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Kelley, Battel honored as 2020 "citizens of year"

by Clarke Haire
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A packed house over the weekend in Cass City honored a pair of local citizens whose contributions stand out in the community.

The presentation of the coveted Citizen of the Year award — a local tradition spanning more than five decades — along with the presentation of the Junior Citizen of the Year award took place Sat-

urday at the VFW hall during the annual Cass City Chamber of Commerce Dinner.

Honoring area residents who devoted themselves to making life better in Cass City was the motivation behind establishing the Citizen of the Year award, first presented to the late-Willis Campbell back in 1963, the same year school officials named the former Campbell Elementary School after the local administrator.

Each year a committee composed of the previous five years' citizens of the year, along with a permanent representative appointed by the chamber board of directors, selects the recipient or recipients of the award after considering nominations offered by the community as well as by board members themselves.

The 2020 Cass City Citizen of the Year, Scott Kelley, possesses many of the same values and qual-

ities of previous award recipients. As is customary, Dotty Scollon, the previous year's award recipient, announced this year's winner in front of a crowd estimated to be near 200 people.

"This person has been a resident of Cass City for many years, and in those years has been a behind-the-scenes supporter of many projects," Scollon told the crowd while keeping the winner's name a secret.

"This person is not vocal, but does a lot quietly — supporting benefits, service clubs and Cass City Schools. The Revive food program has benefited greatly from this generous donor — who helps distribute the food," she said.

Other causes supported by Kelley are too numerous to list, but include the Cass City Little League, youth football and Youth for Christ programs, among others. He has been a member of the Cass City Gun Club, White Creek Club, Whitetails Unlimited, Duck Unlimited and Pheasants Forever associations.

Kelley, perhaps, is best known for his leadership at Cole Carbide Industries, where he retired after 56 years of dedicated service.

Kelley was actually nominated for the award by former employees of the Thumb tool and die manufacturer.

"Not only does he support he

community, he also supports the employees that work for him. He considers them not only employees, but his extended family. He has lent a helping hand when people are in need," the employees wrote in their nomination letter.

JUNIOR CITIZEN

Addy Battel was named the 2020 Cass City Junior Citizen of the Year. Selected from an impressive field of seven candidates based on the categories of academics, service, work, sports, activities and honors, she is the first home schooled student to win the award.

Battel has been in the spotlight since a young age when she helped to spearhead the "Meating the Need for Our Village" project in 2015. The endeavor addressed hunger locally and continues under the leadership of Battel and others today. Each year, thousands of pounds of beef, pork and chicken as well as eggs, milk and other staples are distributed by volunteers at Revive Ministries, Cass City, to those in need in the area, thanks, in a big part, to Battel's efforts.

Battel, the daughter of Bob Battel and Sue Stuever Battel, plans to attend Michigan State University to pursue a career in animal science. Among her many honors is being a Points of Light honoree.

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SCOTT KELLEY was named the 2020 Cass City Citizen of the Year during the annual Cass City Chamber of Commerce Dinner Saturday at the local VFW hall. Presenting the award (above) was Dotty Scollon, the 2019 Cass City Citizen of the Year award recipient. Also pictured is chamber administrator Judy Keller.

Phones now allowed in courthouse but with some restrictions in place

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

As expected, people entering the Tuscola County Courthouse are once again allowed to bring their cell phones with them.

The end of the cell phone ban, effective Monday at the courthouse in Caro, stems from a recent Michigan Supreme Court ruling. But anyone planning to take advantage of the privilege would be well advised to pay heed to a few rules set forth in a memo released last week by Chief Judge Amy Grace Gierhart.

While phones and other portable electronic communication devices may be used within the courthouse and inside courtrooms, the memo spells out the following restrictions:

*Any use of the devices is sub-

ject to the authority of a judge, who will terminate activity that is disruptive or distracting to a court proceeding or that is deemed to be otherwise contrary to the administration of justice.

*Unless the presiding judge gives his or her permission, in writing, the use of a portable electronic device to take photographs or for audio or video recording, broadcasting or live streaming is prohibited.

*All portable electronic devices must be silenced while inside a courtroom. While court is in session, the devices may not be utilized to make or receive telephone calls or for any other audible functions. In addition, communication via portable electronic devices between sequestered witnesses and anyone present in the courtroom during a proceeding in which the witness is sequestered is strictly

prohibited.

*Outside of a courtroom, no one may use a portable electronic device to photograph, record, broadcast or live stream another individual without their prior express consent.

Violations of the rules are punishable by sanction up to an including contempt of court, which is punishable by 93 days in jail and/or a fine of up to \$7,500, according to the memo.

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

However, rules banning cell-phones in courthouses across the state were reversed last month by the Michigan Supreme Court, which adopted amendments to court rules to explicitly allow the public to bring not only cell phones into courthouses and courtrooms, but also iPhones, Androids and other handheld electronic devices.

The changes allow attorneys, parties and members of the public to use portable electronic devices within a courtroom for the retrieval and storage of information, to access the Internet and to send or retrieve text messages or other information.

They may also be utilized to copy court documents in a clerk's office, provided no marks or impressions are left on the documents, and as long as the process of reproducing documents doesn't unreasonably interfere with the operations of the clerk's office.



CASS CITY second grade student Reagan Shadley's desire to help wildlife impacted by record-breaking wildfires in Australia led to the organization of a coin drive that netted a donation of more than \$3,700, which was matched by Kranz Funeral home, Cass City, for a total gift of \$7,500. Pictured above are (from left) second grade teacher Karen Sweeney, Debra Kranz, Shadley and Kevven Dorland, elementary school social behavioral coach.

Local student leads charge to help wildlife in Australia

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Australia is roughly 10,000 miles away from Reagan Shadley's classroom at Cass City Elementary School, but distance didn't affect the youngster's concern for the animals threatened by record-breaking wildfires in the Land Down Under in recent months.

Her compassion resulted in a donation of nearly \$7,500 — thanks to a local business that agreed to match the more than \$3,700 raised by students. All of the proceeds will be sent to a wildlife rescue organization in Australia

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Special school meets on tap

The Cass City Board of Education will host a pair of special meetings this month in order to focus specifically on the staff and programs in place at both the elementary and junior-senior high school buildings.

The first meeting will be Monday, Feb. 10, starting at 3:30 p.m. at Cass City Elementary School, and the second will be Monday, Feb. 17, starting at 3:30 p.m. at the junior-senior high building.

"Each building is going to have a team of (staff members) there to present to the board on what's going on in the classrooms, technology being used" and other topics, school Supt. Jeff Hartel explained. "It's just kind of an update on each individual building."

The public is welcome to attend, according to Hartel, who noted the purpose of the informational meetings is to bring the board up-to-date on current programs. No formal action is expected following either presentation, he said.

Owen-Gage officials announce January students of the month

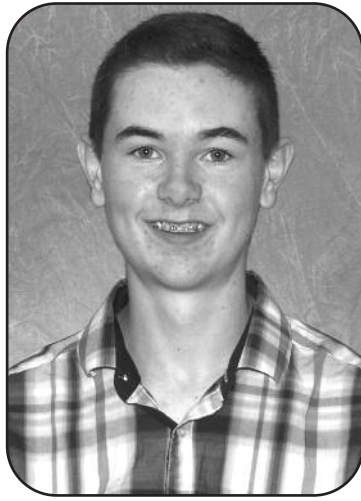
The focus for Owen-Gage's students of the month for January is being a "Responsible Learner". A student who is a responsible learner is a self-directed learner, appreciates education, and believes in the importance of a continuing education.

The student values life-long learning habits along with the importance of community and global responsibility. The following students have been chosen: Genna Morrish, first grade (elementary

level), daughter of Mark Morrish and Janet Abfalter; Karsyn Gruehn, eighth grade (junior high level), daughter of Nathan and Kamryn Gruehn; Jameson McKnight, eleventh grade (high school level), son of Todd and Rebecca McKnight; and Payton Bock, twelfth grade (senior student), son of David and Shari Bock.

Special recognition goes to the "Senior Student of the Month", Payton Bock. Bock was a member of the football team his fresh-

man year. He has been a member of the band all four years, in which he plays percussion. He also has been a member of the



Jameson McKnight

Huron County Intermediate School's Innovated Vehicle Design Team each year and has competed at several events.

Bock was a homecoming representative his freshman year and a snowball court representative his sophomore year. He recently was nominated as a 2020 snowball king candidate by the student body/staff.

Bock attended the Huron County Area Technical Center the second semester his junior year and will attend his second semester as a senior where he will be enrolled in the Power Technology Program again. He plans on earning his CDL license through the program and become a truck driver upon graduation.

He is the son of David and Shari Bock of Cass City.



Payton Bock

Movie Matinee slated Feb. 21

Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City will host its next Movie Matinee Friday, Feb. 21, starting at 1:30 p.m.

Films slated to be shown are:
 — "Moose: Life of a Twig Eater"
 — Follow one intrepid cameraman as he undertakes the challenge of following and filming a mother and her newborn calf for a full year in Jasper National Park to see how it grows, how it learns from its mother and how it avoids danger.

This stunningly intimate nature documentary takes viewers deep inside the world of moose to experience a mother's love and a calf's first year of life in a very up close and personal way (60 minutes).

— "The Colgate Comedy Hour with Dean Martin & Jerry Lewis"
 — The crooner and the clown. They were the best comedy duo of their day. Enjoy an episode of the classic 1950's variety show, "The Colgate Comedy Hour" starring the legendary pair and unforgettable guests (30 minutes).

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

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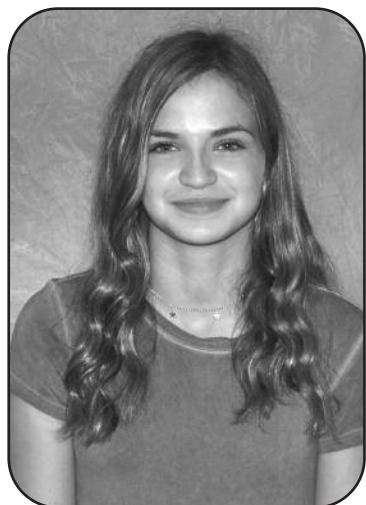
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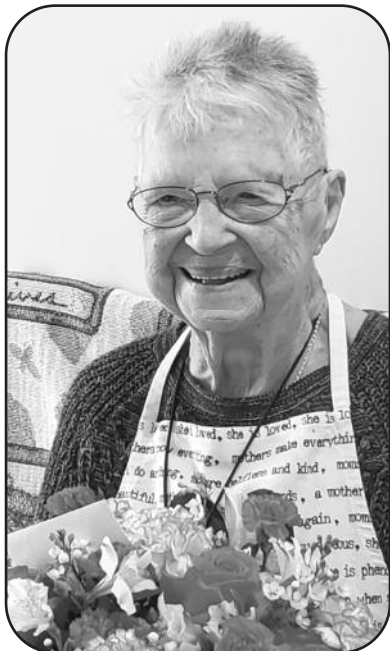
Karsyn Gruehn

Happy 100th Birthday

Pauline Hulburt will turn 100 years old on February 21, 2020.

The family is honoring her wishes to not have a party, however, Pauline loves mail. If you would like to send her a card, or share a special memory with her, you can do so by mailing:

Pauline Hulburt
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Time and technology not on my side



Fight child abuse during tax season

Unless you're in the business of completing tax forms for paying customers, chances are good tax season isn't going to make it on your top 10 list of favorite times of the year.

But what if you could make a difference in the lives of Michigan's youngest victims while tackling this annual frustrating chore?

You can.

Officials at the Children's Trust Fund (CTF) are reminding people filing their state income taxes to remember to check a box that will help prevent child abuse.

A check-off box on the state income tax return form allows residents to donate \$5, \$10, or more to fund programs in local communities that prevent child abuse.

Through the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), the CTF serves as a voice for Michigan's children and families and promotes their health, safety and welfare by funding local programs and services statewide that prevent child abuse and neglect.

The check-off box can be found on both the online and paper versions of the Voluntary Contribution Schedule Form 4642.

Established by the Michigan Legislature through Public Act 249/250 of 1982, the CTF is the Michigan Chapter of Prevent Child Abuse America. Funding is awarded through a competitive bid process and is focused on families with risk factors or challenges that, if left unattended, could impact positive parenting and optimal child development.

The goal is to work collaboratively with other services and funding sources so that communities build a framework of protection and support for all children and families.

Grants from the organization support a wide range of programs and services through the statewide network of Child Abuse and Neglect councils.

Based on local priorities, those councils use funding for initiatives such as shaken baby and safe sleep education, parent support and child sexual assault prevention and education. CTF also funds 37 competitive grants that target at-risk families with services such as home visitation, support for families with incarcerated parents and respite care.

The CTF relies heavily on the contributions donated through the state income tax campaign to fund direct service and local prevention programs across the state of Michigan that help build strong, healthy families and keep children safe.

Since its creation in 1982, the CTF has raised more than \$70 million and provided support to more than seven million children and families.

For more information about the Children's Trust Fund, how to contribute and the tax campaign, visit www.michigan.gov/ctf.

I'm still fighting trying to adjust to the time change from months ago.

The clock in my van is still on Daylight Savings Time because I haven't figured out how to change it. So, I have to keep remembering there is an hour's difference between what the time really is and what the van's clock says it is.

It takes several attempts over several weeks to hit the lucky method on how to change it. By the time that happens, I have tried so many different ways to do it I didn't notice which one actually worked.

Normally, I just have to remember the clock is different by an hour until the next time change.

The struggle is real!

Now, to add insult to injury, I'm going to have to get a new cell phone, so a whole new battle with technology lies ahead.

When cell phones that came in bags were replaced by portable ones, the phone after that was — I guess what you call — stick a phone. I had it for several years and just loved it until it too had to be replaced due to old age. The transition to a flip phone wasn't too much of a traumatic adjustment.

But then came the texting craze. Today everyone texts. The flip phone I had didn't have a full keyboard for texting. Each number represented a couple of letters. Because of that, the number had to be pushed a couple of times to get to the letter that was needed to send a message.

Having to do that to text was a total pain, and the messages never came out right.

So, I grudgingly tried to switch to a smart phone to be able to text. It took me three days to figure out how to answer it when I got a call. The top part of the phone had to be slid up for it to answer a call.

Then came the challenge of trying to make a call. I have hundreds of phone numbers stored in my phone. When I tried to scroll down through the numbers to find the one I want to call, any space I lightly touch would call that number. It took four to five tries to get down to the phone number I wanted to call after making several wrong ones from areas that I had touched trying to get there.

I ended up switching that phone for a good old flip phone to go back to fighting trying to text without a full alphabetic keyboard.

Eventually, I found a smart phone that I could use. I can do the basics with the smart phone I have — make and receive calls, do some texting. That's it. Although it is able to do much more than that, I'm content with my current phone, but it is starting to wear out, so it will have to be replaced soon.

I'm not looking forward to that. After all, I still haven't figured out how to set my van's clock. So, there is a new battle looming on the horizon with a dumb person getting a new smart phone.

Over the last few days, I complained about my dilemma with technology to my son. Although he didn't visibly do it, I knew he wanted to roll his eyes

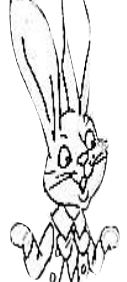
at me and sigh.

I reminded him I'm the one who potty trained him and taught him the A, B, Cs, so he owes me.

That time he did roll his eyes at me.

Rabbit Tracks
by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)



The Cass City Elementary Robotics teams competed in a rare home meet on Saturday and all three teams did a great job, and all three teams made the finals, reports local teacher Ron Woloshen.

The Robotic War Hawks (Michael VanWongerghem, Jeevesh Prabakaran and Joseph Estep) had won the Design Award at an earlier meet, but came up short in the final match over the weekend, according to Woloshen, who also reported that The Bionic Hawks team of George Kile III, Drew Lowman and Owen Hall took first place in the Teamwork Award, and earned a trip to the State Finals in Traverse City.

The Robo Girlzzz (Chloe Franzel, Ali Learman and Braylon Guitierrez) walked away with the Design Award and also qualified for a spot in the State Finals.

The next robotics meet is Saturday, February 8th in Bad Axe.

When it comes to planning a seasonal event, especially in the wintertime, there's no beating Mother Nature. For the second year in a row, the Caro Winter Fest (CWF) has been cancelled due to above normal temperatures and inconsistent weather patterns. The event was slated to be held at the Tuscola County Fairgrounds on February 8 and 9, 2020, which was three weeks later than normal.

"We've held this event on the third weekend of January since 2009, but changed the date when Midwest International Racing Association (MIRA) had an opportunity to race that weekend in Gaylord," said Kris Reinelt, CWF Board President & Marketing Liaison. "The Board agreed to move the event when it was determined after much discussion and analysis of Caro's weather for the past seven years that we had a 50/50 chance either weekend."

The biggest misconception surrounding the event is that snow is required. Of course, snow is always wanted as it adds to the ambience of a wintertime festival, but it's not necessary. What is necessary is consistent below freezing temperatures for ideally several weeks in advance of the event. This allows the ground to be well frozen and plenty of time for building a solid ice race track with between 7 to 10 inches of ice, more is always better.

"The mild temperatures and crazy up and down weather never allowed us to get started on the track this year," stated Charlie Wiltse, MIRA Vice President. "As we got closer to the event the forecast kept getting warmer, lessening our chances of building an adequate and safe race track."

This is the third time the CWF has been cancelled due to weather since 2009.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources will move to a new, more technologically advanced system for selling hunting and fishing licenses, hunting applications and ORV and snowmobile permits online and at retail agent locations statewide. The new system will go live at noon Feb. 18.

The transition to the new license sales system will take place Saturday, Feb. 15, through noon Tuesday, Feb. 18. DNR licenses, permits and applications will not be sold in stores or online during that time.

To avoid any interruption to outdoor activities that weekend, customers are encouraged to buy licenses or permits before Feb. 15, if possible.

Anglers will not need a license to fish Feb. 15-17. No fishing license is required during the annual winter Free Fishing Weekend, Feb. 15 and 16, and the DNR also is allowing free fishing on Monday, Feb. 17, to coincide with the time the license system is unavailable. All rules and regulations still apply.

Snowmobilers and off-road vehicle riders can find a list of select dealers selling preprinted ORV licenses and ORV and snowmobile trail permits while the system is down at Michigan.gov/Snowmobiling.

Moving to the new system, which will replace a 26-year-old system under a vendor contract ending in April, allowed the DNR to upgrade its license sales technology, enhance features for customers and provide new equipment to license retailers.

"We're always looking to improve our customers' experience, and we designed this new system to improve the license-buying experience both online and in stores," said DNR Director Dan Eichinger. "We spent more than two years planning and developing a modern license sales system that offers up-to-date, convenient and cost-effective services for our customers and retail partners."

Find both the current and future DNR online license sales systems at Michigan.gov/DNRLicenses.

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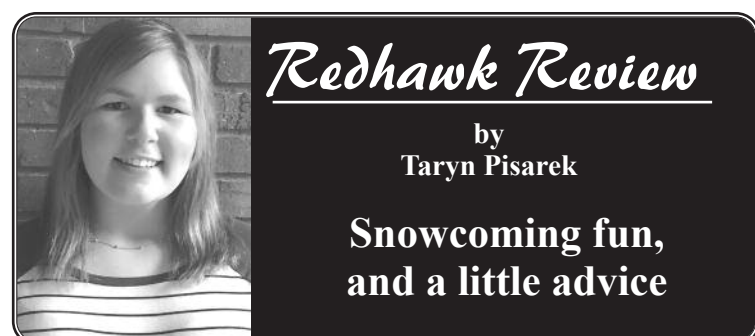
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Snowcoming fun, and a little advice

Last week was an exciting one, with it being the week of the Cass City High School Snowcoming.

There were so many activities throughout the school, offering something for everyone. We had spirit days to dress up for, a pep assembly with fun games to play, and the bands filling the hallways with the fight song.

Now, it is finally that time of winter when everyone can relax. The stress of planning last week is all gone, and students can put all their attention back onto academics and extracurricular activities.

I want to give some advice this week for all of the underclassmen. Everyone has been where you are right now, and we all know how much you are looking forward to snow days and spring break, although the way this winter is going, it seems we won't be getting as many of those snow days as you had hoped.

Every year, around the month of February, it seems that everyone is looking for an excuse to get out of school for a day. While I think that school has so many benefits and I truly love it, I understand where everyone is coming from. Sometimes it can be draining to spend seven plus hours a day for five days a week at school.

Even I look forward to that time off, as I think it can bring some much-needed rejuvenation to our spirits and bodies.

My advice for you in this time that everyone dreads is to not focus so much on the big breaks that are coming. Instead, take each day as it comes and tell yourself every morning that you can get through the day. Before you know it, the days will fly by and it will be the weekend. Then you'll find yourself on spring break and eventually it will be summer.

The days will pass, so make the most out of them.

Being a senior this year has opened my eyes to how fast the years truly go. Everyone tells you it will be over before you know it, and you don't believe them until it's too late, so listen and live every day in the moment.

Soak up every memory and lesson that you can, because one day you will wake up for another boring day of school and realize that this amazing part of your life is almost over.



THE CASS City Police Department is investigating the recent theft of this 2017 RC enclosed 14-foot trailer. The trailer contained various tools used for spray foam installation. Anyone with information related to the theft is asked to contact village Police Chief Haynes or Officer Miller at (989) 872-2911, or Tuscola County Central Dispatch at (989) 673-8738 (ext. one). (Photo courtesy of the Cass City Police Department)

CALENDAR EVENTS

Deadline for submitting items in the calendar is the Friday noon before publication. Please send calendar items to:
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Wednesday, February 5

•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.

Thursday, February 6

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

Saturday, February 7

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

Sunday, February 8

•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.

Monday, February 10

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

Tuesday, February 11

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

Deputies arrest erratic driver on M-46

Phone calls from concerned citizens and the quick actions of local law enforcement officers, including a Tuscola County Sheriff's deputy, may have saved lives along a stretch of M-46 last week, according to Tuscola County Sheriff Glen Skrent.

Skrent said Deputy Cory Jacobs responded to M-46 Tuesday shortly before noon after several

motorists called 911 to report a reckless driver traveling east on the highway.

"The callers reported the subject appeared to intentionally drive into their lane of travel, forcing them to swerve. Deputy Jacobs observed the same vehicle come into his lane and he had to take evasive action," the sheriff noted. "The driver of the vehicle did not

immediately stop but eventually did near Washburn Road," Skrent said. "Further investigation led to the arrest of the 34-year-old subject from Sebawaing (on suspicion of) operating under the influence of drugs and possession of heroin.

Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro assisted at the scene, Skrent said.

Circuit court proceedings

Several appear on felony charges

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

*Scot M. Jacobs, 46, Unionville, was sentenced to 180 days in the county jail, with worksite privileges, following his plea of guilty to possession of cocaine, heroin or another narcotic (less than 25 grams) Sept. 17 in Caro. 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 36 months and ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$858.

*Brian K. Tropp II, 23, Gagetown, was sentenced to 180 days in jail, with worksite privileges, following his pleas of guilty to charges of assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) and domestic violence, second offense, Sept. 25 in Gagetown.

He was also placed on probation for 60 months and ordered to pay

costs and fines totaling \$308.

*Mason Daniel-J Sayles, 23, Saginaw, was sentenced to 90 days in jail following his pleas of guilty to home invasion, first degree; operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, second offense; and domestic violence July 4 in Indianfields Township.

He was also placed on probation for 12 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,008.

*Joseph R. Bailey, 41, Otisville, pleaded guilty to charges of conspiracy to obtain land valued at more than \$20,000 by false pretenses, and food stamp fraud involving more than \$1,000 between July 9 and Oct. 9, 2018, in Unionville. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$12,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Joseph Raymond-David McK-

ever, 47, Caro, pleaded no contest to being a jail inmate in possession of contraband Sept. 15 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

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

*Timothy R. Yale, 58, Caro, was sentenced to 30 days in jail, with worksite privileges, following his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Aug. 9, in Caro.

He was also placed on probation for 60 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$758.

*Tommy E. Harper, 37, Caro, was sentenced to 180 days in jail following his plea of child abuse, third degree, between Dec. 1, 2018, and Feb. 28, 2019, in Elmwood Township.

He was also placed on probation for 18 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$508.

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Reporter's notebook

Age is just a number, right?

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



February is a month of celebration in my household, with my wife, Deb, and I both marking birthdays as well as our anniversary. But this year is special.

Although Deb and I agree that age is just a number, there are signs that her number is especially deserving of some extra attention this year.

Sure, the folks at the AARP have been filling our mailbox with special greetings addressed to Deb for some time, but now other organizations are getting in on the act as her 60th birthday (Feb. 15) draws ever closer. In fact, we recently received a receipt for an excursion we booked for an upcoming vacation, and I couldn't help but notice that the confirmation listed us as being "One Adult and One Senior."

Deb has said she isn't interested in my making any sort of fuss for her birthday this year, and I can understand that.

But she should know better.

However, I'm keeping it low key by giving her the gift of sharing a look back at 1960, the year in which she arrived in this world, and all the amazing events and people that were part of her birth year. It took a little research, as I wasn't born until 1962, but here are a few examples:

*Deb was born the same year as a host of famous folks, including John F. Kennedy Jr., Prince Andrew, Scott Baio, Amy Grant and Dr. Oz. She was born a year before Barack Obama, two years before Tom Cruise and three years before Michael Jordan.

*John F. Kennedy defeated Richard Nixon in 1960 by one of the smallest margins in history (113,000 votes out of 68.3 million) to become the 35th president of this nation.

*The United States announced that 3,500 American soldiers were being sent to Vietnam.

*Following months of protests, Woolworth in Greensboro, N. Carolina served its first meal to a black customer.

*On the technology front, the year marked the invention of both the laser and heart pacemaker.

*The classic American novel "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee was published. It was Lee's first novel and was an immediate success, earning her critical acclaim and a Pulitzer Prize the following year.

*Joanne Woodward received the first star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame (today there are more than 2,500 stars).

*Television shows making their debut in 1960 included The Andy Griffith Show, My Three Sons and The Flintstones.

*Alfred Hitchcock's Psycho terrified movie-goers for the first time.

*The average cost of a new house was \$12,700 in 1960, and rent averaged \$98 a month. A gallon of gas cost 25 cents and a loaf of bread, 20 cents. Among bigger ticket items, a 23-inch television was a pricey \$219, and the average cost of a new car was \$2,600.

Wow. The Flintstones really debuted in 1960?

Maybe a cake and flowers would be a better choice to mark Deb's birthday this year. Heck, I might even take her out to dinner and treat her to a stop at one of her favorite ice cream establishments.

But only if she shares her senior citizen discount with me.

Deadline May 15 to apply for livestock scholarships

Since 2000, the Michigan Youth Livestock Scholarship Fund (MYLSF) has awarded more than \$585,725 in scholarships and educational awards to outstanding youth who have exhibited at the premier livestock events in the state of Michigan. In 2019, there was \$38,000 in scholarships awarded.

In 2020, a select number of applicants may be offered an opportunity to be interviewed, at the discretion of the MYLSF, prior to the Sale-Abatement event for larger scholarship awards up to \$5,000.

To be eligible for either the MYLSF general scholarship or the statewide scholarship, applicants must be residents of Michigan and graduating high school seniors or high school graduates continuing their education at an accredited institution in the year in which they are applying.

For the general MYLSF scholarship, the applicant must be a youth exhibitor at the Michigan Livestock Expo, the Michigan Dairy Expo or the former Michigan State Fair, for a minimum of three calendar years prior to the year of application.

For the statewide scholarship, an applicant must be a youth exhibitor at a local, county, or statewide exhibition for a minimum of three years prior to the year of application.

Specific proceeds from the Michigan Livestock Expo Sale-Abatement auction as well as charitable donations help fund the scholarships. The fund is governed by a 10-member board comprised of volunteers from Michigan's agricultural community.

Also, in 2019 roughly \$15,000 was deposited into the Michigan Education Saving Plans for youth exhibitors who compete in judging and showmanship events at the Michigan Livestock Expo on the Michigan State University campus.

Applications and qualification requirements for the MYLSF and the statewide scholarship can be obtained at www.michigan.gov/mda-my-lsf. Applications must be postmarked no later than Friday, May 15.

More information is available by contacting Jeff Haarer, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Producer Security Section manager, at (517) 284-5642 or via email at HaarerJ@Michigan.gov; or Ernie Birchmeier, Michigan Farm Bureau livestock and dairy specialist, at (517) 679-5335 or via email at ebirchm@michfb.com.

Laurie owner of local salon

A story in last week's edition of the Chronicle announcing the details of this year's Cass City Chamber of Commerce Dinner incorrectly listed community service award recipients Mark and Sue Copeland as owners of the Infinity Hair Salon. In fact, Whitney Laurie is owner of the business.

The Chronicle regrets the error.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2015)

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Maurer of Snover and Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Winter of Cass City are pleased to announce the engagement of Tiffany Rose Maurer to Brennen Kirk Winter. Ms. Maurer is a 2013 graduate of Ubyly High School and is attending Toccoa Falls College for a degree in business. Mr. Winter is a 2014 graduate of Cass City High School and is attending Reformation Bible College and plans to attend seminary. A July wedding is being planned.

Cass City seniors Blake Lebioda and Ethan Monte failed to advance from individual regional competition in New Lothrop over the weekend, but their Red Hawk wrestling careers will continue Friday in Battle Creek during a Division 4 quarterfinal team match-up.

Cass City Coach Don Markel was tapped as the Michigan Wrestling Coaches Association Regional Coach of the Year over the weekend in New Lothrop. The 30-year veteran has a career record of 534-350-2.

10 YEARS AGO (2010)

Ubyly Boy Scout Troop 585 recently held a Court of Honor to present rank advancement and merit badges to several scouts. The following 9 scouts advanced to the rank of Tenderfoot: Kevin Kellogg, Todd Wolschleger, James Weber, Jonathan Wright, Brandon Sadro, Daniel Rutkowski, Ethan Hund, Aaron Hund and Josh Bowman. Zach Kranz advanced to the rank of Second Class Scout, and merit badges were presented to Wolschleger, Kranz, Aaron and Ethan Hund, Bowman, Weber, Rutkowski, Wright, Brandon Glaza, Brandon Heritier, Jason Rutkowski and Eric Wolverton.

Bob Dunn retired after 45 years of service as an Elmwood Township Gagetown Firefighter. Dunn joined the fire department back in 1964 at the age of 25. When Dunn joined, a desire to be a fire fighter was about all a prospective member needed. He remembers a time when folks would alert the department of a fire by calling the Gagetown Hotel, where the owner would flip a switch to activate the fire siren at the old village hall. Dunn stated he won't be staying away from the fire hall even though he's already celebrated his 75th birthday. "I'd like to stay on it. I've enjoyed fighting fires. We'd get a call for manpower from Cass City and I'd grab a tanker. I think I'm going to miss these guys, fighting fires." Dunn said.

Barbara Lutzky and Pat Smith talk quilting Saturday during a quilt demonstration held in conjunction with Rawson Memorial District Library's centennial celebration. Smith was sharing her techniques on embellishing quilts with thread, beads, buttons and other items. While Linda Guza shows Amber Bond, Sydney Larsen, Karen Scott and Annika Scott how to appliqué a quilt design.

25 YEARS AGO (1995)

Members of Cass City High School's Theatre Festival cast and crew are Matt Klinkman, Shawn Henn, Tom Fulcher, Scott Haag, Natalie Ponder, Mike Salander, Josh Lounsbury, teacher Jane Reif, Julie Erla, Melissa Baranek, Becky Smith, Heather Zawilinski, Lee Dillon and Natalie Ramsey. Missing are Sean Booth, Shannon Haley and Stacy Compton. Cass City High School's Theatre Festival team will compete at the regional level this weekend following a sterling performance at district competition Jan. 28 at Lakers. Theatre Festival is a competition in which teams of high school students are given 45 minutes to set a stage, perform a play and strike the stage. This year, the students must perform either a comedy or a musical.

Paul Ulfig, a freshman at Aquinas College, was top player of the week at his school, according to the school's information office. Ulfig scored 16 points and

gathered in 8 rebounds against Tri-State University. Against Madonna University, he scored 16 points with 5 rebounds. Previously he had averaged 7 points and 4 rebounds.

Owen-Gage students Michelle Pisarek and Jason Ramirez recently participated in the Tri-County Honors Band. The band, composed of the top musicians from Sanilac, Tuscola and Huron counties, performed its 37th annual concert Jan. 29 at Caseville High School. Performers, who were selected by audition, attended an all-day rehearsal earlier in the month as well as on Saturday, Jan. 28. Along with the rest of the honors band, Pisarek, a senior flute player, and Ramirez, a sophomore tuba player, had the opportunity to work with Michigan State University's director of bands, John Witwell, who was this year's guest conductor.

35 YEARS AGO (1985)

Julie Smith, daughter of Don and Janice Smith, Leslie Road, Decker, has been selected as the 1984-85 Cass City High School Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen. This award program was established in 1934 to recognize and encourage outstanding young people in the pursuit of high ideals. Smith's selection as DAR Good Citizen was a joint effort on the part of the Cass City High School senior class and faculty. Dec. 11, 1984, Smith and her mother attended a DAR meeting of the Piety Hill Chapter in Bloomfield Hills, Mich. She was presented with a DAR Good Citizen pin, a certificate, a rose, and a book on the Washington Landmark. The ceremony was followed by a Christmas Tea.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Keating are the parents of a second son, born Feb. 3. The baby weighed eight pounds and six ounces and is named Robert Edward.

Charles Rodgers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Rodgers of 1392 Kingston Road, Deford, has been named to the Dean's List for the 1984 fall semester at Fort Wayne Bible College, Fort Wayne, Ind. He is studying for the bachelor of science degree at the Bible College and is a graduate of Deford Christian Academy of Deford. A student must achieve a grade point average of at least 3.35 (B+ average) in order to be included in the honor roll. Fort Wayne Bible College is a co-educational institution of higher learning preparing students for careers in church-related Christian service. The over 450 students at the college represent 18 states and three foreign countries and are from 28 religious denominations.

Bob MacKay, Garfield St., Cass City, recently received an award for being the top shooter in the Upper Thumb Traveling League of the Thumb Trap League. MacKay, the treasurer of the Cass City Gun Club, was the top shooter in the Class B competition. During the season last year the teams shot every four weeks at each of the seven gun clubs that are members of the Thumb Trap League. The Cass City Gun Club finished in second place overall. The Cass City Gun Club will host the first shoot for the 1985 season this April.

40 YEARS AGO (1980)

Twelve junior high youth from Salem UM Church, accompanied by Joan Umpfenbach and Todd Alexander, met Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Otulakowski.

Verna May MacRae of Cass City has retired from General Telephone after 20 years of employment. Her last day on the job is Jan. 31. Mrs. MacRae worked the first 17 years in Cass City, then transferred to Davison after the office here was closed, commuting there in a car pool.

The Saginaw Life Agency of the Aetna Life and Casualty Company recently announced that its 1979 "Man-of-the-Year" award will go to Newell Harris of the Harris-Hampshire Agency in Cass City. Harris and his wife Lois will be honored at a banquet in

Frankenmuth Feb. 15.

James J. Brown of Cass City has received his associate degree in nursing at the completion of the fall quarter at Ferris State College. He is among 371 fall graduates.

Cass City's newest policeman, Duane Sprague, began his duties Friday. A native of Fairgrove, he graduated from Akron-Fairgrove High School in 1974 and attended Delta College for a year before joining the Air Force.

50 YEARS AGO (1970)

Mr. and Mrs. John Bohnsack of Caro, formerly of Cass City, announce the birth on Jan. 26 in Saginaw General Hospital, of twin girls, Tammy and Terrie. The babies weighed six pounds three ounces and six pounds 13 ounces. They join a brother Brian and a sister April at home. Brian and April are currently in Akron, Ohio, with their maternal grandmother, Mrs. Bob Bowers.

Nestle Company Inc. has been decreasing its operations in the Thumb for over a decade and this week announced another cut in its operations. In Ubyly the company will switch from the manufacture of canned sweetened condensed milk to processing of bulk concentrated milk. The change puts 44 men and three women out of work for the company and follows a previous layoff of 23 men. The plant will employ 12 persons under the new program and a net loss of 70 jobs has been experienced. About 15 years ago Nestle's operated a plant in Cass City. It was closed and many of the employees here moved to Ubyly to work for the company. The conversion to bulk concentrate will be completed within a few weeks, Olin J. Ramseyer, plant manager, reported.

75 YEARS AGO (1945)

At the Sunnyside Presbyterian Church at South Bend, Indiana, Miss Glenna Lee Asher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Asher, of Cass City, and T-Sgt. Howard E. Fox of Cassopolis exchanged marriage vows on Wednesday evening, Jan. 31. Rev. Theodore Greenhoe performed the double ring ceremony at eight o'clock. Fifteen relatives of the groom were present. The couple were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Fox of Cassopolis, brother and sister-in-law of the groom.

More than 70 friends and relatives attended a reception for Mrs. Mrs. Ella Vance, hostess at a gathering in her honor held at the Eva Haley restaurant, Saturday evening. The guests enjoyed bingo and an impromptu program with a fine talk by Mrs. A. J. Knapp and some original poems by Mrs. Vance, mother of the bride. A lunch of jello, sandwiches, cake and ice cream was served along with a pretty bride's cake topped with a miniature bride and sailor groom. Mrs. Pearson received many pretty and useful gifts. The groom is on naval duty in the Pacific.

100 YEARS AGO (1920)

A pretty wedding was celebrated at the home of Mrs. Wm. Balch in Deford Thursday evening, February 12, when her only daughter, Gladys, became the bride of Clarence C. Pepkie of Wyandotte, Mich. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Grattan of Cass City. The bride was dressed in a gown of blue georgette crepe and carried a bouquet of roses: After the ceremony the guests were served with a bountiful luncheon. The bride has lived all her life in this community and has the best wishes of her many friends. Mr. and Mrs. Pepkie will be at home to their friends in Wyandotte, Mich., after March 1. The only out of town guest was Miss Alice Pepkie of Wyandotte, a sister of the groom.

Mrs. E. S. Simmons had a birthday last week. Her son, Will, and family came in to have dinner with her. She received several gifts. Mrs. Simmons has not enjoyed very good health this winter. Her many friends hope she may be spared to enjoy many, many birthdays.

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Ubly Schools chief earns highly effective performance grade

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

The Ubly Board of Education recently extended school Supt. Joe Candela's contract with the district for three more years after rating Candela as being a "highly effective" administrator.

State law requires each school's board of education and each intermediate school district's board of education to conduct a performance evaluation on administrators yearly.

The evaluation process takes in several factors and complicated regulations. After reviewing an administrator's performance, a board assigns the administrator with a rating of highly effective, effective, minimally effective, or ineffective.

In other business, the school board held its annual reorganization meeting.

Clint Hagen was elected board president, Ryan Kramer as vice president, Joe Stacer as treasurer and Tammy Peruski as secretary.

Board members agreed to continue scheduling regular meetings on the second Monday of each month starting at 7 p.m. in the Ubly High School Library.

The board also accepted "with regret" Bill Sweeney's resignation as head varsity football coach.

Student leads donation charge

Continued from page one.

Shadley, a second grade student in Karen Sweeney's class, wrote a letter to Cass City Elementary School Principal Aaron Fernald a few weeks ago, asking for permission to start a coin drive to benefit the animals in Australia that have been affected by the wildfires.

"The stipulations were that each class would raise money and the class with the most money at the end of the week would win a pizza party," explained Kevven Dorland, who organized the campaign in his role as the district's new elementary social behavioral coach.

The coin drive was launched Jan. 20.

"A few days into the fundraiser, Kranz Funeral Home here in Cass City heard about the coin drive and vowed that they would match the final total of what was raised at the fundraiser," Dorland said. "The coin drive concluded on Friday, Jan. 24. Mrs. Sweeney's class won the pizza party with over \$400 donated.

"In total," he added, "the staff and students of Cass City Elementary raised \$3,748. With Kranz Funeral Home matching, the grand total amount raised was \$7,496."

Dorland said the money raised will be donated to WIRES Wildlife Rescue, the largest wildlife rescue and rehabilitation charity in Australia.

Debra Kranz, owner of Kranz Funeral Home, indicated it will be money well spent.

"Our very first exchange student, Julia, lives in Australia with her husband and son. She is from Colombia, but moved to Australia for school and then work. We visited a couple of years ago and were able to see and take wonderful photos of much of the wildlife and the unique country Australia is," she said.

"Seeing those beautiful creatures in the wild — koalas, kangaroos, bright and beautiful birds, and so many other creatures — was breathtaking," Kranz recalled. "It was so cool to find a grove of eucalyptus trees and to look up and find them full of koalas. The mamas carry the babies on their climb up the trees looking for food. People there watch for kangaroos like we watch for deer. They are as big or bigger than deer, so you can imagine the damage they can do to your vehicle.

"Anyway, Australia holds a special place in my heart. This little girl's idea to help the wildlife touched me so much, I had to help. This donation will go a long way to help the surviving animals and to help replace their lost food," Kranz added. "She did a very good thing."

Since September, at least 27 million acres of Australia have burned in one of the country's worst fire seasons on record. That's an area larger than Portugal, and more than 14 times the area that burned in California in 2018, the state's most destructive year for wildfires.

The fires have now killed at least 29 people and destroyed as many as 3,500 homes, according to some estimates. In addition, officials say it's believed roughly 1.25 billion animals have been lost, and scientists fear long-term damage to many sensitive ecosystems in the country.

Before the fires ignited, Australia was already enduring its hottest and driest year on record.

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2020 Snowball King and Queen candidates are, front l-r, Victoria Smith, Madyson Menzel, and Carley Haldane; back, Payton Bock, Branden Fritz, and Andrew Roemer. Missing: Aaliyah Gonzales and Seth Waske



2020 Snowball representatives are, front l-r, Amber Haldane, Dana Morrish, and Katriana Curtoys; back: Emily Schultz and Clay Evans. Missing: Haden Gruehn



2020 Varsity Bulldogs are, front l-r, Andrew Partaka, Branden Fritz, Conner Snear; back, Haden Gruehn, Seth Waske, Clay Evans, Coach Bill McLellan, Jr., Boyd Evans, Jameson McKnight and Ethan Harp.

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News briefs

Green: “no” to waste storage

LANSING — State Rep. Phil Green (R-Millington) is helping sponsor a plan calling on Congress to prevent Canada from placing a permanent high-level radioactive waste storage site near the shores of Lake Huron.

The resolution, approved by the House Committee on Natural Resources today, calls on Congress to take every legal action possible to prevent the Canadian government from allowing the Ontario Power Generation Company to dump its nuclear waste directly across the lake from Michigan’s Thumb.

“The Great Lakes provide drinking water to more than 40 million people,” said Green, who represents the 84th District, comprised of Tuscola and Huron counties. “Burying this waste would be a disaster waiting to happen.

“This is Canada’s most dangerous nuclear waste we’re talking about, and it would be located less than a mile from the Lake Huron shoreline and only 1,300 feet below the lake level. This is much too risky to even consider for the people of the United States. We must do whatever we can to prevent this from happening,” he added.

The proposed site for the waste, Kincardine, Ontario, is only 120 miles upstream from the main drinking water intakes for southeast Michigan. “Underground waste repositories have leaked in the past,” Green said. “Germany right now is spending billions of dollars to dig up low-to-intermediate radioactive waste stores in a salt mine because of leakage and other environmental concerns. We must not allow risky waste like this anywhere near our Great Lakes. Can you imagine what a leak would mean for Michigan? It would not be an easy fix.”

House Concurrent Resolution 12 was approved by the House Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Committee with bipartisan support. It now advances to the Floor for further consideration.



JUDY KELLER, administrator of the Cass City Chamber of Commerce, recently presented a check for \$1,006 to Revive Ministries of Cass City. The gift came in the form of the chamber’s winnings following the 2019 Christmas in the Village Chili Cook Off – the chamber was named the winner of the Chili for Charity contest. Pictured above are (from left) Keller and Revive representatives Rob Sangster and Gail Tuckey.

Roaring 20s fundraiser on tap

CARO – The newly-formed Kiwanis Club of Tuscola County is inviting area residents to treat their sweethearts to a Roaring 20s Dinner-Dance Saturday, Feb. 15, starting at 6 p.m. at the Brentwood in Caro.

The fundraiser, featuring dancing, an all-you-can-eat buffet dinner at 7 p.m. and a costume contest, was organized to raise money to fund youth-focused projects sponsored by the new local Kiwanis club.

Tickets are \$25 a person or \$45 per couple and can be purchased at Osentoski Realty, 528 N. State St., Caro, or by calling (989) 670-5839.



THE EXCHANGE Club of Caro recently presented at \$1,000 check to Kathy Sweeney, executive director of the Child Advocacy Center (CAC) of Tuscola County. “The CAC provides valuable service to the community by reducing the trauma to children during the investigation and intervention of alleged sexual or severe physical abuse. Fighting abuse and neglect is one of the biggest causes the exchange club is involved in, both locally and nationally,” explained Tuscola County Sheriff Glen Skrent, who also serves as vice president of the Exchange Club of Caro. He is pictured above with Sweeney (right) and his wife, Amber Skrent.

Annual winter fest canceled

CARO — When it comes to planning a wintertime event, Mother Nature doesn’t always cooperate, and for the second year in a row, the Caro Winter Fest has been cancelled.

Above normal temperatures and inconsistent weather patterns doomed the celebration, which had been scheduled for Feb. 8 and 9 – three weeks later than usual – at the Tuscola County Fairgrounds in Caro.

Ag career, college night slated

CARO — The fifth annual Ag Career and College Night will be Thursday, Feb. 27, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Tuscola Technology Center in Caro.

The event, coordinated in part by Tuscola County Farm Bureau, will include employers and college reps on hand to discuss opportunities in the ag industry.

Cass City band members shine

CASS CITY — Cass City band members enjoyed a stellar night at a recent solo and ensemble festival at Bad Axe High School last night.

Receiving superior ratings were: Ellie Ross (flute), sixth grade; Haven Osentoski (piano), sixth grade; Danielle Curtis (oboe), seventh grade; Maia Estrella (tenor sax), seventh grade; Emily Speirs (flute and piano), seventh grade; Takara Tageson (clarinet), eighth grade; Ellie Stapleton (flute), ninth grade; Hunter Turnbull (baritone), ninth grade; Cameron Kaake (alto sax), 11th grade; Anthony Thabet (alto sax), 11th grade; Marissa Petiprin Ball (bari sax), 11th grade; Autumn Turnbull (flute), 11th grade; and Tiana Tageson (flute), 12th grade.

Earning good ratings were: Madison Radabaugh (alto sax), seventh grade; Asia Morgan (flute), tenth grade; and Kevin Estrella (tenor sax), 12th grade.

Beach rock ID program slated

CASS CITY – Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City is inviting area residents to a special beach rock identification program Monday, March 16, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Randy Kursinsky, president of the Mid-Michigan Rock Club, will guide participants in the identification of common beach rocks, fossils and man-made rock look-alikes. He’ll also offer tips on beach collecting, and those attend are welcome to bring a rock or two for Kursinsky to identify after the program.

More information is available by calling the library at (989) 872-2856.

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THE CITY of Caro Fire Department's new fire engine, pumper and rescue unit built by Spartan Motors is in the running to be showcased at this year's Fire Department Instructor Conference (FDIC) international equipment show April 20-25 in Indianapolis, Ind.

New Caro fire truck is finalist for conference

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

The city of Caro Fire Department recently welcomed a new piece of equipment considered unique based on the amount of planning, research and customizing that went into its design.

Those facts could earn the 2019 fire engine, pumper and rescue unit built by Spartan Motors some international recognition.

Spartan Motors produces more than 400 fire trucks a year, and company officials select 23 of those trucks to showcase at the Fire Department Instructor Conference (FDIC) international equipment show April 20-25 in Indianapolis, Ind. Caro's new fire truck, delivered last month, is one of the 23 selected that might be showcased at the event.

"The event is huge and an honor to be considered to go. Everyone from all over the world will have fire trucks there. There will be thousands of trucks. It goes on for five days," said Caro Fire Chief Randy Heckroth.

"We are in the final round of consideration. Of the 400 trucks Spartan makes a year, they only consider 23 to go. From there, they select 12 to go down. It is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. It's an honor to even be considered.

"We were asked if we would take our truck there if we are picked. We haven't been officially picked yet to go, but the council did approve allowing us to go."

Heckroth expects to hear in about a week if Caro's truck has been selected to participate.

According to the fire chief, the company is interested in Caro's truck because of not only the unique exterior design, but also the inside.

"The inside is different just because of the way the controls and equipment are laid out in the cab. We had the inside laid out how we thought it would be the easiest to use. It was custom made just for us," he explained, noting the truck cost \$514,000. "Which in the realm of fire truck costs, really isn't too expensive. They can run from \$693,000 and up.

"For...the price we paid, we got a lot. The company really did good."

Another special touch was listing the fire department's service area on the side of the truck along with other special designs.

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RED HAWK Bryce Fernald looks for an open teammate Friday while Reese's Caden Goodrow applies pressure for the GTW co-leaders.

Cards win streak ends

The Kingston Lady Cardinal cagers entered Thursday's North Central Thumb League showdown at Deckerville High School with 62 straight conference wins under their belts.

Despite bowing 41-28 earlier in the season, it would be Deckerville in command early in the rematch, especially Addison Williams. The Eagle sharp shooter hit several 3-pointers in the first half as the Eagle lead swelled to double digits.

Still, it was Deckerville's defense that created problems on the night for the visitors. Kingston scored just four points in the period after the break.

"This was not one of our best ef-

forts, but credit Deckerville for being focused and executing at a high level. We had too many defensive breakdowns to keep it close," said Kingston Coach Jay Green.

Addison led all scorers with 16 points, while Claire Watson chipped in 10 points for Deckerville.

Girls' Basketball Standings

	NCTL - STARS		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
Kingston	6	1	11	1
Deckerville	6	1	10	3
Peck	5	2	10	3
Dryden	3	3	7	5
Genesee	2	4	6	5
Mayville	1	6	4	7
IAF	0	6	2	10

CC gals trade league decisions

The Cass City girls' basketball team defeated host Elkton-Pi-

geon-Bay Port in a Greater Thumb West battle early last week, but the Lady Red Hawk victory didn't come without a price as freshman standout Saylar Cuthrell sustained injury in the third quarter and was unable to finish the contest.

Before the injury, Cuthrell tossed in 14 points Tuesday as the visitors built a 36-27 lead over the Lakers entering the intermission.

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ROYAL PAIR. Cass City seniors Logan Boynton (back left) and Hailey Beckrow (back right) were crowned Cass City Schools 2020 Snowcoming King and Queen during the halftime celebration of Friday's boys' basketball contest with Reese. They were accompanied by Gabe Tamlyn and Paige Howard.

Reese spoils Snowcoming celebration in Cass City

Just when you think the Cass City boys' basketball team might have it figured out, the Red Hawks lay an egg during their Snowcoming night contest against Reese.

The winners of four straight games entering Friday's Greater Thumb West matchup against the Rockets - including Wednesday's 53-37 victory over Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port, a team that defeated Cass City earlier in the year - had spirits high along the home team bench prior to the tip.

But a quick 11-2 Reese run from the opening whistle took away much of Cass City's optimism before most fans had settled into their seats. Controlling the action was Reese guard Damarquiss Palmreuter, who scored on hard driving lay-ins using both hands.

Refusing to go quietly was Cass City senior Collen Wrubel. He tallied three straight baskets before a solo hoop by Hadyr Home reduced the margin to one posses-

sion, 13-11, with just over one minute remaining in the initial frame.

The second quarter was a shootout between Cass City's Sandyn Cuthrell and Reese's Isaac Johnson. Cuthrell canned four baskets in the frame and Johnson hit three treys. When the smoked cleared, the visitors went to the locker room to enjoy a 39-24 cushion.

Cass City was able to trade baskets with Reese over the final two stanzas, but it wouldn't be enough for the home team to come out on top.

Cuthrell's 11 points were high for Cass City.

foreign exchange student who was mainly responsible for the 19-6 bulge entering the period before the break, as he tallied nine of his game-high 17 points in the game's first 8 minutes.

"We had a good road win on Wednesday at Lakers. We played really well on both ends of the floor. Friday's game was not the case. We need to become more consistent with our effort and execution to beat a team like Reese. We will continue to work towards that as the season continues," said Cass City Coach Aaron Fernald.

Boys' Basketball Standings

	GTW		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
USA	5	1	8	1
Reese	5	1	8	4
Bad Axe	4	2	8	2
Cass City	3	3	5	4
EPBP	2	4	5	5
Vassar	1	4	2	6
Caro	1	6	4	7

EPBP GAME

Thom Rijshouwer poured in a career-high 17 points Tuesday to help Cass City avenge an early season defeat by the Lakers.

The visitors led at the end of each quarter, but it was the Red Hawks'

Kingston improved to 12-0, Coach Lester not satisfied

Make it a dozen.

Kingston recorded its 12th win, in as many tries, Friday at Deckerville, where Coach Dave Lester's Cardinals improved to 7-0 in North Central Thumb League contests with a 58-39 win.

The final score doesn't reflect the beat down supplied by the conference leaders. Kingston led 16-0 after one quarter and 23-5 after two.

"We had a great first half, then took our foot off the gas. We need to be more consistent," said Lester afterwards.

Evan Neff led Kingston with 16 points and 12 rebounds. Quinn Boucard added 14 points and 10 rebounds. Marco Saenz de

Lacuesta and Aaron Koehler added 9 and 8 points, respectively, for the Cardinals.

Isaac Keinath led Deckerville (3-4, 5-6) with 21 points and Cole Shutz added 16 for the Eagles.

Another fast start Tuesday saw host Kingston deliver North Branch a 74-53 non-conference loss. The Cardinals led 19-4 early and could never be caught.

"We got off to a great start, but struggled to put them away. Give North Branch credit, they worked hard and pushed us all night. We needed to be challenged and they gave us all we could handle," Lester said.

For Kingston, Neff led the way with 17 points and 9 rebounds.

Quinn Boucard added 14 points, 7 rebounds and 3 blocks. Aaron Koehler and Marco Saenz de Lacuesta added 11 and 10 points, respectively, for the Cardinals.

Max Millerschin led North Branch (2-9) with 23 points. Gabe Mabery added 15 for the Broncos.

Boys' Basketball Standings

	NCTL - STARS		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
Kingston	7	0	12	0
IAF	5	1	8	2
Dryden	3	2	8	3
Peck	2	3	6	4
Deckerville	2	3	5	5
Mayville	1	4	4	5
Genesee	0	6	3	7

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GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Feb. 4

Uby @ Bad Axe	Uby	Uby	Uby	Uby
Caro @ Brown City	Caro	Caro	Caro	Caro
Harbor Beach @ EPBP	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach

Thursday, Feb. 6

Bad Axe @ Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Bad Axe	Cass City
Caro @ EPBP	Caro	Caro	Caro	Caro
Mayville @ Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
Memphis @ Uby	Uby	Uby	Uby	Uby

Friday, Feb. 7

BCAS @ Owen-Gage	BCAS	BCAS	BCAS	Owen-Gage
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BOYS' BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Feb. 4

Kingston @ CPS	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
O-G @ Deckerville	Deckerville	Deckerville	Deckerville	Deckerville

Wednesday, Feb. 5

Cass City @ Capac	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City
Caro @ Brown City	Caro	Brown City	Caro	Brown City
USA @ Bridgeport	Bridgeport	Bridgeport	Bridgeport	Bridgeport
Harbor Beach @ EPBP	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach

Friday, Feb. 7

Cass City @ Bad Axe	Bad Axe	Bad Axe	Bad Axe	Cass City
Caro @ EPBP	Caro	EPBP	Caro	EPBP
Saginaw A&S @ USA	USA	USA	USA	USA
Kingston @ Mayville	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
Memphis @ Uby	Uby	Uby	Uby	Uby
BCAS @ Owen-Gage	BCAS	BCAS	BCAS	Owen-Gage

LAST WEEK	14 - 5	14 - 5	16 - 3	15-4
SEASON RESULTS	80-24 (77%)	83-21 (80%)	76-28 (73%)	71-33 (68%)



CASS CITY senior Tiara Anthony keeps the ball away from Reese defender Maddi Osantowski during Greater Thumb West action.

Hawk wrestlers to Clio for mega invitational tourney

A short-handed Cass City wrestling team kicked-off their Feb. schedule Saturday at Clio High School, where the Red Hawk mat men posted a 1-4 record for the day to place 16th in the 26-team tournament that featured seven Division 1, Division 2 and Division 3 state-ranked teams. Cass City started the day on a positive note, beating New Haven 66-18, but then fell to Warren Woods Tower 71-9, Clio 42-39, South Lyon 54-30, and Blanchard-Montebella 46-21. "The Hawks were hampered by the fact that three starters were out with injuries and we were forced to forfeit four weight classes as a

result," said Cass City Coach Don Markel, noting Tristan Swiderski, Ryan Pisarek and Matt Mihalic did not compete Saturday. They are expected to return to the mats this week. Hunter Caister led the charge for Cass City over the weekend with a perfect 5-0 mark, while Swiderski was 4-1. Also last week, Cass City defeated a pair of visiting Greater Thumb Conference foes a few days earlier to improve to 9-2 in the league title chase. Host Cass City whipped Memphis 54-26 before moving on to pound Sandusky 66-6. Double winners for Cass City

were: Zach Cowdry, Drew Markel, Lucas Swiderski, Tristan Swiderski, Ryan Pisarek, Dylan Halpin, Hunter Caister, Caden Caister and Matt Mihalic. "We wrestled very inspired matches on Wednesday. We actually performed well on Saturday despite giving up 24 points to our opponents due to forfeits. Hopefully we will have our three starters back for the GTC League Meet at Memphis on Saturday," Markel said. Cass City's dual meet record now stands at 22-15. Cass City is in second place in the GTC standings. #####

Reese too strong for Cass City girls

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Cuthrell was on target early and her three treys in the opening quarter helped create a 21-15 gap after 8 minutes of action. With Cuthrell on the sideline, Tiara Anthony carried the scoring burden for Cass City down the stretch and responded with 10 second half markers. Although the hosts were able to slice two points from the cushion during the third quarter, three baskets by Anthony during crunch

time was enough for Cass City to earn the 51-47 decision. Anthony had a game-high 19 points to lead Cass City. On Thursday, Cass City entertained Reese and suffered a 63-37 setback. The Rockets outscored their hosts in each quarter and led 33-21 at the break. Abbey Salcido kept Cass City within striking range in the early going with three baskets from beyond the 3-point arc. Cass City also had Morgan Russell with a

treys in the third quarter, but a Reese buzzer beater moments later by Kennedy Roberts had Reese up 47-28 entering the deciding frame. Salcido was the lone Red Hawk to reach double figures, with a dozen points. "We could have used Saylor," admitted Cass City Coach Justin Ketterer. "We got a little break with the schedule because we don't play until Thursday against Bad Axe. We hope to have her back by then."

Cass City Red Hawks ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

This week's Knight's Insurance "Athletes of the Week" are the Cass City gymnastic team. The Lady Red Hawks earned their 4th regional qualifying team score Saturday in Haslett and now will advance into regional competition at the end of the year. For veteran Coach Kathy Bouverette, this marks just the second time, in a 15-year career, that her gymnasts have advance into the post season as a team. Team members are:



(front row, l-r) Asia Morgan, Olivia Schuette, Katelyn Grifka (Ugly), 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.

Lady Bulldogs edged by North Huron gals

Seeking their fourth straight win, Owen-Gage came up just short Thursday against North Huron, who escaped Owendale with a hard-fought 30-27 decision. After playing to a 7-7 tie, Owen-Gage would be held to a Libby Ondrajka field goal in the second quarter, allowing the guests to gain a 17-9 advantage. Owen-Gage would outscore North Huron in both second half quarters, but couldn't complete the comeback before time expired. "I thought we did enough to win, we just fell a couple plays short. The second quarter I thought was the deciding quarter. I was proud how the team battled back in the third and fourth quarter to make it a game. I felt our defense did enough, we had trouble on the of-

fensive and getting the ball in the hoop," said Owen-Gage Coach Bob Haldane. Ondrajka was the only player from either team to reach double figures. She tallied 11 for Owen-Gage, while Carley Haldane snagged 9 rebounds and Allison Haldane, 5 steals. Patricia Pineau led North Huron with 8 markers.

Girls' Basketball Standings

	NCTL STRIPES		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
BCAS	6	0	8	4
North Huron	5	1	7	7
Owen-Gage	3	3	4	5
CPS	1	4	4	8
Caseville	1	4	2	8
Akron-Fair.	1	5	2	11

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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	CC 53, EPB Lakers 37
1/31	Reese 55, CC 42
2/05	Capac
2/07	Bad Axe
2/12	USA
2/14	Vassar - 40 yr. Anniv. Team
2/19	Caro
2/21	Harbor Beach
2/26	Montrose
2/28	Reese
3/05	Nouvel
3/9-13	Districts @ USA.....TBA

All games begin at 6 p.m.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL (JV/VARSITY)

DATE	OPPONENT
12/03	Harbor Beach 43, CC 32
12/06	Nouvel 58, CC 14
12/10	CC 33, Sandusky 30
12/12	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	CC 51, EPB Lakers 47
1/30	Reese 63, CC 37
2/06	Bad Axe
2/11	USA
2/13	Vassar
2/18	Caro
2/25	Reese
3/2-6	Districts @ Bad Axe.....TBA

All games begin at 6 p.m.

WRESTLING

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

GYMNASTICS

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

BOWLING

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

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Obituaries

Gary Lowe

Gary Lee Lowe, 56, of Snover died following a brief illness Monday, January 27, 2020 in United Hospice of Marlette Hospice Residence, Marlette.

He was born May 6, 1963 in Cass City to Robert George and Wenola Mae (Helwig) Lowe.

He married Tammy Lee Dearing January 30, 1982 in Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Cass City.

Gary graduated from Cass City High School with the class of 1981. He worked for his family's dairy farm. Gary was an outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting for deer, elk, fox and coyotes. He took his first ever black bear this past fall.

Gary was a member of the Michigan Hunting Dog Federation. He built and maintained a training pen for dogs that are being taught to hunt coyotes. Gary also watched basketball and football games on television. He loved nothing more than spending time with his grandchildren.

Gary is survived by his wife Tammy; children: James (Kayla Franzel) Lowe of Snover, Jennifer (Tristan) Keeler of Leavenworth, KS and Lindey (Ethan Shaltonis) Lowe of Snover; grandchildren: Devan Lowe, Greyson Lowe, Vera Lowe, Aiden Keeler, Gavin Keeler, Dylan Pitcher and Aleigha Shaltonis; siblings: Ed Lowe of Snover, Ken (Sherry Flemington) Lowe of Caro, Alan (Lynn Kilbourn) Lowe of Snover, Sharon (Marc) Fruhner of East Pointe and Sally (William) Pergande of Cass City; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister-in-law, Nancy Lowe.

A funeral service was held Friday, January 31, in Novesta Church of Christ, Cass City with Brad Speirs officiating.

Interment will be in Elkland Township Cemetery in the spring.

Pallbearers for Mr. Lowe were: Matthew Maloney, Robert Maloney, Neil Olds, Charles Hendrick, Ethan Shaltonis and Brad Calahan.

Memorials may be made to United Hospice of Marlette.

Family and friends may share memories, prayers and photos with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.



WIL MORRIS, CEO, and Deb Messing (at right), representing the staff of Sanilac County Community Mental Health (CMH), recently presented a check for \$284.50 to Sanilac County Sheriff Garry Biniecki and Amanda Wojcik, administrative assistant, for the Shop with a Hero program.

“Casual” fundraiser nets gift for shopping heroes

Representatives of the Sanilac County Community Mental Health (CMH) staff recently presented a check for \$284.50 to the Sanilac County Sheriff's Department for the Shop with a Hero program.

“This group, along with DHHS (department of health and human services), provides a holiday shopping experience with kids from Sanilac County and our county first responders, or ‘heroes,’” explained Deb Messing, CMH executive administrative assistant. “The heroes help the kids shop for their immediate family, and then volunteers wrap the gifts for the kids. This event usually happens at the beginning of December.”

The money donated by CMH employees was generated by CMH's “Casual for a Cause” fundraiser.

“CMH employees are allowed to dress casually every other Friday in exchange for a \$3 dollar donation to the Casual for a Cause fund, with the understanding that the money would be donated towards initiatives that benefit citizens of Sanilac County,” Messing said, adding the CMH staff creates an annual calendar that identifies the recipients of the funds raised.

Former recipients include Thumbs Up for Kids, Humane Society, Project Blessing, Walk for Warmth, United Hospice Service, the Sanilac County Child Advocacy Center, ISD Autism Walk, the DHHS Christmas Project, The Moving Wall Project and the Sanilac County Veteran's Affairs Soldiers Relief and Transportation funds.

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Edna M. MacDonald and Richard L. MacDonald, husband and wife
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC
Date of Mortgage: June 4, 2003

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

Common street address (if any): 3267 E Snover Rd, Mayville, MI 48744-9513
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

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

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Date of notice: January 15, 2020
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PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Tuscola County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on February 13, 2020. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

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

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Freedom Mortgage Corporation
Date of Mortgage: July 15, 2016
Date of Mortgage Recording: July 28, 2016
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$125,826.30

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Village of Kingston, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Lots 4 and 5, Block 8, of Pepoons Addition , according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1, Page 39A of Plats, Tuscola County Records
Common street address (if any): 3371 River St, Kingston, MI 48741-9702
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

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

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

Situated in the Township of Almer, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 50, Pine Crest Acres Sub'd, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 15, Tuscola County Records. Commonly Known as: 1572 E. Caro Rd., Caro, MI 48723 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(16) applies.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention Purchaser: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee for any reason. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest, and the purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney. Attention homeowner:

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promptly at 10:00 am, on February 27, 2020. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Name(s) of the mortgagor (s): Kevin Thatcher and Jamie Thatcher, Husband and Wife Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Southwest Funding, LP its successors and assigns Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Planet Home Lending, LLC Date of Mortgage: January 5, 2018 Date of Mortgage Recording: January 29, 2018 Amount claimed due on mortgage on the date of notice: \$98,096.95 Description of the mortgaged premises:

Situated in the Township of Watertown, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 5 to 8 inclusive, Block 62; Lots 1 to 9 inclusive, Block 63; Lots 1 to 11 inclusive, Block 46; Lots 6 to 10 inclusive, Block 47. Also all rights, title and interest in and to alleys in Blocks 63 and 46, and that part of Sear Street East of the East line of Cherry and West of the West line of alleys in said Blocks 62 and 47, and that part of Tamarack Street North of the North line of Crapo Ave., and South of the South line of Goodrich Street, excepting and reserving the land lying North of the South line of Goodrich Street being all that part of Goodrich Street West of the West line of alleys in Blocks 62 and 47, East of the East line of Cherry Street and land East of the West line of alleys in Blocks 62 and 47, being all of the alleys in Blocks 52 and 57, together with all rights and easements of any kind in streets and alleys for ingress and egress to otherwise which might inure to the benefit of lots herein conveyed by implication from the general plat of Fostoria. Except the streets of which lots hereby conveyed abut, and except such streets and alleys as are at the time of the conveyance actually open and in use by the public, are hereby excluded from the this conveyance. Commonly Known as: 9463 Cherry St., Fostoria, MI 48435 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240 (16) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention Purchaser: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee for any reason. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest, and the purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney. Attention

homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: 01/29/2020 Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 251 Diversion Street, Rochester, MI 48307 248-853-4400 312253

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are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Michigan State Housing Development Authority Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400 1408115

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Robert Rackel, an unmarried man
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Broker Solutions Inc. dba New American Funding
Date of Mortgage: January 10, 2017

Date of Mortgage Recording: March 10, 2017
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$126,042.40

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 32, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the North line of said Section 32, which is North 87 degrees 17 minutes 23 seconds West, 315.82 feet from the North 1/4 corner of said Section 32; thence continuing along said North line, North 87 degrees 17 minutes 23 seconds West, 318.20 feet; thence parallel to the North and South 1/4 line of said Section 32, South 01 degrees 26 minutes 42 seconds West, 617.26 feet; thence South 29 degrees 46 minutes 18 seconds East, 85.76 feet; thence South 87 degrees 17 minutes 23 seconds East, 273.45 feet; thence North 01 degrees 26 minutes 42 seconds East, 689.63 feet to the North line of said Section 32 and the point of beginning.
Common street address (if any): 5315 Brown Rd, Millington, MI 48746-9422
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
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HONORABLE AMY GRACE GIERHART
Case No. 19-30880-CZ

TI Group Automotive Systems, LLC a Delaware limited liability company,
Plaintiff,
v.

ALGER FREIBURGER, GENEVIEVE FREIBURGER, FRANK FORT, GLADY FORT,
And all of their unknown heirs, devisees, and assignees
Defendants.
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ORDER AUTHORIZING ALTERNATIVE SERVICE OF DEFAULT PUSUANT TO MCR 2.603 (B)(I)(C)
At a session of court, held in the City of Caro, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, on:
January 16, 2020
This matter having come before the Court upon Plaintiff TI Group Automotive Systems, LLC Complaint for Quiet Title concerning certain real property located at 4620 Doerr Rd., Cass City, Michigan 48726 (the "Property"), and Plaintiff's motion for alternative service of default pursuant to MCR 2.603(A) (the "Motion"); this Court having reviewed the Motion and determined that (i) Defendants Alger Freiburger, Genevieve Freiburger and all of their unknown heirs, devisees, and assignees (the "Freiburger Defendants") have not appeared in this matter; and (ii) the service method below is reasonably calculated to give the Freiburger Defendants actual notice of the December 10, 2019 Default, and the Court being otherwise fully informed:

IT IS ORDERED that the Motion is granted.
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants Alger Freiburger and Genevieve Freiburger and all of their unknown heirs, devisees, and assignees shall be deemed served with notice of the December 10, 2019 Default upon completion of the following:

a) Publishing a copy of this Order and the December 10, 2019 Default once each week for three (3) consecutive weeks in the Tuscola County Legal News, also known as the Cass City Chronicle.
This Order does not resolve all pending claims and does not close the case.
Amy Grace Gierhart
Circuit Court Judge

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
JUDICIAL DISTRICT & JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Court Address: 440 N. State Street, Caro, MI 48723
DEFAULT REQUEST AND ENTRY

CASE NO. 19-30880-CZ
Plaintiff,
TI Group Automotive Sys-

tems, LLC a Delaware limited liability company

Plaintiff's attorney,
Mahesh K. Nayak (P54867)
Brandon L. Debus (P87759)
DICKINSON WRIGHT PLLC
2600 W. Big Beaver Rd., Ste. 300
Troy, MI 48084
(248) 433-7200
v.

Defendants,
Alger Freiburger, Genevieve Freiburger, Frank Fort, Gladys Fort,
and all of their unknown heirs, devisees, and assignees.

Party in default:
Alger Freiburger, Genevieve Freiburger and all of their unknown heirs, devisees, and assignees.

REQUEST:
1. I request the clerk to enter the default of the party named above for failure to plead or otherwise defend as provided by law.
2. The defaulted party is not an infant or incompetent person.
3. The defaulted party is not in the military service.
4. This request is made on my personal knowledge and, if sworn as a witness, I can testify competently to the facts in this request.
I declare under the penalties of perjury that this request has been examined by me and that its contents are true to the best of my information, knowledge and belief.
Dated: 12/03/2019
Attorney: Brandon Debus (P81159)

DEFAULT ENTRY
The default of the party named above for failure to plead or otherwise defend is entered.
Dated: 12/10/2019

1-29-3

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Tuscola County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on March 5, 2020. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Joseph Pietrzak, a married man
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): AmeriFirst Financial Corporation
Date of Mortgage: July 26, 2017

Date of Mortgage Recording: July 28, 2017
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$159,751.36
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Koylton, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Part of the Southeast quarter of Section 25, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the East line of said Section 25, which is South 1100.00 feet

from the East quarter corner of said Section; thence continuing along said East Section, South 200.00 feet, thence West 216.00 feet, thence North 200.00 feet, thence East 216.00 feet to the Place of Beginning. And Part of the Southeast quarter of Section 25, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 25; thence North 00 degrees 30 minutes 44 seconds East 1145.0 feet along the East line of said Section 25; thence North 89 degrees 29 minutes 16 seconds West 216.0 feet; thence North 00 degrees 30 minutes 44 seconds East 201.67 feet to the point of beginning, running thence North 89 degrees 29 minutes 16 seconds West 134.0 feet; thence North 00 degrees 30 minutes 44 seconds West 200.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees 29 minutes 16 seconds East 134.0 feet; thence South 00 degrees 30 minutes 44 seconds West 200.0 feet to the point of beginning. Also described as: Part of the Southeast quarter of Section 25, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, Commencing at the East quarter of Section 25; thence South 00 degrees 30 minutes 44 seconds West 1100.00 feet along the East line of said Section 25 to the point of beginning; running thence South 00 degrees 30 minutes 44 seconds West 200.00 feet along the East line of Section 25; thence North 89 degrees 29 minutes 16 seconds West 350.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 30 minutes 44 seconds East 200.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 29 minutes 16 seconds East 350.00 feet to the point of beginning.
Common street address (if any): 2386 Koylette Rd, Marlette, MI 48453-9609
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: February 5, 2020
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
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FORECLOSURE NOTICE
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mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Tuscola County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, March 5, 2020. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Christopher Goodrow and Amy Goodrow, husband and wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as a nominee for Flagstar Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated February 16, 2009, and recorded on February 24, 2009, in Liber 1167, Page 1492, Tuscola County Records, said mortgage was assigned to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC by an Assignment of Mortgage dated December 23, 2019 and recorded December 26, 2019 in Liber 1437, Page 1128, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Nine and 34/100 (\$86,439.34) including interest at the rate of 5.50000% per annum. Said premises are situated in the Village of Reese, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Beginning at the northwest corner of the south half of the south half of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section 7, township 12 north, range 7 east; thence east 20 rods; thence south 7 rods 6 and one half feet; thence west 20 rods; thence north 7 rods 6 and one half feet to the place of beginning. Commonly known as: 1831 MERIDIAN ST, REESE, MI 48757 If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 6.00 months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.
Dated: February 5, 2020
Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, (248) 335-9200 Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Case No. 20MI00035-1

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Robert C. Fox and Lavonna J. Fox, husband and wife
Original Mortgagee: The Lending Connection, Inc.
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Residential Asset Securities Corporation, Home Equity Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-KS8
Date of Mortgage: June 14, 2005
Date of Mortgage Recording: July 5, 2005

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$84,491.26

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Wells, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Section 27, Town 12 North, Range 10 East commencing at a point that is South 00 degrees 20 minutes 37 seconds East, 1187.17 feet from the West 1/4 corner of said Section; thence South 89 degrees 40 minutes 08 seconds East, 726.0 feet; thence North 00 degrees 20 minutes 37 seconds West, 120.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees 40 minutes 08 seconds East, 382.95 feet; thence South 00 degrees 22 minutes 33 seconds East, 264.02 feet; thence North 89 degrees 40 minutes 08 seconds West, 1109.10 feet; thence North 00 degrees 20 minutes 37 seconds West, 144.02 feet to point of beginning. 4.72 A
Common street address (if any): 2805 S Hurds Corner Rd, Caro, MI 48723-9788
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Battel's service records include time on the DNR State Youth Conservation Council and Thumb Food Policy Council. She's held multiple leadership position as an officer with the 4-H and FFA organizations, and is a Michigan Dairy Ambassador. She has also been involved in athletics as a

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Her work history includes time spent working at her family's Battel's Sugar Bush along with employment at Heritage Farm and Helen Stevens Memorial Pool. She is co-owner of County Line Kids Maple Syrup.

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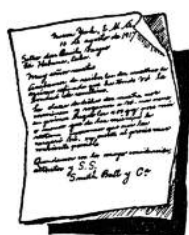
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