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## Update on district budget good news for school officials

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Cass City Schools Chief Financial Officer Allison Zimba offered some good news during her budget revisions report to the board of education Monday night.

The district's updated 2019-20 spending plan includes a projection of roughly \$318,500 more in revenue than when it was adopted at the end of June, according to Zimba, who told board members that the state not only came through with \$240 more in per-pupil funding, but also restored some categorical funding that was previously taken away.

"So, it's just kind of a win-win," she said, adding the other positive piece of the puzzle is tied to enrollment – local school officials projected the loss of 15 students for budget purposes, but ended up with five additional kids.

Much of the windfall will be spent across the board to cover costs such as half-step increases negotiated in the teaching staff's current contract, expenses related to a shifting of staff members for new programs, a boiler maintenance contract at the high school, and repairs for an aging bus fleet as officials await the arrival of new busses in the spring, Zimba said.

Even after those expenditures, Zimba estimates the school will be able to add nearly \$60,000 to the district's fund balance at the end of this fiscal year, boosting the total to \$1,930,884 – an amount equal to more than 19 percent of the general fund budget.

"Overall, we're very happy with that. Things can change next year, but we're very healthy this year," she added.

### Free meals deficit

In another finance-related matter, Zimba reported Cass City's Food Service Budget is expected to lose about \$25,000 following the board's decision last summer to participate in the Community Eligible Provision (CEP) program as part of the national school lunch and breakfast programs.

The project has enabled school officials to offer all students free breakfasts and lunches starting with the 2019-20 school year.

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### Fire in the sky...

**ALTHOUGH** Old Man Winter has firmly established himself in Michigan, residents are still treated to a sunset now and then that offers a sharp contrast to the bitter temperatures and bone-chilling breezes typical of the weather this time of year.

## Village receives \$40,000 donation

by Clarke Haire  
Publisher

Village officials accepted a \$40,000 donation Monday to help with the creation of a splash park at Cass City Recreational Park. The splash park is expected to be located west of Helen Stevens Memorial Pool.

Trustee Tom Herron made the announcement during the council's regular monthly meeting, saying the donor wishes to remain anonymous.

"It's not if, but when" the \$150,000 splash park will be added, village Manager Debbie Powell said regarding backing for the project before Herron made his announcement. "We've already raised \$45,000. That includes a \$25,000 grant from the

Pinney Foundation. We are actively fund raising," she added.

Herron, meanwhile, pushed to purchase splash park equipment in the amount of roughly \$88,000 from Snider Recreation, Ohio, which had representatives on hand to address the council before they agreed to accept half of the total amount due, according to the contract, to get things rolling.

"We are going to have it and it's going to be really nice," Herron said of the splash park.

Also during Monday's 75-minute session, strategic goals for the village were set for 2020 on a 7-0 roll call vote. They are: 1) Update the zoning ordinance, 2) Update the anti-blight ordinance for rental properties, 3) Public education related to the wastewater treatment

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by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Tuscola County Sheriff Glen Skrent managed to spearhead a successful millage campaign during his second year in office, telling voters he would hire additional deputies if residents would approve more funding for his department back in 2017.

Skrent followed through on that promise.

Now, the sheriff's department veteran of more than 41 years has his eye on a second – and, he says, last – four-year term as sheriff in hopes of tackling an even bigger challenge; construction of a new and badly-needed jail complex.

Skrent was first elected sheriff in 2016 and quickly found himself facing a millage campaign when it became clear his department wouldn't be able to continue providing Tuscola County's only 24-hour-a-day countywide law enforcement presence in an area encompassing more than 816 square miles.

Voters subsequently approved a road patrol funding increase of .43

of a mill – from .9 of a mill to 1.33 mills – for eight years, generating an additional \$747,000 annually.

As promised, Skrent has hired the extra deputies and established a K-9 unit now staffed by Deputy Ryan Robinson and K-9 Blek.

"And we're using the K-9 more than I thought we would," Skrent commented last week as he talked about his plans to seek another four-year term in office. "Our K-9 unit has proven valuable not only to our department, but to all the departments in the county."

"The last few years have seen an increase in violent crime in our county, and the resource of more deputies has greatly increased the successful investigation and prosecution of these offenders," said Skrent, who has overseen establishment of a Critical Incident



Sheriff Glen Skrent

Stress Management (CISM) program designed to assist all of the county's first responders with the mental stresses involved in re-

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## Ruth firm making case for new local mining operation

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Representatives of a Huron County firm will make their case for opening a gravel mining operation just east of Cass City during a public hearing in front of the Elkland Township Planning Commission Thursday, Feb. 6.

The hearing is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. at the Elkland Township Hall, 6691 Church St., Cass City.

The purpose of the hearing will be to consider an application submitted by A3 Crushing and Aggregate LLC, Ruth, for a special land use permit to open a mining operation at 4312 Crawford Rd., Cass City.

According to Elkland Township Zoning Administrator Gary Jones, the proposed site of the mining operation is located about a half-mile south of M-81 on the east side of Crawford Road. Jones wasn't certain of the total acreage involved, but said A3 Crushing and Aggregate officials have the minimum 20 acres required for the proposed use.

The company has already cleared one hurdle in the process required to obtain the township's okay to open for business.

Jones noted mining operations are required to have access to a paved road (Crawford Road is not paved). However, representatives of the firm requested and received zoning variance late last year from the local zoning board of appeals following a pair of public hearings held in November and December.

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## Annual chamber dinner on tap Feb. 1

The annual Cass City Chamber of Commerce Dinner honoring the community's 2020 Citizens of the Year and Junior Citizen of the Year will be Saturday, Feb. 1, at the Cass City VFW Hall.

The event, which typically draws a crowd of about 180 people, will start with hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction at 5 p.m., followed by dinner with the program to follow at 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased at the chamber of commerce (located inside the Cass

City Municipal Building at the corner of Main and Seeger streets), Chemical Bank, Independent Bank, Thumb Bank and Trust or Rawson Memorial District Library. Proceeds from the silent auction and \$1 of each ticket sold goes to the Cass City Junior Citizen Fund.

In addition to the citizen and junior citizen award presentations, chamber officials will be presenting a trio of community service awards.

Those honors will recognize Chemical Bank for its community involvement; Mark and

Sue Copeland for their investment in the community as owners of the Copeland Insurance Agency, Infinity Hair Salon and the Clothing Palette; and the Novesta Church of Christ for its many contributions to the community, including a host of youth programs and activities.

More information about the dinner and program is available by contacting Cass City Chamber of Commerce Administrator Judy Keller at (989) 872-4618.

# Obituaries

## Lucille Cox

Lucille Marguerite Cox, 95, of Cass City, died peacefully, Wednesday, January 22, 2020 in Northwood Meadows Assisted Living of Cass City.

She was born May 3, 1924 in Pigeon to Edward and Minnie Sylvia (Wurtz) Miller.

She married Rex Lavern Cox May 14, 1945 in Pigeon. He died February 11, 2006.

Lucille attended Windsor Number One grade school outside of Pigeon. During the war, she worked for Detroit Diesel where she met Rex. Following her time with Detroit Diesel, Lucille was a homemaker and raised her family. She was a member of Cass City United Methodist Church. Before losing her sight to macular degeneration, Lucille enjoyed cooking and reading. She was a skilled seamstress and enjoyed sewing.

Lucille is survived by her daughter, Deanna (Norman) Aronson of Whitmore Lake; son, Dale (Lynn) Cox of Pinckney; son-in-law, Tim Healy of Clarkston; six grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren; sisters: Ellen Stoutenburg of Cass City and Aleta (Robert) Bauer of Elkton; sisters-in-law: Margo Miller of Owendale and Mary Ellen Miller of Saginaw; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Rex; daughter, Marsha Healy; brothers: Delmar Miller and Willard Miller.

A memorial service was held Saturday, January 25, in Cass City United Methodist Church with the Rev. Bob Demyanovich officiating.

Memorials may be made to Cass City United Methodist Church.

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.



## Ryan Posluszny

Ryan Blaise Posluszny, 42, of Essexville, our creative and loving father, son, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend passed away on Wednesday, January 22, 2020, at McLaren Bay Region with his family by his side.

Ryan was born on July 21, 1977, in Cass City, the son of Blaise and Terry (Nanney) Posluszny. Ryan attended Cass City High School and went on to become a carpenter. He was very good with his hands, building furniture and working on homes. Ryan will forever be remembered for his love of boating, being outdoors, camping, and above all the love he had for his children and family. He will be missed dearly.

Ryan leaves to cherish his memory, his children, Paige Posluszny, Evan Posluszny, and Leigha Posluszny; parents, Blaise and Terry; siblings, Chad (Stephanie) Posluszny of DeFord, Michigan and Kayla Posluszny (fiancé, Jeff Shorkey); special cousin, who was like a brother to Ryan, Jeremy Powell (Amanda Wagner); nieces and nephews, Blaise Campbell, Marshall Posluszny, and Ava Posluszny; special friend, Jennifer Majewski, along with several friends. Ryan was welcomed home to heaven by his grandparents, Ronald and Patricia Posluszny and Eugene and Carol Nanney; uncles, Mark Posluszny, Darryl Posluszny, Ronald Nanney, Gary Nanney, and Guy Nanney; aunts, Renie Vanderhoof and Ronda Erla, along with his cousin Lora Cheney.

A Life Celebration in honor of Ryan will be held at a later date. Final arrangements have been entrusted to Skorupski Family Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 955 N. Pine Rd., Hampton Twp. Expressions of sympathy may be shared with the family online at [www.skorupskis.com](http://www.skorupskis.com).



## Tuscola County sheriff seeking second term

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sponding to critical incidents.

As for the jail, he continued, "(That issue) is still pending, and it's been kicked down the road so much," he said. While there have been expansion projects at the jail over the years, Skrent said, efforts to fix the real problem — replacing a facility that is now roughly 54 years old, lacks adequate space and has cost a small fortune to keep up with repairs — have fallen by the wayside time and time again.

"You can't do anything with (re-modeling) the structure," Skrent said, noting that aside from antiquated doors, locks and windows, the design of the existing jail makes it impossible for the corrections staff to adequately monitor the inmate population.

Space is another huge problem, from a lack of meeting rooms and storage for records, to providing an adequate number of holding cells — currently there are just two; one for males, the other for females.

A study conducted by the National Sheriff's Association in 2018 described the Tuscola County Jail as "outdated, inefficient and unsafe for staff and inmates." Although the study recommended several improvements, including creating additional space for inmates and updating the control center, the report concluded it would not be practical to transform the existing jail into a modern facility.

As a result, Tuscola County commissioners hired an architectural firm to prepare a jail feasibility study at a cost of \$17,500.

There have been several discussions regarding whether or not a new jail that will meet current needs could be built at the facility's current location, but those questions have been put to rest.

"Everybody agrees we have to keep it (jail and sheriff's department) here," said Skrent, who pointed out continued use of a secure underground tunnel to transport inmates between the sheriff's department and courthouse will save millions in onsite costs. For

example, if the jail were built at another location, there would be transportation costs and a need to build a holding area inside the courthouse for inmates scheduled for court appearances.

Construction of the existing jail was completed in 1966 with a 46-bed capacity. The facility has since undergone several renovations. In 1988, upgrades were completed to expand capacity to 56 beds. In 1997, major renovations and an addition were tackled to create an 80-bed facility. And, interior renovations were done about five years ago to create 12 more beds for a total of 93 beds due to constant overcrowding.

Even those improvements are showing their age now, and finding parts for repairs has become a significant challenge.

At the same time, it's difficult to meet new regulations. Inmates, for example, must now be afforded a private conference room area to talk to their attorney. There is also a need for meeting space utilized by a variety of agencies and groups that provide services.

Another consideration is that over the last few years, there has been an increase of females being incarcerated. Aside from separating inmates by gender, they also have to be separated by security classification, risk, custody level and type of crime.

Commissioners have tried to address the issue twice over the last two decades by approaching voters for additional funding, but those proposals failed.

Still, Skrent hopes county officials will make a new jail a priority and, if necessary, again approach voters with an acceptable plan that would enable the county to construct a new facility to meet the need now and well into the future.

Although Skrent figures he'll be retired before county officials host a ribbon-cutting in front of a new jail complex, he indicated he'll continue to campaign for the project because providing a modern facility will ultimately not only save taxpayers hundreds of thou-

sands of dollars down the road, it will also help to ensure the safety of both inmates and officers.

A project of this magnitude is going to take time, from securing funding to completion of plans and designs to actual construction, he acknowledged.

"Even if everything goes perfectly...by the time all that happens, I won't be here, so it's not like I'm building a Taj Mahal for myself," he said. "It's going to be a long-term project."

But it's an important project in Skrent's eyes, because he sees it as a countywide commitment to treat individuals who are arrested and incarcerated in a humane manner while at the same time making sure corrections officers are working in a safe and secure facility.

"The jail is a reflection of the community," Skrent said, noting a significant percentage of individuals incarcerated have not had their cases adjudicated yet, so they remain innocent unless/until proven guilty.

Skrent, who has served with the sheriff's department since 1978, started his law enforcement career as a patrolman with the Cass City Police Department. A few months later he accepted a job at the sheriff's department, where he would go on to serve in just about every role, including as a corrections officer, road deputy, road sergeant, defense tactics instructor, detective and undersheriff, serving in that role from 2009 until the end of 2016, when then-Sheriff Lee Teschendorf retired.

Aside from his role as sheriff, Skrent serves on a number of boards, including chairing the dispatch authority board. He's also a member of the Human Services Collaboration Council, drug task force, trauma team, and prevention and recovery coalition. In addition, he's co-chairman on both the Delta College Law Enforcement and Corrections advisory boards and the Thumb Narcotics board, and he maintains and runs the local TRIAD organization, which addresses senior citizen issues and concerns.

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# In Our OPINION...

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## Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

### Flu and home remedies



## Try walking a mile in trustees' shoes

*When tensions are high – even when they're not – it can be easy to criticize the folks who serve on a local board of education.*

*We suspect, however, that there would be more pats on the back and fewer critical remarks if more members of the community would take a mental mile-long stroll in the shoes of a school board trustee.*

*It can be a thankless job.*

*Board of Education trustees are charged with the stewardship of multi-million-dollar budgets as well as overseeing policies that guide teaching and administrative staffs and thousands of children.*

*School board members must understand the ins and outs of public education funding, including the impact of numerous unfunded mandates, new state regulations and standardized tests that seem to change from one year to the next based on the whims of Lansing and/or Washington, D.C. They face shrinking enrollments and, subsequently, shrinking revenues, while the cost of doing everything continues to rise.*

*Boards of education are challenged to keep up with curriculums, weigh financial and other considerations while making policy decisions, ensuring buildings are safe and functional, and serving as the final step in resolving disciplinary matters.*

*"School boards are charged with making decisions that can sometimes be difficult or require sifting through a great deal of information. They contribute countless hours each year," Cass City School Supt. Jeff Hartel says. "Through their dedication, collaboration with other school district staff, their governance and advocacy, they are building the future of education in Cass City and the state of Michigan."*

*Trustees not only volunteer thousands of hours attending various meetings and extracurricular functions, many also devote additional time to complete training in an effort to become even more effective board members.*

*Trustees receive very little compensation for their efforts, yet frequently find themselves in the line of fire when it comes to making unpopular but necessary decisions for the good of all.*

*January is set aside each year as a time for special recognition of school boards and all they do, and we would like to personally thank each trustee, past and present, serving school districts throughout the area.*

*In Cass City, we offer kudos to all of those currently serving on the local board of education: President Alice Zaleski, Vice President Jamie Meeker, Secretary Emily Lasceski, Treasurer Dave Osentoski and trustees George Batty, Stacey Bliss and Janet Richards.*

*We would also like to encourage all area residents to make a point of offering a word of praise, support and encouragement to these volunteers, who give of their time, talent and experience.*

*Board members come from all walks of life – they're parents, grandparents, neighbors, retirees, bankers, mechanics, health care workers, etc. – but they all share at least one goal; they want to provide our children with a quality education in a safe and healthy environment.*

*That's a job worthy of both our respect and gratitude year-round.*

This flu season is shaping up to be not only an extensive one, but also a deadly one.

The Huron County Health Department recently sent out a notice about the first pediatric flu deaths confirmed in Michigan for the 2019-2020 season.

Nationally, there have been 32 pediatric deaths reported to-date. Influenza B has been the dominant strain for this influenza season, both nationally and in Michigan. However, recently a rise in Influenza A (H1N1) cases has been reported.

All available vaccine formulations this season contain A(H3N2), A(H1N1) and B/Victoria Virus strains.

In Michigan, there have been two confirmed pediatric influenza-associated deaths. As a result, all health organizations are urging everyone over the age of six months to get vaccinated.

There are even different vaccinations divided by age groups. As a multi-season person (also known as an old timer) I got a different vaccination. During a visit to Dr. Bitner's office at Hills and Dales General Hospital, I got the vaccination for senior citizens.

While so far I have escaped the flu, another family member has not been so lucky to escape being sick.

As part of the tried and true arsenal of home cures for illness, bottles of Vernors was bought. Very few people realize Vernors — as we know it — came about basically because of the Civil War.

According to the history of the company, Detroit Pharmacist James Vernor went off to war in 1862. Because he had to be away for an extended time, he stored his mixture of 19 ingredients, which included vanilla and ginger, in oak barrels.

When he was able to return home in 1866, he discovered the aging process in the oak barrels had changed the taste of his mixture into a tasty beverage.

I'm not sure if it is because Vernors was developed by a pharmacist, that it has been considered a cure-

all in my family for generations. Either way, it seems to help upset tummies.



### Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

John Hunter, Executive Director of the Tuscola County Community Foundation, is pleased to announce the TCCF is again offering grants to fund projects within Tuscola County. Approximately \$114,000 will be available to apply for during this upcoming spring grant cycle for eligible Tuscola County organizations. Applications are available at [www.tuscolaccf.org](http://www.tuscolaccf.org) under the Grant Application drop down section. Please review the Grant Guidelines document. If you have any questions about grant guidelines or the application process contact John at [jhunter@tuscolaccf.org](mailto:jhunter@tuscolaccf.org) or 989.673.8223.

Applications must be postmarked by March 1, 2020.

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Lyle Severance, Technology Director at Cass City Public Schools, says on Feb. 1st, 2020, Cass City will be hosting two VEX Robotics tournaments at Cass City Jr/Sr High School for 24 elementary and 24 middle and high school robotics teams from several area schools.

Saturday's competition starts at 9:30 a.m. for both age groups. The community is welcome to attend. There is no admission fee and concessions are available.

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In preparation for the 2020 Census, the state of Michigan has launched a new website to provide information and resources to Michiganders.

Live as of Tuesday, Jan. 14, the website will be available throughout the census-taking season so residents can have their questions answered, keep up-to-date on the latest census news and obtain a better understanding about the importance of the census. The website includes a list of frequently asked questions and an interactive map of hard to reach areas, among other things.

To find more resources about the census, or to get involved, go to [www.michigan.gov/census2020](http://www.michigan.gov/census2020).

The website is one piece of a larger effort to ensure that every Michigander is counted. In particular, the "Count Me In" campaign seeks to let Michigan residents know that responding to the census this year is convenient, confidential and critical to the future of our state.

Residents can fill out the census in multiple languages online, by phone or on a paper form. All answers are completely confidential.

By law, the data can be collected for statistical purposes only and cannot be used against a person. The Census Bureau cannot share or publish any household-specific census data, even to other government agencies.

Ensuring an accurate count of Michiganders is important because roughly \$30 billion in federal funding for public safety, schools, housing, health care, and more, as well as one congressional seat, are at stake for Michigan.

The census count will shape Michigan's social infrastructure for the next decade.

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The Michigan Public Health Week Partnership is seeking nominations of individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to preserve and improve their community's health for its annual Hometown Health Hero awards.

Hometown Health Hero awards are presented every April as part of Michigan Public Health Week. This year's awards focus on the following five areas of public health: Mental Health, Maternal/Child Health, Violence, Environmental Health, Education and Healthy Housing.

"Everyone deserves to live a long and healthy life in a safe environment," said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, chief medical executive and chief deputy for health for MDHHS. "Hometown Health Hero awards are an opportunity to honor those tackling the causes of poor health and disease risk within their communities."

Nomination forms can be downloaded from [Michigan.gov/mphw](http://Michigan.gov/mphw). Completed nominations should be sent to Jim Koval via email at [kovalj@michigan.gov](mailto:kovalj@michigan.gov) or faxed to 517-335-8392 by Friday, Feb. 14.

Awards will be presented at the State Capitol on Wednesday, April 15.

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Letters must include the writer's name, address and telephone number. The latter is in case it is necessary to call for verification, but won't be used in the newspaper. Names will be withheld from publication upon request, for an adequate reason. The Chronicle reserves the right to edit letters for length and clarity.

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### Wednesday, January 29

- Spoonfuls of Plenty Free Community Meal, 3:30-6 p.m., Human Development Commission at 429 Montague Ave., Caro. Open to anyone wanting a hot, home-style meal.
- Cass City Chamber meeting, 8 a.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.

### Thursday, January 30

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

### Saturday, February 1

- Al-Anon meeting, 11 a.m., Cakima Serenity Home, Mayville. Call 989-912-5478 for more information.
- Grief/loss meetings, 9:45 a.m., Novesta Church of Christ.
- Suicide Survivor Grief Support Group, 1 p.m., Thumb Area Psychological Services 6627 Rose St., Cass City. For more information Lisa Schoettle, MA LPC NCC at 989-872-1800.

### Sunday, February 2

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

### Monday, February 3

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

### Tuesday, February 4

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

### STANDING COMMUNITY CALENDAR ITEMS

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

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

**First Monday:**  
•Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.  
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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 Board room, 4675 Hill Street. Social support group that strives to benefit from social contact with others experiencing grief/loss.

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

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**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.

# Preliminary testing reveals no contamination at Sanilac site

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

Preliminary tests of soil and water in Sanilac County's Marion Township have revealed some good news in the wake of concerns over the property owner's ties to hazardous chemicals discovered in other areas of the state.

The testing followed a probe into the origin of a green liquid ooze seen along I-696 late last year. The green material was traced back to an electro-plating services site in Madison Heights and gained national attention when officials determined the ooze contained chemicals, including hexavalent chromium, that were seeping out of a retaining wall along the freeway.

State officials determined the green ooze came from a building owned by Gary Sayers, who also owns property in Sanilac County and in Detroit.

State and local health officials conducted a visual inspection of Sayers' property in Sanilac County, according to reports, which indicate officials observed barrels on the property, heightening their concerns.

Recent testing of surface water and soil samples in Sanilac County did not indicate that contaminants from the electro-plating services operation were dumped at that site, according to officials with the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), who say they plan to continue their investigation.

Surface water test results for a creek on the Sanilac County property revealed no detectable levels of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) or heavy metals that exceed surface water quality criteria. Samples both upstream and downstream from an empty drum found in the water showed no levels of contaminants exceeding standards.

Soil samples taken from the site, including one next to an empty drum labeled for hazardous waste, revealed no detectable levels of several chemicals typically used in plating operations, including trichlorethylene (TCE) and hexavalent chromium, officials reported.

Although soil samples did show the presence of silver, mercury, selenium and total chromium, the amounts detected are below levels that would raise concern for public health. Officials noted, however, that the results are still being analyzed.

As for the future, EGLE officials plan to survey the property using ground-penetrating radar to determine if there are potential disturbed areas where drums or

chemicals may have been dumped or buried on the site.

Also, EGLE collected samples from two residential drinking wells at residences across the road from the Sanilac County property. Results from those tests are expected in about two weeks.

Sayers, who is currently imprisoned for repeated violations of environmental laws, owns three Michigan properties currently under investigation by EGLE and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

His former business, Electro-Plating Services in Madison Heights, has been the focus of intense scrutiny and emergency response since contamination was discovered along the I-696 highway embankment Dec. 20.

## O-G board elects officers

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

The Owen-Gage Board of Education recently conducted its reorganization meeting.

The board selected Dan Warack as president and Matt Roemer as vice president. In addition, Terry Fahrner was elected treasurer, Sarah Ondrajka was selected as board secretary and Julie Good, as acting secretary.

The board agreed to continue meeting at 7 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month unless there is a need to reschedule due to a holiday — then they will meet on the third Wednesday.

Also during the reorganization session, they approved the following committee assignments:

Negotiation committee — Good, Roemer and Warack; budget/finance committee — Good, Fahrner and Warack; policy/bylaw committee — Good, Katie Wood and Ondrajka; transportation/building and grounds committee — Tom Jeffery, Roemer and Warack; grievance committee — Jeffery, Wood and Roemer; personnel committee — Fahrner, Ondrajka and Warack; and athletic committee — Ondrajka, Fahrner and Wood.

In other business, the board learned this year's Snowball dance will be Friday, Feb. 7, following the basketball game. The event, which will run until midnight, is open to students in grades sixth through 12.

Also, there will be a semi-formal dance for students in grades six through 12, Saturday, Feb. 29.

## Circuit court proceedings

# Several appear on felony charges

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

\*Michael D. Tuttle, 31, Vassar, was sentenced to 365 days in the county jail following his pleas of guilty to possession of a firearm by a felon and possession of ammunition by a felon Aug. 7, 2018, in Vassar Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to jail time, he was placed on probation for 24 months and ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$326.

\*Jessica M. Payne, 25, Interlochen, pleaded no contest to a charge of illegal use of a financial transaction device March 2 in

Caro.

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

\*Tanya L. Keiter, 44, Millington, pleaded guilty to larceny of property valued at \$1,000 to \$20,000 Dec. 28, 2017, in Millington.

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

\*Keith R. Lambert, 48, Clio, pleaded guilty to malicious destruction of personal property totaling less than \$200 and assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer May 10, 2019, in Arbel Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued

at \$4,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*Veronica S. Martin, 31, Fairgrove, pleaded no contest to two counts of larceny in a building and one count of possession of a controlled substance between June 1 and Aug. 18 in Akron Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$3,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*Bradley W. Schmitzer, 26, Birch Run, pleaded no contest to charges of domestic violence and assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder Oct. 20 in Arbel Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$15,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

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## Reporter's notebook

She doesn't want to hear it, guys

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor



I don't know about you, but I'd do just about anything for a few days in another venue where there's some honest to goodness sunshine and temperatures are close to 60 degrees (or even consistently above 25).

In reality, I rarely get away before the summer months because I love my job so much. Ahem.

This year will be different; my wife and I are gearing up for an actual early spring getaway to a warm destination in hopes of thawing out a little. And it's a good thing, because February isn't even here yet and I'm already feeling a touch of the winter blues, as I'm sure many other folks are — especially those who are married.

Why? Because arctic weather has a way of keeping you and your better half inside the house. Together. A lot. That means us married guys, although a bit tamer than our wild and free counterparts, have far more opportunities than we'll ever need to say stupid things to our wives.

Granted, the number of stupid things you say (out loud or loud enough for her to actually hear) tends to dwindle a bit the longer you're married. But some guys never learn. I call those guys single.

As for me, I anticipate celebrating 38 years of wedded bliss in about three weeks. Along the way I've picked up on some of my wife's subtle signals when it comes to figuring out that I've gone too far with my mouth, so I thought I'd share some of that wisdom with lesser experienced husbands.

Here are a few examples of what not to say to your wife (please understand that this is not a comprehensive list. And, no, I haven't tried them all. Yet):

\*"You're a little close to that car ahead of us, aren't you? Where's the garage sale?" In my experience, you should only comment from the passenger's seat if you feel like driving.

\*"What the heck were you thinking?!" Bad idea, guys, because our wives have long memories, and I'm guessing the chances are good you've done something much, much stupider.

\*"Don't worry, it'll grow back, right?" If the hairstyle went bad, find something you like about her new look.

\*"You're not that old." She's never old, guys, not even a little. Even if she's turning 300 and the skin under her arms is bouncing off the sidewalk, she's the beautiful woman you married, and you'd better tell her so. Besides, have you looked at yourself in a mirror lately? 'Nuff said.

\*"Hey, look how well that diet plan worked for her!" Which, course, goes nicely with, "Why don't you ever wear stuff like that?" Yeah, if you have to ask about these, you're doomed. Might as well tell her that, yes, she does in fact look fat in that top, pair of jeans, etc.

\*"It's not a big deal." Ummm...if she says it is, it is. Deal with it now or hear about it forever.

\*"You're acting like..." (fill in the blank, if you must, but never, ever, fill it in with "your — or my — mother").

\*"I will...in a minute." Let's face it, guys, this is code for tomorrow, next month or never. And she knows it.

\*"That's not my job" or, in the alternative, "That's your job."

And last, but not least, the Queen Mary of what not to say, at least in my house: \*"You just need to settle down." The only time I use this one anymore is, well, never. Go ahead, tempt fate if you must, but you'd better have the ducking reflexes of a deer if you do.

I'll let you in on a secret; it's always much better to simply tell her to relax.

# Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



## 5 YEARS AGO (2015)

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. All three women were honored by the local and national AAUW organizations as honorary life members.

## 10 YEARS AGO (2010)

Retired Elkland Township Fire Chief Ron Pawloski will be honored Saturday at open house for serving 37 years with the Cass City fire department. Pawloski's tenure included serving as fire chief for the past 13 years.

Madison Ware, 6, recently donated 12 inches of her hair to Locks of Love, a non-profit organization that provides free hairpieces to disadvantaged children suffering from medical-related hair loss. The area tot had her hair cut at Angel's Hair Studio in Cass City.

Young Americans for Freedom (YAF) recently announced that Tyler Perry, 18, of Cass City, Michigan is the winner of the Matt Zandi "The Future of the Conservative/Libertarian Movement" Essay Contest. In Perry's essay, the Cass City High School senior wrote, "While the 'Reagan Revolution' has come to a close, its principles, its American foundational ideals still remain. The political philosophies of the left are simply repackaged versions of what Carter offered years ago and we know how his administration ended. What we need now is a return to our foundation, a restructured version of what Reagan offered and we know the kind of impact he had not only on the nation, but on the world as well. It is time for true leadership, real reform."

## 25 YEARS AGO (1995)

Baker College officials Tuesday announced plans to purchase Jordan College's Cass City campus. If everything falls into place as expected, the deal will be closed this week and Baker College will move into the 14,000-square-foot campus building and begin classes within a few weeks. The proposal has already received village officials' blessing.

Shabbona area dairy farmer Leslie Severance received a certificate of achievement for outstanding quality milk production during Saturday's annual meeting of the Michigan Milk Producers Association's Deford Local. The award was presented by MMPA field rep. Richard Fluegge.

Sarah S. Wright of Decker, a freshman, was named to the Central Michigan University's fall semester honors list. To be named, the student has to place in the top 10 percent of his or her classes.

Members of the Elkland Township Fire Department said goodbye to Charles Tunis, 64, at its regular meeting last week. The former assistant fire chief resigned after 11 years with the department. The Deford resident ended a life-long career fighting fires when he decided to leave. Before moving to his Deford home, he completed 29 1/2 years as a professional fireman for the city of Warren, where he retired as assistant chief.

## 35 YEARS AGO (1985)

Joseph Paul Lounsbury, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lounsbury, was baptized Sunday morning in Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Sponsors are Carl Lounsbury and Sharon Norrington. Dinner guests in the Tom Lounsbury home following the church service were Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Norrington, Mr. and Mrs. John Norrington and three children of Caro, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Lounsbury and Carl Lounsbury, Cass City.

Navy Ensign Kevin G. Brown, son of Wallace L. and Clara L. Brown of 4150 Robinson Road,

Cass City, has been commissioned in his present rank upon graduation from Officer Candidate School (OCS) OCS, located at the Naval Education and Training Center, Newport, R.I., it is designed to prepare students to assume the duties and responsibilities of commissioned officers. During the 16-week course, Brown studied the principles of leadership, manpower management techniques, navigation and communications. He also studied Naval history, traditions and missions. A 1978 graduate of Cass City Public High School and 1983 graduate of Michigan State University, East Lansing, with a Bachelor of Science degree, he joined the Navy in January, 1984. He is stationed in San Diego, California.

## 40 YEARS AGO (1980)

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Miracle and Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Merchant announce the birth of a grandson, Steven Shawn. The baby, born Jan. 18 in Merritt Island, Fla., weighed seven pounds and three ounces and is the son of Evelyn and Mic Miracle. Mrs. Glen Miracle is with them in Florida and Mrs. Merchant was to have left Wednesday to be with her daughter and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Murphy and family celebrated the ninth birthday of Patrick Murphy with a family dinner Sunday in their home. With them were Mrs. Bruce Kritzman, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Murphy and sons, Paul and David, and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas O'Dell and Erin.

Brad and Gloria Groth are the parents of a daughter, Cheyenne Lynn, born Jan. 17 at Bay City Osteopathic Hospital. Their first child, the baby weighed nine pounds and 11 ounces. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Luis Arroyo and paternal grandparents are Glenn Groth and Beatrice Howard.

Navy Gunner's Mate Seaman Kevin D. Hunt, son of Harriette I. Hunt of 4291 West St., Cass City, has returned from a deployment in the Atlantic Ocean. He is a crewmember aboard the guided missile destroyer USS Dewey, homeported in Charleston, S.C. While deployed, his ship operated between South America and Western Africa participating in various training exercises. The Dewey is 512 feet long with a crew of 377 officers and enlisted men. She is outfitted with guns, torpedoes and anti-submarine rockets. A 1976 graduate of Caro High School, Hunt joined the Navy in September of that year.

State police Lt. Albert K. Denton, born at Snover, has been promoted one grade and transferred to the Flint post as commander, Col. Gerald L. Hough, Michigan State Police director, has announced. Denton, 44, has been post commander at Negaunee and previously served at L'Anse, Warren, Jackson and Marquette. He joined the state police in 1957.

## 50 YEARS AGO (1970)

Cooking for a crowd is easy. In fact, it's easier to cook for 500 persons than it is to prepare a small family dinner. It's easier, that is, if you happen to be Pat Martin, 59, of Cass City and have spent a lifetime as a commercial chef. What makes it easier, says Martin, the silver haired owner of Martin's Restaurant, is that when you prepare a dinner for two or three there is no room for mistakes. But when I cook for a crowd I can make the meal to a high standard by altering the seasoning as I go along. There is never a dish that is cooked here at the restaurant or any restaurant where I have been in charge that I don't taste before it is served.

The quiz team from the Cass City Baptist church will compete with South Baptist of Bay City Saturday night, Feb. 7, when the monthly Saginaw Valley Baptist Youth rally will be held at South Baptist church, Bay City, beginning at 7 p.m. Transportation will be available from the local church

at 5:45. Dr. David Clark, of Grand Rapids Baptist Bible College, will be the speaker.

Richard Haines, former Chronicle reporter, is now taking basic training at Fort Knox, Ky. He will begin advanced individual training in aerial reconnaissance photography in March. Haines was a senior at Saginaw Valley College and his home is in Alanson.

The Dick Shaws entertained 16 members of the Philathea class of the Baptist church Tuesday night, Jan. 27, at their monthly party. Officers elected were: Jim Perry, president; Dick Shaw, vice-president; Mrs. Harold Rayl, secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. Dick Shaw, chorister. Clyde Wells presented devotions. Ferris Ware and Mrs. Rayl were in charge of games. A potluck lunch was served. The February class party will be at the Harold Rayl home.

## 75 YEARS AGO (1945)

Cpl. James J. Downing, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Downing, of Gageton, who is stationed in England with a bomber squadron, recently enjoyed a seven-day furlough at Edinburgh, Scotland. He speaks very highly of the hospitality of the Scotch people. He was "fed wonderfully with all the fresh eggs I could eat." Although they were perfect strangers before, the hosts invited boys for a return visit.

Sunday guests at the Omar Glaspie home were Mrs. Glaspie's sister, Mrs. Melvin D'Arcy, and daughter, Frances, of Almont and Mrs. D'Arcy's sons in the Service, Pvt. J. D. D'Arcy recently from Camp Fannin, Texas, who will proceed to Fort Mead, Maryland, who will return to that location.

Frank Woidan of Novesta township has received the following letter from his son, Andy, written on Jan. 5, at Calcutta, India: "I saw Clarence Wright in Calcutta yesterday. He's here for a rest or leave for 15 days. Said he was going back to the States in about four months. I really was surprised. He told me that Kenneth Clement is an M. P. in Calcutta. I don't know if I'll see him as I am going away for a while. I can't tell you where but I'll write and receive letters as before I think. I may see him when I come back. Well, I'm not receiving any mail from you. Haven't had any for over a week, but I hope to soon."

Mrs. Lue Keilitz received a letter from her son, Calvin, who is with the armed forces in the European theater of war, stating that he had been wounded while in action Jan. 6. The letter read: "I was wounded by shrapnel at about noon and by twelve o'clock that night the operation was all over. The shrapnel hit the left side of my face but I'm feeling all right except a little shaky." He was in Belgium at the time of writing.

## 100 YEARS AGO (1920)

Miss Hazel Bixby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Bixby of Cass City and Nicholas Melick of Elkton were united in marriage at the M.E. parsonage Friday evening Jan. 23 by Rev. O.R. Gattan they were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Russell Erb of Elkton. The bride was becomingly attired in dark blue satin and georgette crepe trimmed with silver beads. The groom wore a suit of dark blue serge. After the ceremony, they returned home to the bride's parents home on East Houghton St. where they were met with a shower of rice, and a bounteous supper was served to about 25 relatives and friends. They will make their home near Elkton where the bride will complete her contract as teacher in the school near that village.

71 neighbors and relatives of Mrs. John Karr gave her a genuine surprise party at her home. A social time was enjoyed with refreshments served and Mrs. Karr was presented with a beautiful muff and a pair of kid gloves. Mrs. Karr has been a resident of Elkland Township for 50 years and is held in high esteem by the people of this community.

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**THE TUSCOLA County Sheriff's Department recently received a \$4,900 grant from the William and Ruth Janks Fund through the Tuscola County Community Foundation. The money was used to purchase new equipment, including software to assist investigators in extracting records from cell phones, and 12 Halligan bars – one of which is displayed above by Deputy Christ Whetstone – which are used in emergency situations to open school doors, access buildings and vehicles.**

## Commissioners reelect Bardwell chairman, Young as vice-chairman for the next year

The Tuscola County Board of Commissioner recently conducted its annual reorganization meeting. The session saw the board reelect District Two Commissioner Thom

Bardwell as chairman and District One Commissioner Tom Young as vice chairman. Bardwell represents residents in Almer, Ellington, Kingston and

Novesta townships and the city of Caro, while Young represents citizens in Akron, Columbia, Elkland, Elmwood, Fairgrove, Gilford and Wisner townships.

The board also approved the slate of committee appointments for 2020.

Serving on the finance committee are Young and District Four Commissioner Mark Jensen, who represents residents in Arbela, Millington, Tuscola and Watertown townships.

Serving on the personnel committee are Bardwell and District Three Commissioner Kim Vaughan, and serving on the building and grounds committee are Jensen and District Five Commissioner Dan Grimshaw. Vaughan represents citizens in Dayton, Fremont, Indianfields, Koylton and Wells townships, and Grimshaw represents residents in Denmark, Juniata and Vassar Townships and the city of Vassar.

Commissioners will continue to meet at 8 a.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of the month for committee of the whole meetings, and at 8 a.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month for full board meetings.

All of the meetings are held at the Tuscola County Purdy Building, located at 125 W. Lincoln St., Caro.

## Scholarship deadlines set in Huron Co.

The Huron County 4-H Council will be awarding up to four \$500 scholarships to graduating high school seniors this year.

Students who have made outstanding achievements in 4-H work and are planning to attend college/trade school are eligible to receive a scholarship, according to Patricia Error, Huron County 4-H program coordinator.

"Students may pick up an application from their high school guidance counselors/FFA advisors, or the MSU Extension Office, 1142 S. Van Dyke Rd., Suite 200, in Bad Axe. MSU Extension office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.," Error noted.

Completed applications must be received by 4:30 p.m. Monday, March 16, to the Huron County MSU Extension Office. Completed applications can be emailed to verelle7@msu.edu.

More information is available by contacting Error at (989) 269-9949 (ext. 609).

# Commissioners approve complete spending plan

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

After nearly a four week delay, Tuscola County now has a complete budget in place for 2020.

County commissioners recently adopted a general fund budget with estimated revenues totaling \$14,300,654 and expenditures of \$14,241,211, leaving a surplus of about \$60,000.

Those totals involve only the general fund spending plan. Overall, the county oversees 55 different funds in other departmental budget totaling roughly \$60,450,000.

Commissioners had been expected to adopt this year's budget during their last meeting in December, but they approved only a baseline spending plan due to uncertainty surrounding Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's anticipated reinstatement of nearly \$947 million in cuts stemming from a slew of line-item vetoes she made after initially receiving the state's proposed budget.

"She (Whitmer) didn't approve any of the budget reinstatements until after we had had our budget meeting and just before the end of the year, so we didn't have any actual final numbers to work with," explained county Controller-Administrator Clayette Zechmeister. "The governor did reinstate the General Fund Revenue Cuts of \$406,315 that had been made, which decreased our use of general fund balance dollars."

The county's new budget includes a three-percent wage increase for all non-union employees, and a transfer of \$100,000 was made to the capital improvement fund.

In drafting the budget, some staffing positions were impacted. When the budget was set, it eliminated the family court administrator position and increased the chief probation officer's starting base wage to \$60,293, and it filled a vacant juvenile probation officer at a base wage at \$39,373, Zechmeister reported, noting hiring a part-time prosecutor with a \$45,000 wage was also approved, and the pay of a part-time secretary in the prosecutor's office was increased from \$13 an hour to an annual salary of \$15,000.

In addition, the controller-administrator's office was restructured to eliminate the chief accountant position and to promote the part-time account clerk to a full-time human resource-finance assistant.

Commissioners also approved plans to eliminate the full-time shared account clerk in order to promote the administrative assistant to financial coordinator, and update the wage scale for the human resource director. Also, the board authorized hiring a part-time account clerk position in the register of deeds office.

According to Zechmeister, the impact of the shifted positions will be minimal because the staff is cross trained, resulting in a cost savings of roughly \$67,000.

## Mining hearing set Feb. 6

Continued from page one.

The board's approval came with some conditions related to complying with county road commission hauling limits, road maintenance and duration of the proposed mining operation, Jones said.

During the upcoming hearing, he explained, the planning commission will conduct a review of the proposed site plan, including details involving setbacks, noise level, dust control, hours of operation, etc.

The board then has the options of accepting the plan as presented, rejecting the plan, accepting the proposal with certain conditions, or taking no action due to insufficient information.

Area residents are welcome to attend the public hearing to ask questions or offer comments. Citizens also have the option of submitting comments via mail to the planning commission at: 6691 Church St., Cass City, MI 48726 at any time prior to the hearing.

### NOTICE FOR GILFORD TOWNSHIP

January 9, 2020 - MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

#### MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting called to order at 7:30 P.M., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present: D. Strasz, Treasurer; D. Spencer, Dept Clerk; J. Stockmeyer, Supervisor; A. Goss, Trustee; K. Houghtaling, Trustee. Order of agenda approved.

Public Comment: M. Trumbauer of Nextera wanted to give us an update on the wind turbines. Six new turbines are operational. He will attend the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, Jan 13 to get the permission needed to proceed with remaining turbines.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion by D. Strasz, second by A. Goss to approve minutes. Motion approved.

Treasurers Report: Motion by J. Stockmeyer, second by D. Spencer to approve treasurers report. Motion approved.

#### REPORTS:

Supervisor: No fire runs for Reese this month. John McQuillan recommended that we join a flood insurance program thru FEMA, he would draw up an ordinance for us. Motion by D. Strasz, second by Houghtaling to have J. McQuillan draw up the ordinance, Motion approved. MTA came out with an updated Authorities and Responsibilities book. Motion by D. Spencer, second by A. Goss to purchase 10 books. Motion approved. Recommended that the Board of Review take classes, J. Stockmeyer mailed information to the board members.

Treasurer: Nothing to report

Clerk: Election commission needs to meet to elect election workers for the March election. D. Spencer attended the Tuscola County Clerk meeting where Jodi Fetting went over the new materials for the upcoming elections. Motion by J. Stockmeyer, second by K. Houghtaling to pay bills, Motion approved.

Trustees: Planning Commission meeting Monday Jan 13 @ 7:30, plan to finalize the Land Plan and address Nextera's requests  
Ambulance Representative: MMR will be getting 2 new ambulances. Paramedic graduation was held with 3 Out Of 5 passing the state exam; Three ambulance responses to Gilford Township.

Fire Department Representative: No report

Zoning Administrator: No report

Public Comment: Diane Foster of A-F Schools reported that enrollment is up 72 students since 2016, they received a National Grant over 5 years to be shared with Caseville and Caro to help with student wellbeing.

Motion by J. Stockmeyer second by d. Strasz to adjourn at 8:24 P.M. Motion approved

Diane Spencer, Gilford Township Deputy Clerk

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# News briefs

## Blue Man Group fundraiser

CASS CITY – The Cass City Band Boosters have organized a fundraiser trip to see the Blue Man Group Sunday, Feb. 23, at Midland Center for the Arts in Midland. Participants will receive round-trip motor coach transportation and a reserved tier one ticket for the 3 p.m. performance at a cost of \$107 per person. The departure location is Cass City Junior-Senior High School. Registration for the trip is open through Thursday, Jan. 30. For reservations or more information, contact Lori Mazure at Rawson Memorial District Library, Cass City, at (989) 872-2856 or Beth Kittle at Cass City High School at (989) 872-2200.

## County parking fee required

TUSCOLA COUNTY — Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Department officials remind ice fishermen that there is a fee to park in Vanderbilt Park to access Saginaw Bay. The charge is \$3 for a daily pass or \$20 for an annual pass to park and fish. The passes are available at the park host/manager, whose house is located on the curve when entering the park from Quanicassie Road. Visitors can obtain a pass by knocking on the door to get one, or by leaving payment in a collection box on the residence's porch and taking a pass that can be filled out and placed in their vehicles. Violation of park rules and for failure to purchase a pass can lead to enforcement action being taken. The same is true for parking at the northeast corner of the park, which is private property and is posted as such. The parking fees go to support park operations. Vanderbilt Park is Tuscola County's only county park. Over the years it has been closed on and off due to a lack of funding to keep it operational. More information is available by calling (989) 545-7168.

## Area township eyes protection

UBLY — Because the future operation of the Bingham Township Ambulance Service is uncertain, another area township is looking elsewhere for coverage. Under a special agreement, Austin Township will have a different service for emergency medical needs. This month the township's board of trustees approved contracting with Sanilac EMS for medical needs and the Argyle Fire Department for medical first responder needs, with plans to secure fire protection from the Argyle Fire Department in the future. Initially, the Bingham Ambulance service was going to close at the end of the month. However, that date has been pushed back to the end of March while negotiations continue between the Central Huron Ambulance (CHA) and the township.

## Teeple not seeking reelection

SANDUSKY — Sanilac Circuit Court Judge Donald Teeple recently announced he will be retiring when his current six-year term ends Dec. 31. Teeple is the sixth judge to preside over Sanilac County Circuit Court. Although he is stepping down from the bench, he plans to fill in from time to time as a visiting judge. Teeple's legal career spans more than 45 years and dates back to when he was a private practice attorney in the county for 16 years. He was first elected as circuit court judge in 1990, and was then reelected in 1996, 2002, 2008 and 2014. He currently serves as chief judge over Sanilac County's circuit, district, and probate/family courts.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery



STATE Senator Kevin Daley (R-Lum), left, listens as U.S. Representative Paul Mitchell explains his opposition to legislation that would largely strip oversight from local governments. Senate Bill 431 would limit the ability of local governments to deny permits for gravel mining operations and limit oversight on haul routes, sound levels and truck loading hours.

## Daley: bill would erode local control

The Michigan Senate Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure last week heard from residents along with state and federal lawmakers on legislation that would limit the ability of local governments to deny permits for gravel mines. "What this boils down to is an issue of local control," said state Sen. Kevin Daley (R-Lum). "This

legislation has been debated in my district, especially Metamora, for a long time. As a former township supervisor, I understand the frustration our local officials and the Metamora community are facing with this bill. "These folks live, work and raise their families here," he added. "They know what's best for our community and we should not take away their right to have a say

in matters like these." Daley represents the 31st District, which is comprised of Tuscola, Bay and Lapeere counties. He was joined by U.S. Rep. Paul Mitchell and several constituents from Metamora who voiced their opposition to Senate Bill 431. Daley noted the committee will continue to take testimony on the legislation in the coming weeks.

## March 2 deadline to pay township taxes

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

According to the Tuscola County Treasurer's office, March 2 is the last day for residents to pay 2019 taxes to their local townships. On March 3, all unpaid 2019 taxes will be turned over to the Tuscola County Treasurer's Office as delinquent and will accrue additional charges until paid. The treasurer's office now accepts credit/debit cards in the office and over the phone for an additional charge. The office, which is open from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4:30 p.m., is located

at the Purdy Building, 125 W Lincoln St., Caro. For those who are unsure about their tax status, the county has a GIS (geographic information system) service. GIS is a computer system for capturing, storing, checking and displaying data. The site can also key in on property tax information. To use the system, visit the website tuscolacounty.org and look for GIS/Property Tax Search under the heading of "frequently accessed" on the right-hand side of the screen. The treasurer's office is also in charge of issuing dog licenses.

According to county Treasurer Pat Donovan Gray, state law requires all dogs over the age of four months to be licensed. Aside from being the law, licenses identify pets, so if they go missing, the information can be used to reunite them with their owners. Licenses also protect public health because dogs must have rabies vaccinations before a license can be obtained. The cost for a one-year license for a male or female dog is \$25, while a three-year license is \$70. However, if the dog is spayed or neutered, the cost is \$20 for one year or \$50 for three years.

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the Township of Elkland will hold a public hearing on the **6th day of February, 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 **A3 Crushing & Aggregate LLC for a special land use permit for the purpose of a mining operation to be located at 4312 Crawford Rd., Cass City, MI 48726 on property identified as tax parcel number 007-036-000-2500-00**

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*

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**THE DEFORD Dazzlers 4-H Rocketry Team reported a perfect launch of its prototype rocket early last week at the Jim and Sue Baughman's White Creek Farm on Dodge Road. The launch was part of the team's preparations for participation in the Battle of the Rockets competition in Culpeper, Va., this spring with their full-size rocket, which measures nine feet in height. Above, team Captain Teresa Tomasino and Ethan Thane prepare the prototype for last week's launch.**



## Ubly officials recognize village officer Matt Clark

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

In the course of protecting and serving a community, a law enforcement officer sometimes faces life and death situations. Such was the case for an Ubly police officer, who was recently recognized for his response in the face of a medical emergency. Ubly Village Trustee Jeff Rubin read a commendation and presented a life-saving award pin to Officer Matt Clark during the council's January regular meeting. Clark was honored for his actions in helping to save the life of someone suffering cardiac arrest. In addition, Rubin presented a proposal to the village council that Clark be given a three-year, three-percent pay increase per year. The council took the recommendation under consideration, but tabled action pending its next meeting. Also, Police Chief Dave Rothe stated Clark's ballistic vest warranty is expired and will need to be replaced. The estimated cost of the replacement, with all of its accessories, could cost about \$1,200. The council approved the expenditure.

The meeting also included making committee assignments. Assigned to the water committee were Andrew Batzer and Steve Irvine; Rubin and Gabe Turner were named to the police committee; and Turner and Sara Schmidt were assigned to the park committee. In addition, assigned to the intergovernmental committee were Schmidt and Brandon Zdrojewski, named to the DPW committee were Zdrojewski and Rubin, and assigned to the budget committee were Irvine and Batzer.

Officials noted a number of significant expenditures anticipated in the coming year, including some street paving, a sweeper for the tractor, leaf vacuum, a mower for the parks, new computer for the water department, and paying R & D Trimming \$2,500 for trimming 45 trees throughout the village.

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## Team effort for Hawk gymnasts

Samson took it to Goliath Saturday, so to say, as the Cass City co-op gymnastic team traveled to Lakeland High School to take part in Michigan's largest invite that featured 20 schools in attendance.

Cass City finished near the bottom of the team standings at the mega meet, yet veteran Coach Kathy Bouverette is happy as a lark.

"We came in 17th place. Invites are really hard to get qualifiers because the judges typically score harder especially this one. You have all the regional champs and the State Champs that come to this meet. Farmington of course won with a 143.375," said Bouverette.

Nonetheless, Cass City had plenty of reasons to celebrate on their return trip home, according to Bouverette.

"We had a great day and the girls were able to see a lot of higher level gymnastics. The best part was we received our 3rd team regional score 122.6," she said.

To advance into team regionals in the post season requires 4 qualifying scores - 120 and above - during the regional season. A fete so rare that during Bouverette's 15 years in charge, she has had just one team advance into team regionals.

"We had 4 regional qualifiers (RQ) on vault: Lauren Peters - 8.65, Riley Copeland - 8.6, Katelyn Grifka - 8.3 and Alaina

Fluegge - 8.1 and we had 3 RQ on bars: Riley Copeland - 7.375, Katelyn Grifka - 6.825 and Madison Beckrow - 6.85," said Bouverette, continuing, "We had 2 RQ on beam: Riley Copeland 8.025 and Katie Mendrick - 7.55 and we had 4 RQ on floor: Alexis Blackstock and Riley Copeland had 8.05, Olivia Schuette - 8.025 and Katelyn Grifka - 8.0.

"I would like to point out that our beam girls (Kate Pohlod, Katie Mendrick, Olivia Schuette, Katelyn Grifka and Riley Copeland) had - NO FALLS - between them all. As far as I know that is a first for Cass City."

"We have 5 meets left, so I am pretty sure we will be going as a team to Regionals this year. Last time we went as a team was 2013-14 season," Bouverette said.

On Monday, Cass City opened the week in Hartland with a tri-meet that included Huron Valley and Tecumseh. Team scores were Cass City 117.825, Tecumseh 124.225 and Huron Valley 141.05.

Earning regional qualifying marks for Cass City on vault was Katelyn Grifka (Ubly) - 8.05, RQ on bars was Madison Beckrow and Katelyn Grifka both with a 6.7, RQ on beam was Katie Mendrick - 8.05 and Riley Copeland - 8.15, RQ on floor was Katie Mendrick and Alexis Blackstock (Bad Axe) both with a 7.8, Hanna Dobson - 8.175, Katelyn Grifka - 8.15 and Olivia Schuette - 8.05.



**MEMBERS on the Cass City Red Hawks co-op gymnastic team are: (front row, l-r) Asia Morgan, Olivia Schuette, Katelyn Grifka (Ubly), Riley Copeland, Alexis Blackstock (Bad Axe) (middle row, l-r) Hanna Dobson, Madison Beckrow, Kate Pohlod, Katie Mendrick (back row, l-r) Alaina Fluegge, Tasha Tageson, Coach Kathy Bouverette, Lauren Peters and Jozie Chippi. Missing are Asst. coaches John and Lena Waltz and Kelsey Bouverette.**

## Cardinals take control

Kingston took control of the North Central Thumb League Stars boys' basketball title chase Friday in Flint, where Coach Dave Lester's Cardinals defeated the International Academy (IAF) 56-45 to remain unblemished on the season.

The visitors trailed 10-9 early, but closed the opening half on a 13-7 run to take the lead. Kingston then ramped up its defense in the third quarter and held IAF to just 4 points, meanwhile, exploding for 18 points in the period that resulted in a double digit cushion with 8 minutes remaining.

The final quarter was fast paced, but IAF would never seriously challenge.

"We played a great defensive game. Our kids just locked down all night. Everyone was engaged. Huge conference win for us, Evan

Neff and Quinn Boucard stepped up and played great games," said Lester.

Neff led Kingston (6-0, 10-0) with 20 points and Quinn Boucard added 12 points, while Marco Saenz de Lacuesta chipped in 11.

Jamarion Franks led IAF (5-1, 7-2) with 14 points.

### NORTH HURON

Kingston started fast and finished strong at North Huron earlier in the week, eventually winning 64-22.

"We got off to a great start and put them away early. We are playing well right now," Lester said.

For Kingston, Neff led the way with 27 points and 6 rebounds. Quinn Boucard added 10 points, 8 rebounds and 6 blocks.

Brad Hoody led North Huron (3-6) with 10 points.

## Red Hawks trade decisions

Cass City boys wrapped up the first half of their campaign Friday in splendid fashion, defeating visiting Saginaw Arts & Science Academy in non-conference play. In the girls' side of the double header the visitors posted a 54-47 win to prevent the sweep on the night.

With the 46-34 decision, Coach Aaron Fernald's Red Hawks improve to 4-4 overall and are the winners of three straight titles.

To keep their win streak alive, Cass City will need defensive efforts similar to those delivered last week in wins over Saginaw and Caro.

"We are really pleased that we were able to get a couple of wins last week. We are playing really well defensively right now, holding both opponents this week to under 40 points. We still need to improve on offense. We need to finish better and execute better. We will continue to work on that this week," Fernald said, as he gets his team ready to face EPBP tonight to start the second half of conference play.

Sandyn Cuthrell scored 16 points for Cass City against Saginaw and will most likely need other offensive outbreaks to turn back EPBP and Reese - who Cass City hosts Friday for Snowcoming.

On Wednesday, Cass City traveled to Caro and recorded a narrow 36-34 win.

For Cass City, Cuthrell had 12 points and Thom Rijshouwer, 10. Trevin Phillips had 9 points to lead Caro.

## Stage set for lady showdown

Kingston did its part and Deckerville did theirs. And now the stage is set for Thursday's North Central Thumb League showdown between rivals.

Kingston improved to 11-0 with a 62-11 victory at Flint International Academy Friday, while over in Deckerville, the Eagles downed visiting CPS, 74-16, for their 7th straight win.

The Eagles' last defeat came in mid-Dec. against Kingston. They'll have a home court advantage this time around.

Home court didn't help IAF against Kingston. The hosts scored 5 total points before the half and added just a solo marker in the third quarter. "We had great ball movement all game long. Anna Ahern sparked us early in the game by making a number of plays," said Kingston Coach Jay Green.

Hanna James and Payton Kolacz each had 15 points for Kingston, while Ella Retan chipped in 10, Anna Ahern had 9 and Brooke Mooney, 7.

## Grapplers bounce back in GTC action

The Cass City wrestling team rebounded nicely from a pair of recent Greater Thumb Conference setbacks Wednesday, and then followed up the team's midweek showing with a solid performance Saturday at the Yale Team Tournament.

Cass City compiled a 2-3 record over the weekend to place fourth in the 6-team tournament.

"The Hawks competed against several division one schools and a Yale team that is ranked 8th in Division 3. Given the outstanding competition we actually wrestled quite well. The tough competition will help us as we strive to win the GTC and a district championship. There are several areas we are yet

to improve upon, but our performance was better than it had been in the previous couple of weeks," Cass City Coach Don Markel said.

Cass City lost to Rochester Adams 50-30, Madison Heights Lamphere 51-21 and Yale 54-24 before rebounding to beat Berkley 54-22 and Yale's "B" squad 54-22.

Rochester Adams won the tournament, while Yale and Madison Heights Lamphere placed second and third, respectively.

Cass City wrestlers who posted outstanding efforts for the day were Lucas Swiderski and Hunter Caister, both with perfect 5-0 records, while Tristan Swiderski went 4-1.

### GTC MATCHES

Cass City defeated a pair of visiting GTC foes to improve to 7-2 in the league. The hosts defeated Brown City 42-33 before moving on to beat Bad Axe 58-24.

Double winners for Cass City were: Hunter Turnbull, Cameron Gottschalk, Drew Markel, Lucas Swiderski, Tristan Swiderski, Ryan Pisarek and Matt Mihalic.

Cass City entertains Sandusky and Memphis tonight starting at 6:00 p.m. Cass City's dual meet record now stands at 19-11 (7-2 in the GTC, which puts them in second place in the 12-team GTC)

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Bad Axe @ Caro	Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese
Reese @ USA				
<b>Thursday, Jan. 30</b>				
Reese @ Cass City	Reese	Reese	Reese	Cass City
Ubly @ Marlette	Ubly	Ubly	Ubly	Ubly
Bad Axe @ USA	Bad Axe	USA	Bad Axe	USA
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<b>BOYS' BASKETBALL</b>				
<b>Tuesday, Jan. 28</b>				
North Branch @ Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
<b>Wednesday, Jan. 29</b>				
Cass City @ EPBP	EPBP	EPBP	Cass City	Cass City
Bad Axe @ Caro	Bad Axe	Bad Axe	Bad Axe	Caro
Reese @ USA	Reese	USA	Reese	Reese
<b>Thursday, Jan. 30</b>				
North Huron @ O-G	North Huron	North Huron	North Huron	North Huron
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Reese @ Cass City	Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese
Ubly @ Marlette	Ubly	Ubly	Ubly	Ubly
USA @ Bad Axe	Bad Axe	Bad Axe	USA	USA
Kingston @ Deckerville	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
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<b>LAST WEEK</b>				
	<b>14 - 9</b>	<b>19 - 4</b>	<b>15 - 8</b>	<b>11 - 12</b>
<b>SEASON RESULTS</b>				
	<b>66-19 (78%)</b>	<b>69-16 (81%)</b>	<b>60-25 (71%)</b>	<b>56-29 (66%)</b>



THE TALON wrestlers are: (front row, l-r) Kneeling is Jeremiah Rutkowski, Lucas Roland, Rylan Kappen, Lucian Scott, Elisabeth Blackstock, Zayne Sprague, Westin Doran, Colten Claerhout, Ryan Kempisty, Jackson Estep, Thomas Hartzell, Braylon Kady, Jackson Royal, Oliver Walker (Kneeling) (second row, l-r) Jakob Robinson-Moyer, Joseph Kappen, Jalen Estep, Drake Zartman, Gunner Nicholas, Colten Kady, Owen Gaeth, Jackson Little, Mason Ligrow, Kendra Long, Cole Grates, Hailey Upthegrove, Hunter Adams, Brendon Mester (third row, l-r) Cooper Mallory, Ross Pringle, Mason Brown, Joseph Estep, Eli Maurer, Blake Sweeney, Jayce Halbert, Nathan Edwards, Gavin Ulfig, Charlie Gaeth, Logan Boyle, Liam Maurer (back row. L-r) Coach Joe Estep, Noah Adams, Chelsea Roach, Coach Kevven Dorland, Gage Mallory, Coach Jeremy Kady, and Milo Schwendinger.

# Talons membership impressive in first season

by William Hartzell  
Special Guest Writer

The inaugural season for the Cass City Talons is underway. They are off to a successful beginning. Just the size of the club is impressive. The Talons are coached by Kevven Dorland and many other parents and community membes. There are currently 56 wrestlers ages 5-14 that are participating this year. The Talons are part of two leagues, North East

Michigan Wrestling Association (NEMWA), and Mid-Michigan Wrestling Association (MMWA). There are two types of tournaments that are offered to wrestlers based on their experience and skill sets. They can compete as in novice or open tournaments. Novice is for the new or developing wrestlers, and open is for the more experienced wrestlers. The athletes are divided by their ages and weights at all tournaments. A few tournament highlights.

The first big tournament of the year was an open holiday tournament at Mayville. There were hundreds of wrestlers that competed from all over the state. The Talons sent 23 wrestlers. Chelsea Roach, Cooper Mallory and Noah Adams came home with first place. Adams went 4-0 with 4 pins, Chelsea Roach went 3-0, and Cooper Mallory went 2-0. Other top finishers for the Talons were 2nd place finishers, Colten Kady, Rylan Kappen, Hunter Adams and Thomas Hartzell. 3rd Place finishers, Braylon Kady, Brendon Mester, and Jeremiah Rutkoski. For many Talons this was their first wrestling competition and they held their own against more experienced wrestlers.

The Talons have participated in over a dozen tournaments from the Flint area, Thumb and Northern Michigan. One of the best showings came at a North Branch tournament. The Talons competed against over 30 well established clubs and finished in 4th place in the team portion. Some top performers from that tournament were Braylon Kady who went 4-0 and took home 1st place in the 7-8 year old 49lb weight class. Noah Adams, from Lakers, won the 9-10 year old light heavy-weight division. He went 3-0 and brought home the championship by winning the championship match in sudden death overtime. Thomas Hartzell went 2-0 winning both of his matches by pin. He was the first place wrestler in the 4-6 year old 49lb weight class. From the 13-14 year old 170lb division, Cooper Mallory took home first place by pinning both of his opponents.

The first Novice Tournament of the year was in Swartz Creek. Cass City sent 8 wrestlers. Eli and Liam Maurer, of Ubyly, both came

home with 1st place medals. Liam went 4-0 with 2 pins, while his brother Eli 3-0 with 3 pins. Jackson Estep took 2nd out of the 4-6 year old 49lb division going 3-1. Oliver Walker took 2nd place going 1-1 winning his match by Major Decision.

Recently, 12 Talons braved the roads headed to Bay City John Glenn to compete in a NEMWA tournament. Braylon Kady had one of his better days in his young career taking home 1st place and beating some stiff competition. Braylon went 3-0. Kady defeated the reigning NEMWA state champion in his weight class for the second time this season. Braylon's brother Colten turned in a fine performance taking home 2nd. Noah Adams was first again by going 3-0 with 3 pins. Gage Mallory had his best day as Talon going 2-2 taking home 4th place. Cooper Mallory won both his matches by pin. Neither match lasted more than 35 seconds.

Season Highlights. Noah Adams and Cooper Mallory are both undefeated on the season. Cooper has won all his matches by pin. Noah Adams is 8-0 with 7 pins on the season. Braylon Kady has 4-1st places and 1-3rd place finish. Colten Kady has finished 2nd in all 4 of his wrestling tournaments. Rylan Kappen has brought home two-2nd place finishes in an extremely strong weight class.

If you would like to follow the progress of the Talons go to Facebook and search Cass City Talons Youth Wrestling Club and like our page. You will find more results and notifications there.

Saturday was a great day for the Cass City Talons Youth Wrestling Club at the MMWA Open Tournament in Caro. The Talons came away with 3 champions. Milo Schwendinger, Noah Adams and

Braylon Kady walked away with the 1st place trophy in their divisions. Noah Adams, Trenton Bruno and Braylon Kady also received three more trophies. They each received the Fastest Pin Trophy for their age division. Noah pinned an opponent in 12 seconds, Trenton pinned his opponent in 15 seconds and Braylon Kady pinned his opponent in 6 seconds. We had a 2nd place finish from Chelsea Roach. The Talons had 3rd place finishes from Elisabeth Blackstock, Cole Lenhard and Thomas Hartzell.

Cass City had the largest number of Wrestlers at the Marlette Novice Tournament Sunday. There were so many good performances and kids gained some valuable experience. Talons who took home 1st place were Jackson Estep, Mason Ligrow, Liam Maurer, Colten Kady, Eli Maurer and Cole Lenhard. Liam Maurer and Eli Maurer, with their first places today, are no longer considered novice wrestlers and will now be wrestling open tournaments. 2nd place finishers were Colten Claerhout, Elisabeth Blackstock, Jalen Estep, Jackson Little, Drake Zartman, Hailey Upthegrove, Gavin Ulfig, and Corbin Lenhard. 3rd place medals were earned by Zayne Sprague, Brendon Mester, Oliver Walker, Charlie Gaeth, Jakob Robinson-Moyer, Logan Boyle, and Ross Pringle. Coach Kevven Dorland had a lot of positives to say about our club after the tournament. Dorland went on to say "The kids did a lot of things right and we saw a lot of things to focus on improving to keep all these Talons successful at the tournaments." "We will still focus on hammering the fundamentals and encourage the kids to keep working hard in practice."

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## Cass City Red Hawk

# ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Leevy has an average of 169 this season and a high game of 219. He is a senior and has been bowling all four years of high school at Cass City. When Coach T.C. Gruber asked him for a quote for the paper he said "that bowling is for people with talent to spare."

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# Cass City Jr./Sr. High School

## 2019-20 Winter Sports Schedule



### BOYS' BASKETBALL (JV/VARSITY)

DATE	OPPONENT
12/13	Ubyly 42, CC 39
12/20	EPB 62, CC 52
1/08	CC 53, Marlette 37
1/10	Bad Axe 38, CC 37
1/15	USA 48, CC 32
1/17	CC 63, Vassar 30
1/22	CC 36, Caro 34
1/24	CC 46, S.A.A.S. 34
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	Ubyly 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
1/14	CC 38, USA 29
1/16	CC 35, Vassar 27
1/21	Caro 48, CC 37
1/24	S.A.A.S. 54, CC 47
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/Ubyly</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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# Village of Cass City, Michigan Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2019

In 1996, Congress amended the Safe Drinking Water Act. This legislation added a provision requiring all community water systems deliver to their customers a brief Annual Water Quality Report.

The Village of Cass City is pleased to provide you with this year's Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. We want to keep you informed about the water quality and services we have delivered to you over the past year. Our goal is, and always has been, to provide a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. The Village of Cass City obtains its water from three different municipal wells. All three wells are located in the Village Park, at the east end of town. Wells No. 1 and No. 2, located just east of the tennis courts, were installed in 1946. They are 290 feet and 240 feet deep respectively. Well No. 3 is located on the west side of the volleyball courts. Well No. 3 was installed in 1998 and extends to a depth of 311 feet. All three municipal wells are drilled into the bedrock of the Michigan Formation. The Village now has the capacity to pump 1,656,000 gallons of water per day.

On January 23, 2006 the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) lowered the MCL (Maximum Contaminant Level) for arsenic from 50 ppb to 10ppb. The Village of Cass City did not meet the new Arsenic standard. An arsenic removal plant was constructed by the village to meet the new standard. On April 18, 2007 the Village started supplying water that exceeds the new standard of 10ppb. The arsenic was reduced from a high of 29ppb to less than 5ppb.

The State of Michigan has produced a Source Water Assessment for each of the Village's wells. This Assessment reports the susceptibility of our water supply sources to contamination. The susceptibility score is broken down into 7 categories. Very Low, Low, Moderately Low, Moderate, Moderately High, High, or Very High. The score, given by the State, for all three of the Village wells, is **Moderately High**. The susceptibility rating is based primarily on geologic sensitivity, water chemistry and contaminant sources. The complete Source Water Assessment is available by contacting the Village office.

This report shows our water quality and what it means to you, our customers. Copies of the report are not mailed directly to each individual customer. Customers may request a paper copy from the village office at 6506 Main Street, Cass City, MI., 48726 or by calling (989) 872-2911.

**If you have any questions concerning this report, or about your water, or your water utility please contact Dennis McCabe, Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. thru 3:30 p.m., 989-872-2911. The Village also has regularly scheduled Village Council Meetings the last Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall, 6506 Main Street, Cass City Michigan. The public is welcome at all meetings of the Village Council.**

All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate the water poses a health risk. As water travels over the land or underground, it can pick up substances or contaminants such as microbes, inorganic and organic chemicals, and radioactive substances. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) "Safe Drinking Water Hotline: at 1-800-426-4791

The Village of Cass City routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The Village has conducted tests for over 150 different contaminants, on each municipal well and throughout the system. The following table shows the results of the most recent monitoring for 2019.

## VILLAGE OF CASS CITY MICHIGAN DRINKING WATER TEST ANALYSIS

### TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS USED IN TABLE BELOW

- Non-Detects** - (ND) - laboratory analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present.
- Parts Per Million** - (ppm) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.
- Parts Per Billion** - (ppb) - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.
- Maximum Contaminant Level** - (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- Maximum Contaminant Level Goal** - (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level** - (MRDL) is the highest level of free chlorine allowed in the distribution system.
- Action Level** - (AL) is the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- Picocuries per liter** - (pCi/l) picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.
- PFAS** -

The State of Michigan allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. All of the data is representative of our water quality, but some are more than one year old. The tables below represent the most current testing information available.

### Contaminants Regulated by The State of Michigan

ARSENIC Samples taken Monthly from arsenic treatment plant tap in 2019						
Contaminant	Highest Level Detected in our Water	Range detected in our water	Violation Yes/No	MCL	MCLG	Likely Source of Contamination
Arsenic	4 ppb	3 ppb To 5 ppb	No	10 ppb	0	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes

CHLORINE RESIDUALS From the Distribution System in 2018 and 2019					
Contaminant	Date of Most Recent Testing	Highest Level Detected in our Water in 2019	Lowest Level Detected in our Water in 2019	Highest running Annual average for 2018 and 2019	Likely Source of Contamination
Free Chlorine Residuals	2 samples taken each month throughout the system	.66 ppm	0.08 ppm	0.35	Water additive used to control microbes

We monitor our distribution system every 12 months for Trihalomethanes and Haloacetic acids. We inadvertently missed taking the July sample. We did take a sample in August of 2019 and the results were far below the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) but cannot be accepted for compliance. Sampling can only take place during specific periods and at specific sites. We have taken steps to be sure to monitor for Trihalomethanes and Haloacetic acids, as required.

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BYPRODUCTS FROM CHLORINE DISINFECTANTS Detected in the Distribution System in 2019							
Contaminant	Date of Most Recent Testing	Level Detected in our Water	Range detected in our water	Violation Yes/No	MCL	MCLG	Likely Source of Contamination
Total Trihalomethanes	8-20-2019	6.0 ppb	Only 1 sample taken. There is no range of detection.	No	80 ppb	No MCLG	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Total Haloacetic Acids	8-20-2019	ND	Only 1 sample taken. There is no range of detection.	No	60 ppb	No MCLG	By-product of drinking water chlorination

LEAD AND COPPER Detected in the Distribution System							
Contaminant	Date of Most Recent Testing	Number of sites Tested	90th Percentile	Number of sites over Action Level	Violation Yes/No	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Lead	7-11-2017 through 8-14-2017	11	0 ppb	0	No	15 ppb	Corrosion of household plumbing
Copper	7-11-2017 through 8-14-2017	11	240 ppb	0	No	1300 ppb	Corrosion of household plumbing; Erosion of natural deposits

INORGANIC CONTAMINANTS Samples were taken from water treatment plant tap							
Contaminant	Date of Most Recent Testing	Highest Level Detected in our Water	Range detected in our water	Violation Yes/No	MCL	MCLG	Likely Source of Contamination
Barium	4-16-2012	.14 ppm	Only 1 sample taken. There is no range of detection.	No	2 ppm	2 ppm	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride	8-20-2019	0.75 ppm	Only 1 sample taken. There is no range of detection.	No	4 ppm	4 ppm	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories

### POTENTIAL HEALTH CONCERNS FOR CONTAMINANTS LISTED IN TABLES ABOVE

- Arsenic** - Some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer. Some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL, over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.
- Barium** - Some people who drink water containing barium in excess of the MCL, over many years could experience an increase in their blood pressure.
- Chlorine** - Some people who use water containing chlorine well in excess of the MRDL could experience irritating effects to their eyes and nose. Some people who drink water containing chlorine well in excess of the MRDL could experience stomach discomfort.
- Copper** - Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over many years could suffer liver or kidney damage. People with Wilson's Disease should consult their personal doctor.
- Fluoride** - Some people who drink water containing fluoride in excess of the MCL over many years could get bone disease, including pain and tenderness of the bones. Fluoride in drinking water at half the MCL or more may cause mottling of children's teeth, usually in children less than nine years old. Mottling, also known as dental fluorosis, may include brown staining and/or pitting of the teeth, and occurs only in developing teeth before they erupt from the gums.
- Lead** - If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Village of Cass City is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.
- Total Trihalomethanes** - Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

### Contaminants Not Regulated by The State of Michigan

Unregulated Contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. Monitoring helps EPA to determine where these contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants. Potential health concerns are not listed for these contaminants.

Contaminant	Date of Most Recent Testing	Level Detected in Distribution System	MCL	Likely Source of Contaminant
Sodium	8-20-2019	16 ppm	No MCL	Erosion of natural deposits
Sulfate	8-20-2019	44 ppm	No MCL	Erosion of natural deposits

RADIOLOGICAL CONTAMINANTS Samples taken from all 3 Village Wells						
Contaminant	Date of Most Recent Testing	Level detected in our water	Violation Yes/No	MCL	MCLG	Likely Source of Contamination
Gross Alpha	4-2-2015	-0.28 ± 1.32 pCi/L	No	15 pCi/L	0	Erosion of natural deposits
Radium 226	4-2-2015	.90 ± 0.55 pCi/L	No	5 pCi/L	0	Erosion of natural deposits

### POTENTIAL HEALTH CONCERNS FOR CONTAMINANTS LISTED IN TABLES ABOVE

- Gross Alpha** - Certain minerals are radioactive and may emit a form of radiation known as alpha radiation. Some people who drink water containing alpha emitters in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.
- Radium 226/228** - Some people who drink water containing radium 226 or 228 in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

### PFAS/PFOS

In 2018 the MDEQ decided to sample for PFAS at all community water supplies that have their own drinking water. Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS/PFOS) have been classified by the EPA as an emerging contaminant. This means that PFAS present potential unacceptable human health risks and were not monitored by the MDEQ. PFAS are chemicals used throughout the industrial, food, and textile industries. PFAS has been used in firefighting foams, food packaging, and cleaning products. MDEQ contracted AECOM, an environmental firm, to do the sampling. Our water plant was tested on 10/10/2018.

The results were as follows:

Date collected	Sample Location	PFOS + PFOA (ppt)	LHA (ppt) PFOS+PFOA	TOTAL TESTED PFAS (ppt)
10/10/2018	TP001	ND	70	ND

### LHA- Lifetime Health Advisory

Ppt-Parts per Trillion  
ND- Non-detect

Our sample was found to be Non-detect (ND), this means no (PFAS) was detected. If the MDEQ requires any more testing of PFAS/PFOS in the future, we will test our water supply as required

### All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by substances that are naturally occurring or man-made. These substances can be:

- Microbial Contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
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In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public systems. The FDA regulates contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

MCL's (Maximum Contaminant Levels) are set at very stringent standards. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated contaminants, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime, to have a "one-in-a-million chance" of experiencing the described health effect.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at: (1-800-426-4791).

**Please call the Village Office if you have any questions or would like to see the reports for all of the tests the Village has conducted. The contact person for this information is Dennis McCabe, telephone: (989) 872-2911.**

**This notice is a continuation of the Village of Cass City - Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2019 printed on page 12 of this edition of the Cass City Chronicle.**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER Monitoring Requirements Not Met for Cass City**

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During July 1 to July 31, 2019, we did not complete all monitoring for Total Trihalomethanes and Haloacetic acids and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time.

What should I do? There is nothing you need to do at this time. This is not an emergency. You do not need to boil water or use an alternative source of water at this time.

The table below lists the contaminate(s) we did not properly test for during this time, how often we are supposed to sample for the contaminants and how many samples we are supposed to take, how many samples we took, when samples should have been taken, and the date we will collect follow-up samples.

Contaminant	Required sampling frequency	Number of samples taken	When all samples should have been taken	Date additional samples will be taken
Total Trihalomethanes	1 @ 12 months	1*	July 1 to July 31, 2019	July 2020
Haloacetic acids	1 @ 12 months	1*	July 1 to July 31, 2019	July 2020

\*A sample was taken for this contaminant during August.

What happened? What is being done? We monitor our distribution system every 12 months for Trihalomethanes and Haloacetic acids. We inadvertently missed taking the July sample. We did take a sample in August of 2019 and the results were far below the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL), but cannot be accepted for compliance. Sampling can only take place during specific periods and at specific sites. We have taken steps to be sure to monitor for Trihalomethanes and Haloacetic acids, as required.

For more information, please contact Mr. Allan Dadacki, 989-872-4291 or 6506 Main Street, Cass City, Michigan, 48726

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

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Certification: I certify that this water supply has fully complied with the public notification regulations in the Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act, 1976 PA 399, as amended, and the administrative rules. Allan Dadacki, Asst. Water Supt. Date Distributed: 01-23-2020

# School budget healthy

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Zimba said the loss is due to a federal decision to disqualify about 30 local Great Start Readiness Program (preschool) students. However, she pointed out, the program is thriving and, with some financial adjustments this year, should be back in the black next year.

Factors working in Cass City's favor include an already healthy food service budget with a fund balance equal to more than 15.5 percent of the budget. In addition, school officials point to struggles in previous years to recover charged student meals, which added up to \$5,000 in one year at one point.

"We're seeing a lot of kids eating lunch that in the past wouldn't have," she told the board, adding a positive indicator has been a significant increase in the percentage of kids that will bring in reimbursement from the program because they are already certified as receiving some other form of state assistance. "So, even though we're losing money on it this year, we'll be fine next year.

"It's something we wanted to try (and) it's working very well," Zimba said. "We just have to tweak a few things."

Shari Bock, food service director for the Cass City Schools, agreed. "Overall, it's been a great program. I do think there's a great benefit," commented Bock, who said the elimination of any hint of stigma impacting students who qualify for free and reduced-price meals appears to be encouraging more students to participate in the program. "The kitchen staff is happy...and I think the kids are happy.

"We're up 30 percent overall (among kids who eat breakfast or lunch at school)," Bock noted, adding that adds up to 75 to 80 percent of the student population, or about 750 kids.

Bock estimates that about 53 percent of elementary and high school students would qualify for free or reduced-price meals under the previous meal program.

### In other business

In other business during the regular monthly meeting, the board: \*Approved the hiring of Kevven Dorland as an elementary social behavioral coach, a position the school officials created to fill a vacancy left by the resignation last month of Tracy Robinson, elementary school social worker. Robinson left the district to accept a position as regional health school coordinator for the Thumb.

\*Held its annual reorganization meeting, during which board members reelected all officers. They are: Alice Zaleski, president; Janie Meeker, vice president; Emily Lasceski, secretary; and Dave Osentoski, treasurer.

The board also agreed to continue schedule regular monthly meetings on the fourth Monday of each month, starting at 7 p.m. in the junior-senior high school library.

# Council accepts big gift

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plant upgrades program, 4) Downtown revitalization, and 5) Creation of a splash park/municipal park improvements.

Other expenditures approved Monday are engineering services from Spicer Group for 2020 street improvements. Those services include assisting with final design, construction administration and inspection of street improvements in the coming year at a cost of \$49,200.

The projects to be completed are: Beechwood Drive, from Hospital Drive east to Hemlock Lane. and a portion of Schell Street, from Doerr Road east to Industrial Drive (milled and paved). Chip and fog seal coat is planned for Ale Street, from Rose Street south to pavement change; Church Street, from West Street east to Oak Street; Doerr Road, from Division Street east to Main Street; and Houghton Street, from Brooker Street east to Seeger Street.

The council also voted to pay Northern Pump and Well for repair work on Well No. 3 in the amount of \$46,278. Original estimates to repair the well came in at \$41,695, but a new hydroflow pump and shaft resulted in a \$4,583 difference that was recommended for payment.

In other business, the council: \*Approved the purchase of a Boss V-Plow from Caro Snow Works in the amount of \$6,825, including installation. The plow will be used throughout town, around wells and at the driveway for the water tower.

\*Discussed meetings with officials to discuss local wastewater treatment plant facilities and treatment processes. The plant has been well maintained and is exceeding its projected useful life of 35 years. However, recent equipment and repairs have cost roughly \$285,000. Since then, there have been boiler issues which may indicate the village either needs to renovate the existing plant or build a new one that could cost an estimated \$10 million.

\*Learned automatic door openers will be installed on the front entrance of the municipal building Friday, Jan. 31.

\*Appointed Colleen Langenburg to fill a vacant position on the Cass City Planning Commission with a term ending May 5, 2020.

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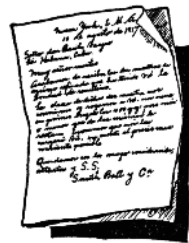


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