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## Village officials finalizing plans for splash park

by **Mary Drier**  
For the Chronicle

Cass City officials are continuing work on plans for upgrades to the village's already impressive recreational park complex.

Those plans include a proposed splash park, which along with some revised road construction plans dominated the agenda during a regular monthly meeting of the Cass City Village Council Monday night.

As part of her report to the council, village Manager Debbie Powell explained the plans for parks and recreation.

"Staff has been very busy working on grant follow up paperwork and new applications for grants.

The village's spring grant applications will focus on parks and recreation strategic planning goals," explained Powell. "The goals are to construct a splash park and to make other improvements to the park."

Specific additions include new free-standing playground equipment, replacing doors at the day camp building, and new drinking fountains at both the pool and day camp.

Powell noted a large part of getting ready for the splash park has been done.

"We had enough money to go ahead and make the purchase of

the equipment, but we are actively fundraising for money to do the installation," she said. "We need money for materials and labor to put the splash park in place -- the cement and fencing."

The project has already received a couple of financial boosts.

In 2018, the Pinney Foundation presented the village with a \$25,000 grant, and last month an anonymous source donated \$40,000 towards the splash park.

"We have a designated fund, called the 'water recreation fund'. The money in there is just for water recreation for the pool or for

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**BETWEEN fundraising and donations, Cass City officials have enough money to buy the equipment for a splash park that will be built this spring if the weather cooperates. The village council, during its regular monthly meeting Monday night, reviewed several artist renderings of what the recreational attraction could look like.**

## New regional drug court is up and running in Tuscola, Huron counties

by **Tom Montgomery**  
Editor

A new regional court – named the Thumb Regional Drug Treatment Court (TRDTC) — is now up and running in the Thumb with a focus on non-violent criminal offenders struggling with drug addiction in Tuscola and Huron counties.

The announcement was made last Wednesday by Heather Walther, director of the new specialized court. Walther, who also serves as director of the successful Thumb Regional Sobriety Court (TRSC), noted in November that the State Court Administrative Office had approved funding to help establish an adult drug treatment court in the Thumb region.

"Huron County Chief Judge David B. Herrington in collaboration with Tuscola County Chief Judge Amy Grace Gierhart have taken the initiative to address drug abuse in the region," said Walther, who noted a \$43,000 planning grant was used to establish the inter-jurisdictional program between the district courts and circuit courts in Huron and Tuscola counties, with Huron County District Court serving as the coordinating court for the TRDTC.

Walther noted the court has already accepted its first participant, with other prospective offenders in the process of being evaluated for eligibility.

The court's mission is to utilize "a holistic approach to addressing crime that is motivated by drug use by providing intense supervision and treatment to eligible defendants.

"The alliance of the judicial system, substance abuse treatment, law enforcement and other community agencies will provide support, accountability and resources to participants with substance abuse and co-occurring disorders in order to encourage them to become substance-free, stable, law-abiding citizens."

In short, the goal is to enhance public safety by reducing drug use and criminal activity in Tuscola and Huron counties.

Walther said there are a number of similarities between the new drug court and the TRSC, including the length of the four-phase program at 15 to 24 months, as well as the level of close supervision of participants and a comprehensive list of rules.

"Research has found that requirements such as intensive monitoring, substance abuse treatment,

drug testing, and community supervision provided by treatment courts have been more successful

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## Campus search irks some school parents

by **Tom Montgomery**  
Editor

An otherwise quiet monthly meeting of the Cass City Board of Education Monday quickly focused on a random search of the junior-senior high school campus last week, with a handful of parents voicing concerns about how the search was conducted as well as possible consequences for students.

Junior-senior high Principal Chad Daniels and Assistant Principal Lindsay Bitzer accompanied a specially trained detection dog and handler from Interquest Detection Canines, Jenison, during a search of the building and parking lot Thursday.

The district contracts with Interquest to conduct random searches in an effort to reduce the potential presence of drugs, alcohol, and weapons on school grounds.

The canine was used to search the building, then was taken out into the parking lot, where the animal indicated it had detected items of interest inside a number of vehicles, according to school Supt. Jeff Hartel, who reported students were then asked for permission to search those vehicles.

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## Amnesty program through district court now underway

by **Tom Montgomery**  
Editor

The Tuscola County District Amnesty program kicked off Monday and will continue through Friday, March 20.

The program offers a one-time opportunity for anyone with an outstanding criminal or traffic warrant due to failure to pay fines, costs and fees to stay out of jail.

Those who appear and make payment in full during the amnesty period will not be arrested or incarcerated, and their warrant will be canceled, according to Sheila Long, court administrator. In addition, she said, the court will waive late fees, warrant fees and "order to show cause" fees. However, the court will not waive the \$45 fee charged for reinstating a suspended driver's license.

"If a person cannot pay in full but appears and makes a substantial payment, they will not be arrested or incarcerated, and their warrant will be canceled," Long said. "If an approved payment plan is set up to

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**THE DEFORD Dazzlers nine-foot tall rocket – as well as the separated nose cone and land rover — descends at Michiana Rocketry in Three Oaks recently following a successful test launch. (See story, page 6)**



**HOLDING THE full-scale model rocket they successfully test launched recently and plan to enter in the Battle of the Rockets competition this spring in Culpeper, Va., are members of the Deford Dazzlers 4-H Rocketry Team.**

## Ambulance negotiations continuing in Bingham

by **Mary Drier**  
For the Chronicle

Representatives of Central Huron Ambulance and Bingham Township Ambulance Service are continuing to discuss a possible deal to have Central Huron take over the township ambulance service's coverage area.

"We might know a little more about how that is going mid-March. Lawyers are talking," said Bingham Township Supervisor Donald Wright, adding additional information may be available when the Bingham Township Board meets Wednesday, March 11 at 6:30 p.m.

A deal for medical services has been in the works since November after the Bingham Township Board sent out notices announcing it was shutting down the ambulance service in Ubyly.

The reasons given for going out of business were because there is not enough medical personnel to operate the service 24/7, and operational costs.

The original plan was for the Ubyly-based ambulance service to close at the end of January, but the date was changed to March 31 to allow the two ambulance services time to negotiate.

"We are still negotiating with Central Ambulance. The (tentative) plan is for them to take over our territory on April 1," said township Clerk Joseph Trepkoski. "The last time I talked to Central Huron, they were in the process of

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# Cass City Schools name "students of the month"



**Kindergarten Student of the Month is Jacqueline Loney**

Nominated by: Mrs. Jaworski

Characteristics she displays: Jacqueline is an absolute joy to have in our class! She is a very hard worker, and her kindness toward other kids is amazing! Jacqueline is the daughter of Kreg & Kelly Loney.

Some of her favorite things: Riding my bike, coloring pictures, the color pink and eating skittles cereal.



**1st Grade Student of the Month is Emmett Haire**

Nominated by: Mrs. Peruski

Characteristics he displays: Emmett is an excellent 1st grade student in all subjects! Although he is new to our Red Hawk family this year, he gets along with everyone as though he's always been here. Emmett is kind to all, hard working, and honest. Emmett is the son of Hart & Shauna Haire.

Some of his favorite things: Playing with my sister Laila, playing with my Legos and coloring.



**2nd Grade Student of the Month is Jade Rockwell**

Nominated by: Mrs. Dorland

Characteristics she displays: Jade is an outstanding student! She is very respectful and responsible. She puts forth great effort to be the best student she can be! Jade is the daughter of Sherry Luana & Roger Rockwell.

Some of her favorite things: Playing with her cats, Oreos and Zoe, gymnastics and playing in the snow.



**3rd Grade Student of the Month is Logan Boyle**

Nominated by: Mrs. Murdoch

Characteristics he displays: Logan Boyle is a great student! He is a hard worker. He takes his time and puts forth effort to do his best on his work. He is responsible and turns his work in on time. He is helpful and participates during class lessons. It is a pleasure to have him in class!

Logan is the son of Michelle Essex  
Some of his favorite things: Playing games with his family, playing with his dog Buddy & Sloppy Joes.



**4th Grade Student of the Month is Abby Romstad**

Nominated by: Fourth Grade Teachers

Characteristics she displays: Abby is an outstanding young lady. She pushes herself hard to be her best and is conscientious in her work. We have seen really good improvement as the year goes on. She is able to work with anyone and is kind and helpful. Abby has great questions and insight during class discussions and will ask for help if she is struggling. Abby brightens our day with her hard work ethic and lovely smiles.

Great job Abby! Abby is the daughter of Kurt & Cynthia Romstad

Some of her favorite things: Playing with her friends, dog and cat, Tacos, and playing soccer.



**5th Grade Student of the Month is Kirsten Guic**

Nominated by: Fifth Grade Teachers

Characteristics she displays: If we were to select a student to be a role model to all 5th grade students, Kirsten Guic would fit the bill. She is a voracious reader, silent observer, and a student who pays attention to detail. Kirsten has a wonderful sense of humor and works well with anyone in class.

Kirsten is the daughter of James and Caren Guic

Some of her favorite things: Reading, travelling with family, drawing and writing, playing soccer and basketball.



**6th Grade Student of the Month is Justin Bergman**

Nominated by: 6th Grade Team

Characteristics he displays: Justin always has that smile for everyone. He is the epitome of a SOAR student. He shows respect everyday and outstanding effort in the classroom. He is an honest young man and shows great responsibility in everything he does. Homework is not easy for anyone, but Justin takes everything in stride with that smile and positive attitude. He is kind to everyone and is a good friend to all. Pleasant addition to the classroom.

Justin is the son of Roxane Yoe & Tony Bergman  
Some of his favorite things: Playing Monopoly, Twelve games in One, and his Play Station 4, spending time with his family and his dog, Sasha, pizza, spaghetti, ribs and steak.



**9th Grade Student of the Month is Ethan Kampo**

I nominated Ethan Kampo for student of the month, because he always comes into class with a good attitude and ready to work. He always has many good things to share and volunteers his time to take pictures for the yearbook. He is a pleasure to have in class and is always willing to help with any tasks that need to be completed.  
~Ms. Danielle Laming

Some of his favorite things:  
Hobbies: Hunting, Fishing, Snorkeling  
Favorite Movie: "We were Soldiers"  
Favorite Snack: Animal Crackers  
Weekend Fun: Spending time with girlfriend  
Favorite Subject & why: Publications, It's a great environment and everyone is so nice.  
Teacher/Staff you have enjoyed getting to know and why: Mr. Gordon - He's always there to help me & Miss Laming- she is a lot of fun and a great teacher.

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OPINION...**

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## There's no excuse for dating violence

February brings to mind thoughts of flowers, candy and romance and relationships, even after the passing of Valentine's Day. For too many young people, however, relationships are accompanied by a much darker reality.

Dating violence causes significant and long-lasting trauma to countless individuals throughout the United States.

Michigan hasn't been immune to this problem, which is why Gov. Gretchen Whitmer recently proclaimed February as Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month. Whitmer urges all residents to educate themselves, their families and communities about this widespread and pervasive issue.

Michiganders are encouraged to learn more about the signs of dating violence, the impact perpetrators have on their current or former intimate partners, and how to empower and support victims.

"As a mom of two teenage girls, nothing is more important to me than their safety," Whitmer said. "Raising awareness about teen dating violence will help my girls and young Michiganders everywhere.

"Victims of dating violence need to know that they're not alone, that they are believed, and that there are resources available to help them," she added. "The Division of Victim Services within the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is among the important advocates for victims."

Violence in dating relationships can impact anyone – regardless of their religion, culture, gender, sexuality, economic or social status.

Nearly 1.5 million high school students in the United States are physically abused by dating partners every year, yet only 33 percent of victims ever disclose the abuse.

In addition, 43 percent of college women and 28 percent of college men report experiencing either abuse or controlling behaviors in a dating relationship.

Dating violence perpetrators intentionally use a pattern of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and/or economic coercion and abuse to control their partners.

"We can all play a role in ending teen dating violence by educating ourselves, empowering young people to develop healthy relationships, and developing better supportive services," said Debi Cain, executive director of the MDHHS Division of Victim Services.

"The MDHHS Division of Victim Services is committed to advancing this critical work by creating more and better dating violence resources for young people while connecting victims with the information and support they may need after experiencing abuse."

If you or someone you know is in an abusive relationship and needs support, call the Teen Dating Abuse Helpline at 1-866-331-9474 or text "loveis" to 22522.

To find a local domestic violence or sexual assault program provider near you, visit the Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence provider directory. LGBTQ+ youth in crisis can reach out to The Trevor Project 24/7 at 1-866-488-7386 or text/chat at [www.thetrevorproject.org/help](http://www.thetrevorproject.org/help).

# Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

The fabric of life



Works of art come in many forms. Few realize cloth can also be an art form. If you have any doubts, stop by the Rawson Memorial District Library and check out the display of quilts that will be there until the end of the month.

Quilting is a tradition that is hundreds of years old. It came from a time of "waste not, want not." Clothes worn out or outgrown were cut into squares to make a quilt.

We had some quilts in our family. They were very old and kept in a wooden box in the upstairs.

Each spring my mother would open all of the upstairs windows, and she would toss the contents of the box out. Then, she spread them out on the grass in the sun.

She said they had belonged to her late mother-in-law, and she was now the "ye old keeper of the petticoats and quilts," and that responsibility would be mine when she passed.

There was also another box that contained several small quilt blocks waiting to be sewn together, but my mother never did. That box remained on the shelf unopened for several decades along with scraps of material from clothes she had made.

Although my mother enjoyed sewing and made most of our clothes, she took no interest in making quilts. She saw no sense in cutting up a perfectly good bolt of cloth into little squares just to sew them back together again.

During one of the annual "ye old petticoats and quilt keeping" routines, I snuck out that box of scrap material. I spent several weeks sewing all those blocks together.


My mother wasn't one for showing much emotion, so I was surprised when she cried when I gave the quilt to her.

Her reaction was because each block contained a memory. She pointed to one block, saying it was from the suit her father had worn to her wedding. Another quilt section was material from a dress her mother had worn when my brother was baptized. A gray square was from

her mother-in-law's favorite dress.

And from the scrap material I used, she pointed to one, saying that was from the first dress she made for me, and another square was a dress she had made for me when I started school. Another block was from a shirt made for my brother, and another from a shirt my dad used to wear.

Although beautiful, most quilts made today use new material, so they lack the memories that make up the fabric of everyday life.



## Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

If you or someone you know is seeking valuable experience working in wildlife conservation – or just an interesting job that gets you outdoors – consider applying for one of 70 summer positions with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Wildlife Division.

The division regularly hires additional people to work with staff at DNR field offices, customer service centers and state game areas. These seasonal employees help in a variety of ways, including:

- \*Assisting with wildlife habitat maintenance and improvement, which may include cutting clearings and adjusting water levels.
- \*Mowing, landscaping and facility maintenance duties.
- \*Handling tasks related to wildlife surveys, nuisance animal control and equipment operation and maintenance.

"These positions are perfect for college students, anyone looking to re-enter the workforce, and seniors or retirees who want to be more involved in the outdoors," said Jennifer Schafer, DNR Wildlife Division human resources liaison.

You can learn more about seasonal wildlife positions – and other openings throughout the department – at [Michigan.gov/DNRJobs](http://Michigan.gov/DNRJobs); scroll to the "seasonal and temporary positions" section.

Questions? Contact Schafer at (517) 284-6163.

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There is a Coffee with a Cop event brewing (sorry) at the McDonald's in Caro, Wednesday, Feb. 26 from 8 a.m.–10 a.m.

No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know officers from the State Police, Sheriff's Department and Caro Police agencies.

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Mary Drier reports that the Kingston School District has some big news for Cardinal fans.

The district will now be able to provide live streaming of home athletic events and other events by partnering with NFHS Network.

Because of an anonymous donation totaling \$7,250 the district is now able to install the Pixellot audio/video system.

This program means that those who cannot attend the game, or other events, can tune in to live action that can be watched from anywhere on a phone, tablet, computer, or smart television.

There is a \$10.99 a month fee to use the system. As part of the partnership with NFHS Network, they will return a part of each subscription sold back to Kingston Community Schools.

- (1) Join the network to [NFHSnetwork.com](http://NFHSnetwork.com)
- (2) Enter the Kingston High School search box.
- (3) Click "Follow" so you can stay up-to-date on all upcoming Kingston broadcasted events.
- (4) Click subscribe for all subscription options for the school.

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Chronicle subscribers Bob and Kathy Hale are the first to report a robin sighting this year.

The local Chestnut Blvd couple called Monday afternoon and said they are watching one right now.

"We love seeing them. They seem to come back earlier every year," said Kathy.

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### Wednesday, February 26

- 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.
- Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
- Huron County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, Huron Behavioral Health, Bad Axe. For more information, contact Rhonda Quinn at (989) 269-9293.
- Sanilac County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, Sanilac County Medical Care Facility. Noon to 2 p.m. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.
- Cass City Chamber meeting, 8 a.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.

### Thursday, February 27

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

### Saturday, February 29

- 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, March 1

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

### Monday, March 2

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

### Tuesday, March 3

- 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.

## Novesta Township Board focuses on financial issues during meet

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

Novesta Township officials recently addressed several financial items during a brief monthly meeting.

The township board approved a resolution that keeps officials' compensation rates the same, but changes how the trustees are paid.

Treasurer Valerie Peters' salary will stay at \$7,520, while Supervisor Chad Daniels will continue to receive a salary of \$5,213 and Clerk Pennie Rienas, \$6,937.

The board opted to start paying trustees a salary — \$900 per year — instead of a diem rate. In addition, the trustee who serves as liaison to the planning commission will receive an additional \$450. The current trustees are Russel Rienas and Jesse Robinson, while Robinson serves as the planning commission liaison.

In a related matter, the board eliminated a \$20-per-month stipend for the treasurer to use her home Internet service to conduct township business, noting the payment is no longer warranted because the new township hall has Internet service.

In other financial matters during the 30-minute session, township attorney Bill Fahey was asked to clarify procedural concerns related to checks and balances, reconciliations, bank deposits, receipt books and proper procedures to

follow.

The board noted it will host a hearing on the township's proposed 2020-21 Monday, March 2, starting at 7 p.m.

Also scheduled is the board of review organizational meeting, starting at 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 3. The board of review will then host its annual meetings Wednesday, March 11, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Thursday, March 12, from 3 to 9 p.m.

The township's annual meeting will also be held next month — Saturday, March 28, starting at 9 a.m.

The board also adopted an annual poverty exemption resolution. Per state law, property tax exemptions on a principal residence can be given in all or in part to people with low incomes and are unable to pay their tax bill.

To be eligible for an exemption, a residents must:

- \*Be an owner of and occupy as a principal residence the property for which an exemption is requested.

- \*File a claim with the assessor or board of review, accompanied by federal and state income tax returns for all persons residing in the principal residence, including any property tax credit returns filed in the immediately preceding year or in the current year.

- \*File a claim reporting that the combined assets of all persons in the household do not exceed the current guidelines. Assets include

but are not limited to, real estate other than the principal residence, personal property, motor vehicles, recreational vehicles and equipment, certificates of deposit, savings accounts, checking accounts, stocks, bonds, life insurance, retirement funds, etc.

- \*Produce a valid driver's license or other form of identification if requested.

- \*Produce, if requested, a deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property for which an exemption is requested.

- \*Meet the federal poverty income guidelines as defined and determined annually by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services or alternative guidelines adopted by the governing body providing the alternative guidelines do not provide eligibility requirements less than the federal guidelines.

The following are the federal poverty income guidelines for 2020 (the annual allowable income includes income for all persons residing in the principal residence): income of up to \$12,490 for a one-person household, \$16,910 for a two-person household, \$21,330 for a three-person household, \$25,750 for a four-person household, \$30,170 for a five-person household, \$34,590 for a six-person household, \$39,010 for a seven-person household, and \$43,430 for an eight-person household.

## Sanilac teen in hot water over threat

Sanilac County Sheriff's Department investigators say charges will be sought against a Carsonville-Port Sanilac High School student suspected of leaving a bomb threat that was discovered in a bathroom at the school Thursday morning.

School officials called Sanilac County Dispatch at about 8 a.m., saying they had found a bomb threat in a boys' bathroom, according to Detective Sgt. Steve McKenney.

"Deputies responded to the school while the students were evacuated and taken to the elementary school in Carsonville. Once the school was evacuated and secured, the school was searched with the sheriff's office explosives detection K9," McKenney reported. "No explosive devices were located and, upon completion of the search and the recovery of evidence, the school was deemed safe to be reopened."

"Through the help and coopera-

tion of staff and students, a suspect was developed," McKenney said. "The suspect, a 17-year-old male student from the school, was located, interviewed and released."

No one was injured. McKenney, who did not release the suspect's name pending his formal arraignment, said charges will be sought upon completion of the report and processing of evidence.

The Michigan State Police assisted deputies at the scene.

## Woman punches intruder, police take care of the rest

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Huron County Sheriff's deputies say an intruder who entered a woman's apartment Saturday morning wound up with a punch in the face and a trip to the county jail.

Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson reported deputies were dispatched to an apartment on Michigan Avenue in Pigeon at 6:12 a.m. after a 29-year-old woman reported she had just returned home and found a man inside her apartment.

"She further stated that when she first entered, she found the apartment door ajar, but went in anyway and saw flickering lights in her bedroom, then noticed a man standing over her laundry," he said. "That man then attempted to flee the apartment, but not before her punching him in the face."

The woman told investigators she recognized the man as a neighbor, but did not know his name.

"Deputy Ryan Swartz arrived and confronted the suspect in his apartment. The 32-year-old (male) cooperated with Deputy Swartz and it appears that the suspect had an immoral interest in the complainant's clothing," Hanson said.

The suspect was taken into custody for felony home invasion and transported to the county jail.

"His child, who was staying with him and (was) left unattended during the incident, was turned over to family," Hanson noted. "The Huron County magistrate set his bond at \$10,000 cash and the suspect — with past sexual related convictions — remains lodged in our jail."

Deputies advised children's protective services officials regarding the incident, according to Hanson, who expected the suspect to be formally arraigned early this week.

## Absentee ballots available to all

When Michigan voters approved Proposal Three in 2018, they paved the way to allow all registered voters in the state to use an absentee ballot — without having a specific reason — in any election.

However, a local clerk must receive requests for absentee voter ballots no later than 5 p.m. the Friday before an election.

Those already registered at their current address can request an absentee ballot in person at their clerk's office up to the day prior to an election by 4 p.m.

Once a request is received, the signature on the request will be checked against that person's voter registration record before a ballot can be issued.


"People must be registered voters to receive an absentee ballot, but they can register to vote and request an absentee ballot at the same time," Tuscola County Clerk Jodi Fetting pointed out.

Absentee ballots can also be downloaded from the Michigan Secretary of State website.

Absentee voters have until 8 p.m. on the day of the election to complete their ballot and return it to their clerk's office. More information is available by contacting a local clerk's office, or by visiting the Michigan Secretary of State website at [Michigan.gov/sos](http://Michigan.gov/sos).

This year the presidential primary election is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, and the general election will be Tuesday, Nov. 3.

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Reporter's notebook

Eating pizza is risky business

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor



It's no secret pizza is among mankind's greatest achievements. That's certainly a shared opinion among many Americans. After all, we eat roughly 100 acres of pizza a day – that's about 350 slices per second.

But who knew this familiar concoction of crust, tomato sauce, cheese and toppings can also be deadly in some cases?

According to a recent story making the rounds on the Internet (so it must be true, right?), the number of hospitalizations in the United States involving pizza jumped by more than 50 percent in 2018 compared to 2017.

My first thought after reading that was, "I wonder how many of those hospitalizations were due to people getting sick after some knot head ordered pineapple on their pizza, because that's a crime – first degree culinary vandalism, in my humble opinion.

Anyway, whether it was caused by falling upstairs while carrying a delivery or someone slashing a finger with a pizza cutter, there were no fewer than 3,800 visits to the emergency room two years ago related to the tasty Italian food. That figure compares to 2,300 injuries in 2017.

The statistics came from medical service provider Babylon Health in honor of National Pizza Day, which was officially marked earlier this month, although most pizza aficionados like me don't need one special day to celebrate our obsession with a large piled high with pepperoni, onions, green peppers, etc.

Babylon, which noted the 2018 figure marked the highest number of injuries since officials started counting, analyzed data from the National Electronic Injury Surveillance System, which is run by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Findings were based on medical records from an extrapolated sample of 100 emergency departments across the country in which the word "pizza" was included in doctors' notes.

The unfortunate pie-related cases in 2018 included a 17-year-old man poking the roof of his mouth with a fork while eating pizza, an 18-year-old woman swallowing her tongue ring after feasting on a slice and a 21-year-old woman preparing a pizza who slipped with a bread knife in her hand.

In spite of those risks, the folks at [www.pizzaneed.com](http://www.pizzaneed.com) report most of us are willing to take our chances. The website's fact sheet includes:

\*About 94 percent of Americans eat pizza regularly, with 36 percent ordering pies that include pepperoni (which, I'm guessing, explains why we consume nearly 252 million pounds of pepperoni every year).

\*There are about 61,300 pizzerias in the United States.

\*Pizza accounts for 10 percent of all food service sales, and each person in America eats roughly 46 slices of pizza annually.

\*Popular pizza toppings in Japan include squid and Mayo Jaga, which includes mayonnaise, potato and bacon. And what has been called "the most extravagant pizza" is available at New York's Nino's Bellissima restaurant – topped with six varieties of caviar, chives, fresh lobster and crème fraiche, this 12-inch pie retails for \$1,000, or \$125 a slice.

\*Regular thin crust pizza is most popular in the United States (61 percent), followed by deep dish (14 percent) and extra thin crust (11 percent).

\*About 62 percent of Americans prefer meat toppings, while 38 percent prefer vegetables. Women, by the way, are twice as likely as men to order veggies on their pizza.

Regardless of the preferred toppings or crust, I'm guessing the fear of an accident won't deter most of us from ordering that next pie. As for me, I don't anticipate any risk to life or limb to myself or anyone else.

Well, unless someone tries to put pineapple on my pizza.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2015)

Two Cass City sophomore wrestlers took part in the Individual State Finals held at The Palace of Auburn Hills March 5-7. Coach Don Markel reported both of his underclassmen grapplers lost their opening match on Thursday, before bowing from the elite gathering on Friday after suffering their second setback against Michigan's top Division 4 mat men. Red Hawk Darren Dickson competed in the 140 weight class and went 0-2. He lost to Cole Gonzalez of Norway 6-1 on Thursday and Taylor Whitmore of Springport 7-2 on Friday. Darren completed his year with a 38-14 record. Red Hawk T.J. Moore competed in the 189 weight class and went 1-2. Moore lost to Charlie Robertson of Sand Creek 8-1 on Thursday and then defeated Zev Powell of Marcellus 15-0 on Friday before falling to Cole Southworth of Decatur 1-0. Moore completed his season with a 46-10 record.

Harold and Joyce Polega of Cass City announce the engagement of their daughter Amy Sue Polega to Karthik Palaniappan, son of Palaniappan Kuamarasamy and Banumathi Palaniappan of Tamil Nadu, India. An August 29, wedding is being planned.

10 YEARS AGO (2010)

Libby Doerr of Cass City was among 53 Saginaw Valley State University (SVSU) students who were recently inducted into the university's chapter of Alpha Chi, the national College Honor Scholarship Society. The Michigan Delta Chapter of Alpha Chi was established at SVSU's campus in 1986. To qualify, juniors and seniors must have a grade point average of 3.5 or above, rank in the top 10 percent of their class by program, and receive a nomination from a full-time faculty member.

Alexis Slavick has been named Owendale-Gagetown School's "Senior Student of the Month" for February. Even though Slavick has not participated in any sports or clubs throughout her high school career at Laker High School or at Owen-Gage, her teachers at Owen-Gage have described her as being a very active participant in her classes. She also has been on the honor roll. Her favorite subject is math. Her hobbies include reading, texting and spending time with her boyfriend. Slavick is the daughter of Candace Krohn of Bay Port and Kevin Slavick of Bad Axe. She plans to attend Baker College in the fall to become a veterinary technician.

25 YEARS AGO (1995)

His parents announce the arrival of Zachary Edward Deitering. He was born Feb. 7 at 4:46 a.m., weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. Parents are Joey Lynn Smutek and Kane Deitering. Grandparents are Ray and Kim Smutek of Decker and Charlene White of Detroit. Great-grandparents are Jay and Maxine Smith of Dunedin, Fla., and Willie Chatterton of Detroit. Great-great-grandparents are David and Murial Bathgate of Clearwater, Fla.

Navy Chief Petty Officer William S. Van Allen, son of Douglas W. and Hilda M. Van Allen of Cass City, is currently halfway through a 6-month deployment to the Mediterranean and Adriatic seas and has been serving off the coast of Bosnia Herzegovina with Assault Craft Unit Two. Van Allen's unit operates the conventional landing craft that transport Marines and equipment of the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit ashore during amphibious landings. The 1974 graduate of Cass City High School joined the Navy in November 1975.

35 YEARS AGO (1985)

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Hendrick (Michele Pratt) of Caro are the parents of a nine-pound, nine-ounce son, Casey Lee, born Feb. 1 in Hills and Dales General Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pratt of Deford, Mrs. Gertrude Hendrick of Bay City and Maurice Hendrick of Sagi-

naw. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Bruce Holcomb and Howard Woodard, Cass City.

FA William Otulakowski left Wednesday, Feb. 20, for duty on the US Pensacola LSD, based at Little Creek, VA. He spent a lay leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Otulakowski, and family.

Julia Smith served several winning points for Cass City Tuesday, Feb. 19, as the Hawk spikers defeated Bad Axe, winning 3 of 5 matches. Tuesday night, Feb. 26, the girls won a pre-district match against Mayville, defeating the Wildcats in straight sets, 17-15 and 15-3. The Hawks now play Sandusky at 11 a.m. Saturday at Laker High in the opening round of the district tournament.

Marine Pfc. James R. Jackson, son of James T. and Barbara J. Jackson of 4857 Spruce St., Cass City, recently completed the Basic Amphibian Tractor Crewman's Course, during the six-week training at Camp Pendleton, Calif., Jackson was prepared for assignment to a Marine amphibian tractor unit. Amphibian tractor units transport troops and supplies from ships to beaches during combat and shore operations. He is now stationed at Camp Meune, Jacksonville, N.C. A 1983 graduate of Cass City High School, he joined the Marine Corps in July 19&4. His wife, Darla, is the daughter of Alvin and Carol McKee.

Christopher Hartwick, a freshman at Faith Baptist Bible College, has been recognized on the Dean's List for the fall semester of 1984. To receive the honor, a student must carry a minimum of 12 hours with a 10.0 (A-1 average and above. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hartwick of Cass City and a Cass City High School graduate. The college is located near the State Capitol, Des Moines, Iowa, and draws students from 22 states and several foreign countries for an enrollment of 340.

40 YEARS AGO (1980)

Fred Joos of Caro celebrated his birthday Saturday at the home of his daughter. Guests were his grandson, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dean of Spring Arbor, nieces, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Fuller of Saginaw and Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Hanes of Snover, a nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Joos of Cass City and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jezewski of Cass City.

Marine Cpl. Wayne R. Brooks, son of Oscar and Patricia Brooks of 6398 7th St., Cass City, has been promoted to his present rank while serving with 1st Marine Brigade, Marine Corps Air Station, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii. A 1976 graduate of Cass City High School, he joined the Marine Corps in July of that year.

Eight Cass City High School band students received first division ratings in the district solo and ensemble festival Saturday at North Branch. Receiving the top rating in brass quartet were Karen Wallace, French horn; Melanie Particka, trumpet; J.D. Zmierski, trombone, and Laurie Enos, cornet. Miss Enos received a second such rating for her baritone solo. Ray Kloc and Bob Paskowski received the top rating in tuba duet, plus Paskowski received another one for tuba solo.

50 YEARS AGO (1970)

Lambert E. Althaver is the new Executive Vice-President of Walbro Corporation, Cass City. Walbro manufactures its own line of float feed and diaphragm carburetors for lawn equipment, chain saw and snowmobile engines; Autopulse and Dupree electric fuel pumps for cars, trucks and power boats; and injection molded plastics items (through its wholly owned subsidiary, Arjay Manufacturing Company, of Vassar.) Althaver relinquishes the post of Vice President-Finance, and remains as a Director of the corporation. In his new position, he functions as general manager of all Walbro operations, enabling President Walter E. Walpole to devote more time to long range planning and policy. Althaver joined Walbro in accounting in 1954, im-

mediately following his honorable discharge from the Army. He was made assistant treasurer in 1956, elected a Vice-President in 1962, elected to the Board in 1969. During the years 1958-1961 he was general manager of the Walbro subsidiary, Omro Products Company, Omro, Wisconsin. Throughout his 15 years with Walbro, he has also been active in civic affairs at Cass City. He is now President of the Village of Cass City, a post he has held for 5 terms, President of the Cass City Rotary Club, Vice-Chairman of the Thumb District-Boy Scouts of America and Vice-Chairman of the Tuscola County Planning Commission. He is married to the former Holly Walpole, and has two children - Brian, 14, and Lauren, 11. He holds a B. A. degree in business administration from the Principia College, Elmhurst, Illinois.

Even the most ardent booster of equal opportunities for women would probably pause before suggesting that all women be allowed careers similar to the one followed by Mrs. Hazel May, 73, of Deford. It's not a profession for most women of any age and, in fact, few men of comparable years would be able to follow in the footsteps of the robust Mrs. May who lives alone on a farm, about 10 miles south of Cass City on Cemetery Road. Mrs. May is a breeder of thoroughbred horses. She has 18 of them. Caring for 18 horses is a king-sized job under the best of conditions.

75 YEARS AGO (1945)

Mrs. Lyle Demo of Unionville has been notified by the war department that her husband, Pvt. Lyle Demo, was slightly wounded in action on the island of Luzon in the Philippines on January 11. He was wounded by shrapnel but is recovering in a hospital on Luzon.

A/S Bruce Bartle and A-S Robert Kirkpatrick, who have completed their boot training at Great Lakes Naval Training station, arrived home Saturday to spend until March 5 here and will report back to Great Lakes. Robert began his training several weeks before Bruce, but because he was ill for some time of scarlet fever, they completed their training at the same time.

Miss Mary Slimko has completed a three-year course at the Providence Hospital School of Nursing in Detroit and was graduated from that school Feb. 28. She is a graduate of the Cass City High School, Class of 1937.

For a number of years Cass City and many nearby towns were without a rug weaver until Mrs. Chas. Goff, who learned the art when she was a young lady in Scotland, bought a loom and started the business. She has woven 850 rugs and, in addition, 21 feet of rag rug for stairs and a 9 by 12 rag rug woven in strips and requiring 23 pounds of sewn rugs.

100 YEARS AGO (1920)

L. I. Wood, R. D. Keating and Chas. Ewing attended the mid-winter ceremonial of Elf Khurafel Temple at Saginaw Friday. The trio went as a body guard and brother protectors to Lyle Koepfgen, who completed the journey on the winding but joyous road to the Shriners' Mecca.

Miss Margaret Striffler and Fred Smiley of Flint were united in marriage by Rev. A. H. Butzbach Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Striffler. Only the immediate relatives were present. The bride was becomingly gowned in a dress of French blue taffeta trimmed with gold beads. After the ceremony a bountiful wedding dinner was served, the tables being prettily decorated with roses and carnations. The bride and groom left on the afternoon train for a trip to Marysville, Ohio, and Fairmont, Ind., and later will make their home at Clio. They received many beautiful and useful gifts. Those in attendance at the wedding from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Nique and daughter, Eleanor of Decker and Miss Laura Striffler of Yale.

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# All systems go!

## Deford 4-H rocket team clears a big hurdle

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

All systems are now go for the Deford Dazzlers 4-H Rocketry Team as it prepares for its first appearance in the Battle of the Rockets competition in Culpeper, Va., April 17-20.

Patricia Hansen, who along with her husband, Mark, founded the Deford Dazzlers 4-H STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) Club a decade ago, last week reported the team recently completed “an amazing test launch” of its full-scale nine-foot-tall competition rocket at Michiana Rocketry in Three Oaks.

“The rocket achieved 1,277 feet in altitude, performed perfectly with an as-planned and engineering deployment of the (land) rover and nose cone,” Hansen said. “Every single component worked as designed, and as it turns out their (team members’) math and theory was 100 percent accurate in practical application.

“That’s a pretty nice accomplishment for them, and they received accolades all around from the launch team...at Michiana, as well as the mentor for the Notre Dame NASA Student Launch Team,” she added.

“We were very proud of them,” said Hansen, who noted only four of six team members were able to participate in the vital test launch. “One (had) a scheduling conflict that couldn’t be worked around, and another was down with the flu.” And, team Captain Mia Tomasino came down sick during the trip to Michiana.

Although the successful test launch marked a major milestone, the team has much work to do before heading for Culpeper, according to Hansen.

“They will now spend the next two months with extensive rover testing, practicing soil sample col-

lections, and operations while wearing those welding gloves that simulate the gloves astronauts wear,” she explained. “And transmit and upload the photos, check the resolution, make sure they meet requirements and the Bluetooth works properly.”

The Deford Dazzlers 4-H Rocketry Team, which celebrated a second-place finishing in the Team America Rocketry Challenge (TARC) National Finals just four years ago, will be among a host of high school, 4-H and scout teams – along with about 30 university teams – competing in the upcoming Battle of the Rockets.

The local team members have spent months preparing, planning and building a rocket measuring 109 inches in height and 7.65 inches in diameter that will house a team-designed and constructed robotic Mars Rover. During competition, the rover must deploy from the rocket prior to touch down, and then execute a series of commands.

“There will be a secondary ejection charge that will separate the nose cone with its chute which will pull the rover out of the payload tube. If the chutes do not tangle, then the rover and nose cone will land separate of the rocket,” Hansen explained. “The first command will release the parachute so the rover can then drive away from the recovery harness.”

When launched, the rocket, weighing in at about 24 pounds with its engine, is expected to reach a maximum height of 1,300 feet before the main chute deploys, according to Mark Hansen, who said the rocket will reach a speed equal to about one-third of Mach, or roughly 254 miles per hour. He estimated that by the time the rocket clears the 12-foot launch stand/pad during take-off, it will have already attained a speed of 55 miles per hour.

Mark said the rocket’s secondary

charge will fire at an altitude of 250 feet, releasing the land rover, which will drift down under its own parachute. After landing, it must shed its parachute harness and travel exactly 36 inches. Both of those actions will be pre-programmed by the students, who will then manually control the vehicle as it takes a photo and collects a soil sample.

Aside from Tomasino, 17, of Caro, the team is composed of Sam Gordon, 16, Snover - co-captain; Mia Wright, 16, Cass City - safety officer; Kian Hoppe, 13, Cass City - rover/robotics specialist; Jannaeya Thomas, 15, Cass City - vehicle specialist; and Ethan Thane, 16, Caro - propulsion specialist.

Patricia Hansen said the magnitude of this year’s project required a specialized venue for the recent testing of the Dazzlers’ full-scale rocket.

“A rocket of this size and power can only be launched an official launch site that is set up with a minimum 6,000 feet FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) waiver. Air traffic must be diverted from the area, and assurances that all federal laws concerning high power rocketry safety are followed,” she explained. “This includes a safety inspection before launch by a trained, range safety specialist through National Association of Rocketry or Tripoli.

“In addition, our team had to have their rocket certified post-launch as having flown successfully and without incurring any damage, all recovery devices having deployed as planned, and descent rates observed to be below 20 feet per second after the main chute deploys.”

All of that information has been sent to Battle of the Rockets officials in order to verify that the Dazzlers have qualified to compete this spring.



CASS CITY Elementary students (above, from left) Ashley Jones, Evelyn Gniewek, Daniella Hill, and Jeevesh Prabakaran recently completed in the Level Two Knights of Columbus Diocesan Spelling Bee in Merrill. Out of 23 spellers, Prabakaran finished in second place, earning him an invitation to participate in the state K of C bee, March 8 in Essexville. Also representing Cass City, in the level One spelling bee, were (at right) Gabe Schwendinger and Natalie Holdburg.



## PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the Tuesday, March 10, 2020 Primary Election has been scheduled for Thursday, February 27 at 1:30 p.m. at the Elkland Township Fire Hall, Cass City, Michigan.

The Public Accuracy test is conducted to demonstrate that the program and tabulators that will be used to tabulate the ballots of the election have been prepared in accordance with law.

Ed LaBelle  
Elkland Township Clerk

## 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

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## 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

## MARCH MEETINGS FOR NOVESTA TOWNSHIP

Budget Hearing  
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March 2, 2020 at 7 p.m.

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

## BOARD OF REVIEW

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Wednesday, March 11, 2020

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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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

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## Troopers honored at the MSP post in Caro

Several troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro were recognized last week.

Sgt. Mark Sosnoski and Sgt. Kathy Taylor were both presented with service awards for "having completed 30 years of distinguished and faithful services" to the Michigan State Police and citizens of Michigan.

Trooper Dennis Lapan, meanwhile, received an award for professional excellence for his work in the investigation of a double homicide March 3, 2018. Sgt. Curtis and troopers Kewish, Hatfield, Baxter and Berg had already received their awards, but the presentation to Lapan was delayed due to his being on military leave.

In addition, Trooper Jason Baxter received a lifesaving award in connection with his response to a shooting that occurred Nov. 8. He administered first aid and saved the life of the shooting victim, MSP officials said.

Finally, Detective Sgt. Thomas Dhooghe was congratulated on his service to the Caro post from June 2017 through December 2019 when he was transferred to the Flint post.

## New drug court up, running

Continued from page one.

in reducing recidivism rates and crime that is motivated by drug use than traditional methods of incarceration," she added.

While the TRSC accepts offenders convicted of offenses involving operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, the new drug court will focus on individuals convicted of various other crimes driven by their drug use/addiction.

However, anyone convicted of violent crimes involving serious injury or death, as well as those convicted on charges of criminal sexual conduct, will not be eligible to participate.

Those accepted into the drug court are responsible for a portion of the cost, including an \$850 program supervision fee; treatment costs, which vary depending on insurance and/or income level; drug/alcohol testing, which costs \$10 to \$15 per test (random tests are required at least twice each week); and electronic monitoring, if required, which costs \$11 to \$13 per day.

Unlike the TRSC, the new drug court will not have the ability to grant temporary restricted driver's licenses to participants because existing ignition locking devices can only detect the presence of alcohol. As a result, officials will offer participants other types of incentives for achieving their goals.

At the same time, individuals who violate the rules will be subject to sanctions up to and including termination from the program.

While the drug court has been provisionally certified by the state, officials plan to apply for additional funding this year to remain fully operational.

Walther indicated she's confident the money will be made available to the program, given state officials' bipartisan support of measures designed to address the nation's opioid epidemic, including funding treatment courts.

The Thumb's judges have already proven their dedication to creating and operating effective treatment courts.

Last fall, TRSC officials conducted their 12th graduation ceremony at the Tuscola County Courthouse, marking more 100 graduates — all individuals convicted multiple times of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated or under the influence of drugs — who have now successfully completed that program.

To do so, each graduate was required to comply with a host of requirements such as intensive court and case management supervision, individual and group therapy, intensive drug/alcohol testing, and recovery-based support group attendance, throughout the duration of the program.

"These requirements have been proven to improve public safety, reduce recidivism rates of operating while intoxicated/impaired offenses, minimize incarceration time, decrease jail expenses, and promote participants to become productive, law-abiding, and substance-free citizens within Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties," Walther said.

The TRSC has achieved a success rate of 80 percent.

"As of Sept. 30, 2019, the statewide average rate of successful completions was 74 percent for sobriety court participants across Michigan," Walther said.

While 26 individuals have failed to complete the Thumb program to date — the vast majority of those defendants (16) were terminated due to non-compliance with the rules — local program officials are pleased with the numbers they're seeing.

"Our recidivism rate (repeat operating while intoxicated offenses after successfully graduating) is currently at 4.8 percent," Walther pointed out. "Statewide, recidivism averages typically between six and eight percent. As a result, we are finding that our program is effective at reducing driving while under the influence offenses.

"We are also proud of the overall life changes that we see our participants make, such as becoming employed, obtaining independent housing, improving family relationships or parenting skills, becoming more financially responsible/stable, and improving their physical and mental health, to name a few," she added.

Courts such as the TRSC and the new Thumb Regional Drug Treatment Court are also known as problem-solving courts — innovative programs designed to address repeat offenders' underlying substance abuse problems.

The TRSC was officially established in 2013 through a partnership of the trial court judges in Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties. The goal was to create a specialized central treatment court that could utilize tools outside of the traditional fines and jail time to encourage those who have been repeatedly convicted of drunken driving to turn over a new leaf.



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# Obituaries

## Dave Burnette

Merrill "Dave" Burnette, 78, of Cass City died Friday, February 21, 2020 at Covenant HealthCare in Saginaw.

Dave was born on September 27, 1941 in Caro, Michigan.

His childhood was spent in Columbia Corners and Hemans, Michigan.

Dave enlisted in the United States Army on May 8, 1959 and served three years, including overseas tours as a heavy equipment operator. He earned Sergeant ranking during his time of service.

He married Ellen "Threse" Burnette on April 25, 1963 and was her loving husband until her death on August 6, 1997.

Dave was employed by Williams Detroit Diesel for 38 years as a diesel mechanic until he retired in 2003. He was a skilled mechanic who often went out of his way to help anyone in need. He was known as an extraordinarily kind and generous man and his sense of humor was loved by all who knew him.

He enjoyed hunting, going for drives and collecting memorabilia. Most of all, Dave treasured time with his family. He was the best Dad and Papa in this world.

Dave is survived by his daughters Jeanne (Jim) Nicol of Cass City and Janis (Scott) Traynor of Troy; son Don (Angie) Burnette of Cass City; 6 grandchildren: Alyssa and Brittany Nicol, Andrea and Rachel LaPonsie, Zack and Zoey Burnette; and sister Violet (Ron) Patera of Deford.

He was preceded in death by his son David L. Burnette, parents Louis and Helena

Sattelberg, and sisters Mary Richmond and Phyllis Sattelberg.

Friends and family are invited to attend a memorial luncheon for Dave on Sunday, March 1, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. at Novesta Church of Christ in Cass City.

Interment is in Elkland Township Cemetery.



## Richard Hampshire

Richard Edwin Hampshire, 90, died Saturday, February 15, 2020, at Boswell Hospital in Peoria, Arizona.

Dick was born on January 31, 1930, on a farm in Kingston.

His parents were Alice and George Hampshire. He had two brothers, Ronald and Russell, and a sister, Arlene (Moore), all of whom predeceased him.

Dick grew up on the farm when farming was still being done with horses pulling plows. Later, tractors became available and led to a life-long love affair with all things John Deere.

Dick served in the Air Force during the Korean War. As a result of his Air Force experience, Dick could sometimes be found at an airport just watching the planes take off and land.

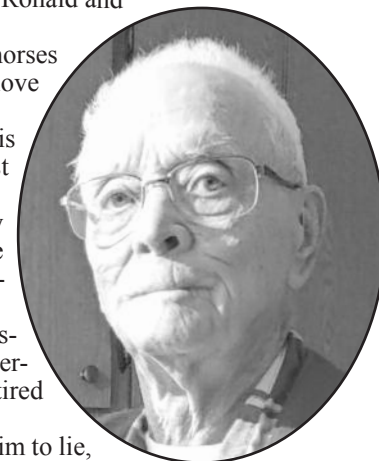
In 1952, he married the love of his life, Joyce (Harris). Together they had three children, Greg (Albert), Lori (Lauren), and Mark (Erin). He is survived by his wife, children, eight grandchildren, nineteen great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

He spent his entire professional career as the co-owner of the Harris-Hampshire Insurance Agency in Cass City, Michigan. He and his brother-in-law, Newell Harris, grew the business, but after many years, Dick retired to Phoenix, Arizona.

Above all else, Dick was an honorable man. It would never occur to him to lie, steal, or cheat, and when he encountered such behavior, he was mystified.

He will be remembered with love as a good husband and caring father, and will be greatly missed.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that any memorial donations be given to: Am Vets Post #7, 17030 E Enterprise Dr., Ste A, Fountain Hills, AZ 85268.



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## Caro gals win GTW title

Cass City girls' basketball Coach Justin Ketterer feels the Class C district title in Bad Axe is up for grabs.

His Lady Red Hawks face Harbor Beach in the district opener Monday – tip off is 7 p.m. – and the winner advances to take on USA Wednesday in the late game. Also Wednesday, EPBP and Bad Axe meet at 6 p.m. in the other semifinal contest. The semifinal winners square off Friday.

“If we can find a way to get past Harbor Beach and gain some momentum, I think anyone could win,” said Ketterer.

Cass City will enter district play

having faced a pair of quality foes. Most recently, the Red Hawks bowed to Greater Thumb West champion Caro and they were scheduled to face Greater Thumb West runner-up Reese last night (Tuesday) to wrap up the regular season.

Freshman Adelyn Moore put on a show during the M-81 Clash and led the Tigers to a one-sided 45-22 victory.

Moore, and fellow classmate Jacquie Peters, scored every point for Caro in the opening quarter that ended with the visitors up 16-6. Caro would outscore Cass City in each quarter on their way to a

share of the conference crown. Moore recorded a double-double, finishing the game with 21 points and 14 rebounds.

Saylor Cuthrell paced Cass City with eight points.

### GTW GIRLS BASKETBALL

Team	GTW	Overall
Caro	12-0	17-1
Reese	9-2	14-5
Bad Axe	7-4	9-9
Cass City	5-6	8-11
USA	4-7	6-11
Vassar	1-10	4-14
EPBP Laker	1-10	1-18



**RED HAWK SANDWICH.** Caro's Kaitlyn Arabelo is squeezed by Cass City defenders Haven Bouverette, left, and Morgan Russel during the M-81 Clash contest.

## Lady Cards cruise early in victory

Kingston grabbed an early double digit advantage Thursday at Peck and never looked back.

The Lady Cardinals held their hosts to just 6 points in the opening half and entered the locker room enjoying a 34-6 cushion. Although Peck actually outscored Kingston 18-10 in the final quar-

ter, the damage was done and Kingston recorded a 57-36 North Central Thumb League Stars win.

“We came out focused and fired up in the first half. We went strong to the basket and got to the free throw line – making 15 of 21 for the game,” said Kingston Coach Jay Green.

Hannah James netted 20 points, tops for Kingston, who also had Ella Retan with 13 points, Brooke Mooney with nine and Isabel Hurd, eight. Payton Kolacz chipped in 10 rebounds for the winners.

Samantha Bissett paced Peck with 14 points.

### NCTL-STARS GIRLS HOOP

Team	NCTL-S	Overall
Deckerville	11-1	16-3
Kingston	9-1	16-1
Peck	7-4	13-5
Dryden	6-5	12-7
Genesee	3-7	9-8
Mayville	2-9	6-12
Intl Acad Flint	0-11	2-16

## Owen-Gage trades wins

The Owen-Gage girls' basketball team ran its current win streak to three games, while the Owen-Gage boys' basketball team suffered a narrow loss Friday in double header action against Akron-Fairgrove.

The Lady Bulldogs kicked off Senior Night in Owendale with a 49-30 decision.

“Akron-Fairgrove came out ready and we looked like a team that didn't play in a week,” said Owen-Gage Coach Bob Haldane. “We switched the defense and that put us back in the game. Made a couple halftime adjustments on offense to open it up, seemed to make the difference. I'm proud how they battled and finished.”

After falling behind 10-6, Owen-Gage scored 17 second quarter points to take charge.

Libby Ondrajka and Erin Morrish split 20 points to lead Owen-Gage, while Carley Haldane added eight points, 5 rebounds and 3 assists in her last regular season home game.

Baily Diehl had 11 points in vain for Akron-Fairgrove.

In the nightcap, the Owen-Gage boys fell 37-34 and are still in search of their first win.

### NCTL-STRIPES GIRLS HOOP STANDINGS

Team	NCTL-S	Overall
BC All Saints	8-1	12-6
North Huron	8-1	11-8
Owen-Gage	5-4	7-7
Akron-Fairgrove	3-6	4-14
Caseville	2-7	3-15
CPS	1-8	4-14

by Clarke Haire  
Publisher

For Cass City wrestling Coach Don Markel and senior grappler Hunter Caister, Saturday was a day to remember at Carson City-Crystal High School, site of a Division 4 Individual Regional competition.

Markel was chosen as the

MHSAA Regional Coach of the Year at the meet on Saturday. He collected 677 career victories during a coaching career that spans five decades.

More importantly, according to Markel, Caister placed second in the 189 weight class and now advances to the Individual State Finals to be held at Ford Field on March 6-7. Hunter will enter the


season ending meet with a 46-6 season record.

Caister was one of five Red Hawks in action over the weekend. Freshman Cameron Gottschalk (125), freshman Logan Kaake (152), and senior Tristan Swiderski each went 0-2 for the day and were unable to qualify for the State Finals, while senior Please turn to page 10.

## Caister advances to state finals

## Cass City Red Hawk

# ATHLETE OF THE WEEK




**SANDYN CUTHRELL**

Knights Insurance proudly presents Sandyn Cuthrell as their Athlete of the Week. Cuthrell is a senior on the Cass City basketball team and a 4-year letter winner. Most recently, he was named the M-81 Clash Most Valuable Player after scoring 20 points and leading the Red Hawks to victory Wednesday in the rival game. Then surpassed that effort on Friday, when Cuthrell scored 25 points in a Greater Thumb West crossover win at Harbor Beach.


“Sandyn is playing his best basketball of the year right now,” says Coach Aaron Fernald.

Sandyn is the son of Scott and Amy Cuthrell. He plans to attend Central Michigan University, where he has been recruited to play baseball for the Chips and pursue a degree in actuary science.

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GIRLS' BASKETBALL				
<b>Tuesday, Feb. 25</b>				
Cass City @ Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese
EPBP @ Vassar	EPBP	Vassar	EPBP	EPBP
Marlette @ Ubly	Ubly	Ubly	Ubly	Ubly
USA @ Bad Axe	Bad Axe	Bad Axe	Bad Axe	USA
<b>Wednesday, Feb. 26</b>				
Kingston @ Genesee	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
<b>Friday, Feb. 28</b>				
IAF @ Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
O-G @ Caseville	Kingston	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage
<b>BOYS' BASKETBALL</b>				
<b>Tuesday, Feb 25</b>				
Caseville @ Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
<b>Wednesday, Feb. 26</b>				
EPBP @ Marlette	EPBP	EPBP	EPBP	EPBP
Montrose @ Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Montrose
Ubly @ Vassar	Ubly	Ubly	Ubly	Ubly
Cros-Lex @ Bad Axe	Bad Axe	Cros-Lex	Bad Axe	Bad Axe
<b>Friday, Feb. 28</b>				
IAF @ Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
EPBP @ Vassar	EPBP	EPBP	EPBP	EPBP
Cass City @ Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese
Marlette @ Ubly	Ubly	Ubly	Ubly	Ubly
Bad Axe @ USA	USA	USA	USA	Bad Axe
O-G @ Caseville	Caseville	Caseville	Caseville	Caseville

<b>LAST WEEK</b>	14 - 4	15 - 3	13 - 5	12 - 6
<b>SEASON RESULTS</b>	125-35 (78%)	130-30 (81%)	121-39 (76%)	115-45(72%)

# Cass City grapplers bow

Continued from page 9.

Drew Markel (130) unfortunately suffered a broken hand in practice earlier last week and was unable to compete.

“Three Cass City seniors saw their careers come to an end this week. Lucas Swiderski finished with a 106-41 record, Tristan Swiderski finished with a 138-55 record, and Drew Markel finished 139-74,” said Markel.

Complete results for Cass City were:

125: Cameron Gottschalk (Cass City HS) - DNP  
 Quarterfinals - Jaron Johnson (Carson City-Crystal HS) over Cameron Gottschalk (Cass City HS) (Fall 1:26)  
 Cons. Round 1 - Gage Vasold (Breckenridge HS) over Cameron Gottschalk (Cass City HS) (Fall 0:45)

140: Tristan Swiderski (Cass City HS) - DNP  
 Quarterfinals - Korbin Klaus (Hesperia Community HS) over Tristan Swiderski (Cass City HS) (Dec 6-4)  
 Cons. Round 1 - Ethan Sumner (Breckenridge HS) over Tristan Swiderski (Cass City HS) (Dec 5-2)

152: Logan Kaake (Cass City HS) - DNP  
 Quarterfinals - Austin Hancock

(Lakeview HS (Lakeview)) over Logan Kaake (Cass City HS) (Fall 1:48)

Cons. Round 1 - Hunter Underwood (Gobles HS) over Logan Kaake (Cass City HS) (Fall 3:19)

189: Hunter Caister (Cass City HS) - 2nd

Quarterfinals - Hunter Caister (Cass City HS) over Tristan Almanza (Montabella HS) (Fall 0:22)

Semifinals - Hunter Caister (Cass City HS) over Jeremy Wazny (Hemlock HS) (Fall 2:59)

1st Place Match - Justin Carnahan (New Lothrop HS) over Hunter Caister (Cass City HS) (MD 12:3)

### TEAM REGIONAL

In Team Regional action in Hemlock, Cass City was defeated in a semifinal match against New Lothrop (the number 2 ranked team in Division 4) by the score of 67-12. New Lothrop then went on to defeat St. Louis 51-28 to claim the Regional crown and advance to the team state finals in Kalamazoo on February 28-29.

“We had a great season this year with a very young squad. To be honored as the Regional Coach of the Year by my coaching peers was a humbling experience,” said Markel.

Cass City finishes the 2019-20 season with a 26-16 dual meet record.



STANDING WITH their trophies are members of the Talons Youth Wrestling Club, from left, Braylon Kady, Thomas Hartzell, Colten Kady, Noah Adams. Missing is Rylan Kappen.

## Youth wrestlers earn state champion titles

The Cass City Talons Youth Wrestling Club, in its first year, made some history.

The group boasts two NEMWA State Champions, says Bill Hartzell, noting the wrestlers made us all proud recently at the State Tournament.

The youth champs are Colten Kady (3rd grade) and Braylon Kady (1st grade). Colten finished

3-0 on the day and won every match by fall. Braylon finished 3-0 and had two pins and won his championship match with an exciting 2-0 decision.

“They wrestled their hearts out and earned the title of State Champion,” Hartzell said.

Of special note, Noah Adams (Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port) fought hard all day and dealt with a lot of

adversity due to some health issues. Noah ended up as the runner-up in the state in his weight class with his second place finish.

Also for Cass City, Thomas Hartzell (1st grade) had a great day and his only loss was to the eventual state champ. He finished 3-and-1 on the day and took home a third place. Rylan Kappen (1st grade) had 1 win and 2 losses.

## Cards win outright crown

The Kingston boys' basketball team is selfish, but in a good way.

After securing a share of the North Central Thumb League Stars championship earlier in the week at Genesee, Coach Dave Lester's Cardinals won the outright title Friday at Peck with a 78-33 victory.

“We clinched the NCTL Stars Division Championship tonight, our 4th in six years and first outright league championship since 2006-07. I'm so proud of this team. We had great contributions from everyone,” said Lester afterward.

The visitors set the tone early on and raced in front 18-9 after one quarter. Kingston then outscored Peck 45-15 during the middle two frames and cruised to the lopsided win.

Kingston had five players reach double figures. Evan Neff had a game-high 20 points and Ronnie Lemke added 14 points, while Trayton Wenzlaff had 12. Marco Saenz de Lacuesta and Jack Green scored 11 and 10 points, respectively, for the Cardinals.

Trenton VanConant led Peck with 11 points.

### GENESEEE

At Genesee, last Tuesday, an-

other fast start by Kingston had fans heading toward the exits early as the visitors tallied 52 first half points on their way to an 86-53 whipping.

“We had a good first half. We really ran the floor well and scored in transition. We had plenty of contributions from everyone with all 11 dressed players getting into the scoring column,” Lester said.

As usual, Neff led Kingston with 18 points. Trayton Wenzlaff added 12 points and Quinn Boucard chipped in nine. The Cardinals also had Aaron Koehler and Carter Geister with 8 points apiece.

Alton Davis led Genesee (0-9, 3-13) with 19 points.

Up next for Kingston is Friday's home rematch with the International Academy of Flint.

### NCTL-STARS BOYS HOOP

Team	NCTL-S	Overall
Kingston	11-0	17-0
Intl Acad Flint	8-2	12-4
Dryden	8-3	13-4
Mayville	4-6	7-8
Peck	4-7	9-8
Deckerville	3-9	7-10
Genesee	0-11	3-14

## Cass City defeats Caro and Harbor Beach

Sandyn Cuthrell caught fire last week and when the smoke cleared the Cass City Red Hawks had picked up wins over Caro and Harbor Beach.

“We had a pretty good week. We beat Caro for the M-81 trophy on Wednesday and then had a nice road win against a good Harbor Beach team Friday. The kids played very well,” said Cass City Coach Aaron Fernald, especially naming his 4-year senior standout.

“Sandyn Cuthrell had a big week, scoring 20 Wednesday and being named player of the game for the Caro game. He then followed it up with 25 points on Friday. ~~Sandyn~~ ~~played~~ ~~very~~ ~~well~~.”

In the M-81 Clash rivalry contest, held Wednesday in Cass City, Cuthrell poured in five first quarter buckets, while Caro was held

to a solo basket by Trevin Phillips and trailed 15-2 entering the second stanza.

However, Cass City would score just two baskets – both by Landon Schenk – for the remainder of the half, but still carried an 8-point cushion into the third period.

Cass City outscored Caro in both second half quarters. Cuthrell tallied 5 points in the third quarter, including his only 3-pointer, and 5 points in the fourth quarter to hold off any comeback thoughts the visitors may have been entertaining.

Schenk finished with 8 points and Kendall Anthes chipped in 7 points for Cass City.

### HARBOR BEACH

On Friday in Harbor Beach, Cuthrell repeated his antics in a

62-59 Greater Thumb Conference crossover game that was tight from start to finish.

Cuthrell struck for 11 points in the opening quarter and 8 points in the closing quarter to turn back the hosts. He received plenty of help from Thom Rijshouwer with 14 points and Schenk with 11. Collin Wrubel connected on a pair of shots from 3-point land and added 8.

### GTW BOYS BASKETBALL

Team	GTW Overall
USA	10-1 14-2
Reese	10-1 14-4
Bad Axe	6-5 10-5
Cass City	6-5 11-6
EPBP	4-7 8-8
Caro	2-10-5-13
Vassar	1-10-2-14

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### 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	CC 49, Caro 33
2/21	CC 62, Harbor Beach 59
<b>2/26</b>	<b>Montrose</b>
2/28	Reese
3/05	Nouvel
3/9-13	Districts @ USA.....TBA

All games begin at 6 p.m.

### GIRLS' BASKETBALL (JV/VARSITY)

DATE	OPPONENT
12/03	Harbor Beach 43, CC 32
12/06	Nouvel 58, CC 14
12/10	CC 33, Sandusky 30
12/12	Ubyly 32, CC 13
12/17	Birch Run 47, CC 32
12/19	CC 34, EPB Lakers 21
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 45, CC 22
2/25	Reese
3/2-6	Districts @ Bad Axe.....TBA

All games begin at 6 p.m.

### WRESTLING

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
12/11	Lakers	6:00 p.m.
12/14	Birch Run Team Tourney	9:00 a.m.
12/18	<b>Mayville/Marlette</b>	6:00 p.m.
12/21	Ryan Mercer Memorial Tourney	9:00 a.m.
1/04	Ogemaw Hgts. Team Tourney	9:00 a.m.
1/08	<b>Vassar/Ubyly</b>	6:00 p.m.
1/11	Flushing Team Tourney	8:00 a.m.
1/15	<b>Caro/Capac</b>	6:00 p.m.
1/18	Mayville Team Tourney	9:00 a.m.
1/22	<b>Bad Axe/Brown City</b>	6:00 a.m.
1/25	Yale Team Tourney	9:00 a.m.
1/29	<b>Sandusky/Memphis</b>	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	<b>Team Districts - Cass City</b>	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	<b>Harbor Beach</b>	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	<b>CPS</b>	4:00 p.m.
1/23	<b>Reese</b>	4:00 p.m.
1/28	<b>Brown City</b>	4:00 p.m.
1/30	Bad Axe	4:00 p.m.
2/04	<b>Sandusky</b>	4:00 p.m.
2/06	<b>Boys @ Cass City</b>	TBA
2/08	Singles @ Sandusky	TBA
2/11	Girls @ Capac	TBA
2/15	Team @ Caro	TBA

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600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. **TO ALL PURCHASERS:** The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Dated: February 5, 2020 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, (248) 335-9200 Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Case No. 20MI00035-1

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

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$84,491.26  
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Wells, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Section 27, Town 12 North, Range 10 East commencing at a point that is South 00 degrees 20 minutes 37 seconds East, 1187.17 feet from the West 1/4 corner of said Section; thence South 89 degrees 40 minutes 08 seconds East, 726.0 feet; thence North 00 degrees 20 minutes 37 seconds West, 120.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees 40 minutes 08 seconds East, 382.95 feet; thence South 00 degrees 22 minutes 33 seconds East, 264.02 feet; thence North 89 degrees 40 minutes 08 seconds West, 1109.10 feet; thence North 00 degrees 20 minutes 37 sec-

onds 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

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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).

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Date of notice: February 12, 2020

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## Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Sandra Knickerbocker & Bruce Knickerbocker, wife and husband  
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Reg-

istration 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.

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**NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS:** This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. **NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT:** Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA236, 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

Thursday, April 9, 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 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 Arbel, 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 MCL 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 MCL 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. Dated: February 12, 2020 For More Information, please call: Matthew R. Reinhardt, Esq. Quintairos, Prieto, Wood & Boyer, P.A. Attorneys for Servicer 255 South Orlando Avenue, Suite 900 Orlando, Florida 32801 (855) 287-0240 Matter No. 142884

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# Bill honors Blue Star families



**STATE Senator Sen. Kevin Daley stands with Lisa Marshke, her granddaughter, Hailey, and Lori Thueme on the Senate floor after Daley's legislation creating a special recognition license plate honoring Blue Star Families received final approval from the Legislature. Marshke and Thueme are members of Blue Star Mothers of America and were instrumental in the passage of the legislation.**

The Michigan Senate Thursday approved legislation sponsored by Sen. Kevin Daley (R-Lum) creating a special-recognition license plate honoring Michigan families who have a member serving in the U.S. military.

"We can never fully thank the men and women who have served our country or their families for making such tremendous sacrifices," said Daley, who represents the 31st District, including Tuscola County. "Thankfully, we have organizations like Blue Star Mothers that dedicate endless time and resources to ensuring families who have a member serving in the armed forces are taken care of."

Senate Bill 118 would require the secretary of state to develop and issue a special recognition license plate recognizing Blue Star Families. Under the bill, residents who are currently serving in the U.S. armed forces — or members of their immediate family — would be able to apply for the special recognition plate.

The plate would include a Blue Star Families insignia and the words "Blue Star Family" under the registration numbers. SB 118 was approved by the state House Wednesday afternoon and was returned to the Senate for a procedural vote. The legislation will now go to Gov. Gretchen Whitmer for final approval.

## Weight restrictions now being enforced

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and local agencies have enacted spring weight restrictions, an annual move to protect roads.

As of Monday morning, weight restrictions were imposed and are being enforced on all state trunk-line highways.

Among the roads impacted are highways south of a line on M-46 in Muskegon County from US-31 Business Route in the city of Muskegon east to US-131, then north on US-131 to M-46 and east to I-75 near Saginaw, then north on I-75 to M-25 near Bay City and continuing east on M-25 to M-46 in Port Sanilac in Sanilac County, including the entire Thumb region.

All state trunk lines between these two lines have weight re-

strictions that are being enforced. State routes typically carry M, I, or US designations.

When roads that have been frozen all winter begin to thaw from the surface downward, melting snow and ice saturate the softened ground. During the spring thaw, the roadbed softened by trapped moisture beneath the pavement makes it more susceptible to damage. This also contributes to pothole problems already occurring due to this winter's numerous freeze-thaw cycles.

In the restricted areas, the following apply:

\*On routes designated as "all-season" (designated in green and gold on the MDOT Truck Operators Map), there are no reduction

in legal axle weights.

\*On routes designated as "seasonal" (designated in solid or dashed red on the MDOT Truck Operators Map), there is a posted weight reduction of 25 percent for rigid (concrete) pavements and 35 percent for flexible (asphalt) pavements.

\*All extended permits will be valid for oversize loads in the weight-restricted area on the restricted routes. Single-trip permits will not be issued for any overweight loads or loads exceeding 14 feet in width, 11 axles and 150 feet in overall length on the restricted routes.

## Thumb tractor association to host collectibles event

The Thumb Area Old Engine and Tractor Association will host its 17th annual Farm Collectibles and Toy Show Saturday, Feb. 29, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Brentwood in Caro.

There will be 60 tables on display featuring farm toys, collectibles, antiques and literature for visitors to view and purchase. Dealers and exhibitors from across the state will be on hand for the show, which is a buy, sell and swap event.

The farm toys range from sand box toys for young collectors to play with, to highly detailed shelf model toys. There will also be pedal tractors on display along with many farm related antiques and collectibles.

Admission is \$3 for adults. Children ages 12 and under will be admitted free if accompanied by an adult.

Club members will have door prizes to give away during the show, and everyone in attendance is eligible to win. Proceeds from the farm toy show will help cover expenses for the 45th annual Thumb Area Old Engine and Tractor Association Show slated for Aug. 7-9 at the Tuscola County Fairgrounds in Caro.

More information is available by calling (989) 325-1176 or visiting the website [www.carotractorshow.com](http://www.carotractorshow.com).

## District court amnesty program on

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pay the remaining balance, the late fees, warrant fees and order to show cause fees may also be waived, with the exception of the \$45 for reinstating a suspended license."

"Since we first announced the program, the number of calls inquiring about the program has been overwhelming. We are hoping that individuals take advantage of this program," Tuscola County District Court Judge Jason E. Bitzer said Friday.

"It's a win-win," Bitzer added. "The court can resolve outstanding cases while avoiding the high costs of collection, and individuals can take away the threat of jail and not being able to drive."

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

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

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

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

More information about the amnesty program is available by calling (989) 672-3800.

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



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