



CASS CITY CHRONICLE

Complete coverage of the Cass City community and surrounding areas since 1899

VOLUME 113, NUMBER 50

CASS CITY, MICHIGAN - WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2020

.75 CENTS - 16 PAGES

Local schools among districts beating the odds in pupil success

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A number of area school districts, including the Cass City Public Schools, are “beating the odds” when it comes to educating students facing socioeconomic challenges.

That’s according to the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, which recently released its 2019 Michigan Context and Performance (CAP) Report Card. The “CAP” Report Card measures elementary and middle school performance across the state by adjusting average test scores for schools based on their unique student demographics.

Schools that are “beating the odds” stand out by this measure, and the report card gives parents and educators a fuller perspective when comparing schools, according to Ben DeGrow, director of education policy at the Mackinac Center and co-author of the study.

The report ranks the performance of students in grades three through eight at 2,203 public elementary and middle schools across the state, including 254 charter public schools.

“The CAP Report Card compares multiple years of state test results to the expected result given the socioeconomic makeup of a school’s students,” DeGrow explained. “Because student poverty is strongly associated with lower achievement scores, this allows for a more comprehensive view when evaluating school performance.”

Under the Mackinac Center grading/ranking format, a CAP Score of 100 indicates that a school performed exactly as expected, given the socioeconomic status of its student population. A score greater than 100 means a school exceeded expectations, while a score less than 100 means a school achieved below expectations.

Among Tuscola County schools, most earned a minimum CAP score of 100. Topping the list was Akron-Fairgrove Elementary School with a CAP score of 114.08, a statewide ranking of 64th (enrollment of 157,

Please turn to page 16.



A LACK OF deep snow cover has enabled the Thumb’s wildlife population, including deer, to find enough to eat this winter, at least so far. These whitetailed deer were spotted in a field south of Cass City.

Student count trend continues to improve

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Cass City School Supt. Jeff Hartel will tell you he doesn’t put much stock in the annual winter enrollment count school districts conduct every February, largely because the numbers don’t have nearly the impact as the statewide tally completed each fall.

But he’ll also tell you this year’s student enrollment marks a continuing – and welcome – trend indicating student numbers are finally leveling off.

The February count was completed last Wednesday, and Hartel reported a total of 524 students at Cass City Elementary School, an increase of one student compared to last fall. At the junior-senior high school, the enrollment is at 466 students, a loss of seven students since October. That’s a net loss of six kids.

“It sure beats losing 15 or 20 students, which we’ve done in the past. So, I’m seeing a good trend there,” Hartel said.

School officials in Cass City, along with those in districts across the Thumb, have watched student numbers fall by hundreds of youngsters over a period of about two decades.

For several years, Cass City was losing an average of 3.7 percent of the district’s student population annually after the 2005-06 school year, when the district boasted an enrollment of roughly 1,500 kids. In 2001-02, Cass City had more than 1,600 students enrolled.

Over the past decade, from 2010-11 through this school year, Hartel said, Cass City has lost roughly 164 kids, which translates into a 14 percent enrollment decline. During the previous decade – 2001-02 through 2010-11, the district lost 442 students for an enrollment decline of about 28 percent.

“We’ve cut (our losses) in half,” Hartel said, noting the district’s

enrollment has shrunk by just one percent in each of the 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 school years.

Enrollment plays a key role in school funding from the state, which “blends” student counts conducted twice a year by dis-

Please turn to page 16.

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

The State Land Bank Authority announced Friday the creation of the Tuscola County Land Bank Authority.

Tuscola County joins 47 other local land banks statewide, and is the third county in the Thumb to create a land bank authority. Huron County and Sanilac County have each created one.

“The new Tuscola County Land Bank Authority will give us the economic development tools needed to help eliminate blight, spur economic development in our county, fix title problems and

deal with properties that have little or no market value,” explained Tuscola Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Stephen Erickson.

Although Tuscola County Commissioners recently approved forming a land bank, it was the second time that they did that.

In October 2018, commissioners approved forming a land bank at the urging of state officials, because it would be beneficial to the county regarding 650 acres of land — including the two state prisons outside of Caro — that were ripe for development.

However, while encouraging the county to form a land bank, the

Michigan Land Bank Fast Track Authority posted on its website a request for proposals for 226 acres of land that included the former prison camp and some psychiatric hospital property in Tuscola County. The posting also took place in October 2018.

Commissioners were surprised by the state’s action. It was noted that at the time the state was interested in giving county officials the property to develop if they formed a land bank.

Although the state didn’t directly guarantee the state land if a land bank was formed, “they suggested we strongly consider” developing

Please turn to page 16.

State: Tuscola County Land Bank Authority is now up and running



HIS NAME MAY not be Frosty, but this snowman has put his time in as Cass City’s own temporary winter welcome wagon at the corner of Main and Seeger streets over the past week or so, thanks to Ethan Bulla, 17, and Vincent Favazza, 18, both of Cass City, who constructed the patriotic snow figure Feb. 9.

Planning board okays permit for gravel operation

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The Elkland Township Planning Commission approved recently a permit that will allow representatives of a Huron County firm to open a gravel mining operation just east of Cass City.

The local planning board approved a special land use permit for A3 Crushing and Aggregate LLC, Ruth, during a public hearing at the Elkland Township Hall, attended by a handful of area residents, according to Elkland Township Zoning Administrator Gary Jones.

Jones noted the mining operation is located at 4312 Crawford Rd., about a half-mile south of M-81 on the east side of Crawford Road. Jones wasn’t certain of the total acreage involved, but said A3 Crushing and Aggregate officials have the minimum 20 acres required for a mining operation. The land is zoned for forestry-conservation use.

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

Jones noted mining operations are required to have access to

Please turn to page 16.

Ubly schools announce second marking period honor students

Grade 3

Weston Guza
Gabby Hagen
Tyler Hartel
Audra Maurer*
Trenton Maurer
Meghan Mausolf
Liam Mueller
Landyn Raymond
Katherine Sulkowski
Avery Tenbusch*
Jolene Vogel
Lucas Volmering
Andrew Aumann
Mason Cady*
Adrienne Cleland*
Connor Essenmacher
Marquel Essenmacher
Ella Grifka*
William Grifka*
Lacie Horetski
Cooper Langenburg
Bristol Messing
Blaine Nicol
Asher Waterbeck

Grade 4

Hunter Budzisz
Brooklyn Morell*
Sophia Mueller
Myah Peruski*
Brianna Schmidt
Madysen Schumacher*
Xavier Sweeney
Anastasia Warchuck
Addison Weber
Ronna Yaroch
Alaina Donnellon*
Ava Donnellon*
Elle Marks
Sarah Romzek
Laura Roth*
Ian Schumacher
Blake Soule
Derek Stringer
Wyatt Walsh

Grade 5

William Alburg
Theodore Bischer*
Carter Budzisz
Claire Grifka*
Beckett Hagen
Waverly Hagen*
Ian Harris*
Nicole Klee
Brooke Kolar*
Graham Nicol
Hope Ogryski*
Brayden Sweeney*
Weston Bambach
Collin Franzel
Landon Greyerbiehl
John Guza
Destiny Leipprandt
Irelyn Wolschleger
Lily Wright

Grade 6

BreeAnn Adams
Arianna Aumann
Ella Gilliam
Sadi Heleski
Sophi Heleski
Logan Johnson*
Guy Knoblock*
Diamond Leipprandt
Griffin Messing
Lillian Michalski
Maleah Roth
Wyatt Schumacher

Suzanne Smigelski
Conner Smith
Makenzi Smith
Kylee Stirrett
Jordan Susalla*
Katie Sweeney
Michael Walsh
Owen Warchuck
Aaron Weber
Isabel Wright*

Grade 7

Arabella Coddington*
Miley Donnellon*
McKenzie Essenmacher
Kaden Flikkie
Brayden Franzel
Allie Guza*
Grant Guza
Rayne Guza
Jacob Halifax
Aiden Kolar
Ethan Maurer*
Miette-Pamela Maurer*
Ryan McCarty
Kara Morell
Kaily Oberski
Collin Osantowski
Jullia Pawlosky
Caleb Ratcliff
Morgan Schulte
Abbey Shaltonis
Claire Smalley
Cameron Smith
Skyler Smith
Addison Stomack*
Camry Stringer*
Javien Susalla
Luke Volmering
Auron Waterbeck
Jasmine Wilbur
Daniel Zdrojewski

Grade 8

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

Grade 9

Haylee Arlitt
Joy Auman
Jeanna Bischer*

Elizabeth Glentz
Christopher Gosdzinski
Maze Gusa*
Abigail Guza*
Carly Guza,
Mark Heilig
Alyson Jones
Owen Warchuck
Anthony McCarty
Abigail Michalski
Jarrett Nast
DeLaney Peruski
Taylor Peruski
Jace Susalla
Seth Sweeney
Andrew Vogel
Logan Volmering
Samantha Warczinski
Mercedes Wolschleger

Grade 10

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

Grade 11

Alivia Bischer*
Kendra Glaza
Josephine Gusa*
Carson Heleski
Amanda Hill
Haley Klama*
Coryne Klemmer
Haley Krueger*
Allison Lautner
Dajnae Leipprandt
Erin McCarty*
Reese McLellan*
Shelby Messing
Madison Michalski
Sarah Peplinski*
Levi Peruski
Samantha Souva*
Gabriel Sweeney
Nolan Van Erp
Elizabeth Weber*
Hally Ziehm

Grade 12

Olivia Brown
Grace Conley
Austin Cregeur
Jacob Davis
Kali Dutcher
Grant Geiger*
Rachel Leppek*
Shelby May
Claire Melnik
Hannah Melnik
Ellie Peruski
Caleb Powers
Ethan Sabins
Hannah Schroeder
Jaiden Schulte
Haley Smith
Abigail Sorenson
Katelyn Sweeney*
Danielle Tschirhart
Sierra Walker

*Denotes all A's

SUDOKU

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

	5			2	8			
			6	1	5	9		
	4		8					3
3								7
1				7		5	2	
	9	3	7	1				
	6	5				4		

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

THIS PUZZLE BROUGHT TO YOU BY:

C
C CASS CITY CHRONICLE
C P.O. Box 115, Cass City, MI 48726

(989) 872-2010

Email: chronicle@ccchronicle.net

Professional and Business

DIRECTORY

ACCOUNTANTS

Anderson, Tuckey, Bernhardt & Doran, P.C.
Certified Public Accountants
~Shareholders~
Thomas B. Doran, CPA
Valerie J. Hartel, CPA
Jamie L. Peasley, CPA
~For Additional CPAs and other Staff check our website~
www.atbdcpa.com
Three locations to serve you
-Caro- 715 East Frank St.
Ph. (989) 673-3137
-Cass City- 6476 Main St. Suite 1
Ph. (989) 872-3730
-Marlette- 2956 Main St.
Ph. (989) 635-7545
Email: cpa@atbdcpa.com

HOME IMPROVEMENTS

Pleasant View Windows
Quality - Enjoy the Difference
4335 Pringle Rd., Snover, MI 48472
989-872-2884
We carry a full line of windows and doors to meet every need. From premium to economy, basic to fully customized, we are here to help you find the perfect product to fill your need!
We also specialize in glass & screen repairs.
Energy Star windows
ProVia THE PROFESSIONAL WAY

CHIROPRACTORS

"Health Care You Can Feel Great About"
Crowley
Chiropractic
4452 Doerr Rd.
Cass City, Michigan
(989) 872-4241

J.W. Remodeling

Interior/Exterior Painting & Staining
homes, garages, fences & decks
NO JOB TOO SMALL!
25 years of experience!
Very Reasonable Rates!
Call **989-392-7355**

CLEANING SERVICES

Wall 2 Wall
Cleaning Company
Serving Tuscola & Sanilac counties
(989) 262-0444
Paula Pretzer, Owner
Based out of Cass City
Save *10 on your first appointment with this ad!

INSURANCE

KNIGHTS
Insurance Agency
872-5114

Thumb Insurance Agency, Inc

Life • Auto • Home Business • Health
Agents:
Pat Stecker, Cathy Stacer, Valerie Peters & Andy Gray
6867 Cass City Rd., Cass City, MI 48726
989-872-4351

PRINTING SERVICE

CASS CITY CHRONICLE
• Business Cards
• Invitations • Flyers
• Brochures • Booklets
6550 Main St.
Cass City, MI 48726
(989) 872-2010

VETERINARIANS

ALL PETS VETERINARY CLINIC P.C.
Susan Hoppe D.V.M.
4438 S. Seeger St.
Phone 872-2255

Family Favorite Foods



5765 Hadley Rd., Cass City MI 48726
(between Robinson & Pringle roads)

10 flavors to choose from!

We are open **Monday - Saturday** from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Wholesale & retail pricing!

Come check us out!

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Township of Elkland will hold a public hearing on the 5th day of March, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall located at 6691 Church St., Cass City, MI 48726.

The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to consider the application by Gentner Excavating, LLC for two variances on property identified as tax parcel number 007-003-000-0100-06;

Variance 1: Use of gravel road, Huron Line, in lieu of required paved road per ordinance.

Variance 2: Mining site, 2.5 acres, on 8 acre parcel does not meet ordinance requirement of 20 acre minimum.

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

Elkland Township
Gary Jones, Zoning Administrator

Have a concern? A complaint?
Just want to voice your opinion?

The Cass City Chronicle welcomes letters to the editor.

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

We will not publish thank you letters of a specific nature, for instance, from a club thanking merchants who donated prizes for a raffle.

In Our OPINION...

Clarke Haire
Publisher

Tom Montgomery
Editor

3D-printed gun file challenge spot on

Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel has joined a coalition of 21 attorneys general in challenging the Trump administration's latest effort to allow 3D-printed gun files to be released on the internet.

The gun files would allow plug-and-play access to 3D-printed unregistered, untraceable firearms that can also be very difficult to detect, even with a metal detector. Untraceable firearms are sometimes called "ghost guns."

This challenge is a no-brainer, isn't it? "Allowing instructions for building unregistered and untraceable weapons on the internet is reckless," Nessel said. "If access to these so-called 'ghost guns' becomes available to essentially anyone with a computer, the United States risks opening itself up to the possibility of widescale harm. We must act sensibly and responsibly, and that means opposing this administration's illogical attempt to subject Michigan residents and other Americans to the wills of terrorists and extremists."

As a result of a previous multistate lawsuit, a federal judge struck down the Trump administration's prior attempt to allow the release of the gun files. Now, the administration has embarked on a new effort by pursuing formal rules. The attorneys general filed their lawsuit immediately after the rules were finalized, arguing those rules are unlawful for many of the same reasons as the previous attempt.

In 2015, Defense Distributed, an organization dedicated to global distribution of open-source, downloadable 3D-printed guns, sued the Obama administration after the U.S. State Department forced Defense Distributed to remove its files from the internet. The federal government successfully argued before federal trial and appellate courts that posting the files online violates firearm export laws and poses a serious threat to national security and public safety.

In defending against Defense Distributed's lawsuit, the federal government stated it was "particularly concerned that (the) proposed export of undetectable firearms technology could be used in an assassination, for the manufacture of spare parts by embargoed nations, terrorist groups, or to compromise aviation security overseas in a manner specifically directed at U.S. persons."

In an abrupt reversal, the Trump administration settled the case in 2018. As part of the settlement, the administration agreed to allow unlimited public distribution on the internet of the downloadable files for 3D-printed guns.

In response, a multistate coalition filed a lawsuit, and Judge Robert Lasnik ruled the Trump administration's decision to allow distribution of the gun files was arbitrary, capricious and unlawful.

"Given the agency's prior position regarding the need to regulate 3D-printed firearms and the CAD files used to manufacture them, it must do more than simply announce a contrary position," Lasnik wrote. "Overall, the Department of State concluded that the worldwide publication of computerized instructions for the manufacture of undetectable firearms was a threat to world peace and the national security interests of the United States and would cause serious and long-lasting harm to its foreign policy. Against these findings, the federal defendants offer nothing."

After losing in court, the Trump administration is trying again, this time by publishing new rules that would transfer regulation of 3D-printed guns from the U.S. State De-

Please turn to page 5.

Drier Humor

by **Mary Drier**

Rockets = body parts



Chronicle Editor Tom Montgomery's recent article about a 4-H rocket club in the tiny community of Deford was nothing short of amazing.

For several years, Tom and I were "frenemies" (friendly enemies), competing against each other when I worked at another newspaper. Because of that, I would never admit that I enjoyed, much less admired, his writings.

Now that we are co-workers, I can admit that fact. We touch base about once a week on what articles we are working on. He told me about a story he was doing on a rocket club that had built a large rocket. What I saw in my mind's eye was nothing to the jaw dropping size of the rocket his photograph showed.

His article about the Deford Dazzlers 4-H Rocketry Team told about and showed the nine-foot-tall model rocket the youth are constructing and hope to launch during the Battle of the Rockets Competition in Culpeper, Va., in the spring.

Tom's article brought back memories of my sons' attempts at rocketry.

I think every child goes through a stage of building rockets and launching them. My sons were no different.

They spent many an hour building, perfecting, painting and launching their creations into the heavens.

As they got older, they continued to build and launch rockets on their own without me knowing about it, but mothers have a way of finding out things.

It started when I was mowing the lawn and found parts of their GI-Joe figures scattered about the lawn. I didn't think much about finding an arm, leg, or head of an Army guy here and there. After all, boys will be boys, and they had a ton of GI-Joes they played with.

Although they were older, I chalked it up to their either hanging on to their childhood in still playing with them, or that the toys had been left outside years ago and just resurfaced.

But then I started finding body parts to my stored childhood Barbie Doll collection while mowing. The jig was up for them. It didn't take a rocket scientist to figure out what they had been up to.


When I confronted them with a severed Barbie head and a left arm, they admitted they had not only continued to build rockets, but also built them to explode with a GI-Joe onboard.

They decided to up the ante with stronger rockets and added my dolls for a heavier payload.

While the sky may be the limit, there is a limit to a mother's patience, and they found it that day.

Although all of that was several years ago, there are

still times when a doll's body part surfaces in the lawn. When that happens, I can smile now as I remember my grown sons as mischievous little boys.



Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

The new Michigan Press Association (MPA) Directory, due out in a few weeks, will feature a small slice of (Deford) heaven on the cover. MPA officials solicited Michigan-themed photo submissions from member newspaper staffers across the state a few months ago, and after receiving a monster load of submissions, decided on a four seasons theme for the 2020 directory cover. One of the pictures selected was a fall photo – shot by Chronicle Editor Tom Montgomery — featuring a large tree bursting with vivid fall orange colors, next to an old brick home just west of Deford.

Montgomery and the other three photo winners will be recognized and presented with plaques featuring the new directory cover during the annual MPA Convention next month in Dearborn.

Old Man Winter hasn't been kind to outdoor festivals in the Thumb this winter, and last week officials at The Fowler Center announced they were canceling their 25th annual ice fishing contest, which we mentioned in this column last week along with a photo of Tuscola County Sheriff Glen Skrent lending a hand with fish planting duties on Harmon Lake.

"We did not come to this decision lightly as it is one of our favorite days of the year," center officials noted on their Facebook page. "This past weekend Rob and Susie Trott walked all over the lake with us to measure the thickness of the ice. What we found was 3.5"-4.5" all over. We were hoping that if we got some good cold days...we might still have a chance of holding the event. However, the mild temps Monday and the snow Sunday along with the forecast forced us to make the decision to cancel."

In lieu of this fundraiser, the center is planning a chicken dinner Saturday, March 21, at the K of C hall in Caro.

In case you're not familiar with the program, The Fowler Center is a year-round serving children and adults with disabilities since 1957. The center is located on more than 200 acres in the Mayville area, and is accredited by the American Camp Association and also licensed as an Adult Foster Care Camp and a Children's Camp by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

The Fowler Center offers programming for children, teens and adults throughout the year, with an emphasis on the ability of each camper to participate in camping experiences according to his or her physical, cognitive, and psychological abilities. A concerted effort is made to remove any possible barriers and to create a secure, positive, and reinforcing environment.

A tidbit courtesy of Mary Drier. Some former state champions received some recognition recently from their glory days.

Kingston School District's 1983 Women's State Championship Cross Country team was honored with the unfurling of their new banner that recognized their accomplishment from 37 years ago.

"We had a banner for them before. When we gutted the gym and did the full remodel, it was an old scraggly felt banner," explained Superintendent Matt Drake. "Our AD (athletic director) Carl Nicol auctioned off all of the old felt banners to the individual with the highest bid."

The proceeds from the sale of the old banners was used to purchase the new banners and the record boards currently on display in the gym.

"We just thought we would re-recognize them as we replaced the banner," Drake explained.

"It was a nice night for them, some of whom came from long distances to be here."

Those who were honored include: Marcia Britton, Karen Laycock, Michelle Landram, Monica Tait, Melissa Banowski and Jeanette Randall Landram.

Have a concern? A complaint?
Just want to voice your opinion?

The Cass City Chronicle
welcomes letters
to the editor.

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

We will not publish thank you letters of a specific nature, for instance, from a club thanking merchants who donated prizes for a raffle.

CASS CITY CHRONICLE

6550 Main Street
P.O. Box 115
Cass City, MI 48726
Phone: (989) 872-2010
Fax: (989) 872-3810
Email: chronicle@ccchronicle.net
Website: www.ccchronicle.net

PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY
AT 6550 MAIN STREET, CASS
CITY, MICHIGAN, by Clarke Haire,
publisher.

Periodical postage paid at Cass City,
Michigan 48726.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes
to CASS CITY CHRONICLE, P.O.
BOX 115, CASS CITY, MI 48726.

National Advertising Representative,
Michigan Weekly Newspapers, Inc.,
257 Michigan Avenue, East Lansing,
Michigan.

For information regarding newspaper
advertising and commercial and job
printing, telephone: (989) 872-2010.

News Staff

Clarke Haire
Publisher
clarke@ccchronicle.net

Tom Montgomery
Editor
tom@ccchronicle.net

Krysta Boyce
Sr. Sales Executive
sales@ccchronicle.net

chronicle@ccchronicle.net

Deb Severance
Composition

Mary Drier
Freelance Writer, Columnist

Tina Pallas
Columnist

Subscription Rates

Tuscola, Huron & Sanilac counties - \$25.10 per year.

In Michigan - \$29.50 per year.


Out-of-State - \$31.70 per year.

College - \$15 per year.

Email subscriptions - \$22 per year.

Payable in advance.

Discounts available for multi-year subscription.



(USPS 092-00)

Huron County deputies arrest fugitive following recent chase

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A domestic assault complaint early last week led Huron County Sheriff's deputies to the village of Owendale, where officers apprehended a man wanted in Wyoming for parole violations.

Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson said the arrest came Monday night after deputies were dispatched to investigate a report involving a woman who had been assaulted and sought help at a local convenience store.

"It was further reported that the perpetrator/boyfriend was driving around Owendale looking for her," Hanson said. "While the deputies were responding from different areas of the county, Deputy Nathan Leppek was the first to arrive and saw a vehicle matching the description of the suspect vehicle. He then turned

around to attempt to catch up to it in order to stop it.

"While doing so, the suspect vehicle appeared to be trying to elude the deputy and drove through an empty lot south of Beech Street, through a yard, through a ditch and then fled from his vehicle at the local farm elevator," the sheriff continued.

"Deputy Leppek took chase of the suspect on foot and was able to take him into custody near the corner of Mill Street and Fifth Street."

Hanson noted two other deputies arrived at the scene to assist, and it was determined that the 24-year-old suspect, who along with the victim/girlfriend was currently staying with relatives on Fifth Street, had physically assaulted the 20-year-old woman, including choking her.

"He had also destroyed her cell phone earlier so she couldn't call for help," Hanson said. "He was

transported to our jail and booked in for domestic assault and interfering with electronic communications."

The suspect's bond was initially set at \$50,000.

"His damaged car, with no insurance and improper registration, was impounded," added Hanson, who said deputies also learned during the course of the investigation that the suspect is wanted for prison parole violations in Wyoming. "He will at some point be extradited back to Wyoming pending local criminal charges."

The suspect, later identified as Shane L. Cook, was formally charged by the Huron County Prosecutor's Office with assault to do great bodily harm and interfering with electronic communications. He was subsequently arraigned and his bond set at \$75,000 cash. He remains lodged in the county jail.

Circuit court proceedings

Several appear on felony charges

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

*Timothy J. Ziegler, 63, Vassar, was sentenced to one day in jail following his pleas of no contest to charges of delivery/manufacture of a controlled substance (hydrocodone), subsequent offense, and two counts of possession of a controlled substance (morphine and amphetamine, subsequent offense, April 3 in Indianfields Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

He was also placed on probation for 12 months and ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$394.

*Christopher B. Vanderpoel, 31, Kingston, was sentenced to two to 20 years in prison following his pleas of no contest to domestic violence, third offense, two counts of possession of a weapon by a felon, and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony Aug. 26 in Koylton Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to prison time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$394.

*Paul G. Stoner, 60, Caro, was sentenced to seven to 30 years in prison following his pleas of no contest to home invasion, second degree, June 29 in Vassar Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to prison time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$258 plus restitution of \$2,200.

*Larry D. Pardue, 35, Vassar, was sentenced to 18 months to 15 years in prison following his plea of no contest to tampering with an electronic monitoring device Sept. 3 in Vassar. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to prison time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines to-

taling \$258.

*Dean V. Bickel, 50, Frankenth, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Oct. 27 in Tuscola Township. 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.

*Brandon J. Gilliam, 31, Cass City, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle with a high BAC (blood alcohol content) Oct. 19 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 \$8,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Casey M. Borcharding, 40, Vassar, pleaded no contest to possession of cocaine, heroin or another narcotic (less than 25 grams) June 6 in Caro. The defendant was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

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

*Dennis P. Clara, 68, Caro, was sentenced to 180 days in jail following his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Feb. 23 in Almer Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (two prior felony convictions).

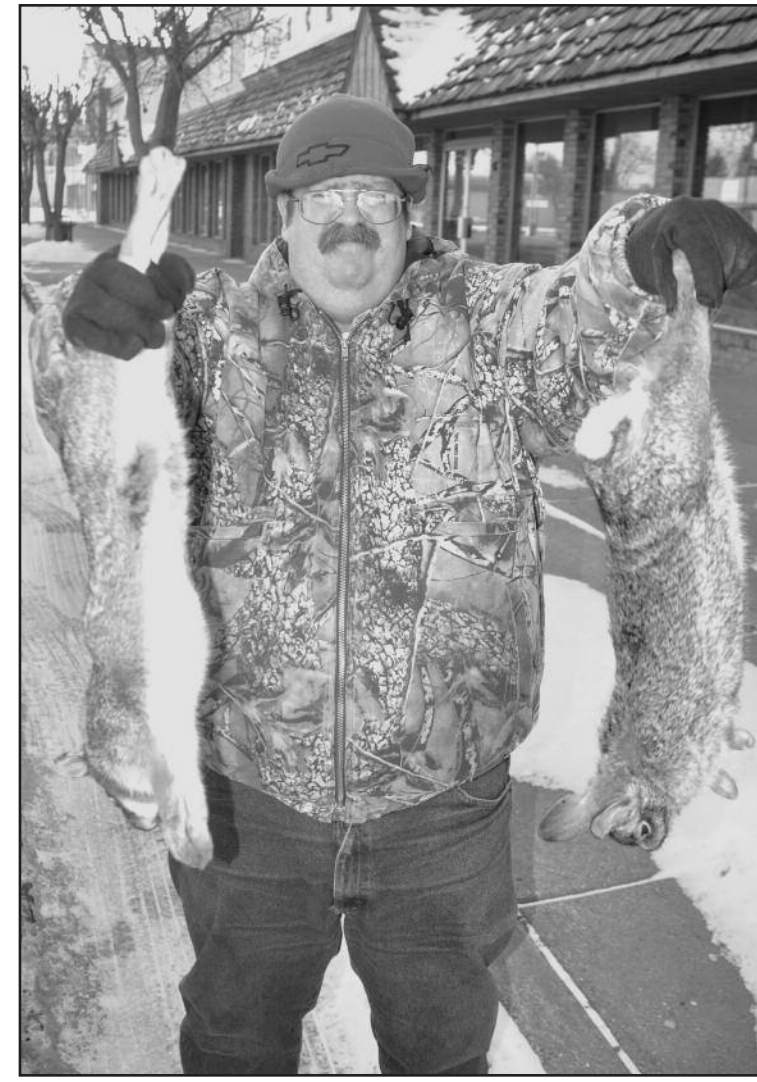
In addition to jail time, he was placed on probation for 60 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,258 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

*Kelly D. Beardt, 39, Marlette, was sentenced to 180 days in jail following his pleas of no contest to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor and possession or sale of stolen or counterfeit insurance certificates July 20 in Fremont Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,058 plus attorneys fees of \$500 and restitution of \$5,714.83.

*Marie A. Payne, 50, Vassar, was sentenced to one day in jail following her plea of no contest to two counts of unlawful use of a motor vehicle between June 1 and Aug. 21, 2018, in Vassar Township.

She was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$585 plus restitution of \$521.40.



TWICE THE FUN. Cass City resident Matt Lynch proudly displays a pair of rabbits he shot Monday using a .410 shotgun on state land in Tuscola County.

CALENDAR EVENTS

Deadline for submitting items in the calendar is the Friday noon before publication. Please send calendar items to: Cass City Chronicle P.O. Box 115, Cass City MI 48726 Phone: (989)872-2010 Fax: (989)872-3810 chronicle@ccchronicle.net

Wednesday, February 19

- *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 20

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

Friday, February 21

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

Saturday, February 22

- *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 23

- *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 24

- *Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Uby. 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.
- *Cass City School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
- *Hills & Dales General Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 11:30 a.m., Gilligans (no meetings July, August, December).
- *Tuscola County Right to Life meeting, 6:30-8 p.m., Caro Area District Library, 840 W. Frank St., Caro. For more information, call (989) 872-3259.
- *Families Against Narcotics, 6 p.m., Hills and Dales Corporate Services and Regional Education Center, 6667 Main St. Cass City. For more information, call (989) 551-4326.
- *Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.

Tuesday, February 25

- *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.

Let us spoil your parent!

Willow Tree Haven

Retirement Home/AFC

Open Door Policy -
Stop in anytime!

Respite Care Options

(989) 665-2493

6974 McEldowney Rd.
Gagetown

Call today for more information.
Private rooms now available!

**Notice of
BOARD OF REVIEW
for Evergreen Township
will be held**

Wednesday, March 11, 2020 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Thursday, March 12, 2020 3 p.m. - 9 p.m.

The purpose of the March Board of Review is to hear taxpayer appeals regarding valuation determinations, personal property, disabled veteran's exemptions, poverty exemptions, property classifications, and uncapping determinations.

The 2020 tentative ratios and multipliers are:

	Ratio	Multiplier
Agricultural	50.48	0.99049
Commercial	40.53	1.23365
Industrial	50.00	1.00000
Residential	50.37	0.99265
Personal	50.00	1.00000

**Evergreen Township Hall,
5514 Shabbona Rd., Decker**
David McArthur, Assessor

MANY ITEMS SELLING AT COST & BELOW!

STOCK REDUCTION SALE!

**WE MUST REDUCE OUR INVENTORY
TO ACCOMMODATE NEW
MERCHANDISE DRASTIC
REDUCTIONS IN EVERY DEPARTMENT**

Save 15% to 60%

**On Brand Name Sofas, Dinettes, Loveseats, Modulars,
Bedrooms, Brass Beds, Dining Rooms, Sleepers,
Recliners, Chairs, Lamps, Accent Tables, Accessories,
Bedding...EVERYTHING!**

Appliances • Furniture

Schneeberger's

OPEN:
Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Sat., 8 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

(989) 872-2696 or (989) 872-3315 • 6588 Main St., Cass City, MI

Instant Credit!
Service After The Sale!

Delivery Available!
DROP OFF FOR

Reporter's notebook

This lady is still my world

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



We met on a blind date – a first for both of us. Deb was shy and as uncertain of herself as I was about myself, but she pretty much had me at “hello”.

As I recall, she wasn't impressed with my posture or my taste in music. I didn't care much for her music, either. In fact, it didn't seem like we had much in common. And, yet, something somehow blossomed between us. Before I knew it, we were standing at an altar together inside a country church in Lowell, Mich., promising to devote our lives to one another for the rest of our days.

That was 38 years ago.

I had no idea back then what mature love was all about. I don't think either of us did, at least not in the sense we've come to know it through the years.

Together we brought four children into this world – each birth an amazing, miraculous experience beyond compare as I look back. We went on to find that parenting isn't an exact science – or anything close to it – and things often don't turn out the way you expect them to.

Deb was always an amazing mom – still is. Never too tired to listen, always protective and willing to sacrifice, always ready with a hug or word of advice. Even now, long after the kids have grown up and left the nest, she's there for them 24/7, and they know it.

Grandchildren have brought an equally amazing element into our lives.

We've lived through times when we couldn't have been happier in spite of being dirt poor. In time we improved our financial position with a lot of hard work and perseverance, and we celebrated. But we also struggled through some miserable days because we temporarily lost sight of what was most important in our relationship.

We've survived and overcome some challenges that neither of us ever anticipated when we said “I do”.

Deb has put up with a lot, living with me. I'm guessing just about anyone who knows me would make that assumption. I have a rather overactive sense of humor that can be a godsend at times, but more often than not results in my wife rolling her eyes and sighing because remarks tend to leave my mouth before I have the time to consider whether or not they should.

Of course, that isn't the problem it used to be, largely because the years have taken a toll on our hearing; we spend more time saying “Huh?” to each other than we do responding to original questions. A lot more time. Well, unless we're at different ends of the house; then we don't hear each other at all.

At least now I have a legitimate excuse for not listening as well as I should.

In any event, like many couples, we both have habits that drive the other nuts, and we've wasted far too much time arguing over the silliest things – while trimming a Christmas tree together, trying to figure out directions to wherever we were traveling on any given day, or deciding who was right (it was me) over something so trivial it defies any sort of logic.

But that sort of thing doesn't matter. What does is love, devotion and an unyielding determination to stick it out – together – no matter what.

We've always had those things. Still do.

Deb has always been there for me, even during my darkest days, and I've tried to be there for her when she's struggled. Sometimes that's meant just being there because neither of us really had a clue of how to make everything okay again.

Deb tells me she's the lucky one in this marriage, but I don't buy that. I know it hasn't been easy. I also know I'd do it all over again because she was – and still is – my world.

In Our OPINION...

3D challenge is spot on

Continued from page three.

partment to the U.S. Department of Commerce, effectively allowing their unlimited distribution.

In the rules, the administration acknowledges the dangers posed by the distribution of 3D-printed gun files. However, due to loopholes in the commerce regulations, the agency will lack the power to regulate 3D-printed guns in any meaningful way.

The latest multi-state lawsuit, filed last month, holds that the rule is unlawful because the administration has still offered no evidence supporting its about-face on the risks of allowing unregulated access to firearms worldwide, making the rule arbitrary and capricious.

Bureaucracy and lawsuits aside, this issue deserves immediate attention before the floodgates are opened, giving anyone – regardless of age, mental health or criminal history – access to downloadable guns that are unregistered, very difficult to detect and, most importantly, lethal.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2015)

Pat Curtis and Erika Martin highlighted the Cass City Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner gala Saturday, when the pair was announced as the 2015 Citizen of the Year and Junior Citizen of the Year selections.

Cass City's Seth Osentoski defeated Ubley's Roger Franzel by fall in 3 minutes and 11 seconds during his opening match Saturday at the GTC League meet in Bad Axe. The Red Hawk sophomore won gold in the 130-weight class.

10 YEARS AGO (2010)

Dirk, Kristina and brother Hunter Hartman, of Unionville, announce the birth of Logan Gerald Hartman. Logan was born Jan. 25, 2010 at Bay Regional Medical Center. He weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and was 20 inches long. His grandparents are Ron Spaulding of Cass City, Tim and LuEllen Romain of Caro, and Dennis and Midge Hartman of Unionville. Great-grandparents are Ray and Shirley Spaulding of Cass City, Arlene and the late Gerald Lowe of Deford, Dale and Diane Romain of Caro, and the late Clarence and Cora Hartman of Unionville.

Three students from Owendale-Gagetown Area School in Owendale have been named local winners in the 41st annual America and Me Essay Contest, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance. The 3 students, who earned the first, second and third place awards for their school, are Dakota Alcorn, first; Benjamin Good, second; and Quinn Smith, third. All 3 received an award certificate for their achievement. As the school's first place winner, Alcorn's name will also be engraved on a plaque for permanent display in the school.

25 YEARS AGO (1995)

Bill McFarland of Cass City, who enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps delayed entry program, will report this month to the Marine Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif. He is a 1993 graduate of Cass City High School.

Juniors Natalie Ponder and Ed Hartwick won't have much time to relax this summer. In fact, the hard work will have just begun for the pair, who were recently accepted for membership in the Northern Aurora Drum and Bugle Corps.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Wright of Cass City announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Lorene Wright, to Lyle David Severance, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Severance of Decker. Heather and Lyle are currently attending Saginaw Valley State University. Heather is majoring in accounting and Lyle in computer information systems. A May 13 wedding is planned at the Shabbona United Methodist Church.

Army Warrant Officer Carl A. Palmateer, Jr. has arrived for duty in Augsburg, Germany. Palmateer, a counterintelligence officer, is the son of Carl A. Palmateer and Jean Deering, both of Cass City. He is a 1977 graduate of Cass City High School. He received a bachelor's degree in 1991 from Regents University of New York, Albany.

35 YEARS AGO (1985)

Linda Adam, daughter of Wayne and Faye Adam, Snover Rd., Snover, has been selected as 1985 United States National Award winner by the United States Achievement Academy. She was nominated for the award for her speech abilities. The academy selects award winning students upon the exclusive recommendation of their teachers, coaches, counselors and other school sponsors. The criteria for selecting a student is based on academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, citizenship, and other recommendations by the instructor. Adam was nominated as an award winner by English teacher Terry Conard. Adam will appear in the United States Achievement Academy yearbook, published nationally.

Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack (Jake) Blades Sunday

were Mr. and Mrs. Syd Hawley and children of Lapeer, Barbara Bennett and son Chris and friend Hugh and Mr. and Mrs. Randy Purdy of Pontiac and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pine of Shabbona. They came to honor Mr. and Mrs. Blades for their 50th wedding anniversary, which is March 1. Carol Hawley, Barbara Bennett and Donna Purdy are nieces of Mrs. Blades.

David McPhail may never receive the worldwide attention that skiing greats Phil Mayer or Billy Kidd have had, but he will have his opportunity to “go for the gold” at the upcoming International Special Olympics games. David, 12, a student at Highland Pines, is one of about 20 students from Michigan who will compete at the Special Olympic games March 25 at Park City, Utah. David's Father, Charles McPhail, 2676 Englehart Rd., Cass City, explained that David began skiing last year, training for the Michigan Special Olympic games at Sugarloaf Ski Resort. David won a bronze medal in the Alpine Competition, which includes races in slalom, giant slalom and downhill events. He competed again this winter, again winning a bronze medal. This time David stayed for two additional days, training for the international games.

40 YEARS AGO (1980)

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Tracy had with them for the weekend, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bolz and daughter Minde of Willis. Theo Hendrick was also a dinner guest Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas O'Dell and Erin were Friday evening callers and Mr. and Mrs. Duane O'Dell of Decker were Saturday callers.

The Hobby club met Monday evening at the Rawson Memorial Library at 7:30 to view a film on Lake Superior. From there the group went to the home of Mrs. Iva Profit where Mrs. Profit and co-hostesses, Mrs. Harold Perry and Mrs. Dave Ackerman, served dessert. Ten women attended the meeting.

Fred Joos of Caro will be celebrating his 98th birthday Saturday. He was born Feb. 16, 1882, near Saginaw, and came to Cass City as a small boy. He and his wife, Mary, moved in with their daughter, Mrs. Harley Dean and her husband, in the fall of 1958 from their farm northeast of Cass City. Mrs. Joos died a few months later. Joos still lives with his daughter. He has a grandson, Fred Dean of Spring Arbor, and two great-granddaughters, all of whom are expected to be in Caro Saturday for Joos' birthday party, along with nieces and nephews.

Mr. and Mrs. Orris Reid of Harper Woods are celebrating their 63rd wedding anniversary this Thursday. Reid and the then Clara Dolwick were married Feb. 14, 1917, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A.A. Hitchcock, in Cass City. They lived on a farm northwest of Cass City until they moved to Detroit about 1938. Reid worked as a painter and paperhanger. Their children are Mrs. Ilene Jones of Detroit, Mrs. Peter Trofimuk of Mount Clemens, Charles of California and Paul of the Detroit area. A son, Earl, died last August.

Cass City High School debate team finished fifth at the state final debate tournament at Central Michigan University, Jan. 31 through Feb. 6. The team of John Scollon, Steve Corcoran, and Crystal Galloway was in third place after the six preliminary rounds. In the quarter final round against Ithaca High School, the affirmative team of Corcoran and Galloway lost on a split decision.

Three students from Owendale-Gagetown High School have been named local winners in the 11th annual America & Me Essay Contest, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance Group. The three are Scott Thies, first, Carolyn Zimmer, second and Glenda Sue McPhail, third. All three received award certificates for their achievement. As the school's first place winner, Scott's name will be engraved on a plaque for permanent display in the school. His first place essay now advances to the state level competition.

50 YEARS AGO (1970)

Mrs. Elsie Hicks became the first woman ever to serve as clerk of Tuscola County this week following her appointment to the post by Circuit Judges Norman A. Baguley and James Churchill Tuesday. Mrs. Hicks was sworn in Tuesday afternoon. She will be replacing her father-in-law, Archie Hicks, who succumbed to a heart attack with a little less than a year left to serve on his current term in office. Most of the duties of the clerk will not be new to Mrs. Hicks. She is an eight-year veteran of the clerk's office and has been a deputy clerk for five years. Mrs. Hicks has served as Circuit Court clerk for four years. She will give up this post as soon as a replacement can be found and trained.

Joseph V. Scott, president of the Echlin Manufacturing Co. of Branford, Conn., and Walter E. Walpole, president of Walbro Corp. of Cass City, jointly announced that Echlin has purchased the principal assets of Allied Walbro Corp.

J. Glenn McCullough and Mrs. Gladys Albee won nomination for seats on the village council.

75 YEARS AGO (1945)

T-5 Anthony A. Kapala, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kapala, of Deford, has won the right to wear the “Boots and Wings” of the U.S. Army Paratroops. He has completed four weeks of jump training during which time he made five jumps, the last a tactical jump at night involving a combat problem on landing.

After serving four years in the U.S. Army, Cpl. Chester L. Orłowski, son of Mrs. Francis Orłowski, of Cass City, returned home from overseas service in the Southwest Pacific theater of operations. He has been stationed in the New Guinea-Australian area, lacking two months of three years' overseas duty. He must report at the Ambassador Hotel, Miami, Fla. for a 14-day rest cure due to malaria fever.

Ten voters attended the village caucus Friday evening and placed the following ticket in the field for the March 12 election: President, Ernest L. Schwaderer. Clerk, Otto Prieskorn. Treasurer, Ernest Croft. Assessor, Chester L. Graham. Trustees for two years, Dr. B. H. Starmann, Arthur Kettlewell and Dr. E. C. Fritz. Members of library board for three years, Mrs. E. C. Fritz and Mrs. Frank Reid. Messrs. Croft, Graham and Fritz, Mrs. Reid and Mrs. Fritz are candidates to succeed themselves in their positions.

100 YEARS AGO (1920)

Miss Frances Helyn Wright of Cass City and Erwin A. Baker of Pontiac were united in marriage Wednesday evening, Feb. 25, at seven o'clock at the Methodist parsonage at Pontiac by Rev. A. Kuehn. The bride was becomingly gowned in gray satin and the couple were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Gus Frahm of Pontiac, the latter being a sister of the bride.

E. W. Jones, Cass City grocer, was honored by being re-elected president of the Retail Grocers and General Merchants' Association of Michigan which held its 22nd annual convention in Grand Rapids last week. He was also unanimously chosen as delegate to represent the state association at the national convention which convenes at Atlanta, Georgia, in May. An additional mark of appreciation for Mr. Jones' excellent work as an official was the presentation of an imported hand carved Chinese ring from the association. Mrs. Jones was remembered with a beautiful cut glass bowl and their two daughters with gold pins. The 1920 convention was well attended and was one of the best on record. While the entertainment features were much enjoyed the real meat of the convention was the consideration of practical matters relating to the every-day problems of a merchant. These were profitably discussed and the interchange of ideas made each attendant the better qualified to take up the business burdens.

CASS THEATRE CASS CITY • 872-2252
WWW.CASSTHEATRE.COM

DIGITAL CINEMA

WED. & THURS. 7:30

ROBERT DOWNEY JR.

“DOLITTLE” (PG)

STARTS FRIDAY
(5 DAYS)

DOORS OPEN AT 7:00 - SHOWTIME 7:30
NO MON. & TUES. - NO CREDIT CARDS
CHILDREN \$4.00 - TEEN/ADULTS \$6.00

**DURING WORLD WAR 1, TWO
BRITISH SOLDIERS SAVED MANY
LIVES... 3 ACADEMY AWARDS**

“1917” (R)





Raising cash to protect kids...

THE 16TH ANNUAL Taste of the Thumb was recently held in Peck at the Carman Banquet Hall as a fundraiser for the Sanilac County Child Abuse Prevention Council. Amy Dumaw, prevention education specialist for the council, reported the event was a big success, raising more than \$4,000 for child abuse prevention in Sanilac County. The Sanilac County Child Abuse Prevention Council is part of the S.A.V.E. (Sanilac Area Violence Elimination and Education) Partnership, a collaboration of Sanilac County entities that provide programs related to child abuse, domestic violence, sexual assault and homelessness.

Updates aplenty at the Jacquelin E. Opperman Library in Kingston

The Jacquelin E. Opperman Memorial Library, located inside Kingston High School, has undergone a facelift and offers a myriad of resources and services to its patrons.

And Librarian Glenna Ford can't wait to showcase them all.

Ford is encouraging residents to visit their local library to see all it has to offer, including physical upgrades such as new windows, lighting and carpeting.

"The library now has a new 'open sign' in the window with the public hours listed," Ford noted. "Our new public hours (are) Monday, 4 to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 4 to 8 p.m.; Fridays closed; and Saturdays 9 to 3 p.m." during the school year.

During school breaks and summer vacation, the public hours are: Monday closed; Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and on Wednesdays and Thursdays, 5 to 8 p.m.

"As of Jan. 2, 2020, the library is now late fine free. All late fee fines have been removed. Pay only if you have lost or damaged an item or have an elementary library fine," said Ford, who added items 90 days overdue will be marked lost.

In addition, Ford said patrons can view the issues of the former Kingston Enterprise newspaper from 1941 to May 22, 1975, at the www.OppermanMemorialLibrary.com home page — the link is connected to the Marlette genealogy page, and Opperman Me-

morial Library is an associate member of the page.

The library also offers current issues of several area newspapers, including the Cass City Chronicle.

"Come on in and check out the... seven books for sale by (local authors) Jane and Richard Peter and one written by a school staff member, Deborah L. Woodard," Ford added.

She said patrons also have access to 4,108 titles of eAudiobooks and 14,136 titles of ebooks through Overdrive/Libby, while students at the high school have access to 5,500 ebooks and 97 eaudiobooks.

"There are nine titles of magazines at the library to look through and check out past issues, while the library has 175 active subscription emagazines titles online through RBDigital. Plus, another 152 titles...which consist of a combination of one-time publications, titles that have gone out of publication, titles that are still published but are no longer available for purchase through RBDigital Magazines, and titles that were dropped because of low usage."

And, thanks to donations from Kingston, Wells, Dayton and Koylton townships as well as the village of Kingston, the library offers 944 DVDs for free, noted Ford, who said the videos can be checked out for two days, and music CDs can now be checked out for two weeks instead of two days at a time.

The library, which also has a large print rotation of 45 books made available through the St. Clair County Library from Port Huron, hosts its own children story time programming for Thanksgiving, breakfast with Santa at Christmas time, and Easter, along with a summer reading program that is made available online through Wandoo Reader.

"There is a nice rocking chair to sit and read to your children in the children's room," she said, adding the library now has a section of donated books to offer to the public for free, a total of seven desktop computers for public use, and free Wi-Fi for patrons to use their own computer devices.

"If you cannot find what you are looking for in the library, you can go to elibrary.mel.org and interloan the item from over 400-plus Michigan libraries."

Library patrons can create a login and renew their items checked out online at Kingstonk12.follettdestiny.com. The library has its own webpage at www.OppermanMemorialLibrary.com, and its own Facebook page.

"Staff is available to help with any questions you have. You can call (989) 683-2500 or email library@kingstonk12.org," Ford said.



Fixing our roads the right way

by Senator Kevin Daley

Michigan's troubled roads and bridges have been an important issue in Lansing since before I even took office.

It's been a failure of both parties, Republicans and Democrats. Instead of fixing the problem, the state has a history of focusing on patchwork, Band-Aid fixes and short-term political decisions, all while our roads remain a mess.

Last year, the governor fought until the very end to burden residents with a colossal hike to the state's gas tax to keep her campaign promise to fix the roads. Lawmakers and residents alike universally opposed the drastic tax increase, and despite her continued efforts, the proposal was largely dead on arrival.

Michigan families have been taxed enough as it is, and lawmakers from both parties knew it.

Fast forward to this year's State of the State speech, where she admitted to the whole state that she doesn't want to wait for the Legislature to help her keep her promises, so she's choosing to bypass the people's voice altogether. Less than 24 hours after her speech, the Michigan Department of Transportation was given the authority to sell bonds to pay for repairs to Michigan state roads only.

Just like that, her plan has taken shape and Michiganders are on the hook for billions of dollars.

This move plunges the state into over \$3.5 billion of debt — every dime of which you, and future generations of taxpayers, are responsible for paying back. Folks across the state didn't want to pay the governor's gas tax increase then, and they don't want to let her charge \$3.5 billion to the state's credit card now. Yet the governor again went alone to get her own way.

The good news is you no longer have to worry about getting taxed out of driving — at least for the time being. The bad news is she's going to ignore your pleas and borrow billions of dollars without you having a say where it goes and then force you to pay it back.

What the governor won't tell you is that we're still paying off bonding from the Gov. Engler era over 30 years ago. We are stuck paying down that debt and the roads still aren't fixed. The solution is not to do the exact same thing and saddle the state with even more debt. It's this kind of thinking that got Michigan into trouble last time around.

The money is there to fix the roads. We need to use existing funds to invest in our roads and bridges.

Over the last year my colleagues and I looked at ways we could use existing revenue to make repairs. We moved up funding from the 2015 road funding plan, and we paved the way for future revenue and measures to continue making updates where needed — all in a fiscally responsible way. The result was a record investment in the budget for roads and bridges, including a nearly \$500 million increase using existing funds.

Sadly, Gov. Whitmer vetoed this extra funding — all because she didn't get her 45-cent gas tax increase. She took her red pen to rural hospitals, rural schools, skilled trades education, autism support services, veteran care, and more. Rural communities all over Michigan took a financial hit because the governor didn't get her way. The pattern is difficult to ignore, and most people can see her motives for exactly what they are.


Unfortunately, rural Michigan is once again on the chopping block as the result of the governor's executive actions. The governor's bonding plan largely focuses on southeast Michigan and does nothing to address funding for local roads in our district, despite sticking all taxpayers with the bill.

Borrowing \$3.5 billion now, just to pay that plus interest back later, is not the answer. Bonding isn't a funding source; every time we borrow more money, that payment has to come from somewhere else in the budget.

Despite the governor's criticisms and continued threats toward the Legislature, I remain committed to moving Michigan forward. We've now begun another budget season and my focus remains on getting our finances in order and funding important programs that so many Michiganders rely on.

We've come a long way in Michigan. Now is not the time to turn back to the same irresponsible decisions that hurt us in the first place.

Sen. Kevin Daley represents the 31st state Senate District, which includes Tuscola, Lapeer and Bay counties.



USED BOOK SALE

Wednesday, February 19
6:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 20
8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Friday, February 21
8:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Hills & Dales Hospital
Lower Level Conference Room 1

You could get a
Refund Advance up to

\$3,500

within minutes of filing.

**No interest.
No loan fees.**

Jan. 4 - Feb. 29



Walk in or make an appointment
today at hrblock.com.

1146 CLEAVER RD, | CARO | 989-673-3257

This is an optional tax refund-related loan from Axos Bank®, Member FDIC; it is not your tax refund. Loans are offered in amounts of \$250, \$500, \$750, \$1,250 or \$3,500. Approval and loan amount based on expected refund amount, ID verification, eligibility criteria, and underwriting. If approved, funds will be loaded on a prepaid card and the loan amount will be deducted from your tax refund, reducing the amount paid directly to you. Tax returns may be e-filed without applying for this loan. Fees for other optional products or product features may apply. Limited time offer. Available at participating locations. Not offered in Puerto Rico. HRB Maine License No. FRA2. OBTP#B13696 See hrblock.com/refundadvance for details. ©2019 HRB Tax Group, Inc.

MARCH MEETINGS FOR NOVESTA TOWNSHIP

**Budget Hearing
will be held
March 2, 2020 at 7 p.m.**

**Organization Meeting for
Board of Review
will be held on
Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 4 p.m.**

**BOARD OF REVIEW
will be held**

**Tuesday, March 11, 2020
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**Wednesday, March 12, 2020
3 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

Tentative Equalization Factors:

	Multiplier	Ratio
Agricultural	1.0929	45.75
Commercial	1.0520	47.53
Industrial	0.0000	00.00
Residential	1.0484	47.69
Personal	1.0000	50.00

Annual Meeting

will be held

**Saturday, March 28, 2020
at 9 a.m.**

All Meetings will be held at the
Novesta Township Hall
3016 N. Cemetery Rd., Cass City MI 48726
Pennie Rienas, Clerk

News briefs

Town's future focus of meet

CASS CITY – "Future Plans for Cass City" is the theme of a program the Cass City Area Historical Society will be hosting today (Wednesday), starting at 2 p.m. at Rawson Memorial District Library. Cass City Village Manager Debbie Powell will be the guest speaker. Everyone is welcome to attend. More information is available by calling (989) 872-2856.

Quilter's Tea on tap at church

CASS CITY – Threads Across the Thumb VII will present a Quilter's Tea, featuring a luncheon and trunk show by the Loose Threats Quilt Group of Mayville, Saturday, Feb. 22, from noon to 2 p.m. at the Cass City United Methodist Church, 5100 N. Cemetery Rd. The cost is \$15. Tickets are available at the circulation desk at Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Library events slated in March

CASS CITY – Rawson Memorial District Library's special programming in March will include a gardening presentation and a family game night. "Planning and Planting Your Seed Garden" will be presented by Ben Cohen, author of "Saving Our Seeds", Wednesday, March 18, at 1 p.m. Cohen, an author, herbalist, gardener and educator, will share the practice of seed saving from planting through the harvest. The Cass City library will host its Friends and Family Game Night Friday, March 27, from 6 to 8 p.m. The event encourages families to participate in fun away from computer and phone screens by bringing their favorite board game or choosing one from the library's collection for an evening of fun. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Snacks will be provided. Call (989) 872-2856 to register or for more information.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery



Redhawk Review
by
Taryn Pisarek
We're almost there!

The next few weeks in Cass City are going to seem long for students. Spring break is around the corner, and hopefully that means sunshine for most.

Whether your plans are to travel or stay right at home, spring break is a perfect time to regroup and catch up.

This year, I am going to Belize with the Spanish group, and I can't wait! We have to keep the break in mind so there is something to look forward to, but it is still some weeks away. It's not quite time to get too excited yet.

To help with the anticipation of the coming weeks, I found a couple tips that have been quite helpful to me in the past. These should work for anyone, parents or students.

Make sure you are sleeping! When it comes time to venture off, you don't want to be completely drained. Make sure to get enough sleep each night so that you have enough energy to actually enjoy your time off. Also, just give it your all these next couple weeks. It is going to feel long and the work will seem never ending, but the end will come and you will feel so much better knowing that everything is done. You won't have to worry about loose ends, from work or school.

Lastly, make sure you are staying hydrated! This may sound silly and seem like common sense, or you may think, "Shouldn't I be focused to stay hydrated during my trip?" You're right, you definitely need to drink lots of water during your vacation, but it's just as important before. If you aren't drinking water and staying healthy, there's a higher chance you'll be sick when you leave. Nobody wants their time off to be ruined by the cold or flu.

These are just a couple pieces of advice that I think work well to get you through the next few weeks leading up to break.

Enjoy your time and prepare well so you can make the most of your time off!

County approves purchase of parcel

By Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

Although Tuscola County already owns 16 properties, the county's board of commissioners approved the purchase of another.

The board recently authorized Mike Miller, director of the building and grounds department, to execute a purchase agreement for a parcel of land located at 234 E. Grant Street in the city of Caro. The cost of the property is \$6,500, and the county will pay all other costs and expenses related to the land deal.

The reason given for the purchase of a 17th property was because it was available and could be needed.

"The house at that location recently burned, and with a possible future jail expansion, the commissioners thought it might be a good investment for the future," explained county Controller-Administrator Clayette Zechmeister.

The county owns the other lots around that property. This latest purchase will give the county ownership of a complete rectangle.

"The property is located next to the county jail. We may need it someday if we ever build a new jail," said District One Commissioner Tom Young. "The property is behind the jail."

Assessments of the aging jail facility and its future needs have been done a couple of times over the last 25 years. Each assessment noted the need for more space and building updates.

The last study, conducted in 2018, went beyond those proposals. The 43-page assessment conducted by the National Sheriff's Association concluded the jail is "outdated, inefficient and unsafe for staff and inmates." The study also "strongly recommended" a new jail facility.

The jail, located behind the county courthouse at 420 Court St. in Caro, was built in 1966 with a 46-bed capacity. There have been several renovations to the jail over the years. In 1988, renovations were done to create 56 beds. In 1997, major renovations and an addition were done to create an 80-bed facility. And, interior renovations were completed six years ago to create 12 more beds for a total of 92 beds due to chronic overcrowding.

Because of the overall age of the jail – in spite of renovation already completed – the jail is showing its age with breakdowns and maintenance issues, and finding replacement parts is proving

increasingly difficult.

Plus, changing state regulations have made it even more difficult for the jail to comply with the latest mandates.

Under regulations, inmates now have to have a private conference room area to talk to their attorney, to meet with DHS (Department of Health and Human Services) workers, mental health service professionals, clergy and representatives of various agencies, according to Sheriff Glen Skrent.

In order to provide a private area for inmates to have those discussions, a storage closet was converted into a meeting space.

In addition, there are new regulations related to housing female inmates that have to be met. The number of females being incarcerated has increased, and space to house them has become an issue.

"Besides separating inmates by gender, they also have to be separated by security classification, risk, and custody level and type of crime," noted Skrent.

The National Sheriff's Association report concurred.

"The facility is not staffed as it could be to meet the requirements," the organization's report states. "The lack of staffing puts the staff and inmate population at a higher risk."

Throughout 2019 county officials met several times about addressing the jail issue, but so far, a solution has not been fully developed.

Commissioners have tried to address the jail issue twice over the last two decades via public fund-

ing proposals, but voters rejected both ballot measures.

County officials say that, unlike the county's other properties, the newly acquired parcel will not require a lot of maintenance.

The facilities the county owns include an annex building, courthouse, MSU Cooperative Extension, animal control, health department, department of health and human services, dispatch center, recycling center, the Michigan State Police Post (which the county owns and rents to the state), the Grant Street pole building, the maintenance building, the Purdy Building, the Luder Road pole building, Vanderbilt Park, and the jail.

And, it is a never-ending job keeping up maintenance on all those buildings and grounds, as well as being a costly proposition. In order to stay on top of that many buildings, a comprehensive 10-year plan is in place, but it is subject to change if a need arises.

According to the plan, the average annual cost to maintain the 16 buildings and grounds totals more than \$300,000. The plan also outlines that over the next decade, about \$3,059,000 is expected to be spent on maintenance of those facilities.

An aging jail isn't the only problem facing the county; storage space is once again at a premium.

In September 2019, Tuscola County Clerk Jodi Fetting informed commissioners that, "in about a year or less, record storage will reach 'critical mass' in her department."

SEMCO ENERGY ASKS CUSTOMERS TO KEEP METERS CLEAR OF SNOW AND ICE

During the winter, here are a few ways to help protect gas meter equipment and gas appliances to avoid a potentially hazardous situation or service disruption:

- Clean and repair leaky seams in your gutters and downspouts to prevent melting snow and ice from building up on the gas meter or pressure regulator.
- Never allow snow to cover your natural gas meter or its pressure regulator or block your appliance exhaust vents.
- Please use caution when shoveling snow, plowing or snow blowing to avoid piling snow against the natural gas meter, regulator or appliance vents.
- Clear a path to the meter free from snow and ice for easy access.
- Remove soft snow build-up gently, using only a broom or your hand rather than a shovel that could damage the meter.
- Do not try to remove ice or frozen snow from the natural gas meter pressure regulator or piping. If you find your meter or pressure regulator covered in ice or frozen snow, do not attempt to remove the ice or use de-icer. Contact SEMCO ENERGY Gas Company, toll free, at 1 800 624 2019.

SEMCO ENERGY
GAS COMPANY

ARE YOU SAVING for a RAINY DAY?

Everybody needs a financial umbrella to cover unpredicted expenses. Let's make sure you're protected with a sensible savings plan that fits your budget.

Automatic Savings Plans
Investment Accounts
Retirement Plans

Even the most savvy investors wonder about how to best protect their retirement nest egg.

To find out more information about protecting your retirement income, call
DAVID A. WEILER

Harris & Company

6815 E. Cass City Rd.
Cass City, MI 48726
989-872-2688

YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

Two Important Contacts To Have When You Need Them!

Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems (TBHS)

989.673.6191 or 1.800.462.6814


Emergency Services Available 24/7

www.tbhsonline.com

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

1.800.273.8255

Provides 24/7 Support





THE LATEST upgrades at the Cass City Municipal Building include installation of American with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant doors with an automatic door opening system at the front entrance.

Upgrades continuing at municipal building

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

Upgrades and improvements to the Cass City Municipal Building are continuing. The latest project addressed handicap accessibility, with a contractor installing ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act)-compliant doors.

The staff recommended an automatic door opener for the front entrance of the municipal building, located at the corner of Seeger and Main streets, according to village Manager Debbie Powell.

The hall upgrades started last fall. But before the work began, village officials turned to a professional, hiring the company "SPACE" to help coordinate the work at the hall.

"Their SPACE Anew design program creates a new work environment using existing assets," explained Powell, noting the advanced tools SPACE utilizes gives clients more options, greater flexibility and increased control over their interior designs.

Previous improvements at the municipal buildings included replacement of windows and painting projects completed last year. And more work is planned, with the upgrades being tackled in stages over a three-year period.



FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

Family & Friends CPR Class

Learn adult, child and infant CPR, AED use, and choking rescue.

Saturday, February 22, 2020

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Hills & Dales Regional Education Center

6667 Main Street Cass City

Pre-Registration is required.

Call H & D Community Education Dept at 989-912-6365

or email kdropeski@hdghmi.org

This is a non-certifying class for members of the community who want to learn CPR and do not need to earn a card for work or school requirements.



NEW

2019 RAM REBEL



CREW 4X4
Sunroof
Alpine Speakers
Spray in bedliner

Save over
\$10,200

2019 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN



7 Passenger
Rear stow-n-go

List
\$28,535
Now
\$23,564

Do you need collision work?
Call
Moore Motors

(800)516-6673

SERVICE DEPARTMENT

We want you to see what we have to offer!

10% OFF
any single repair to first time customers!

Call us to schedule your appointment today!

*Must have coupon

PREVIOUSLY OWNED

2014 GRAND CARAVAN

Stow-n-go
Remote Start
Aluminum Wheels

Only **\$9,995**

Very clean
local
trade only



STK #13197c

2016 DODGE JOURNEY

3rd row seating
keyless entry
Sirius Satellite Radio

Only **\$10,995**

Very clean
local
trade only



STK #29406b

OVER 60 YEARS OF COMBINED EXPERIENCE CALL MOORE MOTORS TODAY!



Brad Moore Mark McGarry Mike Holand Dawn Foote Todd Bowers Bill Bennett Steve Ellis Jarrett Price Dave Duke Denny King Sue Larson Joe Janssen

MON. & THURS. 8:30 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. | TUES., WED. & FRI. 8:30 A.M. - 5:30 P.M. | SAT. 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Moore Motors
(800) 516-6673

1725 W. Caro Rd. Caro, MI | WWW.THEMOOREAUTOGROUP.COM



CHRONICLE SPORTS

To Report Your Sports News & Scores
contact Publisher Clarke Haire at
(989) 872-2010; fax: (989) 872-3810
clarke@ccchronicle.net



CASS CITY senior Hadyn Horne glides to the basket in Greater Thumb West action with Vassar Friday. The host Red Hawks improved to 9-6 overall with an easy 58-40 win.

Lady Red Hawks end 3-game skid in Greater Thumb West

Although Cass City doubled the score on hosts Vassar Thursday, winning 40-20, it was the Red Hawks' loss two days earlier at USA that still has head Coach Justin Ketterer scratching his head.

In their latest outing, Cass City held the Vulcans to just 4 points in each quarter before the intermission, and cruised to the easy Greater Thumb West decision behind Abbey Salcido's game-high 14 points.

A well-balanced Red Hawks attack put 8 players into the scorebook and included 8 points from Saylar Cuthrell and 4 points each by Sierra Spry and Tiara Anthony.

Jasa Ross led Vassar with 10 points. Still, it was Tuesday's game at USA that left Red Hawk fans in disbelief.

After building a 21-16 edge after

two quarters, Cass City went stone cold in the final half and was held to a Marissa Petiprin Ball free throw in the third quarter and a solo basket by Cuthrell in the final stanza that allowed the Patriots to avenge a setback earlier in the season, 48-24.

Morgan Russell led Cass City with 9 points, all coming in the opening half when she connected on a trio of 3-point shots.

Chelsea Bolzman's 14 points were high for USA.

GTW GIRLS BASKETBALL

Team	GTW	Overall
Caro	10-0	15-1
Reese	9-1	13-4
Bad Axe	5-4	7-9
Cass City	5-5	8-10
USA	2-7	4-11
Vassar	1-8	4-12
EPBP	1-8	1-16

Kingston girls stay perfect at home with pair of easy wins

With a pair of easy home court wins last week, Coach Jay Green's Kingston Lady Cardinals improved to 15-1 on the season.

In their most recent contest on Thursday, visiting Dryden fell 43-22 in a North Central Thumb League - Stars affair.

Although the hosts took a 20-15 edge into the intermission, it was Kingston's defense in the final half that doomed Dryden as they scored just two points in the third quarter.

"Both teams played hard and it was difficult to get good looks at the basket. Our defense in the third quarter was the difference," Green said.

Payton Kolacz led the winners with 14 points, while Brooke Mooney added 8 points, Isabel Hurd 7, Anna Ahern 6 and Hannah James 6.

Hannah Peyerck had 9 tallies for Dryden.

Earlier in the week, Kingston captured a non-conference outing against Marlette, 50-30, on Tuesday.

Leading 24-18 after two quarters, a 15-6 run to start the final half had Kingston in control entering the final 8 minutes.

James, with 18 points, and Kolacz, with 10 points, paced Kingston.

Bethany Ketchum had 12 for Marlette.

"Marlette is well coached and battled us hard. In the third quarter we got the ball inside and started to create some separation," said Green.

Up next for Kingston is a Thursday contest at Peck. The Pirates are third in the North Central Thumb League-Stars standings at 7-3.

NCTL-STARS GIRLS HOOP

Team	NCTL-S	Overall
Deckerville	9-1	14-3
Kingston	8-1	15-1
Peck	7-3	12-4
Dryden	5-4	11-6
Genesee	3-6	9-7
Mayville	1-8	5-10
Intl Acad Flint	0-10	2-15

Schenk leads Cass City in victory over Vassar

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

The results were somewhat expected for the Cass City boys basketball team last week as they faced Greater Thumb West front-runner USA and cellar-dweller Vassar.

After falling 66-40 to host USA on Wednesday, Coach Aaron Fernald's Red Hawk rebounded Friday against visiting Vassar, winning 58-40.

"We had a tough game with USA. We did not play very well offensively and USA took advantage of that. We bounced back with a nice win against Vassar. We had three different players in double figures and Landon Schenk had his best game of the year," he said.

Schenk poured in a season-best 15 points against the Vulcans and was strong start to finish in the paint.

Leading 7-5 early, the Red Hawk senior post player scored on back-to-back offensive rebounds to force a Vulcan timeout with 1:38 showing on the clock.

When the two teams returned to the floor, Cass City's Thom Rijshouwer went to work in the lane

and two quick hoops, including one at the buzzer, had the host leading 17-7 entering the second frame.

Rijshouwer continued to have his way under the basket before the half. A pretty pass by Bryce Fernald to Rijshouwer resulted in the first of three straight baskets by the Red Hawk foreign exchange student, including a hard 2-handed dunk with 1:13 left in the half that had the host up 28-16.

However, Rijshouwer was assessed a technical foul for hanging on the rim after his slam, and Vassar ended the half on a free throw by LaMonte Davis and a trey by Nathan Foess to slice the advantage to single digits.

Cass City regained a double digit advantage early in the final half as Sandyn Cuthrell tossed in 9 of his game-high 18 points in the third quarter. Meanwhile, Vassar was held to a pair of field goals by Matthew Amend and a solo bucket by Marquavis Crist heading into the final 8 minutes, where Cass City outscored their visitors 16-13 to the final horn.

Rijshouwer joined Cuthrell and Schenk in double figures for Cass City with 14 points, while Kendall Anthes added 5 markers, all in the

4th quarter.

USA

Host USA hit six shots from behind the 3-point arc in the opening quarter against the Red Hawks and built a 26-12 advantage that proved too much to overcome for the visitors.

Although Cass City actually outscored their hosts 13-6 to end the half, USA outscored the Red Hawks 35-15 in the final two frames to seal the victory.

Rijshouwer was the lone Red Hawk in double figures with 11 points, while Collen Wrubel chipped in 8 markers and Tyler Czekai 6.

For USA, Landin Zimmer led the way with 21 points that included 5 baskets from 3-point land. Nash Morton and Connor Gettel each added 14 tallies for the winners.

GTW BOYS BASKETBALL

Team	GTW Overall
Reese	9-1 13-4
USA	8-1 12-2
Cass City	5-5 9-6
Bad Axe	4-5 8-5
EPBP	4-5 8-6
Caro	2-8 5-11
Vassar	1-8 2-12

Cards use big final half to defeat Dryden

After getting a scare from Dryden earlier in the season, Kingston made certain that history didn't repeat itself Friday and disposed of the visiting Cardinals 55-30 in North Central Thumb League-Stars action. The final score was a far cry from the two teams' first meeting in early January that saw Kingston escape with a 52-51 decision.

Defense was instrumental in the win for Kingston, according to veteran Coach Dave Lester.

"We played our best game of the year tonight. Our team defense was as good as I've seen in a long time. Everyone was locked in.

Aaron Koehler and Trayton Wenzlaff were absolutely fantastic shutting down Dryden's leading scorer Jack Kaplan. Kaplan scored 9 points. Kaplan averages 25 points a game," he said afterwards.

The contest was a tale of two halves. The visitors trailed 11-7 after one quarter and just 24-22 at the half. But in the final half, Kingston held their guests to just four points in both the third and fourth quarters to pull away.

A trio of double digit scorers for Kingston had Evan Neff with 20 points, including five 3-pointers, while Marco Saenz de Lacuesta

added 15 points and Jack Green, 10 points.

"Evan Neff and Marco Saenz de Lacuesta were huge for us on the offensive end," Lester said.

Ethan Ledford led Dryden (9-4, 11-4) with 10 points.

NCTL-STARS BOYS HOOP

Team	NCTL-S	Overall
Kingston	9-0	15-0
Intl Acad Flint	8-2	12-3
Dryden	5-3	11-4
Peck	3-5	8-7
Deckerville	3-6	7-8
Mayville	2-6	6-7
Genesee	0-8	3-12

Fabulous Four's Fearless Forecast

2020
Basketball
Season
Feb. 18-22



Clarke Haire



Ray Maurer



Geoff Morgan



Doug Hyatt

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Feb. 18

Cass City @ Caro

EPBP @ Bad Axe

Ubyly @ Sandusky

Thursday, Feb. 20

USA @ EPBP

Kingston @ Peck

Brown City @ Ubyly

Akron-Fairgrove @ O-G

Caro @ Reese

Caro

EPBP

Ubyly

USA

Kingston

Ubyly

Akron

Reese

Caro

Bad Axe

Ubyly

USA

Kingston

Ubyly

Owen-Gage

Caro

Caro

Bad Axe

Ubyly

EPBP

Kingston

Ubyly

Owen-Gage

Caro

Cass City

EPBP

Sandusky

USA

Kingston

Ubyly

Owen-Gage

Reese

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Feb 18

Kingston @ Genesee

Wednesday, Feb. 19

Caro @ Cass City

EPBP @ Bad Axe

Akron-Fairgrove @ O-G

Friday, Feb. 21

Cass City @ Harbor Beach

Caro @ Reese

Vassar @ Bad Axe

Brown City @ Ubyly

Kingston @ Peck

USA @ EPBP

Kingston

Cass City

Bad Axe

Akron

Harbor Beach

Reese

Bad Axe

Ubyly

Kingston

USA

Kingston

Cass City

Bad Axe

Akron

Harbor Beach

Reese

Bad Axe

Ubyly

Kingston

USA

Kingston

Cass City

EPBP

Akron

Harbor Beach

Reese

Bad Axe

Ubyly

Kingston

USA

Kingston

Cass City

Bad Axe

Akron

Harbor Beach

Reese

Bad Axe

Ubyly

Kingston

EPBP

LAST WEEK	17 - 2	17 - 2	17 - 2	16 - 3
SEASON RESULTS	111-31 (78%)	115-27 (81%)	108-34 (76%)	103-39 (73%)

Cass City grapplers win own team district

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

Host Cass City collected its fourth consecutive district team championship Thursday and then advanced five Red Hawks into individual regionals over the weekend in New Lothrop.

Coach Don Markel's grapplers defeated Bad Axe 54-24 to claim their seventh district title in the last 10 years. Cass City advanced into the finals with a 66-10 victory over Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port in the district semifinals.

Cass City now moves on to Team Regionals action tonight (Wednesday) at Hemlock where they will take on New Lothrop, ranked Number 2 in the state. Cass City enters the Team Regional with a 26-15 record.

Double winners for Cass City on the day were: Zach Cowdry, Cameron Gotschalk, Drew Markel, Tristan Swiderski, Ryan Pisarek, Logan Kaake, Matt Mihalic and Hunter Caister.

"We have been peaking at the right time of the season. Our intensity level and technique on the mat has steadily improved. Competing against Division 1 and 2 competition (Cass City is Division 4) for a good majority of our non-league schedule has paid huge

dividends," said Markel.

The complete results against Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port (EPBP) were: 140: Erin McArdle (EPBP) over (CASS CITY) (For.) 145: Tristan Swiderski (CASS CITY) over (EPBP) (For.) 152: Logan Kaake (CASS CITY) over (EPBP) (For.) 160: Ryan Pisarek (CASS CITY) over (EPBP) (For.) 171: Dylan Halpin (CASS CITY) over (EPBP) (For.) 189: Hunter Caister (CASS CITY) over (EPBP) (For.) 215: Matthew Mihalic (CASS CITY) over Payton Kinney (EPBP) (Fall 2:15) 285: Ethan Kampo (CASS CITY) over Colton Oyervidez (EPBP) (Fall 1:35) 103: Tyson Steinman (EPBP) over Hunter Turnbull (CASS CITY) (MD 20-11) 112: Zachary Cowdry (CASS CITY) over (EPBP) (For.) 119: Double Forfeit 125: Cameron Gotschalk (CASS CITY) over (EPBP) (For.) 130: Drew Markel (CASS CITY) over (EPBP) (For.) 135: Lucas Swiderski (CASS CITY) over (EPBP) (For.)

The complete results against Bad Axe were: 145: Tristan Swiderski (CASS CITY) over (BAD AXE) (For.) 152: Logan Kaake (CASS CITY) over Draiden Romas (BAD AXE) (Fall 1:38) 160: Ryan Pisarek (CASS CITY) over Carson Affer (BAD AXE) (Fall 1:57) 171: Cody Bailey (BAD AXE)

over Dylan Halpin (CASS CITY) (Fall 3:33) 189: Matthew Mihalic (CASS CITY) over (BAD AXE) (For.) 215: Hunter Caister (CASS CITY) over Aaron Boone (BAD AXE) (Fall 0:58) 285: Ben Stuart (BAD AXE) over Ethan Kampo (CASS CITY) (Fall 1:37) 103: Zachary Cowdry (CASS CITY) over (BAD AXE) (For.) 112: Hunter Turnbull (CASS CITY) over (BAD AXE) (For.) 119: Clark Wehner (BAD AXE) over (CASS CITY) (For.) 125: Cameron Gotschalk (CASS CITY) over Jordan Osentoski

(BAD AXE) (Fall 1:20) 130: Drew Markel (CASS CITY) over Gavin Tetreau (BAD AXE) (Fall 3:51) 135: Double Forfeit 140: Sam Hass (BAD AXE) over (CASS CITY) (For.)

INDIVIDUAL DISTRICTS

At New Lothrop Saturday, five Red Hawks placed in the top four of their weight class to advance to the Individual Regionals to be held at Carson City-Crystal on Saturday.

Finishing as runners-up for Cass City were Hunter Caister, Drew

Markel and Tristan Swiderski. Caister finished second in the 189 weight class and improved to 45-5 on the season. Markel improved to 33-17 on the year with his second place showing in the 130 weight class and Swiderski upped his season record to 37-7 after bowing in the championship round of the 140 weight class.

Finishing with fourth place honors for Cass City were Cameron Gotschalk and Logan Kaake. Gotschalk improved to 29-21 on the season and Kaake holds a season record of 16-22.

O-G girls win back-to-back contests

The Owen-Gage girls' basketball team ended a 3-game slide last week with back-to-back wins to improve to 6-7 overall on the season.

Coach Bob Haldane's Bulldogs will now look to extend their winning ways against visiting Akron-Fairgrove Thursday, before wrapping up the regular season against Vassar, followed by a pair of games with Caseville. All four of the Bulldogs' remaining games before districts are very winnable, according to Haldane.

Owen-Gage faced Caseville for the third time on the season Monday and defeated their guests 33-23 in a North Central Thumb League-Stripes meeting. The two teams split games earlier in the

campaign.

After a sluggish first half, Owen-Gage caught fire after the break and cruised to the double digit victory. Leading just 12-9 after two quarters, Owen-Gage outscored their hosts 12-6 in the third quarter and 9-8 down the stretch.

Dana Morrish recorded game scoring honors with 13 points to lead Owen-Gage, while Madelyn Haldane added 6 points.

On Thursday, Owen-Gage traveled to face Carsonville-Port Sanilac and swept the regular season meetings with the Warriors, 35-22.

A huge 13-4 run after the opening tip put Owen-Gage on top early and the Bulldogs would never surrender the advantage.

However, leading 15-9 at the break, another big run to open the final half - this one 14-3 - had the hosts comfortably in charge.

Morrish scored 11 points and Libby Ondrajka had 8 points to lead Owen-Gage. Ondrajka also hauled in 8 rebounds and 5 steals, both tops for the Bulldogs.

NCTL-STRIPES GIRLS HOOP STANDINGS

Team	NCTL-S	Overall
BC All Saints	7-1	10-6
North Huron	7-1	10-8
Owen-Gage	4-4	6-7
Akron-Fairgrove	3-5	4-13
Caseville	2-6	3-13
CPS	1-7	4-13

Cass City Red Hawk

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

This week's Knights Insurance "Athlete of the Week" is senior Drew Markel. The 4-year varsity wrestler helped Cass City claim their



DREW MARKEL

4th straight team district crown Thursday with a pair of victories in the 130 weight class and then finished second in individual district action in New Lothrop over the weekend.

Markel pinned Bad Axe's Gavin Tetreau in a team district final match in 3:51. He was awarded a forfeit in the semifinal round against Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port.

Markel now holds an impressive 33-17 record entering team regionals tonight at Hemlock, before Saturday's individual regional action at Carson City-Crystal.

Markel is the son of Coach Don Markel and Stacey Markel.

Sponsored by:




989-872-5114



CASS CITY'S 2019-20 junior varsity girls' basketball team members are: (front row, l-r) Madison Ware, Amelia Weiler, Kayley Salcido, Olivia Krueger, Autumn Sutton, Kylie McGrath (back row) Coach Dave Weiler, Dakota Halasz, Kalee Gray, Shannon Hendrick, Madilyn Gniewek and Breanna Wolschlager.



Concussion Program & Post-Concussion Rehabilitation

Reported Symptoms

- Headache
- Difficulty Hearing
- Dizziness or Vertigo
- Blurred Vision
- Neck Pain

Visible Signs

- Loss of Consciousness
- Balance Problems
- Blank or Vacant Stare
- Clutching Head
- Slow to get up after hit

When In Doubt Sit OUT!

Athletes Suspected of suffering a concussion should be removed from play immediately and should not be allowed to return until cleared by a licensed healthcare professional

Early intervention of various therapies can improve concussion recovery



Whiplash Therapy



Vestibular Rehab



Visual Rehab



Nutritional Intervention



Exercise Therapy



Education & Reassurance

For more information about our "PRE-SEASON MULTIMODAL BASELINE TESTING," Call: 989-673-2500
Caro. Or 231-263-1350 Traverse City. Complete list of our Outpatient & Residential Services visit:

www.lighthouse rehab.com. Follow us on

Cass City Jr./Sr. High School

2019-20 Winter Sports Schedule



BOYS' BASKETBALL (JV/VARSITY)

DATE	OPPONENT
12/13	Ubyly 42, CC 39
12/20	EPB 62, CC 52
1/08	CC 53, Marlette 37
1/10	Bad Axe 38, CC 37
1/15	USA 48, CC 32
1/17	CC 63, Vassar 30
1/22	CC 36, Caro 34
1/24	CC 46, S.A.A.S. 34
1/29	CC 53, EPB Lakers 37
1/31	Reese 55, CC 42
2/05	CC 55, Capac 33
2/07	CC 51, Bad Axe 39
2/12	USA 66, CC 40
2/14	CC 58, Vassar 40
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 46, CC 26
2/11	USA 48, CC 24
2/13	CC 40, Vassar 20
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

Support these local patrons!

Admissions:
 High School - \$5.00
 Jr. High - \$4.00
 Home games in bold.
 Cass City Students free with pass.



Season Sport Passes:
 Family - \$125.00
 Individual - \$80.00
 Seniors 65 or older - Free with pass

<p>Nicholas Nahernak, D.D.S. General Dentistry 6506 Church St., Cass City Phone (989) 872-2181</p>	<p>KNIGHTS Insurance Agency 989-872-5114 6468 Main Street Cass City, MI</p>	<p>Thabet Funeral Home, Inc. (989) 872-9700 Pre-Arrangements Monuments - Markers 6255 Main St., Cass City, MI 48726</p>	<p>Anderson, Tuckey Bernhardt & Doran, CPA's www.atbdcpa.com Caro 673-3137 Cass City 872-3730 Marlette 635-7545</p>	<p>CURTIS GARBER (989) 673-2171 425 Ellington Road Caro, MI 48723 www.curtisgarber.com</p>
<p>Schneeberger's Appliances, Carpet, Furniture, Flooring (989) 872-2696 Cass City</p>	<p>GO HAWKS! Cole CARBIDE INDUSTRIES, INC.</p>	<p>INDEPENDENT BANK Member FDIC 872-2105 Cass City www.independentbank.com</p>	<p>PARKWAY PIZZA ~ BEER DAILY LUNCH SPECIALS 6703 Main St., Cass City (989) 872-5448</p>	<p>KRANZ FUNERAL HOME Cass City 872-2195 Kingston 683-2210</p>
<p>Bartnik Service We buy scrap, iron & metal Used Auto & Truck Parts Towing & Recovery Phone: (989) 872-3541 Cass City</p>	<p>THUMB BANK & TRUST www.thumb.bank Pigeon - Cass City - Caseville Bad Axe - Bay City</p>	<p>Cass City Oil & Gas Company (989) 872-2065</p>	<p>HARRIS & COMPANY DAVID A. WEILER - AGENT LIFE - ANNUITIES - INVESTMENTS PENSION & PROFIT SHARING PLANS 6815 E. CASS CITY RD. CASS CITY, MI 48726 BUS. (989) 872-2688</p>	<p>Reggie Ignash covers Michigan Auto, Home, Life, Business, Farm and more (989) 872-4432 rignash@fbinsml.com 6505 Main St., Cass City ReggieIgnashAgency.com</p>
<p>d/s Services 989-872-3318 Cass City, MI</p>	<p>McDonald's i'm lovin' it 6180 Main St. • Cass City 872-4841</p>	<p>KELLY & CO. REALTY (989) 872-2248 6451 Main Street • Cass City (989) 673-2555 253 S. State Street • Caro</p>	<p>WILD JOHN'S 6348 N. Van Dyke Rd. Cass City, MI 48726 (989) 872-2944</p>	<p>Mi-Tech Tooling, Inc. (989) 912-2440</p>
<p>OSENTOSKI REALTY AND AUCTIONEERING 872-4377 Good Luck Hawks! CASS CITY 673-7777 CARO</p>	<p>Ken Martin Electric Phone (989) 872-4114 Cass City, MI</p>	<p>Pro Temp Heating & Cooling Paul L. Brown, Owner 989-872-2734</p>	<p>CASS CITY CHRONICLE P.O. Box 115, Cass City, MI 48726 (989) 872-2010 Email: chronicle@ccchronicle.net</p>	<p>FLANNERY AUTO MALL Chevrolet - Buick - GMC BAD AXE We want to be YOUR dealer! flanneryautomall.com (989) 269-9781</p>

Obituaries

Jarred Glaza

Jarred David Glaza (Jar Bear) (Uncle Jar Jar), 36 years old, of Fort Wayne, IN, moved to heaven on 2/8/2020 due to a sudden illness.

Jarred was born in Cass City, on 9/27/1983, where he was the oldest of 3 brothers. Jarred was born and raised in Michigan until moving to Arizona at the age of 28.

He graduated from Cass City High School in 2003 and attended Baker College & Delta College thereafter.

Jarred has held numerous jobs throughout his life, including some of his favorites, which required him to travel throughout the country. He worked for 3 years at Northwest Railroad Company, repairing railroads and bridges, and he was also a truck driver for 1 year. He used this time to see the country and travel to many different states. Although Jarred liked traveling for work, he really enjoyed jobs that centered around helping animals. Jarred worked for many years on dairy farms, while living in MI, AZ, TN, & IN. While living in Fort Wayne, Jarred worked at Bentley's Animal Boutique for 2 years and most recently Family, Farm, & Home for 1 year in the Fort Wayne, IN area.

Jarred's favorite activity was to play and spend time with his two nieces. Jarred wanted to be his nieces' "favorite uncle". He wanted nothing more than to watch his two nieces grow and build a strong relationship with them.

Jarred is survived by his parents: Art & Suzette; brothers (Wife): Jordan (Regina) & Justin (Alesia); and nieces: Eris & Caia.

In lieu of flowers for the memorial, a discretionary memorial donation may be given to Art & Suzette Glaza.

In memory of Jarred, please consider becoming a blood donor and/or organ donor.

The family of Jarred Glaza wishes to thank St. Joseph Lutheran Hospital of Fort Wayne and the ICU Staff for their exceptional care and support. The family would also like to thank Heartland Hospice for all their support during this time.

The memorial service for Jarred will be held at Shabbona United Methodist Church on 2/29/2020. Jarred is being cremated, but there will be a visitation from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. with a service immediately to follow starting at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Mike Smith of Life Song Church will be officiating.



Walter Kloc

Walter Kloc, 102, of Snyder, NY, died peacefully Monday, February 3, 2020 at the V.A. Medical Center, Buffalo, NY with his loving wife, Virginia, at his side.

He was born September 28, 1917 in Chicago, Illinois to George and Tillie (Chlopecka) Kloc.

He married Virginia Kaczanowski July 26, 1947.

Walter grew up on the family farm in Deford and graduated from Cass City High School in 1936.

He attended Central Michigan University (1936-1940) on an athletic scholarship, competing in varsity football, gymnastics and track.

Following the attack on Pearl Harbor, Walter joined the Army Air Corp and served as a B-25 bombardier. He was so good at his job that he served as an instructor prior to earning his commission as First Lieutenant and reporting for duty in the Pacific Theater at Guadalcanal. Walter received citations for campaigns in the liberation of the Philippines, Bismarck Archipelago, North Solomon Islands and New Guinea. He was released from active duty in July 1945, but would go on to serve in the US Air Force Reserves from 1957 until 1965, retiring with the rank of Major.

After the war, Walter went to work for General Motors in Detroit. In 1952, Walter and Virginia transferred to Buffalo, NY where he became Senior Engineer at the General Motors Foundry in Tonawanda, NY, a job he would hold until his retirement in 1985 after 40 plus years of service.

Walter was a life-long golfer, bowler, scoutmaster, genealogist and tree planter. He did extensive genealogical research on the Kloc family tree, a pursuit that led to him purchasing his first computer at the age of 80. Walter traveled to Poland with his wife, children and grandson to visit relatives. He shared his knowledge of the geography of Poland and genealogy with members of the Polish Genealogical Society of Western NY serving as President of the Society for a term. Walter was also famous for planting nut trees, especially the American Chestnut. He was a member of the American Chestnut Foundation, growing trees from seeds to provide seedlings for the foundation to distribute.

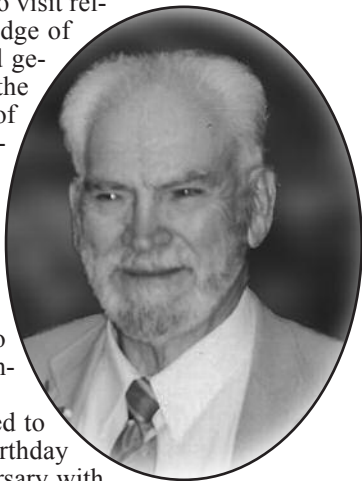
Recently, Walter was blessed to have celebrated his 100th birthday and his 70th wedding anniversary with his wife Virginia. In May 2019, at the age of 101 and dressed in his US Air Force uniform, he traveled with his son, Bill, to the US Air Force Academy in Colorado to commission his grandson, Joseph Kloc, as an officer in the US Air Force. Most importantly, Walter loved his family. He was a wonderful man and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Walter is survived by his wife, Virginia; children: Gerald (Susan) Kloc, Francine (Gary) Bauman, William Kloc and Dennis (Katherine) Kloc; ten grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; sister, Victoria (Kloc) Wolak; and many loving nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his brothers: Eugene Kloc, John Kloc, Stanley Kloc and Frank Kloc.

Visitation will be held from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 22, followed by a Funeral Mass at 11:00 a.m. in Our Lady Consolata Parish, St. Pancratius Catholic Church, 4306 Seeger St., Cass City, with the Rev. Theo Nnabugo officiating. Interment will be in St. Michael Cemetery, Wilmot, MI.

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.



CHURCH DIRECTORY



Visitors always welcome...
Please join us today!

Anchor Cove Church

Find Hope. Find Love. Find Purpose.

201 E. Sanilac Rd., Caro, MI 48723 • 989-672-2262
Sunday Service: 10:00 a.m.
www.anchorcoveoutreachchurch.com



Cass City Missionary Church

4449 Koepfgen Rd., Cass City, MI 48726 • 989-872-2729
Worship Service 8:30 a.m. • Sunday School 9:45 a.m. • Worship Service 10:50 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m. • Wednesday Family Night 6:30 p.m.
Pastor: Phil Burkett • Associate Pastor: Joel Schwendinger • www.casscitymc.org



Cass City United Methodist Church

5100 Cemetery Rd., Cass City, MI 48726 • 872-3422
Worship: 11:00 a.m. (Summer 9:30 a.m.) • Sunday School - Sept.-May 9:30 a.m.
Community Dinner - Monthly (2nd Wed. at noon)
Pastor: Bob Demyanovich • www.casscityumc.org



Community Baptist Church (Independent Fundamental)

4446 Ale St., Cass City, MI 48726 • 989-872-4088
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. • Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Afternoon Service 2:00 p.m. • Wednesday - Pray/Bible Study & Youth Group 6:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Nathan Whipple



Deford Community Church

1392 N. Kingston Rd. • 872-4055
(1/4 mile south of Deford on Kingston Rd.)
Sundays - 10 a.m. | Wednesday - 7 p.m.
Pastor: David Cooper • Associate Pastor: David Cooper
DefordCommunityChurch.org



Evangelical Free Church of Cass City

6430 Chestnut Blvd., Cass City, MI 48726 • 872-5060
• Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. • Worship at 10:30 a.m.
Midweek Bible Studies
Pastor: Jim Allred • Like us on Facebook!

First Baptist Church

(Independent, Fundamental)

Barrier Free

6420 Houghton St., Cass City, MI 48726 • 989-872-3155
Sunday School All Ages 9:45 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m. • Wednesday Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
AWANA Clubs 6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday - Kids4Truth Club - Teen Club 6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Pastor: Christian Wright • Website: www.fbccc.us



First Presbyterian Church

Barrier Free • State & National Historical Registry

6505 Church St., Cass City, MI 48726 • 872-5400 • Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
Exercise Program: Mon., Wed. & Fri. at 9:00 a.m.
After School Adventure (K-6) - Call for winter schedule.

Fraser Presbyterian Church

3006 Huron Line Rd., Cass City, MI 48726 • 872-5400
• Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Coffee Hour following worship



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

6820 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726 • 872-2770
Worship Service 9:30 a.m. • Bible Class & Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
Pastor: Steve Bagnall
www.goodshepherdlutherancasscity.webs.com

Living Word Worship Center Church of God

Pentecostal

6536 Houghton Street, Cass City, MI 48726 • 989-872-4637
Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.
Family Training Hour: Wednesday 7 p.m.
Pastor: Jephtha Bryant



Mizpah Missionary Church

4631 N. Van Dyke, Cass City, MI 48726
Sunday School: 10 a.m. • Sunday Service: 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Group 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. • Wednesday Kids' Club 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.
Pastor Dale Bullock 989-872-2828

Novesta Church of Christ

"the friendly church that cares"

2896 Cemetery Rd., Cass City, MI 48726 • 872-3658
• Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
• 1st Worship Service 9:00 a.m. • 2nd Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Senior Minister: Brad Speirs
Associate Minister: Austin Keller at Ubley & Student Minister: Don Mecomber
Visit our website at: www.novestachurch.org

Our Lady Consolata Catholic Church

4292 S. Seeger St., Cass City, MI 48726 • 665-1027
Website: www.olconsolata.org
Mass Times: Saturday 4:00 p.m. November 1 thru March 31
Saturday 5:00 p.m. April 1 thru October 31
Cass City - Sunday: 8:00 a.m. • Sebewaung Holy Family Site - Sunday: 10:30 a.m.
Priest: Fr. Theo Nnabugo



Potter's House Christian Fellowship

Pentecostal • 6455 Sixth St., Cass City, MI 48726 • 872-5186
• We enjoy singing from the Hymnals and
Spiritual Preaching From The Word of God
• Find us on Facebook:
Potter's House Church of Cass City
• Sunday: 11:00 a.m.



Legal Notices

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the Circuit Court in Tuscola County, starting promptly at 10:00 am, on February 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 Homeowner: 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 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

1-29-4

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Tuscola County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on February 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. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Austin D Butler, a single man Original Mortgagee: AmeriFirst Financial Corporation Date of mortgage: October 5, 2018 Recorded on October 5, 2018, Liber 1407, on Page 1002, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Michigan State Housing Development Authority Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: One Hundred Eight Thousand Seventy and 54/100 Dollars (\$108,070.54) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Tuscola County, and described as: Part of the Southwest fraction quarter of Section 31, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the West line of said Section 31 which is North 00 degrees 33 minutes 05 seconds West 212.13 feet from the Southwest corner of said Section 31; thence continuing along said West line, North 00 degrees 33 minutes 05 seconds West 123.31 feet; thence North 88 degrees 30 minutes 55 seconds East 216.34 feet; thence South 01 degrees 30 minutes 40 seconds East 257.39 feet to a point on the Northerly 75.00 foot right of way of State Highway M-46; thence along said 75.00 foot right of way line, along a curve that is concave to the North and has a radius of 7564.44 feet and a chord bearing and distance of North 89 degrees 48 minutes 45 seconds West 31.16 feet to the clear vision right of way line of said Highway M-46; thence along said clear vision right of way, North 56 degrees 04 minutes 23 seconds West 229.84 feet to the West line of said Section 31 and the Point of Beginning. Commonly known as 3491 Washburn Rd, Vassar, MI 48768 The redemption period will be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 125.1449v, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 125.1449v(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. 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. Michigan State Housing Development Authority Mortgagee/Assignee

Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400 1408115

1-29-4

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Tuscola County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on February 27, 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): 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).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: January 29, 2020
Trott Law, P.C.

31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
1407816

1-29-4

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

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. 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 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

2-5-4

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): 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

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
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515

1408659

2-5-4

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 12, 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): Sally A Londry, a single woman

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

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Date of Mortgage: May 22, 2009

Date of Mortgage Recording: May 22, 2009

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$62,016.37

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Part of the Southeast quarter of Section 4, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, described as beginning at a point on the South line of Section 4 which is South 89 degrees 14 minutes 00 seconds East, 164.83 feet from the South quarter corner of said Section 4; thence continuing along said South line, South 89 degrees 14 minutes 00 seconds East 91.45 feet; thence along the West right of the way line of Williamsburg Drive (a platted public street), North 204.00 feet; thence along the South line of Lot 53 of Williamsburg Subdivision No. 2, North 89 degrees 14 minutes 00 seconds West 91.45 feet; thence South 204 feet to the South line of Section 4 and the point of beginning.

Common street address (if any): 1734 Van Geisen Rd, Caro, MI 48723-1309

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 12, 2020

Trott Law, P.C.

31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145

Farmington Hills, MI 48334

(248) 642-2515

1409323

2-12-4

Notice of Foreclosure by Ad-

Legal Notices

vertisement
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 19, 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): Sandra Knickerbocker & Bruce Knickerbocker, wife and husband
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Embrace Home Loans, Inc., its successors and assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Embrace Home Loans, Inc.
Date of Mortgage: May 22, 2014
Date of Mortgage Recording: June 13, 2014
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$93,675.13
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 5, Davidson Subdivision, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 10 Tuscola County Records.

Common street address (if any): 833 State Rd, Vassar, MI 48768-9116
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 19, 2020
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
1410106

2-19-4

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.

MORTGAGE SALE: Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Frank Knickerbocker JR, the mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Citizens Bank, its successors and assigns, the original mortgagee, dated April 23, 2010, and recorded on May 5, 2010, in Liber 1197, on Page 1093, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan and last assigned to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, the foreclosing assignee, as documented by an Assignment of Mortgage dated February 4, 2020, and recorded on February 7, 2020, in Liber 01440, on Page 00451, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and owing as of the date of this Notice, the sum of Eighty Three Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Three and 88/100 U.S. Dollars (\$89,983.88). Said mortgaged premises is situated at 6316 Janice Road, Millington, Michigan 48746 in the Township of Arbella, Tuscola County, Michigan, and is described as: THE LAND REFERRED TO IN THIS INSTRUMENT, SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF ARBELA, COUNTY OF TUSCOLA, STATE OF MICHIGAN, IS DESCRIBED AS: THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 10 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST. The redemption period shall be 6 months (180 Days) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Pursuant to Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, if the property is sold at foreclosure sale the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder under MCLA 600.3278 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.

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.
Date of notice: February 19, 2020
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
1410106

2-19-4

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 a.m. on March 19, 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 of Mortgagor: Ryan Jay Stevens, a single man
Name of Mortgagee: Ivan Kurtenbach Trust
Mortgage Date: November 1, 2018
Mortgage Recording Date: December 18, 2018
Mortgage Recording Information: Liber 01413 Page 107
Amount claimed due on date of this notice: \$140,116.38
Interest Rate on date of this notice: 10% fixed

The property to be sold is lo-

cated in the Township of Novesta, County of Tuscola, Michigan and is described as:

Part of the NE fractional 1/4 of Section 5, T13N-R11E, Novesta Twp., Tuscola County, Michigan, described as: Beginning distant N 01°14'21" W 266.53 ft along the E section line from the E 1/4 corner of said Section 5 thence S 88°33'59" W 699.0 ft; thence N 01°14'21" W 300.00 ft; thence N 88°33'59" E 699.00 ft to a point in said E section line distant along said section line N 01°14'21" W 1885.00 ft from the SE corner of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of said section; thence S 01°14'21" E 300.00 ft to the place of beginning and containing 4.81 acres. Subject to the use of the E'ly 33 ft for Warner Road, so called. And further subject to any easements, restrictions and/or rights-of-way of record pertaining thereto.

Street Address: 3803 Warner Road, Cass City, MI 48726

The redemption period will expire six (6) months after the date of the foreclosure sale, unless the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will expire 30 days after the date of the foreclosure sale, or when the time to provide notice under MCL 600.3241a(c) expires, whichever is later.

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.

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.

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

SMITH, MARTIN, POWERS & KNIER, P.C.

Dated: February 11, 2020

Henry L. Knier, Jr. (P46393)
Attorney for Ivan Kurtenbach Trust, Mortgagee
900 Washington Ave., P.O. Box 219
Bay City, MI 48707 - (989) 892-4574

2-19-4

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF TUSCOLA

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO.
20-36691-DE

Estate of RUTH A. KUNTZMAN A/K/A RUTH ANN KUNTZMAN, DECEASED
Date of Birth: September 4, 1942

TO ALL CREDITORS: *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, RUTH A. KUNTZMAN A/K/A RUTH ANN KUNTZMAN, DECEASED, died November 24, 2019.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to

PAUL KUNTZMAN, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 440 N STATE ST, CARO, MI 48723 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Personal Representative:
PAUL KUNTZMAN
P.O. BOX 1701
VASSAR, MI 48768
(989) 823-2488

Attorney:
LAW OFFICE OF CAROL M. THOMAS
JIM THOMAS, P75072
5191 HAMPTON PLACE
SAGINAW, MI 48604
(989) 793-2300

2-19-1

CLASSIFIEDS

Transit (nonbusiness) rates, 10 words or less, \$5.00 each insertion; additional words 15 cents each. Three weeks for the price of 2-cash rate. Save money by enclosing cash with mail orders. Rates for display want ads on application.

General Merchandise

FREEZER BEEF - 1/4, 1/2 or whole for sale. Contact Dave (989-912-0017) or Teri (989-912-0018). Non-GMO grain fed.

2-2-19-4

Facilities For Rent

VFW HALL - weddings, parties, funeral, dinners. Please call 989-872-4933.

4-2-22-ft

Notice

EHRlich's Flags AMERICAN MADE

US -STATE - WORLD
MILITARY - POW

Bill Ehrlich, Jr.
989-977-1231

2-1-24-ft

Real Estate For Rent

FOR RENT - Cass City Apartments, an elderly community (elderly being defined as 62 years of age or disabled of any age) located in Cass City, MI is currently accepting applications for 1 bedroom Apartments. Units of barrier free design may also be available. Rent based on income, starting at \$499. For affordable housing call (989) 872-2009. Free Heat & Water! Pet Friendly! \$0 Security Deposit (limited time only) "This institution is an equal opportunity provider" TDD/TTY #711"

4-2-21-ft

APARTMENT FOR RENT

2 BEDROOM DOWNSTAIRS APARTMENT

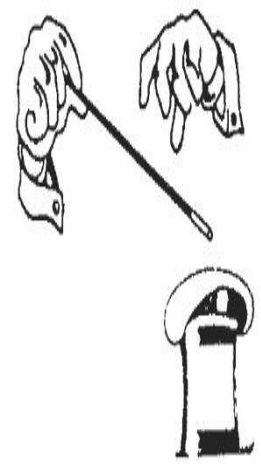
COMPLETELY REMODELED

No pets, No Smoking

Call 872-3315
Ask for Bud.

Chronicle Liners Work Like Magic!

Cass City Chronicle
6550 Main St., Cass City
Phone 872-2010



IT'S PIE TIME! Shabbona United Methodist Church

is taking orders, pies will be available through Feb. 19

Cherry & Pecan Pies
Cost- \$10

To place an order call
872-8094 or 670-3531

5-2-19-1

Services

PAUL'S PUMP REPAIR - Water pump and water tank sales. In-home service. Credit cards accepted. Call 673-4850 or 800-745-4851 anytime.

8-9-25-ft

ELECTRIC MOTOR and power tool repair, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, 8 a.m. to noon Saturday. John Blair, 1/8 mile west of M-53 on Sebawaing Road. Phone 269-7909 or 989-553-7960.

8-12-13-ft

SALT FREE iron conditioners and water softeners, 24,000 grain, \$750. In-home service on all brands. Credit cards accepted. Call Paul's Pump Repair, 673-4850 or 800-745-4851 for free analysis.

8-9-25-ft

GET RESULTS - Call 872-2010 to place your advertisement here.

8-1-8-ft

Bad Axe Orthodontics

Scott M. Behnan,
DDS, MS

118 North Hanselman St.
Bad Axe, MI 48413



989.269.6811

www.badaxeorthodontics.com

8-6-11-52

Services

KIRBY VACUUM - Do you want your carpets to be clean & free of dirt and dust? Try our new 100 year anniversary vacuum sweeper. Manufactured in Cleveland, Ohio. This carpet sweeper is made and built in the USA ensuring quality, reliability and performance. Used Vacuums - Kirby, Eureka, wet & dry, Sears, tank, Oreck etc. Warranty 90 days. KIRBY VACUUM OF BAD AXE (located across from the Franklin Inn on the East end of Bad Axe) or call 989-269-7562, 989-551-7562 for repairs, parts or service.

8-12-17-ft

Ken Martin Electric, Inc.

Homes - Farms
Commercial
Industrial
STATE LICENSED

Phone 872-4114

4180 Hurds Corner Rd.

8-8-10-ft

Dave Nye Builder

* New Construction
* Additions
* Remodeling
* Pole Buildings
* Roofing
* Siding

* State Licensed *

(989) 872-4670

8-8-10-ft

Pro Temp

Heating & Cooling

• Central A/C
• Gas & Oil Furnaces
• Mobile Home Furnace
• Sales & Service

HEATING
and
AIR
CONDITIONING
Paul L. Brown
Owner

State Licensed
24 HOUR EMERGENCY SERVICE
CALL
989-872-2734

8-5-3-ft

Services

**de Beaubien
Snow Plowing**
Residential or Light Commercial
Reasonable Rates
New Customers Welcome!
Insured
Call (989) 670-6700

8-11-8-ft

Automotive

**FLANNERY
AUTO MALL**
GMC BAD AXE CHEVROLET BUICK
Don Ouvry
New & Used Cars

2019 AWD Equinox

Only 32,000 miles
\$19,990

CALL DON FOR DETAILS

"I can find you exactly what you're looking for!"
Call Don for lease specials on NEW vehicles & more details on USED vehicles at (989) 269-6401.



**Send Letters to the Editor to
Cass City Chronicle
P.O. Box 115, Cass City**

CLASSIFIEDS

Real Estate for Sale

Serving the community for more than 45 years

We're working hard for you!

OSENTOSKI REALTY & AUCTIONEERING

EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY


Cass City (989) 872-4377 • Caro (989) 673-7777
Kingston (989) 683-8888 • www.osentoski.net

MDL REALTY Buying or Selling?

Gary Bader 989-553-0236

Call for all your real estate needs

"Real Estate With Integrity"



NEW!!!

Cozy 3 bedroom 1 bath ranch on 3.06 acres in Caro country. This home features 1 1/2 car attached garage, replaced roof, vinyl siding, furnace and windows in 2011. Full semi-finished basement with a TV area and also another room for office space. 038-20-0008



SUMMER GETAWAY!!!

Wanting a summer place for next year. A great project to make your own. This property is located close to Lake Huron on a corner lot in a sub division. Home has an open floor plan, Three bedrooms and 1.5 baths. Call to set up a preview appointment. 123-19-0052



KELLY & CO. REALTY

Give me a call to list or sell! I'm working the Cass City area today and everyday!

Call Joey for all of your real estate questions.

Joey Kreeger
 Office 989.872.2248
 Cell 989.912.0059

Cass City 6451 Main St 872-2248	Caro 253 S. State St. 673-2555
---------------------------------------	--------------------------------------

NEW!!!

This is a great property with a lot of extra's to offer. This home features 3 beds, 2 full baths, potential bathroom in the Walk out basement, 2 forms of heat-LP forced air furnace and an outdoor wood burning system that not only heats the HOUSE, but heats the WORKSHOP in the 3 car detached garage. 038-20-0027



HUGE PRICE REDUCTION!!!

Very well kept home in a wonderful neighborhood. Large lot 1/2 acre. 2 car attached garage. 3 large bedrooms, 2 full baths. Open floor plan with living room leading right in the kitchen and dining area. Beautiful view of the back yard through the kitchen and dining room. Large deck for those Summer BBQs. Great for relaxing after a long day. 1st floor laundry, partially finished basement. Quiet street and neighborhood. This home is wonderful. Come see it today!!! 123-19-0054



Help Wanted

LIGHT PRODUCTION WORKER - We have a position available at competitive wages with excellent benefits. Qualifications: High school diploma, excellent work attendance record, good math, reading and writing skills, excellent manual dexterity. For consideration please send resume with references to Anrod Screen Cylinder Co., Attn: Human Resources, P.O. Box 117, Cass City, MI 48726. 11-2-12-2

HELP WANTED - Looking for a person to help with accounting and filing for an individual. Call 989-980-8410 or jimrutkowski67@gmail.com. 11-2-12-3

HELP WANTED - Office Assistant - **MOBILE HOME COMMUNITY** is seeking qualified Office Assistant. Successful candidates must have a Grade 12 diploma, computer skills and ability to learn new processes. Must be organized and pay attention to detail. Some office experience preferred but not necessary if you are the right person. Please forwardcover letter, resume and contact e-mail to gamobilehomepark@gmail.com. Only those individuals who qualify will be contacted for an interview. Thank you. 11-2-12-2

Visit www.osentoskiauction.com for full sale bills!


 Lola Flores 989-551-3577	 Marty Osentoski 989-550-3400	 Connie Osentoski 989-551-4695	 Tavis Osentoski 989-551-2010	 Beth Mellendorf 989-912-0055
--	--	---	--	---

100% SUCCESS RATE - CALL OSENTOSKI'S TODAY!

Public Notice?

Without it in your newspaper, you're left guessing what the government's doing in your community.


Public notice is the people's right to know the issues that affect them directly, and people know the place to find public and legal notices is in the newspaper. What you're holding right now is a historical document, printed and published with a date on every page. Public notices have been posted here since the days of colonial America. In our democratic society your newspaper fulfills an essential role in serving your right to know. After all, it shouldn't be your responsibility to know how to look, where to look, or when to look, let alone to know what you're looking for to be informed. Why guess? That is why you have, and read, your newspaper... where your right to know is already being served.




MICHIGAN PRESS ASSOCIATION
 Representing Daily and Weekly Newspapers Since 1880

Public Notices in Newspapers.
 Your Right to Know, Delivered Right to Your Door.

GREAT CASS CITY LOCATION! Solid concrete building with a full basement, reception area, 6 offices and more. Immediate possession. COM1182



Set just outside of Ubyly on nearly 10 acres. Great Ranch home with 3 bedrooms, 2-1/2 baths, huge kitchen, gas fireplace in living room, formal dining room. CY2783



640 SQUARE FOOT
 Commercial building in Cass City. Excellent location, many possibilities. Immediate possession. COM1164




KELLY & CO. REALTY

Cass City ~ 989-872-2248
kellycorealty@gmail.com
www.realestate-mls.com

Caro ~ 989-673-2555
kellycorealtycaro@gmail.com
www.kellyandcompanyrealestate.com

Equal Housing Opportunity Find us on Facebook **RMLS**

Feel like you're up North in this secluded 2 story remodeled brick home with 3 bedrooms, 2 bath and a 20' x 20' detached garage with lean. Only minutes from town, lots of wildlife, close to the Cass River. Move right in! Immediate occupancy. CY2795



ENJOY CAREFREE LIVING
 in this 2 bedroom condo in Cass City. Home features vaulted ceiling in the living room, 1st floor laundry, dining room with door wall to deck and walk out lower level with family room and bath. TCC1829



REDUCED
 Ready to move in Ranch home. Great location on a paved road between Cass City, Caro & Bay City. Hardwood floors and updated kitchen, large bedrooms, full basement and attached garage. CY2798



Get results fast with Chronicle Classifieds
Call 872-2010 today!



PROVIDING AN international flair to classes at Cass City Junior-Senior High School this year are the district's exchange students: (front row, from left) Wanasaphan Sanworanart of Thailand, Daniyil Serhiyovych of Ukraine, Suhailo Alimova of Tajikistan, Nina Milatovic of Montenegro, (back row, from left) Thom Rijshouwer of the Netherlands, Miguel Orive of Spain, Halil Peza of Italy, Khuslen Zaya of Mongolia and Hugo Steudle of Australia.

State recognizes Tuscola Land Bank Authority

Continued from page one.

one, noted Commissioner Kim Vaughan.

After the state offered the land for sale, the county's effort to form a land bank stalled.

State officials tried to market the land to developers. When that didn't work, the state donated some land to Indianfields Township to expand a park, and the remaining state land was offered to the county.

"Because several months had

passed since commissioners first approved developing a land bank, the initial step of approving a land bank was redone to move forward," said county Controller-Administrator Clayette Zechmeister.

Although there is a State Land Bank, land banks at the local level create more opportunity for counties to return unproductive properties back to local tax rolls.

"Having an additional land bank in the Thumb is great news for the region," State Land Bank Interim Director Jeff Huntington said.

"The new land bank authority will help boost economic development, and I look forward to working with county officials to continue revitalizing communities in the area."

The State Land Bank works with counties across the state that are interested in beginning the process of creating their own local land bank. Unless a local land bank is created, the state assumes the role as primary resource for land within the county.

The State Land Bank has seen an increase in the number of counties interested in exploring the benefits of land banking. Since 2010, a total of 17 county land banks have been created.

This is seen as a positive sign that communities are serious about assessing their development needs and taking the steps needed to combat blight, strengthen communities and create more opportunities for local development.

Aside from the 2,500 properties available through the State Land Bank, there are many more available through local land banks. A list of properties can be viewed on the website Michigan.gov/Land-Bank.

Planning board okays mining

Continued from page one.

paved road. Crawford Road is not paved, but representatives of the firm requested and received zoning variance late last year from the local zoning board of appeals following a pair of public hearings held in November and December.

The board's approval came with some conditions related to complying with county road commission hauling limits, road maintenance and duration of the proposed mining operation, Jones said, adding those same conditions were attached to approval of the special land use permit.

The planning commission's vote followed a review of the proposed site plan, including details involving setbacks, noise level, dust control, hours of operation and other factors.



McLaren offers comprehensive cardiology services including the latest minimally invasive procedures, cutting-edge research and world-class cardiac rehabilitation.

To find a cardiology expert who will do what's best for you, visit mclaren.org



Gassan Alaouie, DO
Cardiology



Beth Britt, NP
Cardiology



Anas Obeid, DO
Cardiology

McLaren

DOING WHAT'S BEST.®

Area districts, including Cass City, beating odds

Continued from page one.

with nearly 64 percent of students qualifying for free lunch), and a grade of "A".

Also earning an A grade was Kingston High School, which received a CAP score of 109.46 and a statewide ranking of 164th (enrollment of 298, with 48.3 percent of students qualifying for free lunch).

Cass City Elementary School earned a CAP score of 106.98, a grade of B and was ranked 298th statewide, with nearly 45 percent of kids qualifying for free lunch. Cass City Junior-Senior High School, where students in grades seven and eight attend classes, also earned a grade of B, with a CAP score of 103.41 and a ranking of 626 statewide.

Cass City Schools Supt. Jeff Hartel indicated scores and other information contained in reports such as that produced by the Mackinac Center can be useful, but he pointed out that no single study takes into account every program and tool school districts utilize to provide a solid education to their students.

"That's one report. The next one could say something totally different," he said. "But we'll take a 'B'."

Other Tuscola County schools earning B grades were Reese Elementary (CAP score of 106.61), Akron-Fairgrove Junior-Senior High School (CAP score of 103.51) and Mayville Elementary (CAP score of 103.29).

Receiving grades of C but still earning CAP scores of at least 100 were Kingston Elementary, Schall Elementary (Caro), Kirk Elementary (Vassar), Caro Middle School, Millington Junior High School and USA Middle School. Reese Middle School (CAP score of 96.16) and Mayville Middle School (CAP score of 95.61) both received grades of D.

Among schools in neighboring Huron County, Laker Elementary School ranked at the top with a B grade, finishing 292nd statewide and receiving a CAP score of 106.93.

Uby Elementary School was ranked 1,150th statewide, with a CAP score of 99.64 and a grade of C. Owendale-Gagetown Elementary School, which lists an enrollment of just 69 students, was ranked 1,680th, with a D grade and a CAP score of 96.11, while the junior-senior high school (enrollment of 79 students) was ranked 2,137th with a CAP score of 86.78 and a grade of F.

Statewide results

For the second straight edition, the top-ranked school in the Mackinac Center's report card was Hamtramck Academy, a charter school authorized by Bay Mills Community College and managed by National Heritage Academies. In all, 26 of the top 100 schools in the latest report card are charter schools.

Five of the top 10 CAP scores were earned by schools in Dearborn Public Schools. Among them, Iris Becker Elementary also retained the number one spot for long-term performance. On the other end, the lowest long-term performance was held by Macomb Montessori Academy, a charter school in Warren.

Even after adjusting for students' socioeconomic status, the school with the lowest overall score in the state was STEAM Academy at MLK in Benton Harbor Area Schools. More than 40 schools from the Detroit Public Schools Community District ranked in the bottom 100.

While the Mackinac Center study is comprehensive and includes multiple years of data, DeGrow indicated the CAP scores, rankings and grades should not be used alone to evaluate a given school district.

"While this report card provides a valid approach to assessing school quality, it should not be seen as the ultimate or exclusive dimension for making such judgments," he said.

However, he noted, "Parents and educators should be able to see more clearly what kind of impact their school has on student learning, rather than simply seeing results that are strongly linked to student poverty. Our (CAP) Report Card adds another important dimension by going beyond raw test scores."

DeGrow said the CAP Report Card uses multiple years of student achievement data so that a single year's results do not significantly influence a school's grade.

The past two editions each relied on three years of academic performance data — based exclusively on either the old Michigan Educational Assessment Program, or MEAP, or the current Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress, or M-STEP. The 2019 report card relies on four full years of data, making use of the fact that students consistently took the same M-STEP tests over the period covered for this analysis.

"The CAP Report Card stands apart from standard measures of academic performance. It controls for the differences at each school in students' socioeconomic status," DeGrow said. "This provides a more accurate appraisal of a school's performance than simply comparing raw test scores, because student poverty rates are strongly associated with academic achievement — the less affluent the student body, the lower the test scores, generally."

"Without this needed adjustment, school report cards could overrate the effectiveness of schools serving relatively affluent student populations or underrate the effectiveness of schools serving large groups of low-income students."

"CAP Report Card scores are relative; they are based entirely on comparing schools to each other," he continued. "The report card does not create a benchmark for a 'good school.' A high CAP Score means only that a school performs well compared to its peers."

Following the passage of a 2018 state law, the Michigan Department of Education is expected to release its first round of school letter grades as early as next month. The law requires one of the grades schools receive to measure state test performance when compared with other public schools "serving a similar pupil population," but it isn't yet clear how rigorous or reliable this measurement will be.

Area residents can view an online database of the Mackinac Center CAP Report Card data — and look up the scores for any Michigan school — at the website <http://www.mackinac.org/CAP2019>.

Cass City losing fewer students

Continued from page one.

tricts; once in February and again the following October. The state's blending formula places the greatest emphasis on the fall count, which is worth 90 percent of the total.

The blended enrollment number is multiplied by schools' foundation allowances to determine how much revenue they will receive for the year. For example, Cass City's blended enrollment this school year is 981 students, and the district is receiving \$8,111 per student, which includes a \$240-per-pupil increase approved by the state compared to the previous year.

Given recent history, school officials have projected student losses of 15 or more as they drafted their budgets in each of the past few years in order to offset state per-pupil funding losses. Thankfully, enrollment numbers appear to have shifted, easing those concerns.

"We budgeted for a loss of 15 kids (in the blended count this year), and we're actually up a couple kids," Hartel said.