom is the official name given to anti-terrorism military operations involving U.S. troops and allied coalition partners. Active duty and reserve component members from all branches of the U.S. armed forces have been deployed to support the war against global terrorism outside the borders of the United States. Duncan, a utilities system journeyman with 3 years of military service, is normally assigned to the 375th Civil Engineer Squadron at Scott Air Force Base, Belleville, Ill. He is the son of Russell Duncan of Oxford and Leeanne Duncan of Deford.

## 25 YEARS AGO (1995)

The area's first baby of the new year, Austin David Rothe, was born Jan. 6 to David and Amy Rothe of Uby. The new arrival - the couple's first child - was born at McKenzie Memorial Hospital, Sandusky, at 3:55 a.m., and weighed 8 pounds and 5 ounces. As the first area newborn, he will receive a host of gifts from area merchants.

Cream of the crop - Cass City's Class of 1995 may very well boast 10 valedictorians. Carrying tough schedules and all A's are Lindi Parrott, Nathan Mastie, Ben Hobbs, Leana Edwards, Lisa Deering, Andrea Speirs, Michelle Brown, Mandy Nizzola, Lisa Wallace and Scott Iwankovitch. Michigan Technological University has announced degree recipients for the spring quarter of 1994, one of whom is Jim Thane of Deford, who earned an electrical engineering technology degree. He graduated magna cum laude. Thane now makes his home in Wixom, Mich., and works for Michigan Scientific at Milford.

## 35 YEARS AGO (1985)

Mrs. Lillian Otulakowski was 87th birthday to celebrate her 87th birthday. The party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eu-

gene Otulakowski and family. Attending were Mike and Debbie, Kary and Leann Otulakowski of Cass City, Neal and Charlene GuBanche, Shannon and Nicole, and George and Kary GuBanche, all of Brown City, Doug and Barbara Zieglemann and sons Doug, Bob and Richy of Marlette, Carol and Kara Keesler of Marlette, Evans and Lillian Gibbard and daughters, Kim and Sandy, and friend Dennis of Uby, Mrs. Greg Moore and sons, Greg and Mike, of Snover, Harvey and Sandy Walter, Stella Leszczynski and Rick Tuckey, all of Cass City. A luncheon with cake was served.

Marine Corporal James M. Jensen, a 1981 graduate of Cass City High School, has received the U.S. Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal. He received the medal for good behavior and conduct over a 3 year period he has been a marine. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ken E. Jensen, Hospital Drive, Cass City, and is married to the former Lori Little, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Little, Severance Rd., Cass City. They have a seven-month-old daughter. Jensen is presently stationed in Okinawa, Japan. He will serve there until September.

## 40 YEARS AGO (1980)

Steven Roy Walter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Walter of Huron Line Road, Cass City, and a 1979 graduate of Cass City High School has completed hospital corpsman training at Great Lakes, Ill. Walter enlisted in the Navy during his senior year in the delay entry program and received his basic training at Great Lakes before attending the Hospital Corpsman School.

Navy Engineman Fireman Apprentice Timothy J. Barden, son of Janet and John Barden, Jr. of 3405 Washington Street, Kingston, has completed the Navy's Basic Underwater Demolition Team Course. The 20-week training course was conducted at the Naval Amphibious Base, Coronado, Calif. In preparing for duty as a Navy "Frogman," he underwent extensive instruction on amphibious reconnaissance techniques, the use of demolitions, physical conditioning and underwater breathing apparatus (SCUBA) diving. A 1978 graduate of Kingston High School, he joined the Navy in September of that year.

Marine Cpl. James K. Clark, son of Eva Tkacz of Seventh Street, Owendale, has been promoted to his present rank while serving with the 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, Calif. He joined the Marines in August, 1970.

## 50 YEARS AGO (1970)

Miss Cheryl Borland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Borland of Shabbona Road, Decker, has been accepted as a student by Bethel College, Mishawaka, Ind. Miss Borland, a 1969 graduate of Cass City High School, will begin her studies at the four-year, Christian, coeducational, liberal arts college in September, 1970.

Rochelle Rocheleau, a cadette of Troop 664 of Owendale, has been selected by the Mitten Bay Girl Scout Council to be a member of a patrol of eight girls that will take part in a National Event called the Wyoming Trek. She and seven other cadettes and senior scouts from Midland, Mt. Pleasant and Bay City and their leader will leave home and trek across the country to the new National Girl Scout Center West, near Ten Sleep, Wyoming. The girls will plan their own itinerary, meals and camping sites. They will enjoy sightseeing and visiting historic sites on their trip. After five days of traveling they will do two weeks of primitive camping where patrols from every state will be gathered. Shelly is the first Girl Scout from the Thumb area to be selected for a national event.

David Hennessey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hennessey, enlisted in the Armed Forces. He

left for Fort Knox, Kentucky, Jan. 5, where he is stationed. He was given a test for officers' training and was one of three of the 45 that participated who qualified.

Marine Private First Class Gary L. Vollmar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Vollmar of Cedar Run Road, Cass City, was meritoriously promoted to Private First Class upon graduation from recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot at San Diego, Calif. His promotion recognized his outstanding performance of duties during recruit training. He has been sent to Camp Pendleton, Calif., for four weeks of infantry combat training and four weeks of basic training in a military occupational specialty.

## 75 YEARS AGO (1945)

Identical twins, who were named Dean Dwight and Dennis Loren, were born to Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Rienstra of Cass City, at the Bad Axe General hospital by Caesarian section, Monday, Jan. 15. Mother and twins are doing well. A few hours after the birth of her babies, Mrs. Rienstra was, according to her own words, ready for a good dinner. Dr. I. D. McCoy was the attending physician. He was also physician in charge when the mother, Mrs. Rienstra, was born.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. "Bud" Peasley in the Morris hospital on Jan. 10, a son. He has been named Charles Arthur. Mrs. Peasley and son went to their home Monday.

Clarence Zapfe, F 1-c of the Navy, who came home from action at Leyte in the Philippines and enjoyed a 30-day leave before returning to Treasure Island at San Francisco on Jan. 2, called his parents Monday evening from Cincinnati, Ohio, while en route to Miami, Fla. He is being transferred to take a six weeks' course in preparation for duty on the smaller type of naval vessels, other than landing craft.

Now in training at the U.S. Maritime Service Training Station at Sheepshead Bay, N. Y., is Raymond Dalton, 18, of Cass City. Apprentice Seaman Dalton will receive six weeks of basic training, including lifeboat work, fire-fighting, breeches buoy, mess, sea rules and traditions, swimming, ship construction and equipment, gunnery and physical training.

## 100 YEARS AGO (1920)

On the 25th anniversary of the career of I. B. Auten as banker in Cass City, he admitted his son, Meredith B. Auten, as a partner in the Cass City Bank. The young man is eminently fitted for a career in finance. He is a product of the Cass City High School, graduating before he was 16 years of age. He had completed one year of study in Harvard when he was called home to assist in the bank because of the illness of his father. Here he has spent his business career, absenting himself for over a year during the war, having been among the first called from Tuscola County. Mr. Auten's mental and physical equipment earned him the position of lieutenant early in his military service. In addition to his high school and college work, his education has been broadened by extensive travel. Before finishing high school, he spent three months in touring Europe with his parents, and while a student at Bowdoin college he attended a convention at San Francisco as a delegate of his fraternity.

Dwight E. Turner will receive a nice fat check from Schwaderer & Striffler in payment for 45 head of good young cattle which the cattle buyers purchased recently. The check will call for an amount approximating \$4,700. Some of the stock sold for 11½ cents a pound, while a part, brought 10 cents. The cattle will be shipped from here Saturday if a sufficient number of cars are available.

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# Hackers target county

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to breach our firewall," said Lee, who pointed out Tuscola County's firewall doesn't allow traffic from overseas.

Lee also asked county staff and employees to report any unusual emails along with any unusual physical activity.

"Also, anyone gaining access to the building that should not be there — be on the lookout for that," Lee said. "And, everyone should be cautious of any vendors contacting to do updates."

The county will be conducting cyber security awareness training in an effort to keep all staffers up-to-date on the best practices when it comes to maintaining computer security.

Lee suggested the following simple steps everyone can utilize to protect their computers:

\*Restart your computer at least once per week to ensure you're receiving updated patches and updates.

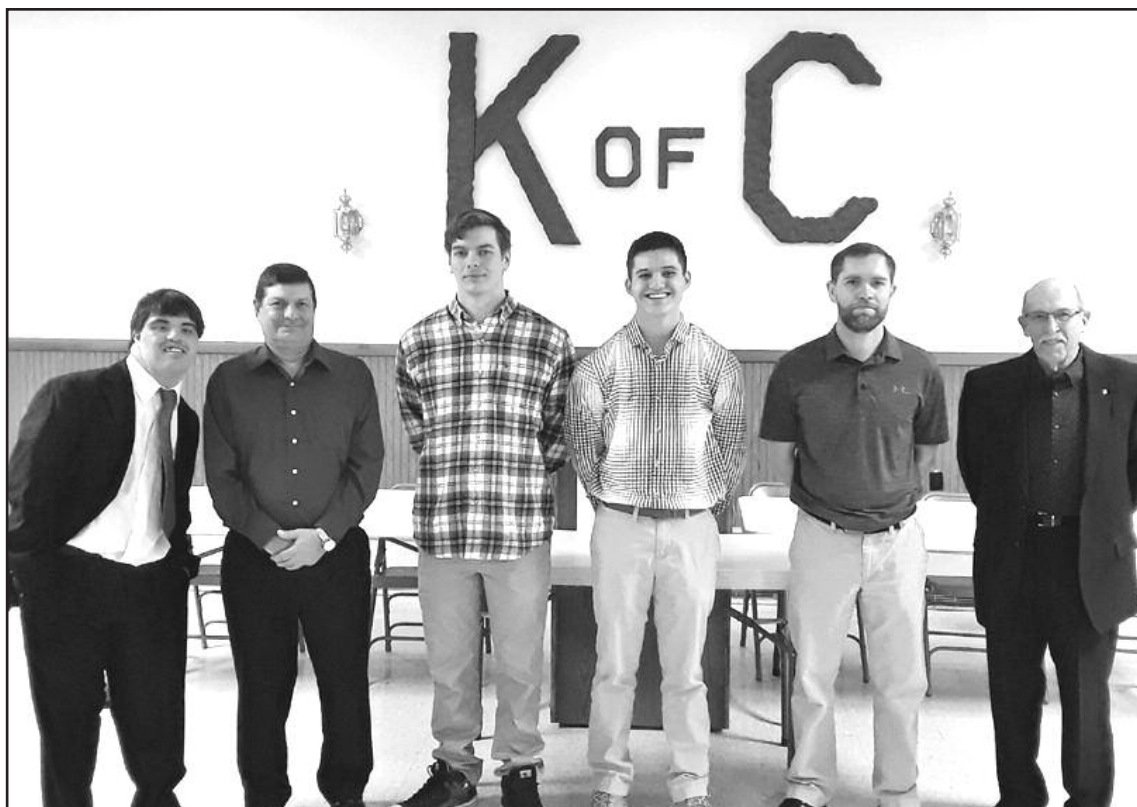
\*When in doubt, throw the email out.

\*If you suspect you've become the victim of a virus or infection, power off and unplug your computer immediately, and contact a repair center.

Although the cyber attacks typically target public services, the private sector may also see more cyber attacks. As a result, Lee urges individuals to be aware of possible attacks as well.

For those interested in learning more about cyber protection, visit the website [wizer-training.com](http://wizer-training.com).

Aside from Lee, the county's IT department is staffed by three other employees and expects to add a fourth one soon. The department has two technicians, a security specialist and an application specialist.



**KNIGHTS OF Columbus Council 8892, Cass City, recently congratulated new third-degree members (above, left to right) Nicholas Smith, Dave Guigar, Anthony Pawloski, Kevin Estrella, Adam Dorland and Archie Allen. In the degree work, the values of charitable work, unity with the Catholic church, and fraternity with brother knights were presented, explained and accepted by the members. The first, second and third degrees are all steps in becoming a full member of the Knights of Columbus.**

## State reports first pediatric flu deaths of 2019-20 season

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) on Friday confirmed the first influenza-associated pediatric deaths of the 2019-2020 flu season in Michigan.

The reported deaths involved children from Shiawassee and Wayne counties who were infected with Influenza B.

Nationally, there have been 32 influenza-associated pediatric deaths reported during the 2019-2020 flu season. Additional possible cases will continue to be investigated by state and local public health agencies.

"These tragic deaths are a reminder of how serious influenza can be," said Dr. Joneigh Khal-

dun, chief medical executive and chief deputy for health for MDHHS. "I urge all Michigan-ers ages six months and older to get their flu shots if they have not already done so this season. It is not too late."

Flu is a contagious respiratory disease caused by different strains of the influenza virus and can result in mild to severe illness. Michigan has experienced widespread flu activity over the past few weeks. A majority of the positive influenza specimens confirmed by MDHHS Bureau of Laboratories this flu season have been Influenza B virus.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), during last year's flu season there were an estimated 34,200 deaths from influenza. In Michigan, four children died last year due to flu-related complications, while nationally there were 136 flu-related deaths among children.

Flu vaccine is the best way to prevent against getting the flu and can also reduce the severity of flu illness. During the 2018-2019 flu season, only 46.1 percent of Michigan residents were vac-

nated against flu, below the national rate of 49.2 percent.

Vaccines are especially important for people at increased risk for complications from flu, including children, adults aged 65 years and older, persons of any age with underlying medical conditions and pregnant women. Children less than six months of age are too young to be vaccinated and need to be protected by vaccination of their close contacts, including parents, siblings, grandparents, child-care workers and healthcare personnel.

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 now to protect themselves before flu activity increases in Michigan. The flu shot is made with inactivated or killed viruses and cannot give you influenza.

There is still plenty of flu vaccine available. To find flu vaccine near you, call your healthcare provider, local health department or check the Health Map Vaccine Finder at [FluShot.healthmap.org](http://FluShot.healthmap.org). For more information about the flu, visit [Michigan.gov/flu](http://Michigan.gov/flu).

## Lyons faces psych exam

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tent to murder the baby, who suffered cuts to the top of her head, a stab wound to the side of her head, a skull fracture and bleeding in the brain during the Dec. 15 assault.

The baby survived the attack but remains hospitalized.

Lyons also faces charges of child abuse, second degree; domestic violence, third offense; carrying a dangerous weapon with unlawful intent; and child abuse, third degree.

The most serious of the charges is open murder, which is punishable by life in prison. Assault with intent to murder carries a maximum penalty of life in prison or any term of years.

Lyons was denied bond during his arraignment. He remains lodged in the Tuscola County Jail pending his transfer to Ypsilanti.

The horrific attack was reported at 2900 Gerou Rd. at about 7:15 p.m. Dec. 15.

Tuscola County Sheriff Glen Skrent reported Dickson had suffered life-threatening injuries and was transported by MMR ambulance for emergency treatment to a local medical facility, where she died. "(The) 11-month-old child was also treated for injuries and was transported for emergency treatment to a local hospital."

An autopsy confirmed Dickson's cause of death to be multiple stab wounds. Investigators indicated they believe they have the murder weapon — a knife seized at the crime scene near the victim, who was found outside the residence.

Lyons was taken into custody without incident the same day.

According to Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark E. Reene, the defendant and victim at one time lived together, but not at the time of the assault.

While the investigation has since continued, Reene acknowledged the assault was particularly vicious, judging by the wounds suffered by both the victim and the child. "All the evidence points to...she (Dickson) was trying to protect the child," he said.

"It's so sad, so incomprehensible."

According to court records, Lyons' has a history of domestic assault, including at least two convictions of domestic violence involving "assaulting or assaulting and battering his spouse, former spouse, an individual with whom he had a child in common, or a resident or former resident of his household, or of knowingly assaulting a pregnant individual." Those convictions took place May 24, 2007, and Sept. 30, 2019.

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# News briefs

## Senior/retiree workshops set

THUMB – Senior and Retiree Survival 2020, a series of free educational workshops designed for those ages 50 and older, will be presented this week in various locations.

The workshops include two slated for Tuesday, Jan. 21 – the first at 11 a.m. at the Caro District Library in Caro, and the second starting at 2:30 p.m. at Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City.

Among the topics will be learning how to protect assets and your home from nursing home expenses under new laws, how to turn disappointing 401K returns into a guaranteed income for life, the difference between Medicare and Medicaid and what they pay, how to reduce or eliminate taxes on Social Security income, the advantages and disadvantages of having a fixed indexed annuity, how to avoid probate, and how new estate recovery laws affect you.

Seating is limited. Registration is required and can be completed by calling 1-877-326-6722 or by visiting the website [www.seniorcare-ofmichigan.com](http://www.seniorcare-ofmichigan.com).

## Elder scams focus of program

CARO – The Caro Area District Library, 840 W. Frank St., Caro, will host an elder scam prevention program Thursday, Jan. 30, from 6 to 7 p.m.

Michigan State Police Community Service Trooper Nicole Dhooghe will present on the types of scams currently plaguing the community and ways to prevent falling for them. She will be joined by Detective Trooper Adam Green from MSP Computer Crimes Unit and Martin Hall of Team One Credit Union.

No registration is required for this free program.

## Poultry clinic slated Jan. 18

DEFORD – The Tuscola County 4-H Small Livestock Committee will offer a poultry clinic Saturday, Jan. 18, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Deford Christian Academy, 1392 N. Kingston Rd., Deford.

This free clinic is open to youths ages five to 19 and is designed for those planning to show/sell poultry at the 2020 Tuscola County Fair.

Topics will include bird anatomy and identification to assist youth in answering showmanship questions. There will also be live birds on hand, but participants should not bring their own poultry. The day will also feature group games and projects and snacks.

For more information or to register, contact Tuscola County MSU Extension, 362 Green St., Caro, by calling (989) 672-3870 or via email at [coope305@msu.edu](mailto:coope305@msu.edu).

## Habitat has funding for repairs

THUMB — The Habitat for Humanity of Lapeer-Tuscola Critical Home Repair Program has money to pay for home repairs for those who qualify.

Eligible repairs include heating and cooling systems, wells, septic systems, roofs, handicap ramps, exterior doors and windows. The program pays up to \$7,500 for approved repairs.

Applicants must have a household income less than 80 percent of the area median income, own their own house and have lived in the home for at least six months.

Applications for the program are in the process of being accepted.

In addition, the U.S. Department of Agriculture also has grants available to people who are 62 years old and older, and 20-year loans with an interest rate of 1.5 percent for those who are younger and meet income guidelines.

More information about the program is available by call Habitat for Humanity Lapeer-Tuscola at (810) 664-7111.

## Residents urged to cast votes

THUMB – Efforts are underway to encourage as many voters as possible to cast their votes in the coming election.

Those who would like an absentee ballot for the presidential primary election March 10 are urged to request one from their local clerk, or by downloading one from the website [www.michigan.gov](http://www.michigan.gov). Fill out the ballot and return it to your clerk.

## CAN fundraiser slated Feb 7

BAD AXE — The CAN Council-Great Lakes Bay Region will host its 24th annual roof top sit fundraiser Friday, Feb. 7.

Teams from area schools, businesses and other groups will take turns sitting on the roof of McDonald's Food and Family Center to raise funds for the CAN Council, a non-profit advocacy that works to protect children against abuse and neglect.

More information is available by calling (989) 752-7226.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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

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

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

Elkland Township Planning Commission  
 Gary Jones, Zoning Administrator

# Candela: productive year in Ubly

by Mary Drier  
 For the Chronicle

With the start of a new year, Ubly School District Superintendent Joe Candela recently reflected on what has happened so far during the 2019-20 school year.

Last year was an exciting one for the school district.

“In April, we kicked off the building project with the footing being dug for the four new classrooms and administrative office,” said Candela. “The project is about 95 percent complete, with contractors finishing up some small projects and punch list items.”

“Overall, the project has been a success; the updated media center, big gym, classrooms and the new addition will provide for a better learning environment for all our kids.”

Candela lauded voters for supporting the school district and understanding the importance of providing good facilities for students to learn and succeed.

During the May 2018 elections, Ubly voters approved an \$8.7 million bond. There was a groundbreaking in March 2019 to kick off the additions and upgrades to the 1957, 1966, 1936 and the 1992 wings. The four new classrooms added about 6,000-square feet of space.

“And, as we work on a second year with the new reading CKLA (Core Knowledge Language Arts), our students have shown great growth in our overall academic performance on last year’s M-STEP (exam). As our teachers and students continue to work with the new reading series and with our continued interventions, our academic results should continue to improve,” he said.

“Overall, I am very pleased with the focus that has happened with both the teachers and administration on the new reading curriculum and our priority on reading at the elementary,” Candela added.

CKLA is a comprehensive program targeting students in preschool through fifth grade with a focus on reading, writing, listening and speaking while also building students’ vocabulary and knowledge across essential subjects in literature, world and American history, and the sciences.

“As we look at the new year to come, we will continue to advance the curriculum of our math program in elementary and high school by reviewing our current curriculum. We will also look at expanding our ‘on the job training’ program at the high school with juniors and seniors,” Candela

said. “We are hopeful that we will have some opportunities available for our students in the spring.”

Candela also noted the accomplishments of the district’s student

athletes.

The varsity football team went all the way to the state semi-finals, while the girls’ volleyball squad won their way to the quarterfinals.

## Koylton officials eye road work this year

by Mary Drier  
 For the Chronicle

Koylton Township officials recently reviewed proposed road work for the coming year.

Supervisor Doug Kramer along with Al Jacobs, who is a foreman with the Tuscola County Road Commission, conducted an inspection of township roads and developed a map showing recommended areas for crushed gravel repair work.

Road list includes:

- \*Clothier Road, from Harris Road to Centerline Road.
- \*Phillips Road, with patching by Birch Drive.
- \*English Road, with patching from Livermore Road to Snover Road.
- \*Cemetery Road, from Denhoff Road to Brief Road.
- \*Cemetery Road, from Brief Road to Cartwright Road.
- \*Denhoff Road, a half-mile between Clothier Road and White Creek Road.
- \*Harris Road, from White Creek Road to Koylette Road.
- \*Clothier Road, from Mayville Road to Marlette Road.

In other business, the board decided to pass on hosting a free collection of unwanted tires through an offer from Tuscola County Recycling and Tuscola County Mosquito Abatement that is conducted during the summer in an effort to removed tires that serve as breeding areas for mosquitos.

The board also granted a special land-use permit to Amy and Ben Ken to operate a craft and antique store, Amy’s Country Crafts; and appointed Rod Friday, Jr. to fill the vacancy on the planning commission.

## Argyle board adopts guidelines

by Mary Drier  
 For the Chronicle

The Argyle Township Board has adopted guidelines that could lower property tax debt for low-income residents.

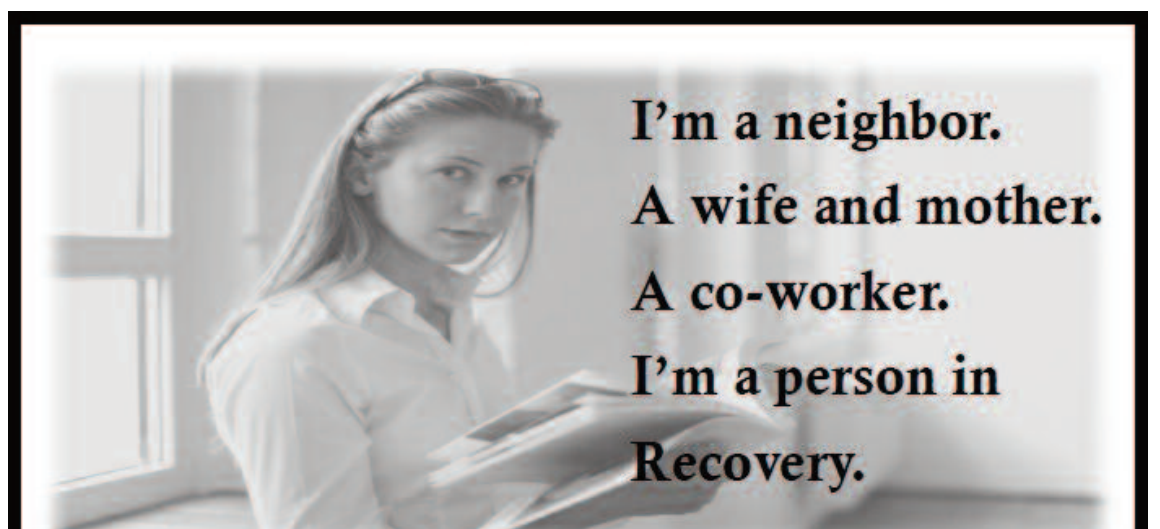
The board recently reviewed the new poverty-exemption policy and guidelines, and approved setting the township’s guidelines at the same values as the federal guidelines. As a result, if a property owner meets low-income requirements and other criteria, their property tax debt could be lowered using the poverty-exemption policy.

The board also discussed the possibility of seeking a Headlee rollback, outlined in the state constitution, in which millage rates are adjusted down from the original amount requested. Headlee requires a local unit of government to reduce a millage when annual growth on existing property is greater than the rate of inflation.

In those cases, a local governmental unit’s millage rate can be “rolled back” so that the resulting growth in property tax revenue is no more than the rate of inflation.

The board did not take action on asking voters to approve a Headlee override, which would return the millage rate to the originally authorized amount.

In other business, the township board accepted the resignation of Nira Adair, zoning board of appeals member.



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# Sheriff promotes 2 in Sanilac County

Sanilac County Sheriff Garry Biniecki recently announced a pair of promotions within his department.

Biniecki said he's promoted deputies Tracy Kensley and Aaron Morden to the rank of corrections sergeant.

Sgt. Kensley began her career at the sheriff's department in July, 2012 and has held many positions, including corrections deputy, L.E.I.N. tac officer, background investigator and field training officer.

She resides in the Crosswell area

with her two daughters.

Sgt. Morden began his career at the sheriff's office in August 2011 and has also held a number of positions. They include corrections deputy, critical incident stress team member and field training officer.

Morden resides in the Decker area with his wife, Stephanie, and the couple's children.

"We are proud to have these two new sergeants and are looking forward to seeing all they can accomplish in their continued service to the public," Biniecki said.



Sgt. Aaron Morden



Sgt. Tracy Kensley



TUSCOLA COUNTY Sheriff Glen Skrent (left) swears in new Deputy William Webster last week.

## Tuscola County Sheriff's Department welcomes new road officer last week

The Tuscola County Sheriff's Department last week officially welcomed a new officer, as Sheriff Glen Skrent swore in Deputy William Webster as a deputy sheriff.

A Kingston High School graduate, Webster graduated from the Delta College Police Academy in December. The Deford area resident will now complete a 13-week field training course at the sheriff's department and begin working as a road officer.

Skrent shared the oath of office recited by Webster during his swearing-in ceremony: "I...do solemnly swear that I will support the constitution of the United States, and the constitution of the state of Michigan, and I will faithfully discharge the duties of

deputy sheriff, in and for the county of Tuscola, state of Michigan, to the best of my ability, so help me God."



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The meeting will be held **January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.** at the

**Evergreen Township Hall** located at 5539 Shabbona Rd., Decker, MI 48426

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**BAD AXE'S Jensen Emerick is closely guarded by Cass City's Collen Wrubel during Friday's GTW play.**

## Koehler's buzzer beater keeps Kingston perfect

Aaron Koehler became a household name throughout the Thumb Friday after lifting Kingston past host Dryden during a North Central Thumb League thriller.

With an exciting 52-51 win, Kingston improved to 6-0 overall and 3-0 in league play. Dryden, meanwhile, slips to 3-3 overall and 0-2 in conference action.

The contest was every bit as close as the final margin indicated. The hosts led 15-14 after one quarter, but trailed 23-20 after two.

It was more of the same in the final half, as Dryden was able to slice a single point from the margin entering the final 8 minutes, where things really got interesting.

Dryden's Jack Kaplan was a force from the opening whistle and he had his team poised for an upset as the hosts grabbed a 51-49 edge in the closing seconds.

Koehler, however, with ice in his veins, connected on a shot from behind the 3-point arc as time expired to keep Kingston unblemished on the season.

"This was an absolute grind all night. Both teams played great defense. We were fortunate to get the last shot of the game and Aaron made a clutch shot. His 3-point shot at buzzer gave Kingston a big win over rival Dryden. We are

thrilled to start the season 6-0," said Kingston Coach Dave Lester.

Koehler's heroics tell only a portion of his contributions on the night as he led Kingston with 14 points. Evan Neff added 11 points and 8 rebounds for the visitors.

Kaplan led Dryden with a game-high 19 points.

Also last week, Kingston entertained Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Tuesday and delivered the Lakers their first loss.

Fast starts had the Cardinals up 20-9 after one frame and then increased the margin to 41-26 by the intermission. The visitors would outscore their hosts in both final half quarters, but it proved too little, too late as Kingston prevailed, 72-66.

"We got off to a great start. Give credit to Lakers, they are a great team that went on a big run to make it interesting. This was a good test for us. We faced some adversity in the 4th quarter and responded well," Lester said.

Neff turned in a big game for the winners and finished with 26 points and 9 steals. Marco Saenz de Lacuesta added 20 points, while Jack Green chipped in 10 points and 7 rebounds.

Mason Williams led Lakers with 17 points, while Sawyer Kozfkay added 16 and Dylan Wehner chipped with 12.

## Lady Cards post easy wins

The Kingston Lady Cardinals had little trouble improving to 7-0 last week with a pair of lopsided victories over Dryden and Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port schools.

On Friday at Dryden, Coach Jay Green's gals held their hosts to single digits in each of the final three quarters to help claim a 46-25 decision in North Central Thumb League play.

"Our defense improved in the second half. Dryden battled us, but we finally created some separation in the third quarter," Green said.

Hannah James poured in 17 tallies and Payton Kolacz added 11 for Kingston.

Hannah Peyerk's 11 points were tops for Dryden.

Earlier in the week, on Tuesday, host Kingston cruised to a 48-21 win over Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port.

"We moved the ball well and got a number of good looks throughout the game. Defensively, we were dialed in and didn't allow Lakers to make any runs," said Green.

The winners led by 8 points after one quarter, 17 points after two and 30 after three before being outscored 9-6 in the final 8 minutes.

Brooke Mooney with 13 points and Kolacz with 11 points led Kingston, while James and Isabel Hurd each scored 8 points.

Emma Irion had 13 points for Lakers.

## Upset-minded Cass City falls just short to GTW leaders

It seems the uglier the game bodes well for the Cass City Red Hawks basketball team.

After collecting their first win Wednesday over Marlette in a sloppy Greater Thumb Conference crossover contest between two winless teams, Coach Aaron Fernald's Red Hawks gave visiting undefeated Bad Axe all they could handle Friday in a low scoring affair before bowing 38-37.

Cass City trailed from start to finish against Bad Axe, but with just two seconds remaining in regulation was sent to the foul line for

a one-and-one situation that had the Greater Thumb West leaders in shock as the hosts were poised to knock their guests from the unbeaten ranks.

But the freebee was off the mark and Bad Axe escaped with a slim one-point win.

"It was good to get a win on Wednesday against Marlette. We played a good 2nd half and did a nice job of sharing the basketball. We lost a tough one on Friday to Bad Axe. Just came up a little short. Overall we are continuing to improve but just have to do a

better job of executing on offense," said Cass City Coach Fernald.

Despite a team that features two sophomores and not much height, the visitors outscored Cass City in each of the first three quarters. They led 12-10 after one, 24-17 after two and 34-24 after three.

Refusing to do away quickly, Cass City used treys by Sandyn Cuthrell and Kendall Anthes, plus a pair of field goals from Alex Perry, to remove a double digit advantage in the final stanza.

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## Lady Red Hawk cagers lacking consistency

The Cass City girls' basketball team rode a 3-game win streak, in addition to recording a season-high 52 points in their latest victory, into Thursday's Greater Thumb West contest in Bad Axe, but it wouldn't be enough to turn back the Hatchets.

Laken Chapin scored seven quick points to help the hosts trade punches with Cass City in the early going, as the two teams played to a 10-10 tie entering the second quarter.

Defense ruled in the period before the break. Cass City was limited to a lone field goal by Abbey Salcido, while Bad Axe used solo baskets by Sophie Stuart and Camryn Affer to claim a slim 16-14 advantage after two quarters.

Stuart continued to have her way in the final half and poured in nine of her 11 points on the night to hold off the visitors.

A balanced attack by Bad Axe in the third stanza offset Cass City's one woman show in the period by Saylor Cuthrell who scored all seven of the Red Hawks markers leading into the final 8 minutes.

Chapin hit her second 3-pointer of the night in the closing minutes and a 3-for-5 team effort at the foul line down the stretch prevented any comeback hopes Cass City may have been entertaining.

Stuart paced Bad Axe with 11

points, while Chapin chipped in 10.

For Cass City, Cuthrell was the lone player to reach double digits with 10 points, while Salcido and Tiara Anthony each scored 7.

### MARLETTE

Earlier in the week, Cass City raced out to a 21-12 margin against visiting Marlette on their way to a 52-45 Greater Thumb Conference crossover win, Tuesday.

Haven Bouverette and Anthony

both scored six points to fuel the early run for Cass City, while Cuthrell took over the scoring chores after the intermission.

Leading 31-21, Cuthrell tossed in a pair of treys in the third frame and added another bomb in the deciding frame to help secure the win. Cuthrell got plenty of help from Anthony in the final two quarters as she netted eight of her game-high 18 points after the halfway mark.

Joining Anthony in double figures for Cass City was Cuthrell with 16 points.

## Lady Bulldogs trade NCTL wins

The Owen-Gage girls traded North Central Thumb League decisions last week, bowing to host Caseville Tuesday before knocking off visiting Carsonville-Port Sanilac on Friday.

Against the Tigers, the hosts held their visitors to just 5 points over the two middle quarters resulting in a 26-16 win.

"Good hard fought victory, the girls earned it. Played good and our defense was the key," said Owen-Gage Coach Bob Haldane.

Libby Ondrajka scored 7 points, while Carley Haldane and Allison Haldane scored 6 points apiece to led Owen-Gage. Carley Haldane also hauled in a team-high 10 rebounds and Allison Haldane was credited with a team-best 6 steals.

CPS had Lilly Grigg and Steph Cahoon split 6 points in vain. Against the Eagles, Chelsea Breismeister scored 15 points and Emma Hopkins chipped in a dozen as the hosts collected a tight 33-28 victory.

Dana Morrish scored 9 points and grabbed 6 rebounds and one steal to pace Owen-Gage. Madelyn Haldane, one of four Haldane sisters on the team, collected 6 rebounds and passed for five assists.

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### GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Jan. 14

Sandusky @ Harbor Beach  
 USA @ Cass City  
 Bad Axe @ Reese  
 Capac @ Ubly

Thursday, Jan. 16

Vassar @ Cass City  
 Peck @ Kingston  
 O-G @ Akron-Fairgrove  
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### BOYS' BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Jan. 14

Genesee @ Kingston

Wednesday, Jan. 15

USA @ Cass City  
 Bad Axe @ Reese  
 Capac @ Ubly  
 Sandusky @ Harbor Beach

Friday, Jan. 17

Cass City @ Vassar  
 Peck @ Kingston  
 O-G @ Akron-Fairgrove  
 Caro @ USA  
 Reese @ EPBP  
 Harbor Beach @ Ubly  
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# Showdown tonight for Cass City grapplers

Despite an unblemished Greater Thumb Conference record, the Cass City wrestling team will have their hands full tonight when they travel to Caro for a critical double-dual match in league play.

Coach Don Markel's Red Hawks will enter the showdown following last week's Greater Thumb Conference matches at Vassar, where Cass City improved to 5-0 in the Greater Thumb Conference dual meet standings with a 45-15 win over Ubyly and a 63-12 win over host Vassar.

Double winners for Cass City were: Hunter Turnbull, Zach Cowdry, Matt Ferri, Drew Markel, Tristan Swiderski, Ryan Pisarek and Hunter Caister.

"We wrestled well last Wednesday," said Markel. "We now face Caro and Capac this Wednesday, both of whom are 4-1 in the GTC and will present a huge challenge in our quest to capture a league title."

The complete results against Ubyly were: 285: Ethan Smalley (UBLY) over Caden Caister (CASS CITY) (Fall 1:31) 103: Hunter Turnbull (CASS CITY) over Jenna Stambaugh (UBLY) (Fall 1:35) 112: Zachary Cowdry (CASS CITY) over (UBLY) (For.) 119: Double Forfeit 125: Michael Mausolf (UBLY) over Cameron Gottschalk (CASS CITY) (Dec 2-1) 130: Matthew Ferri (CASS CITY) over (UBLY) (For.) 135: Drew Markel (CASS CITY) over (UBLY) (For.) 140: Lucas Swiderski (CASS CITY) over (UBLY) (For.) 145: Double Forfeit 152: Tristan Swiderski (CASS CITY) over Hunter Faber (UBLY) (Fall 4:56) 160: Logan Mueller (UBLY) over Dylan Halpin (CASS CITY) (Dec 9-3) 171: Ryan Pisarek (CASS CITY) over Austin Burk (UBLY) (Fall 5:01) 189: Hunter Caister (CASS CITY) over Shane Osantowski (UBLY) (Dec 9-6) 215: Logan Hulburt (UBLY) over Matthew Mihalic (CASS CITY) (Dec 9-5).

The complete results against Vassar were: 285: Caden Caister (CASS CITY) over (VASSAR) (For.) 103: Hunter Turnbull (CASS CITY) over (VASSAR) (For.) 112: Zachary Cowdry (CASS CITY) over (VASSAR) (For.) 119: Winter Green (VASSAR) over (CASS CITY) (For.) 125: Cameron Gottschalk (CASS CITY) over (VASSAR) (For.) 130: Matthew Ferri (CASS CITY) over (VASSAR) (For.) 135: Drew Markel (CASS CITY) over (VASSAR) (For.) 140: Zachary Elisech (VASSAR) over Lucas Swiderski (CASS CITY) (Fall 3:29) 145: Tristan Swiderski (CASS CITY) over (VASSAR) (For.) 152: Double Forfeit 160: Ryan Pisarek (CASS CITY) over Connor Rayment (VASSAR) (Dec 5-2) 171: Dylan Halpin (CASS CITY) over Jesse Hoehne (VASSAR) (Fall 1:02) 189: Hunter Caister (CASS CITY) over (VASSAR) (For.) 215: Matthew Mihalic (CASS CITY) over (VASSAR) (For.)

Cass City's dual meet record now stands at 12-4.



**THE CASS CITY bowling teams are under the direction of first year Coach T.C. Gruber. They are: (front row, l-r) Rachel Skiles, Wanasaphan Sanworanart, Mariah Mellendorf (back row) Coach Gruber, Ethan Hunt, Miguel Orive, Justin Schaufele, Jeffrey Mathewson, Evan Roggenbuck and Kevin Estrella. Missing are Carlie McFarland, Leevy Matthews, Isabella Hill and Peerapat Jantayotee.**

## Tumblers exceeding expectations

A successful week for the Cass City co-op gymnastic team saw the Lady Red Hawks record its second regional team qualifying score in early season competition. Always a preseason goal for veteran Coach Kathy Bouverette, only two more scores of at least 120 are now needed for Cass City tumblers to advance into the regional round.

On Tuesday, Cass City earned a team regional qualifying score of 124.875, the team's highest point total to this point of the season.

"Congratulations to the gymnastics team on a very successful meet at Vassar," said Bouverette, adding the Hawks have 7 meets remaining in the regular season.

Placing for Cass City on Vault was Katelyn Grifka (Ubyly) and Lauren Peters who tied for 4th place with scores of 8.5. On the Bars, Grifka was 4th with a score of 7.2 and Madison Beckrow 5th with a score of 7.1.

The team's best finish was posted by Hanna Dobson who was runner-up on the Beam with a score of 9.0, while on the Floor, Olivia Schuette came in third, Grifka 4th and Alexis Blackstock (Bad Axe) 5th with scores of 8.6, 8.5 and 8.45, respectively.

Gymnasts for Cass City that received a 4th individual regional qualifying score were Lauren Peters in the Vault, while Grifka will head to regionals in both the Vault and Floor.

Gymnasts that received a third regional qualifying score were: Beckrow on the Vault (8.025), Katie Mendrick on the Beam

(7.75) and on the Floor Schuette (8.6) and Blackstock (8.45).

Gymnasts that received a 2nd regional qualifying score on Vault were Alaina Fluegge - 8.15, Mendrick - 7.95 and Hanna Dobson - 8.05. On Bars was Katelyn Grifka - 7.2, on Beam was Schuette - 7.95 and on Floor was Hanna Dobson - 8.1

Gymnasts that received their first regional qualifying scores were, on Bars: Beckrow - 7.1; Beam: Dobson - 9.0; and Floor: Beckrow - 8.05

### FRASER INVITE

The gymnastics team traveled to Fraser on Saturday and placed 6th

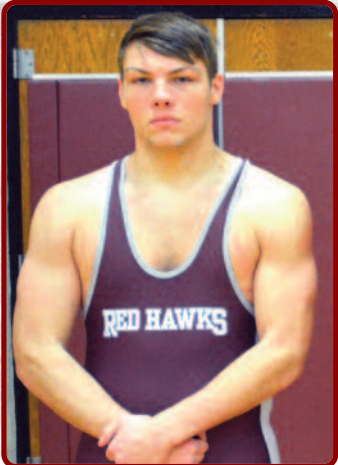
with a team score of 112.80. Leading the way with Top 10 showings was Grifka on Vault - 9th (8.15), Bars - 7th (7.0), Floor - 6th (8.45) and All Around - 5th (30.125). Mendrick was 7th on Beam (7.7) and Alexis Blackstock was 9th on Floor (8.3).

Gymnasts who received regional qualifiers on Vault was Fluegge (7.95) and Grifka (8.15), Bars was Grifka (7.0), beam was Mendrick (7.7) and Floor was Dobson (7.8), Blackstock (8.3) and Grifka (8.45).

"We were unable to reach our team qualifier on Saturday but considering we were down 4 key players I thought we still did a great job," Bouverette said.

## Cass City Red Hawk

# ATHLETE OF THE WEEK




Knights Insurance proudly presents Hunter Caister as their first athlete of the week.

Caister is a senior on the Cass City wrestling team where he currently holds a record of 18-1. His only loss came recently against Oscoda. He hopes to make it to states this season and has been working hard and focusing on his goals.

Caister is the son of Doug and Andrea Caister. He plans to attend Ferris State University in the fall to pursue a career in the insurance field.

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### BOYS' BASKETBALL (JV/VARSITY)

DATE	OPPONENT
12/13	Ubly 42, CC 39
12/20	EPB 62, CC 52
1/08	CC 53, Marlette 37
1/10	Bad Axe 38, CC 37
<b>1/15</b>	<b>USA</b>
1/17	Vassar
1/22	Caro
<b>1/24</b>	<b>S.A.A.S. ....TBA</b>
1/29	EPB Lakers
<b>1/31</b>	<b>Reese - Snowcoming</b>
2/05	Capac
2/07	Bad Axe
2/12	USA
<b>2/14</b>	<b>Vassar - 40 yr. Anniv. Team</b>
<b>2/19</b>	<b>Caro</b>
2/21	Harbor Beach
<b>2/26</b>	<b>Montrose</b>
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	CC 52, Marlette 45
1/09	Bad Axe 36, CC 27
<b>1/14</b>	<b>USA</b>
<b>1/16</b>	<b>Vassar</b>
1/21	Caro
<b>1/24</b>	<b>S.A.A.S. ....6:30</b>
1/28	EPB Lakers
<b>1/30</b>	<b>Reese</b>
<b>2/06</b>	<b>Bad Axe</b>
2/11	USA
2/13	Vassar
<b>2/18</b>	<b>Caro</b>
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	<b>Mayville/Marlette</b>	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	<b>Vassar/Ubly</b>	6:00 p.m.
1/11	Flushing Team Tourney	8:00 a.m.
1/15	<b>Caro/Capac</b>	6:00 p.m.
1/18	Mayville Team Tourney	9:00 a.m.
<b>1/22</b>	<b>Bad Axe/Brown City</b>	<b>6:00 a.m.</b>
1/25	Yale Team Tourney	9:00 a.m.
<b>1/29</b>	<b>Sandusky/Memphis</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
2/01	Clio Team Tourney	9:00 a.m.
2/08	GTC League Meet-Memphis	9:00 a.m.
<b>2/13</b>	<b>Team Districts - Cass City</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
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
<b>1/7</b>	<b>Harbor Beach</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>
1/9	North Huron @ Bad Axe	4:00 p.m.
1/14	USA	4:00 p.m.
1/16	Caro	4:00 p.m.
<b>1/21</b>	<b>CPS</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>
<b>1/23</b>	<b>Reese</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>
<b>1/28</b>	<b>Brown City</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>
1/30	Bad Axe	4:00 p.m.
<b>2/04</b>	<b>Sandusky</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>
<b>2/06</b>	<b>Boys @ Cass City</b>	<b>TBA</b>
2/08	Singles @ Sandusky	TBA
2/11	Girls @ Capac	TBA
2/15	Team @ Caro	TBA

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# Supreme Court lifts cell phone ban

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Outside the courtroom, judges and court administrators can limit or terminate activity that is deemed disruptive to court operations or that compromise court security. Inside the courtroom, use is subject to a judge's authority to terminate activity that is disruptive or distracting to a court proceeding, or contrary to the administration of justice. And, judges can sanction violators.

The high court states the rule change improves access to courts and was largely based on national models already adopted in other states. The new rule does not affect the ability of the media to record court proceedings with permission of a judge.

The cell phone ban at the Tuscola County Courthouse has been in place since 2013 following a decision reached by the county's judges at the time.

Tuscola County Circuit Court Judge Amy Grace Gierhart, who is also the county's chief judge, said she doesn't agree with the Michigan Supreme Court's new ruling, "but we don't really have a choice."

Gierhart said she believes the decision to prohibit phones in the first place was — and is — a good one for several reasons, including the potential for disruptions in the courtroom, accidental or otherwise.

"There's no way to police it, if you don't stop it at the door," she said. "Now, we're going to have them going off all the time."

Secondly and more importantly, she added, allowing cell phones in the courthouse opens up the possibility of compromising the integrity of jury trials in which, for example, witnesses have sequestered (isolated until their time to testify so that they do not hear the testimony of others). "And we can't have jurors Googling or otherwise looking up information" that is not part of the testimony/facts presented during a trial.

"The logic behind it (prohibiting cell phones) is there's a whole lot of things phones can do," Gierhart said. "Every time you turn around, these phones can do more than they could yesterday."

Tuscola County District Court

Judge Jason Bitzer said he can see both positive and negative impacts related to the rule change.

"I certainly feel that the Supreme Court recognized the positives in allowing people to have cell phones in the courtroom," he said. "In district court, a number of individuals choose to represent themselves. Often times a cell-phone contains valuable evidence important to that individual's case."

"When the ban was in place, attorneys were still allowed to bring in their cell phone. This, in my opinion, created an unfair advantage when an unrepresented party had a case against a party represented by an attorney," Bitzer added.

"Also, when someone has a case in district court, they may be here for a few hours, or even an entire day. To prevent them access from their cell phone could mean that this person misses important, time-sensitive messages from their family and employer. Further, a number of individuals rely on someone else transporting them to court. In that scenario,

that person has no way to contact their ride when their court case is over.

On the other hand, Bitzer continued, "Allowing cell phones to be used while in the courtroom increases the potential for distraction."

"One of the main objectives for the court is to document every word said within a case by a party, witness, attorney or judge. This is important for so many reasons. But this is already a difficult task. Allowing cellphones, and the noise associated with cell phones, will increase that difficulty," he explained.

"Also, even though there is a prohibition against an individual using their cell phones to record proceedings in court, this is bound to happen, and it will be nearly impossible to police."

"I am not worried about the recording itself, but more so about the various ways to manipulate that recording to misrepresent what actually was said or what happened."

## Court announces amnesty period

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However, the court will not waive the \$45 fee charged for reinstating a suspended driver's license.

"If a person cannot pay in full but appears and makes a substantial payment, they will not be arrested or incarcerated, and their warrant will be canceled," Long said. "If an approved payment plan is set up to pay the remaining balance, the late fees, warrant fees and order to show cause fees may also be waived, with the exception of the \$45 for reinstating a suspended license."

"The hope is that this program will be tremendously successful," said Tuscola County District Court Judge Jason E. Bitzer.

"First, it will allow the court to clear a backlog of warrants and save on the costs and resources necessary to collect on these debts. Second, it will allow individuals who have a warrant for their arrest or a suspended driver's license because of their failure to pay, the chance to correct these issues," Bitzer added.

Long echoed those comments, saying similar amnesty programs launched in other counties have achieved both goals.

"The response to other courts has been wonderful," she said, adding the programs allow residents to finally settle their worries over warrants, while enabling court officials to lighten a backlog of paperwork.

"Old warrants must be validated every so often, (and) it's time consuming for the court to do so," Long explained. "So, if we can clean up some of those old warrants, that will cut down on the time the clerk spends pulling them...and validating them again."

"It's beneficial to the (citizen) and beneficial to the court."

The Tuscola County District Court amnesty program will be in effect from Monday, Feb. 24, until Friday, March 20.

More information, including details regarding eligibility for this amnesty program, is available by calling court officials at (989) 672-3800.

Once the program ends, the court will resume its aggressive collection efforts on unpaid fines, costs and fees, Long noted.



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# Obituaries

## Doris Lefler

Doris Marie Lefler, 82, of Mayville, died peacefully on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 in Covenant Medical Center Cooper Campus, Saginaw.

She was born June 9, 1937 in Parisville to Thomas and Theresa (Chemileski) Miller.

She married Robert E. "Buck" Lefler May 15, 1965 in Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Bad Axe. He died May 3, 2002.

Doris graduated from Harbor Beach High School in 1955. She worked in the dietary field for Huron Memorial Hospital and retired after 45 years. Doris was a busy body and kept her house in perfect order, always clean and tidy. She enjoyed the challenge of word search puzzles. Doris was a good cook and made fantastic meatloaf. She loved the company of Rocky and Cody, her Pembroke Corgis.

Doris is survived by her son, Aaron Lefler of Mayville; grandsons: Jarred Lefler of Kinde, Jacob Lefler of Caro, Zachary Lefler of Mayville and Christian Lefler of Mayville; step-grandson, John Bedore of Caro; great-granddaughter, Freya Lefler; sister, Norma Kolasa of Williamston; sister-in-law, Adele Miller of Imlay City; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Arthur Miller; and brother-in-law, Frank Kolasa.

A funeral service was held Saturday, January 11, 2020 in Our Lady Consolata Parish, St. Pancratius Catholic Church of Cass City with the Rev. T.J. Fleming officiating.

Interment will be in Johnson Cemetery, Lamotte Township.

Memorials may be made to the Humane Society of Tuscola County.

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

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.



## Arlene Lowe

Arlene Lowe, 86, of Deford, passed away on Friday, Jan. 10, at Tuscola County Medical Care Facility surrounded by her family.

She was born Oct. 20, 1933 to the late Stanley and Velma (King) Wills.

Arlene married Gerald Lowe in her parent's home in Greenleaf Twp., on April 17, 1954. He passed away Feb. 4, 2006.

She was a member of Mizpah Missionary Church and enjoyed farming, driving the tractor and milking cows, gardening, canning and quilting and loved time with and watching her grandchildren.

Arlene is survived by her daughters, Lorna (Timothy) Dorland, of Deford and LuEllen (Tim) Romain of Caro; grandchildren, Trent (Carol) Dorland of Deford, Monica (Scott) Bostian of Kingston, Megan (Andrew) DeGraaf of Caro, Kristina (Dirk) Hartman of Unionville and Eric Romain of Chicago, IL; great-grandchildren, Hunter, Logan and Nathan Hartman, Seth, Marissa and Ava Dorland and Ellie and Layla Bostian; brother, Harold Wills, sister-in-law, Violet Wills, both of Cass City; special friend, Robert Brunner of Kingston; sisters-in-law, Georgine (Clare) Brown of Uby, Anna Lowe of Shields, Mary Ann Lowe of Deford and Linda (Elwyn) Helwig of Cass City; brother-in-law, Dale Lowe of Snover.

She was predeceased by great-grandchildren, Justin Aaron and Micheal Aaron Dorland; sisters and brothers-in-law, Dorothy and Don Wessels, Lee Wills, Karen Wills, Orwood Lowe, Dean Lowe, Keith Lowe, Elaine and Russell Hillaker and Robert and Wenola Lowe.

Visitation will be Tue., Jan. 14, from 9 a.m. until an 11 a.m. service at Deford Community Church, 1392 Kingston Rd. Pastors Dale Bullock and J. T. Mabe will officiate.

Burial will be in Evergreen Twp. Cemetery at a later date.

Memorials may be made to Mizpah Missionary Church, or Tuscola County Medical Care Facility.

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# Legal Notices

## Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

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

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to ac-

tive duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

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## Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Tuscola County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on February 13, 2020. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Edna M. MacDonald and Richard L. MacDonald, 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): Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC  
Date of Mortgage: June 4, 2003

Date of Mortgage Recording: June 17, 2003  
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$67,879.93  
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Dayton, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: The West 10 Acres of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 21, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, Dayton Township, Tuscola County, Michigan. Right of Way for Snover Road over the Southerly side thereof.

Common street address (if any): 3267 E Snover Rd, Mayville, MI 48744-9513

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

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

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tive duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: January 15, 2020  
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31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145  
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## Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Scott D. Fox and Vicky D. Fox, husband and wife

Original Mortgagee: American General Financial Services (DE), Inc.  
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Plaza Revolving Trust

Date of Mortgage: January 20, 2006

Date of Mortgage Recording: January 31, 2006

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$142,306.23

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Dayton, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing at the Southwest corner of Section 33, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, Dayton Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, thence North 00 degrees 30 minutes West 755 feet along the West Section line to the point of beginning. Running thence North 89 degrees 28 minutes East 1160.63 feet; thence North 00 degrees 26 minutes West to the North line of the South 1/2 of Southwest 1/4 of said Section 33; thence South 89 degrees 24 minutes 38 seconds West to the West Section line; thence South 00 degrees 30 minutes East 572.38 feet to the point of beginning. Being part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 33, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, Dayton Township, Tuscola County, Michigan. Excepting Therefrom: The North 300 feet of West 500 feet of the following described parcel: Commencing at the Southwest corner of sec-

tion 33, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, Dayton Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, thence North 00 degrees 30 minutes West 755 feet along the West Section line to the point of beginning. Running thence North 89 degrees 28 minutes East 1160.63 feet; thence North 00 degrees 26 minutes West to the North line of the South 1/2 of Southwest 1/4 of said Section 33; thence South 89 degrees 24 minutes 38 seconds West to the West Section line; thence South 00 degrees 30 minutes East 572.38 feet to the point of beginning. Being part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 33, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, Dayton Township, Tuscola County, Michigan. Common street address (if any): 6935 Pattison Rd, Mayville, MI 48744-9559

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 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.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

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Date of notice: January 15, 2020

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1-15-4

## Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

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contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Scott Kakowski, a married man

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

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Freedom Mortgage Corporation

Date of Mortgage: July 15, 2016

Date of Mortgage Recording: July 28, 2016  
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$125,826.30

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Village of Kingston, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Lots 4 and 5, Block 8, of Pepoons Addition, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1, Page 39A of Plats, Tuscola County Records

Common street address (if any): 3371 River St, Kingston, MI 48741-9702

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 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.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: January 15, 2020

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at 10:00 am, on February 13, 2020. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Nicklas Jackson, a Single Man  
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Quicken Loans Inc., its successors and assigns  
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Quicken Loans Inc.  
Date of Mortgage: February 16, 2018  
Date of Mortgage Recording: February 16, 2018  
Amount claimed due on mortgage on the date of notice: \$85,703.67  
Description of the mortgaged premises:

Situated in the Township of Almer, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 50, Pine Crest Acres Sub'd, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 15, Tuscola County Records. Commonly Known as: 1572 E. Caro Rd., Caro, MI 48723  
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We will not publish thank you letters of a specific nature, for instance, from a club thanking merchants who donated prizes for a raffle.

# Michigan reports third victim claimed by lung injuries tied to vaping

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) officials last week announced the third death associated with the outbreak of vaping-related lung injuries in the state.

MDHHS was notified about the death of an adult male Dec. 19. No other information about the individual will be released due to confidentiality reasons.

"The tragic death of yet another Michigan resident is a reminder that this outbreak continues," said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, chief medical executive and chief deputy for health for MDHHS. "We extend our deepest condolences to the family."

"I urge people not to use THC-containing e-cigarettes or vaping products until the specific cause of these vaping-related severe lung injuries being reported nationwide has been identified," Khaldun said. "To help with this investigation, we remind health care providers to report patients who may have this condition to their local health department."

Since August 2019, 65 confirmed and probable vaping-related lung injury cases have been reported in Michigan, including the latest death. All cases have been reported in Michigan's Lower Peninsula and most of the individuals have been hospitalized for severe respiratory illness. The victims' age range is 15 to 67.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported that as of Jan. 7, 2,602 cases have been identified in 50 states, the District of Columbia and two territories. This includes 57 deaths in 27 states; this count does not include the third Michigan death.

MDHHS is working closely with the CDC and the federal Food and Drug Administration to get additional information that can help identify the ingredients in the vape materials that are making people sick.

So far, no specific brand of device or e-liquid has been identified. The CDC identified vitamin E acetate as closely associated with vaping-related lung injuries. Vitamin E acetate is used as an additive in THC-containing vaping products.

E-cigarette and/or vaping users should immediately seek medical attention if they develop symptoms such as shortness of breath, chest pain, cough, fever and/or nausea and vomiting.

MDHHS recommend that people not use THC-containing e-cigarette or vaping products, particularly from informal sources such as friends, family or from in-person or online sellers.

E-cigarette and/or vaping products should never be used by youth, young adults or women who are pregnant.

Individuals who do not currently use tobacco products should not start using e-cigarette or vaping products.

Vitamin E acetate should not be added to e-cigarette or vaping products. Additionally, people should not add any other substances not intended by the manufacturer to products, including products purchased through retail establishments.

While it appears that vitamin E acetate is associated with these lung injury cases, there are many different substances and product sources that are being investigated, and there may be more than one cause. Therefore, the best way for people to ensure that they are not at risk while the investigation continues is to consider refraining from the use of all e-cigarette and vaping products.

Adults who continue to use e-cigarette or vaping products should carefully monitor themselves for symptoms, such as shortness of breath, chest pain, cough, fever and/or nausea and vomiting, and see a healthcare provider immediately if they develop symptoms like those reported in this outbreak.

Adults using e-cigarettes or vaping products as an alternative to cigarettes should not go back to smoking; they should weigh all available information and consider using FDA-approved cessation medications. They should contact their healthcare provider if they need help quitting tobacco products, including e-cigarettes. E-cigarettes are not FDA approved as a smoking cessation device.

The following free help is available for individuals who are interested in quitting tobacco:

- \*Call 800-QUIT-NOW (800-784-8669) for adults.
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## NON-DENOMINATIONAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL MEETING

Jeff Keaton, Founder and CEO of RenewaNation, will be leading a discussion about the vision and interest in starting a non-denominational Christian school in the Tuscola area. He and his team will discuss, inspire and equip those who attend with what it takes to give children a Biblical Worldview education.

This evening is open to any parents or people interested in learning and/or becoming a key role in making this vision a reality.

**Date: Sunday, January 26, 2020 at 6 p.m.**

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