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**THE SEARCH** for a new mascot continues in the Kingston Community School District, where the board of education hosted a pair of special meetings last week, including one devoted to finding a replacement for the logo featuring a cardinal in a swirling vortex. One variation (pictured above) was painted on the north side of the gym a few years ago.

## Detroit man charged in crime spree

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

A Detroit man has been arraigned on felony charges stemming from a recent crime spree across multiple counties that included several alleged offenses ranging from vehicle thefts to robbery to home invasions.

Devon Esco-Malek Butler, 24, faces two counts of first degree home invasion, which carries a penalty of up to 20 years in prison; one count each of receiving and concealing stolen property and



Devon Butler

unlawfully driving away an automobile – both five-year felonies; and two counts of attempted unlawfully driving away an automobile, which is punishable by up to 2 1/2 years in prison.

A trooper from the Michigan State Police post in Caro arrested Butler without incident in Tuscola County's Koylton Township Feb. 29 following a bizarre string of alleged crimes that started in Wayne

County, according to investigators.

"It is certainly an odd case. The list of concerns in regards to his behavior is lengthy and extensive," said Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark E. Reene, who acknowledged Butler may also face criminal charges in Wayne, Macomb and Lapeer counties.

Butler's arrest in Koylton Township. Please turn to page 8.

## Bader waives prelim exam, bound over

The former Cass City resident and Thumb Youth For Christ Campus Life director accused of attempting to meet with an individual he believed was a 14-year-old boy in Bay City early last month waived his preliminary examination last week in Tuscola County District Court.

Jeffery Lloyd Bader, 47, of Caro, was bound over to circuit court, where he will be arraigned on felony charges of using a computer to commit a crime and accosting a child for immoral purposes.

Using a computer to commit a crime is punishable by up to seven years in prison, while accosting a child for immoral purposes carries a maximum four-year prison term.

Bader remains free on bond, which was set at \$20,000 (10 per-

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## PROGRESS

*Revive officials moving forward with cafe project; hope to land grant funds*

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

"It's a mess but (we're) making progress."

That's how Rob Sangster recently described the ongoing renovations at the former Carmela's Pizzeria, 6414 Main St., Cass City – future home of the Revive Ministries Common Grounds Café.

"We have been heavy into cleaning at the cafe, washing walls, scrubbing floors and several repairs and updates. Repairs have included plumbing, lighting and some equipment repairs," Sangster said of the building, which is located next to the Revive Ministries thrift store and food pantry operations. Revive, which brought a portion of the Carmela's building in 2016 to house its Common Grounds outreach, closed on the purchase of the remainder of the building late last year.

"We have received some generous donations from the Cass City Chamber and other individuals. These donations made the way for the much-needed ceiling tiles," Sangster noted, adding other donations have included an eight-burner commercial stove, convection oven and soup warmers.

Improvements to the building continued last week as an Amish crew made short work of putting a new face on the café, including completing repairs to the wall, replacing the windows and installing a new door. The canopy is also being refurbished.

"This is exciting as the community will see very visible progress," said Sangster, a veteran Revive Ministries Board of Directors member who agreed last year to also head up the project as manager of the Common Grounds Café.

There is much work left to do, and Revive officials are looking at ways to raise the funding needed to cover the project.

"We're (applying) for some grants right now. We're finishing those up and getting them turned in," Sangster said. "Our remodel/update project for the cafe is estimated to cost about \$55,000. With the donations and Revive input, we are at a shortfall of approximately \$30,000.

"So, with all of this being said, we do have some big prayer and financial needs. We continue to trust in God as He has called us to these next steps for Revive," Sangster said. "I have received my ServeSafe certificates and am looking forward to serving the com-

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## Special meetings in Kingston focus on grading, new logo

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

While there was a lot of interest and discussion during special meetings regarding the Kingston Community School District's grading method and logo replacement, in the end there were no easy answers.

The district hosted the back-to-back meetings last week on both issues.

"The meeting on the grades was a little more passionate, I guess you would say. People had a variety of feelings about the issue and the way we do things," said school Supt. Matt Drake. "We talked about three different ways (of calculating) grade-point average.

"We fully acknowledge the way we figure final semester grades is different than other schools in the Thumb — as far as we can tell, this change was made in Kingston around 1999-2000. Other schools just go with straight percentages," said Drake.

"Most high schools that I am aware of use a method where the final semester grade is composed of 40 percent for the first nine-week grade, 40 percent for the second nine-week grade, and 20 percent for the final exam," he explained. "The final grade percentages may look like this: 93 percent the first nine weeks, 93 percent second nine weeks and 90 percent on the final exam."

Drake went on to outline the different methods:

\*The math would be as follows for the straight percentage grading system used by most all Thumb Schools: 93+93 (40 percent) +93+93 (40 percent) + 90 (20 percent) = 92.4% (final grade of A-minus).

\*Using the same numbers, the final grade using the 4.0 scale as Kingston does would translate into 3.94 (grade of A).

"Using these two formulas, you can run different scenarios and see how each system impacts students. Using straight percentages, the higher the A's the more weight they carry. The lower the A's the less weight they carry," Drake said. "Using the Kingston 4.0 system, a 100 percent A counts the same as a 94 percent A when the translation to 4.0 scale is used.

"In another example, if a student earned a 98 in the first nine weeks, and 98 in the second nine weeks, and got an 86 percent on a final exam, that student would earn a 4.0 (A) on percentages. However on the 4.0 scale method Kingston uses, they would get an A-minus," he added. "The differences between these two methods will impact different students in different ways. They are both fair, but they are different.

"So that all comes down to where do you want to put more weight — the nine weeks of instructions or on the final exam.

"In the community meeting and in a past board meeting, we talked about a straight percentage, which is used everywhere else in the Thumb, versus our system," Drake continued. "Using the percentage system, a student could get a C on their final exam and, if your other

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**ONGOING** renovations at the former Carmela's Pizzeria, 6414 Main St., Cass City – future home of the Revive Ministries Common Grounds Café, continued last week with several noticeable improvements to the building's façade.

# Obituaries

## Carolyn A. Hall

Carolyn A. Hall, 78, of Cazenovia, passed peacefully away at home with her family by her side February 11, 2020 after a long illness.

Born June 19, 1941 in Cass City, she was the daughter of James and Katherine Gross.

Carolyn was a member of the Hurley Hospital School of Nursing Class of 1962 in Flint. She then worked as an emergency room RN in Michigan and Wisconsin before working as a pediatric nurse in Syracuse, NY.

Known for her blue eyes, radiant smile and laugh, Carolyn was loved by so many people whose lives she was a part of around the world. A member of Christ Church in Manlius, NY, she volunteered in many capacities for F-M Schools and Christ Church. She enjoyed traveling, reading, boating, hiking, dogs, entertaining, gardening, and practical jokes. She was also an ornament painter and volunteered at the Bear's Paw.

Surviving are her husband of 58 years, Dennis; daughters, Elizabeth Angelastro of Cazenovia, NY, Leslyn Hall of Burlington, VT and Helle Solund of Denmark; grandchildren, Joseph, Jake & Thomas Angelastro, Isidora & J.P. Bailly-Hall; and sisters, Barbara Kube of Bad Axe and Virginia Bullock of Decker.

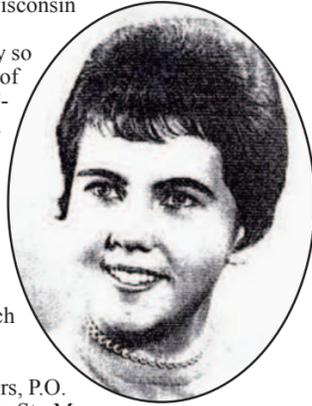
A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on May 9, at Christ Church in Manlius, NY.

Burial will be in Manlius Village Cemetery.

Contributions in lieu of flowers may be made to Doctors Without Borders, P.O. Box 5030, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5030 or Christ Church, 401 E. Seneca St., Manlius, NY 13104.

For guest book, please visit: [www.SCHEPPFAMILY.com](http://www.SCHEPPFAMILY.com)

Arrangements were made by Schepp Family Funeral Home, Newell-Fay Manlius Chapel, 8171 Cazenovia Road Manlius, NY 13104.



## Linda McIntosh

Linda Sue McIntosh, 70, of Cass City, formerly of Kingston, died following a brief illness Thursday, March 5, 2020 in Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit.

She was born May 19, 1949 in Cass City to Leland and Emily (Rodenbo) Lester.

She married Floyd D. McIntosh April 18, 1986 in the Evangelical Free Church of Cass City.

Linda graduated from Kingston High School with the class of 1967. She worked for a short time for Wild John's in Cass City. For over forty years she worked as a hairdresser and had a shop in her home. Linda was the hairdresser at Kranz Funeral Home for many years. Linda was a member of the Fraser Presbyterian Church of Cass City. She enjoyed garage sales and going shopping, sometimes getting lost all day. She was fond of camping in the Caseville County Park with family and friends. She worked in her flower garden and completed many jigsaw puzzles. A kind and generous woman, she always put others first including her cocker spaniel, Mac. Linda loved spending time with her grandchildren, especially the sleepovers in the camper at the lake. Her grandchildren fondly remember Linda giving them rides on the barrel train.

Linda is survived by her husband, Floyd and their children: Timothy (Shawna Phillips) Stoll of Mason, Pamela (Dave) Kolacz of Cass City, Lorn (Diane) McIntosh of Decker, Rhonda (Michael) Truemmer of Longview, TX, Paula (Jeffery) Papp of Alma, AR and Colleen (Bill) Sontag of Wake Forest, NC; grandchildren: Evie Stoll, Hailey Stoll, Brady Kolacz, Braxton Kolacz, Brooklyn Kolacz, Ryan McIntosh, Justin McIntosh, Andrea Jaskowski, Alexandria Bunt, Brandon Truemmer, Amanda Nutter, Eric Papp, Karissa Hill and Billy Sontag; fourteen great-grandchildren; brothers: Burton (Jane) Lester of Kingston and Dennis Lester of Marlette; sisters-in-law: Cheryl Lester of Cass City, Judy Britt of Cass City and Betty Bensinger of Uby; brothers-in-law, Carl (Shirley) McIntosh of Williamston and Clarence (Karen) McIntosh of Presque Isle; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; grandson, Jeffery Papp II; brother, Robert Lester; brothers-in-law: William Britt and Kirk Bensinger.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, March 10, in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Chaplain Kim Strunz officiating.

Interment is in Evergreen Township Cemetery.

Pallbearers for Linda will be: Brad Lester, Dave Lester, Denny Lester, Jamie Guc, Brent Reehl and Archie Rodenbo.

Memorials may be made to Revive Ministries of Cass City or Fraser Presbyterian Church. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and photos with the family at [www.kranzfuneralhome.com](http://www.kranzfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.



## Marian Spencer

Marian Spencer passed away February 23, 2020 in Sierra Vista, Arizona, surrounded by her friends of Tombstone, where she lived for 29 years.

She was born March 21, 1919 to her school teacher mother and her Great Lakes ship's officer father from a farm near Carsonville, where she grew up.

Marian taught in rural schools near the border of Tuscola and Sanilac counties from 1938 to 1950.

She married Lynn Spencer in 1939, worked on their dairy farm and raised children.

Marian was the secretary/treasurer for many organizations of churches, OES and Masons, Cass City High School Band Boosters, Lynn's Rural Mail Carriers Association and Extension Homemakers, which led her to sewing 3-piece suits and later, fuzzy animals.

She and Lynn loved to travel and often camped, it would only take 7 minutes from parking at a campsite to raising the tent and lighting the Coleman campstove for dinner, throughout the U.S. and Canada. They also traveled to many annual conventions for Lynn's National Association of Rural Letter Carriers. The couple moved from part-time cattle farming near the Sanilac Petroglyphs to Tombstone, Arizona permanently in September, 1991.

Lynn died in 1992, and Marian continued her activities in the tombstone area's organizations while she continued to print bulletins and membership directories for her organizations in Michigan.

Marian's memorial service is being planned for April 11 at 11 a.m., in the First Presbyterian Church of Cass City.

Marian's preferred contribution is to Revive through Judy Brown of the Fraser Church, or Norma Wallace of the First Presbyterian Church.

## Frederick Smith

Frederick C. Smith of Lapeer, formerly of Cass City, passed away on Friday, March 6, 2020 at McLaren - Lapeer Region at the age of 78.

Fred was born July 29, 1941 in Cass City, the son of the late Lee & Celia (Evans) Smith.

He graduated from Cass City High School with the class of 1959.

Fred was united in marriage with the former Nancy Jean Kelly on October 26, 1968 in Linkville and celebrated forty years of marriage before her passing on July 17, 2009.

He was employed with General Motors Fisher Body in Pontiac for the majority of his career and retired from Orion Assembly after thirty years of service to the company.

He was happy to be home watching television, but also enjoyed tending to his pets and yard. In Fred's younger years, he liked horses, camping, Euchre, and held an appreciation for antique cars until the end.

Left to cherish his memory are two children, David Smith of Muskegon and Kelly Smith of Lapeer; one brother, Donald Lee Smith of Cass City; and many nieces and nephews.

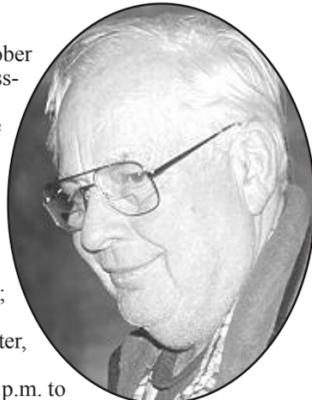
In addition to his parents and wife, Fred was preceded in death by one sister, Shirley Hendrick.

Fred's family will gather with friends on Tuesday, March 10, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Ransford Collon Funeral Home in Caro.

A private burial will take place at the Almer Township Cemetery in Caro on Wednesday.

The family was assisted with these arrangements by the Ransford Collon Funeral Home of Caro.

Friends may share memories, thoughts and prayers online at [www.RansfordCollon.com](http://www.RansfordCollon.com).



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## Make yourself count during the '20 census

*In mid-March households across the nation will begin receiving official Census Bureau mail with detailed information on how to respond to the 2020 Census.*

*Don't let this opportunity to be counted pass you by, because a few moments of your time could mean bettering your community by securing a fair share of state and federal funding, as well as ensuring fair representation in government.*

*The 2020 Census will count the population in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and five U.S. territories (Puerto Rico, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands).*

*By April 1, when Census Day is observed nationwide, every home will have received an invitation to participate in the Census. Once the invitation arrives, you should respond for your home in one of three ways: online, by phone, or by mail.*

*Later in this year, from May through July, census takers will begin visiting homes that haven't responded to the 2020 census in an effort to ensure that everyone is counted.*

*Once a decade, America comes together to count every resident in the United States, creating national awareness of the importance of the census and its valuable statistics.*

*The decennial census was first taken in 1790, as mandated by the Constitution. The last census, completed in 2010, showed the resident population of the United States was 308,745,538.*

*Participation in the census is vital because it counts population and households, providing the basis for reapportioning congressional seats, redistricting, and distributing more than \$675 billion in federal funds annually to support states, counties and communities' vital programs — impacting housing, education, transportation, employment, health care and public policy.*

*So, how does the census benefit Cass City and its neighboring communities across the Thumb, state and country?*

*Federal funds, grants and support to states, counties and communities are based on population totals and breakdowns by sex, age, race and other factors.*

*Detailed population information is also critical for emergency response in the wake of disasters. First responders and disaster recovery personnel use census data to help identify where and how much help is needed. Similarly, demographic details from the census assist epidemiologists and public health personnel in everything from tracking disease outbreaks, to combating the opioid epidemic, to improving child health.*

*Census data is used to support community initiatives involving legislation, quality-of-life and consumer advocacy; businesses use the census to decide where to build factories, offices and stores, and these create jobs; local government officials use the census to ensure adequate services such as public safety; and real estate developers and city planners use the census to plan new homes and improve neighborhoods.*

*Ultimately, the success of the census depends on everyone's participation.*

*Will you make a difference and be counted this year?*

## Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

Starry, starry night



While I can appreciate some paintings and photographs, I think nothing can beat the beauty that nature provides.

I enjoy marveling at the uniqueness of sunrises and especially sunsets, flowers in bloom, the changing colors of leaves on trees and crops as they ripen, and the different colors of skies and shapes of clouds.

Although I do not like winter, there are times when it can be breathtakingly beautiful. The sun can make snow crystals shine like diamonds, and frost can make the most insignificant little weed look beautiful wrapped in a layer of ice with frost crystals.

I've only had the opportunity to see the Northern Lights, also known as "Aurora Borealis" on and off a few times for only a few minutes at a time.

A few years ago, a friend called me at about 2 a.m. to tell me there was a spectacular Northern Light show going on that I should check out. I put on a pair of old jogs and dragged myself outside. I stood in the middle of the yard, looking skywards for quite some time, and didn't see much of anything.

Because my friend lived several miles from me, I figured it might take a while for the light show to reach my neck of the woods in northern Tuscola County.

The temperature that night was rather brisk and it was uncomfortable standing for so long, waiting to see the lights. So, I got a blanket out of the house and got out a lawn chair and a bottle of wine, some cheese and crackers (what the heck. I figured I might as well make myself comfortable while I'm waiting to see the lights).

The crackers got eaten as well as the cheese, and still there was no Aurora Borealis show on the horizon.

Later, the wine was gone and still there were no dancing lights in the north.

I tilted the lawn chair back to get more comfortable as I kept watch, hoping to see green, yellow and purple lights appear.

Long story short: I eventually fell asleep waiting for Mother Nature to show me what she could do — and in this case, not do.

I woke up stiff, cold and with a light layer of frost covering me and my blanket.

I can only imagine what the farmer working the field next to me thought about my sitting out in the yard at daybreak, wrapped in a blanket, with an empty box of crackers and wine bottle beside me.

While I never did see the Northern Lights that night, I must say the sunrise that morning was exceptionally beautiful. So, Mother Nature came through after all.

**Rabbit Tracks**  
by Clarke Haire  
  
(And anyone else he can get to help)

We realize it may sound like a broken record, but as long as area residents are targeted by scam artists and a few fall for their lies, we figure it's worth repeating the warnings offered by law enforcement officials.

Tuscola County Sheriff Glen Skrent reported such an incident Thursday.

"Another senior in our county fell for the scam of a person calling (and) pretending to be a grandson and needing money because he was in jail," Skrent said.

"Even though the senior was aware of this type of scam, the person calling sounded like her grandson. She was told not to tell anyone and go get the cash and mail it to him," the sheriff added. "Deputy Spangler followed up with Canadian authorities, and they are working on trying to get the money back and catching the suspect. Normally it does not turn out this way, so that at least is one good thing.

The sheriff reminds residents to be on their guard for any red flags when they receive a call that doesn't sound quite right. "The biggest clue here is that she was told not to tell anyone," he noted.

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Going out to eat at Gilligan's restaurant in Cass City Saturday, March 14, will help some Cass City School District students.

The eighth-grade class is planning a trip to Mackinac Island, and Gilligan's, 6444 Main St., has agreed to help the students in covering costs for that event. The restaurant will share a portion of their sales between 4 and 8 p.m. on that day to help students pay for the trip.

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The Michigan Department of Natural Resources' Becoming an Outdoors-Woman Program is offering a turkey hunt workshop for women in Tuscola County.

The program, scheduled for the weekend of May 15-16, is for women with no previous turkey hunting experience, or for those who would like to expand on their skills and abilities.

This free Beyond BOW event will be held in Cass City and is sponsored by the National Wild Turkey Federation, Cabela's and Ben's Great Outdoors.

"We are so appreciative to these sponsors for their continued support for this program," said Michelle Zellar, BOW coordinator.

Shotguns, ammunition and lunch all will be provided. However, overnight lodging will be the responsibility of the participants.

This workshop is open to any properly licensed female hunter who is at least 10 years old. Proper safety and hunting techniques will be taught and followed.

Friday, participants will gain knowledge of turkey biology, general turkey hunting techniques, calls and calling, hunting ethics, general firearm safety and shooting. Participants then will be paired with hunting mentors and sent afield to hunt.

Saturday, participants and mentors will meet at the Cass City DNR Field Office for a light breakfast before heading out for the early morning hunt. Following lunch, the attendees will have an opportunity to participate in bird cleaning prior to workshop wrap-up.

To attend this event, participants must have a Michigan base hunting license and a turkey license, which is available as an apprentice option, Hunt Unit ZB, Hunt Number 0117 purchased prior to attending the workshop.

Enrollment is limited to 18. Deadline for registration is May 1. Class information and registration materials are available online at Michigan.gov/BOW. This will be a rain or shine event.

For further information, contact Michelle Zellar at 906-293-5131, ext. 4004, Ron Sting, 989-872-5300 or email DNRBOW@michigan.gov.

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Reminder. The Cass City Junior-Senior High School performances of "The Enchantment of Beauty and the Beast" is on tap this week. The curtain will rise for the musical production Friday, March 13, and Saturday, March 14, at 7 p.m., and on Sunday, March 15, at 2 p.m. in the junior-senior high school cafeteria. Reserved patron seats are available by contacting Director Connie Iwankovitsch at 872-4667. General admission tickets will be available at the door.

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### Wednesday, March 11

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

### Thursday, March 12

•AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.  
•Caregiver Connection, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., Country Gardens, Scheurer Hospital, 203 N. Caseville Rd., Pigeon. For more information, call Merry at (989) 673-4121.

### Saturday, March 14

•Al-Anon meeting, 11 a.m., Cakima Serenity Home, Mayville. Call 989-912-5478 for more information.

### Sunday, March 15

•Thumb Area Companions, 3 p.m., hosted by Dawn Woidan at 6048 Delong Rd., Deford. Social support group that strives to benefit from social contact with others experiencing grief/loss.

### Monday, March 16

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

### Tuesday, March 17

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

### STANDING COMMUNITY CALENDAR ITEMS

#### First Saturday:

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

#### First Sunday:

•Hillside Community Brunch, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., All you can eat. Free will offering.  
•Thumb Area Companions, 3 p.m., hosted by Dawn Woidan at 6048 Delong Rd., Deford. Social support group that strives to benefit from social contact with others experiencing grief/loss.

#### First Monday:

•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.

#### Second Monday:

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

•Al-Anon meeting, 7 p.m., St. Francis Parrish, Pigeon.

#### Second Thursday:

•Caregiver Connection, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., Country Gardens, Scheurer Hospital, 203 N. Caseville Rd., Pigeon. For more information, call Merry at (989) 673-4121.  
•Third Monday:  
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•Third Wednesday:  
•Spaghetti Dinner at Cass City VFW Hall from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Take out available. For more information call (989) 872-4933.

#### Third Thursday:

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

#### Third Friday:

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

#### Third Saturday:

•Revive Food Pantry, from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Must live in the Cass City School District and meet the financial guidelines. For more information, call (989)551-7803.

#### Third Sunday:

•Thumb Area Companions, 3 p.m., hosted by Dawn Woidan at 6048 Delong Rd., Deford. Social support group that strives to benefit from social contact with others experiencing grief/loss.

#### Fourth Monday:

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

#### Fourth Wednesday:

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

#### Fourth Thursday:

•Community Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.

#### Last Monday:

•Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.

#### Last Wednesday:

•Cass City Chamber meeting, 8 a.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.

#### Every Sunday:

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

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#### Every Saturday

•Al-Anon meeting, 11 a.m., Cakima Serenity Home, Mayville. Call 989-912-5478 for more information.

## Two passengers seriously injured in weekend crash in Tuscola Co.

Two people suffered injuries in a traffic crash Saturday evening in Fairgrove Township.

The two-vehicle accident occurred at about 6:30 p.m., according to Tuscola County Sheriff Glen Skrent, who reported a car driven by a 16-year-old male, with two female passengers, was traveling south on Hinson Road when

it failed to stop for a stop sign at the Gilford Road intersection and struck a vehicle driven by a 35-year-old female who was eastbound on Gilford Road.

"Both vehicles had persons that were pinned in, and (the) Caro and Fairgrove Fire departments rescued those people," Skrent said. "LifeNet and FlightCare helicopters were called in to transport the

two passengers in the vehicle that had been southbound on Hinson."

The sheriff noted MMR crews transported both drivers to an area hospital.

Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro assisted deputies at the scene of the crash, which remains under investigation.

## Troopers seeking public's help in recent fleeing and eluding probe

Troopers from the Michigan State Police (MSP) post in Caro are asking for the public's help in an investigation that began with an aborted pursuit of a vehicle in Sanilac County last Wednesday night.

According to information released by the post, troopers were patrolling in the city of Marlette at 11:24 p.m. when they attempted to stop a white colored Chrysler 300 that had an improper plate. When troopers activated their emergency lights, the driver of the Chrysler accelerated and did not pull over.

In accordance with Michigan State Police policy, the officers did not pursue the vehicle, but a Marlette City officer who was in the area and immediately initiated a pursuit, travelling north on M-

53. The chase continued into Tuscola County and troopers attempted to use spike strips in the area of Severance Road and Dodge Road.

"The spike strips were not successful in deflating the suspect's tires. The suspect continued to drive at high speeds, down back roads, and the Marlette officer eventually ended the pursuit," troopers reported.

Troopers from the MSP Tri-City Post conducted a follow-up investigation early Thursday morning, tracking down the last known owner of the license plate on the suspect vehicle. They learned the plate was on a vehicle which was sold to a Tuscola County resident three months ago.

"Just after 5 a.m., Tuscola County Sheriff deputies were sent to the 2800 block of North Hurds Corner Road for a suspicious situation. Deputies arrived in the area and stopped a vehicle at Hurds Corner Road and Dodge Road," troopers reported, adding deputies later located the white Chrysler 300 and another vehicle which were stuck in the yard of a residence.

The three occupants of the vehicle were questioned and evidence was seized, according to reports, which state no arrests have been made but the investigation is continuing.

Anyone with information related to the incident is asked to call the Caro post at (989) 673-2156.

## Circuit court proceedings

## Several appear on felony charges

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

\*Veronica S. Martin, 32, Sebewaing, pleaded guilty to charges of welfare fraud involving more than \$500 and welfare fraud - failure to provide the department of human services with information related to income - involving more than \$500 between May 23, 2018, and Oct. 31, 2018, in Tuscola County.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$4,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*Barbara A. Applebee, 57, Mayville, pleaded guilty to two counts of embezzlement of \$1,000 to \$20,000 from a non-profit or charitable organization between June 1 and July 31 in Mayville.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$6,000.

\*Caden C. Curran, 21, Cass City, pleaded no contest to charges of delivery/manufacture of cocaine, heroin or another narcotic (less than 50 grams), receiving and concealing stolen firearms, carrying a concealed weapon and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony Aug. 21 in Cass City.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued

at \$15,000.

\*Kiva Mahatma, 33, Caro, pleaded no contest to attempting breaking and entering with intent to commit larceny Nov. 30 in

Ellington Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$8,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

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## Reporter's notebook

It's about instant gratification. Now

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor



Research has consistently revealed that people in America's Midwest are the least patient in the country when it comes to waiting on hold during calls to businesses.

One study of 2,234 consumers revealed that just 53 percent of respondents in the Midwest are prepared to wait on hold longer than one minute, putting them level with those in the South as the most impatient in America. Consumers in the Northeast received the title as most patient in the country (57 percent).

I guess I could buy that, but I'm not convinced patience is a regional virtue. I mean, this study also notes that millennials (the whipper snappers born between 1975 and 1995) are among the least patient.

Well, stop the presses.

What have millennials ever had to wait for?

It's no wonder young people (well, many of them) have even less patience than those of us born a couple (or many) years earlier — they're spoiled, not to put too fine a point on it. I mean, start with instant information; this is a generation that was born at a time when most homes already had a computer, excluding third world countries, and could do more with that computer by the time they finished kindergarten than some of us can yet today.

And they know how to use the technology, to be sure. When was the last time you went out and didn't see a dozen or more of them with their eyes glued to a cell phone, iPad or whatever, checking email, Facebook, Twitter or some other social networking site? And it doesn't really matter what else they're doing at the time (i.e. crossing a busy street, changing a baby, driving, etc.).

Now, if we could just convince them — and this is a lesson for all of us — that most of what you see on social media websites should never be taken at face value, we might be on to something.

But that's another column entirely.

Anyway, that sort of demand for instant gratification would leave most of the younger generations horrified at the thought of having to use a telephone that was physically connected to anything (like a wall), and if no one answered, you simply had to try again. Later.

I won't even go into memories of that golden oldie — the party line.

Just try to get one of them to imagine limiting their communication options (say, with their friends) to making such a phone call or — gasp — actually writing a letter by hand. With a pencil or pen. No keyboard, no cell phone, no instant messaging, no Skype, no email and no fax (if you don't know what that is, youngster, look it up). Yup, no anything but a piece of paper, an envelope and a stamp.

Oh, I forgot: and no selfies, thank goodness.

Yeah, I know, letter writing is ancient, gone the way of the telephone directory, which I still find quite useful on occasion.

Most of this generation also has never known a time when they didn't have 300 or more television channels to choose from (and most wouldn't know how to turn on a television without a remote). When we were young, we had to wait until our favorite show or movies came on (and for some of us, we were looking forward to seeing it in black and white for a time). There was no recording — if you missed it, you missed it.

Today? There's streaming, Netflix, etc. And there's no limit to the resources for their favorite shows, music or whatever — there's always YouTube, iTunes and countless other resources. Commercials? Forget about it.

The millennials are probably the most educated generation to-date. Even so, they don't seem to know much about being patient.

I guess patience just comes easier for baby boomers like myself.

Well, once that knot head driving in front of me figures out where he's going. C'mon, dad, pick a lane!

# Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



## 5 YEARS AGO (2015)

GINNY (Gross) and Donald Bullock of Decker recently celebrated their 50th anniversary. They were united in marriage at the First Presbyterian Church of Cass City on February 20, 1965. Ginny and Donald both graduated from Cass City High School in the class of 1963. Together they have 3 daughters, Laurie (John) Ganzberg of Fort Myers, Fla.; Kristin (Jeff) Fuller of Greer, SC; and Lynette (Matt) Waligora of Rochester Hills.

Red Hawk wrestler 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.

## 10 YEARS AGO (2010)

Lee Hutchinson, a 2005 Cass City High School graduate, has earned his degree from Kettering University in Flint. Hutchinson graduated cum laude (with honors) with a degree in mechanical engineering, specializing in design and automotive powertrain. During his time at Kettering, he served as the head residential tutor, assisting other students for 4 years. He was also an active member in the Firebirds, Kettering's motorsport club. Hutchinson is the son of Brian Hutchinson of Cass City and Carol Koretech of Caro.

Sue (Ganley) and Mark Copeland recently celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary March 11. They were married March 11, 2000. The couple has 3 children: Whitney Ganley, and Mason and Riley Copeland.

## 25 YEARS AGO (1995)

Debbie Timmons, home on break from Michigan State University, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord LaPeer. Debbie and Patie Timmons and Ruth Timmons spent Sunday, March 12, with the LaPeers.

Jack and Vera Hirsch of Decker will mark their 69th wedding anniversary March 24 at their winter home in Davenport, Fla. They were married March 24, 1926, in Argyle. They have 3 children, Lula Lindsay, Delia Rayl and Leland Hirsch, all of Decker; 6 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren, and one great great-granddaughter.

Cori Bullock, a Cass City High School senior, was recently recognized as Outstanding Secondary Student by the Michigan Occupational Special Populations Association (MOSPA). Bullock, a second-year sales and marketing student at the Tuscola Area Skill Center, received her award at the MOSPA annual conference, held March 2-3 at Radisson-on-the-lake in Ypsilanti.

Coaches in the Thumb C National Division elected an all conference team, voting Monday night at a meeting in Cass City. Named to the first team from Cass City was Jason Morgan, senior. He led Cass City in rebounds and scoring and was the player that opposing coaches designed defenses to stop. Seth Maust, Laker junior, was selected for his play at guard. A marked man all season, he often faced a special defense to stop him, but led his team in scoring.

## 35 YEARS AGO (1985)

Mr. and Mrs. Don Tonti of Cass City announce the engagement of their daughter, Nancy Louise, to David Dennis Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Johnson of Flint. Miss Tonti is a 1980 graduate of Cass City High School and will graduate from Saginaw Valley State College in August with a de-

gree in business management. Johnson is a 1980 graduate of Flint Carman High School and a 1984 graduate of Saginaw Valley State College with a degree in business management. He is with Johnson Mayhew Graphics Inc., Flint. An Oct. 5 wedding is planned.

Five Cass City School District fourth grade students competed against 33 of the best spellers in the county at the Mar. 1, fourth annual Tuscola Area Skill Center spelling bee held at Kingston. Campbell Elementary student Melissa Micklash finished seventh overall at the Competition. The school district entered five students, one from each of the fourth grade classrooms. Five alternates were also selected from each of the five fourth grade classrooms. The alternates would have competed in the spelling bee if the room champion had been unable to do so. All of the winners and alternates were treated to a pizza lunch Monday at the Charmont by their principals.

Kevin James Downing of Gagetown has been named to the Dean's List at Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., for the fall term.

Shirley Hoffman, Sales Manager at Cass City Ford was presented a gold and diamond watch by Ford Motor Company Sales Representative Ricardo Bailey. Hoffman earned the watch by selling the most Ford Escorts, EXPs and Tempos in the district.

## 40 YEARS AGO (1980)

Erwin and Florence Wanner of Houghton Street will celebrate their 58th wedding anniversary March 27 at a family dinner. Wanner and the former Florence L. Parker were married in Cass City March 27, 1922, by Rev. Lewis H. Bacheller. Wanner operated a plumbing and heating business in Cass City for 20 years. He and his wife moved to Bay City in 1945, where he started the Book of the Hi bitHouse and served as pastor of several Baptist churches. They moved back to Cass City in 1907. The couple has two daughters, Mary Lou (Mrs. Edward) Sprague of Bay City and Phyllis E. (Mrs. Jinn Mark) of Cass City, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.)

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Perry spent the weekend in Lansing with their daughter and family, the Neil Holts. En route there Friday they joined Mr. Perry's sister, Mrs. Beatrice Deming of Caro, for dinner in Lapeer, celebrating her birthday. In Lansing they attended a state meeting of the Cancer society and en route home Sunday they visited Mr. Perry's brother, Forrest Perry, a patient in Hurley Hospital, Flint and also visited his brother, Kenneth Perry, in Flint.

Kingston High School Principal Lee C. Robinson has announced the 1980 valedictorian, salutatorian and top 10 honor students. The 1980 valedictorian is Elisabeth Ann Britton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Britton of Plain Road, Kingston. Her accumulative grade point average is 3.976, out of a possible 4.0. She has received a letter of commendation for outstanding performance, placing in the top 5 percent on the PSAT-NMSQT test, administered nationwide to college-bound high school juniors in October, 1978. As a result of her ACT scores, she was named a State of Michigan Scholarship semifinalist. Elisabeth is a three-year letter winner in track and cross-country. She has also played French horn in band for four years and has been in the National Honor Society for four years, where she has served as president the last two years. She has been a class officer the last three years and a member of 4-H.

## 50 YEARS AGO (1970)

Mrs. Robert A. Trisch and her brother have come a long way to run a cleaners in Cass City. Dark, slim and vivacious Mrs. Trisch is a native of Italy who has been in the United States for six years and her brother, Tony Nappo, has been here for just six months. Mr. and Mrs. Trisch purchased King's

Cleaners from Mr. and Mrs. Jim King who founded and operated the business in Cass City for 23 years. The transaction was effective at the beginning of the month. While the cleaners is a family affair, the day to day operation will be with Mrs. Trisch and her brother. They received their training in the dry cleaning business in their homeland. Tony is an expert on spot removal, Robert Trisch says, and my wife is experienced in the cleaning business.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Kasmier Szarapski gathered at their home Sunday to celebrate the couple's birthdays. Dinner was served, including a birthday cake made and decorated by Mrs. Stan Szarapski. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Chet Szarapski of Mt. Clemens, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Szarapski and children of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Szarapski and boys and Mr. and Mrs. Stan Szarapski and Rena.

Pvt. E2 David Guinther, who has spent a furlough with his family in Cass City, will leave Friday from Tri-City airport for Oakland, Calif., from where he will leave for duty in Vietnam.

## 75 YEARS AGO (1945)

James Stirton, who has been training in the Merchant Marine corps at Sheepshead Bay, N. Y., arrived early Saturday to spend a week with his parents and relatives here and in Detroit. He will leave Detroit early Sunday to return to his station.

Sgt. Harry Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wood, is spending a 21-day furlough at his home here. Sgt. Harry Wood, who has been in the Army two years and overseas 10 months, was wounded in the right hand by shrapnel while in action in Germany. He was in a hospital in England and at Indianapolis, Ind., before coming home and will return to the latter hospital. He received the Purple Heart.

Boy Scout Report: By Jerry Fritz. William Weatherhead received a warrant to serve as patrol leader and William Burrows was granted a warrant to serve as assistant patrol leader of the Chippewa patrol of Gagetown. The Scouts practiced first aid in which the Wolf and Beaver patrols won a lively contest. They were getting ready for the first aid meet which will be at Reese on Mar. 20. Edward Baker and Glenn McCullough of the troop committee were judges in the contest.

## 100 YEARS AGO (1920)

Henry Karr, who recently sold his farm to Elmer Butler, has purchased the McBurney 80-acre farm in Elkland Township from the Joseph McBurney Estate for \$10,000.

"Everybody satisfied" seemed to be the prevailing sentiment regarding the caucus nominees at the village election. P.A. Schenck is president; J.C. Fareell, clerk; H.L. Hunt, assessor; Geo. C. Hooper, treasurer; F.A. Bigelow, trustee for one year; J.A. Sandham, H.D. Schiendel and B.J. Dailley, trustees for two years. Election officials developed a little excitement around a checker board while waiting for voters to appear. P.S. McGregory won the championship.

Not every man carrying a sack to the greenhouse is delivering flour or provisions to the florist. He may have an assortment of weasel and owl heads, or it may be a hawk or a woodchuck, or possibly a select bunch of rat heads. No, the florist is not a taxidermist, nor does he exactly relish the visits, but it's all in a day's work as township clerk, and because it is one of his duties, Mr. Hunt does it willingly. The bounties on these different birds and animals are paid by the township clerk and it's up to him to see that the heads are destroyed. The steam plant at the greenhouse furnishes a convenient and satisfactory crematory. The bounty on a weasel is 50c., a hawk 50c, crow 25c, owl 50c, and woodchuck 50c. Rats bring 10c a head and not so long ago one farmer brought in 40 heads, then another 30.

# Schools address concerns over virus risk to student travelers

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

Tuscola County Health Department officials are closely monitoring the wellbeing of students in two school districts in the county who may have come into contact with the COVID-19 (novel coronavirus).

The schools are Vassar and Unionville-Sebewaing Area. Vassar Schools is in the southwestern part of the county and USA is in the northern part of the county and extends into Huron County.

Vassar School officials sent out a notice that two of its students traveled through a New Zealand airport that had exposure to the coronavirus as a passenger passed through the airport.

"We were informed that members of our school community recently traveled through an airport after a person who tested positive for coronavirus. The individual who tested positive did not travel on the same flight, but they traveled through the same airport for their own flight," explained USA's

press release regarding the possible exposure.

Both school districts immediately consulted with the Tuscola County Health Department to determine appropriate actions to protect students, staff and their communities.

According to Ann Hepfer, health officer for both the Tuscola and Huron county health departments, students from both schools were involved in "a very low risk situation" as the students never came in contact with the person infected.

"If parents or schools are concerned, they could take the students' temperatures daily for 10 days, but this is not a situation that we would quarantine for," Hepfer said.

Hepfer encourages all area residents to become educated about the new virus, although many questions remain unanswered.

"We do know enough about this infection to provide you with common sense approaches to reduce community-wide outbreaks," she noted.

The virus is highly infectious, so everyone is urged to wash their hands frequently and to keep their hands away from their face.

Other general recommendations at this time include being prepared by keeping two weeks' worth of cold medications, prescriptions, and household staples on hand so you do not have to go out when you are sick.

"Stay home when you are sick," was the advice Hepfer gave. "If you think you have coronavirus, call and tell your doctor or ER before you go so they can prepare for your arrival."

The elderly and those with weakened immune systems are at the greatest risk for severe illness.

School officials throughout the region, including Cass City, remain in contact with local health officials and are working to keep the lines of communication open in their communities.

More information is available by visiting the local health department website as well as the state website at [Michigan.gov](http://Michigan.gov).



*Sharing the issues  
important to you*

*by Senator  
Kevin Daley*

Listening is important.

To most of us, that seems like common sense. It sounds like something my wife Debbie would say to her second grade class. But I often think it bears repeating. In my experience, many politicians are more interested in hearing their own voice than they are in hearing yours. The reality is some communities aren't truly represented by their elected officials.

That's a shame, but it happens.

I'm determined to make sure this doesn't happen so long as I am your state senator. One of the best ways to hear from you is to meet with you face-to-face. That's why I host office hours across the 31st Senate District every month.

Each month I travel to events in Bay, Lapeer and Tuscola counties to ensure people across the district have a chance to make it to these meetings. Details for my monthly office hours can be found on my website ([www.SenatorKevinDaley.com](http://www.SenatorKevinDaley.com)) by clicking "office hours" under the "resources" tab.

Meeting folks, solving issues and getting to hear about what matters the most to you is one of my favorite parts of being your state senator. Everyone has a story to tell, and it's important that I hear from you about how we can continue moving Michigan forward.

Unfortunately, I'll never be able to meet face-to-face with each of the nearly 250,000 people that make up our district, but that doesn't mean your opinions should go unheard. Similar to last year, my office is putting out a survey of state issues to gather input from folks back home in the district.

This is an opportunity for you to let me know what issues you care about most. I want to know what you think — even if you don't think we'll agree on an issue; you just might be surprised by the common ground we can find.

I especially want to know what state issue is most important to you. What should we be focused on in Lansing during the upcoming year? Should it be roads, education, more auto insurance reform, health care, public safety or something else? Is there a local issue that sticks out in your mind that the state may be able to help with?

As your legislator, it is my job to be your voice in the state Capitol. You elected me to represent you, and it's been one of the greatest honors of my life. In order to do the best job possible, I need to keep an open line of communication with folks back home. So please feel free to visit my website at [www.SenatorKevinDaley.com](http://www.SenatorKevinDaley.com) to fill out this survey whenever you can.

As always, my staff and I are available to help with any state issue. Whether it's a problem navigating state bureaucracy or dealing with government, or if you just want to share your thoughts and ideas on a legislative issue, you can contact my staff and me whenever you need to.

My office can be reached at (517) 373-1777, at [www.SenatorKevinDaley.com](http://www.SenatorKevinDaley.com), or by mail at Senator Kevin Daley, P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48909-7536. If you're ever in the Lansing area during the week, we'd love to have you drop by the office, which is located at 201 Townsend St., Suite 5200, Lansing.

No matter what the issue may be, I want you to know that my staff and I will be there to do whatever we can to make our community the best place possible. We're here to help and to listen.

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

## State doubles capacity to test for virus

As cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) increase in the United States and internationally, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Bureau of Laboratories has increased its testing supplies to test more than 300 Michiganders for the virus, more than doubling its previous testing capacity.

That's according to officials at the MDHHS lab, which received additional test kits from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) last week. The kits are currently undergoing a validation process, but were expected to be ready for use by the end of the week.

"We want Michiganders to know that their state laboratory is ready and able to provide testing for COVID-19," said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, chief medical executive and chief deputy for health at MDHHS. "We are currently able to provide same day turnaround for test results."

The new test kits arrived following news from the CDC that testing criteria had expanded to include any persons, including healthcare workers, who have had close contact with a laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 patient

within 14 days of symptom onset, or a history of travel to one of the affected geographic areas within 14 days of symptom onset. The affected areas include China, Iran, Italy, Japan and South Korea.

The new testing criteria will allow Michigan and other states to confirm COVID-19 cases much quicker in an effort to slow the spread of the disease in the United States, Khaldun said.

In addition, the MDHHS state lab is in the process of surveying hospital labs across the state to determine which labs wish to begin

providing testing. A Laboratory Leadership Service Fellow has been requested from CDC to help Michigan hospitals with the validation process.

To-date, there are no confirmed COVID-19 cases in Michigan. As of March 4, eight people have been tested for COVID-19 in the state; five by CDC and three by MDHHS.

Officials note this is a rapidly evolving situation. For the latest information, visit [Michigan.gov/coronavirus](http://Michigan.gov/coronavirus) or [CDC.gov/coronavirus](http://CDC.gov/coronavirus).

## Bader waives prelim exam

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cent). Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark E. Reene said conditions placed on Bader's bond include orders that he have no contact with minor children in any manner. He is also prohibited from accessing the Internet.

The charges followed an investigation launched by Caro police after the department along with the Tuscola County Sheriff's De-

partment received numerous contacts from alarmed citizens who had viewed a YouTube video posted on Facebook Feb. 1.

"Search warrants were prepared and executed (the next day), with several items of evidence having been seized and which are currently being analyzed," Reene said, noting Bader could face additional charges.

The video starts out with the depiction of online conversations, allegedly between the suspect and an individual identifying themselves as a 14-year-old boy. Later in the video, after the two allegedly make arrangements to meet in the parking lot of the YMCA in Bay City, the adult who posted the clip approaches the suspect's vehicle and confronts him.

Bader is perhaps best known in the Cass City area for his longtime affiliation with the Youth For Christ organization as a Campus Life director for the Cass City and Kingston areas. He also served as a youth camp counselor and as a youth leader for Christian clubs organized in area school districts, including Cass City.

Bader's LinkedIn profile lists his latest job title as chaplain and activities director at Lighthouse Neurological in Caro, although he had not been employed there in years.

## Movie Matinee at library set for March 20

Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City will host its next Movie Matinee Friday, March 20, at 1:30 p.m.

Slated to be shown this month is "A Dog's Way Home" — based on the beloved best-selling novel. The film chronicles the heart-warming adventure of Bella, a devoted dog who embarks on a 400-mile journey home after she is separated from her beloved human (96 minutes).

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

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the Township of Elkland will hold a public hearing on the  
**26th 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 a special land use permit for the purpose of harvesting and processing gravel to be located on Huron Line Road on property identified as tax parcel number 007-003-000-0100-06**

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

*Elkland Township Planning Commission  
Gary Jones, Zoning Administrator*

## MARCH MEETINGS FOR NOVESTA TOWNSHIP

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## News briefs

### Coaching changes set in Ubyly

UBLY — The Ubyly Board of Education recently addressed some coaching positions.

The board approved the hiring of Alyssa Briolat as the new junior varsity softball coach, and accepted the resignation of Moses Garner as varsity boys track coach. Garner will continue to teach English for the school.

### College/ag night rescheduled

CARO — The Tuscola Technology Center's fifth annual Agricultural Career and College Night, previously canceled due to inclement weather, has been rescheduled for Thursday, March 19, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the tech center, 1401 Cleaver Rd., Caro.

The evening will feature more than 25 employers as well as college representatives who will be on hand to discuss agricultural industry needs. There will also be drawings for door prizes.

Registration will begin at 5:45 p.m. More information is available by calling (989) 673-5300.

### Board okays reappointments

CARO — The Tuscola County Board of Commissioners recently reappointed Daniel Grimshaw, Joann Helmbold and Kenneth Partridge to the Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems Board of Directors.

Commissioners also approved a resolution honoring Paula Cavanaugh's years of service on the Tuscola Behavioral Health Board. She is moving out of county and therefore will have to resign from the board.

In addition, the board approved the hiring of Jennifer Hinojosa as a full-time dispatcher.

### "Market on river" set in July

CASS CITY — Organizers are gearing up for the annual "Market On The River" this summer, Friday, July 24, through Sunday, July 26, at Evergreen Park, 4731 N. Van Dyke Rd. (M-53), Cass City.

The event will feature craft vendors, a flea market, "up-cycled" craft vendors, food trucks and more. To sign up as a vendor, or for more information, call (989) 325-6501 or send an email to: brooke-spencer33@yahoo.com.

The 103-acre Evergreen Park is located nine miles north of M-46 along M-53, and it is adjacent to the Cass River. The facility is handicap accessible and offers camping and bathroom/shower facilities, complete with modern pull-through sites.

### Tech students shine at event

CARO — Some Tuscola Technology Center law enforcement students, under the direction of new teacher Steve Roland, a former Tuscola County Sheriff's deputy, made a name for themselves during a recent SkillsUSA competition at Delta College.

Morgan Russell of Cass City won the overall Law Enforcement Skills competition and qualified to compete at the state level. Matthew Piazza of Vassar also qualified for states. In addition, the Crime Scene Investigation Team, which consists of Haley Skunda of Millington, Angela Lemmon of Caro and Karalee Nusz of Caro, placed second.

### Sign up for 4-H Exploration Days

LANSING — Registration for this year's 4-H Exploration Days was scheduled to open Tuesday, March 10, and is open to Michigan 4-Hers ages 11 and older as of Jan. 1, 2020.

4-H Exploration Days is designed to help youth build the skills they need to successfully transition to college and to life as an adult. Michigan 4-H youth who participate have the opportunity to stay in MSU campus residence halls while attending classroom and field trip sessions throughout their stay.

With more than 200 session choices held on and off campus, there are topics for everyone including animal science, business and entrepreneurship, international language and culture, performing and visual arts, and science, engineering and technology.

During the 2019 4-H Exploration Days, nearly 2,000 youth attended and they gained important life skills like decision making, problem solving and communication.

Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. All registration information should be turned in to an MSU Extension office. The deadline to register is Friday, April 24. For more information, visit the website [www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_exploration\\_days](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days).

### Pheasant hunt fundraiser set

UBLY — A day of pheasant hunting, camaraderie, and good food will help to support a Huron County Hospital.

The Harbor Beach Hospital Foundation will again host its European Tower Pheasant Hunt Saturday, April 18, at the Rooster Ranch, 7480 Germania Rd., Ubyly.

Participants must register by Monday, April 13. The price is \$260 per adult hunter and \$200 per youth hunter. The event includes breakfast, clay pigeon shooting practice, a tower hunt, homemade lunch, and walking pheasant hunt with guides and dogs.

All proceeds from the event will go to benefit the Harbor Beach Hospital's Foundation.

More information is available by calling event coordinator Laura Janks at (989) 479-5023.

### Weather spotter workshop set

CARO — The National Weather Service Skywarn will conduct a severe weather/tornado spotter workshop Wednesday, April 8, starting at 7 p.m. at the Tuscola County Medical Care Business Annex, 1285 Cleaver Rd., Caro.

Participants are asked to register by sending an email to [tcemanderson@tuscolacounty.org](mailto:tcemanderson@tuscolacounty.org) or by calling (989) 673-5181.

### Funding awarded to shelters

SANILAC COUNTY -- The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) recently announced the recipients of 2020 Animal Welfare Fund grants, and a Thumb animal shelter is among them.

The Sanilac County Humane Society Inc. was awarded a \$7,000 grant. This year, MDARD distributed \$127,240 to 23 registered animal shelters throughout the state to support the spaying and neutering of shelter dogs and cats.

The funding also helps to support many anti-cruelty and proper care programs and training around the state. Registered shelters also can receive assistance through the grant program for the unrecovered costs of care for animals involved in legal investigations.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery

## Kingston Schools addresses grading, logo

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percentages were high enough in two nine-week final grades, students could still get a 4.0 final grade using the 4.0 conversion scale that Kingston currently uses."

The initial consensus during the meeting was to continue with the grading system the district has used for a number of years, but to possibly change the percentages to 45, 45 and 10.

"If that is done, the student could still get a B on finals, and had A's for the other weeks. It would still be a 4.0, but that would de-emphasize someone else's percentages," Drake said. "Those were the dis-

### Revive cafe

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munity in our next steps here at Revive."

The Common Grounds Café promises to be unique among most eateries in the Thumb.

"It's going to be a very simple café," Sangster explained in December. He said the initial plans call for offering a couple of staple food items, such as burgers and pizza, along with a daily dinner special. There will also be soups, chili, etc.

Like Revive Ministries, the café will be a non-profit operation, relying on donations only. In other words, Sangster said, customers will be asked to pay what they can afford. The idea, he added, is that those who can afford to buy a meal will do so and also donate a few extra dollars to cover the cost of those unable to pay.

"We're looking at it as another tool to reach into the community," he said. "We're stepping out on faith, for sure. (But) we have had a lot of support from the community already — and excitement."

Members of the Revive Ministries Board of Directors have talked about the café idea for several years, but they knew they couldn't make it work without hiring someone dedicated solely to managing the operation.

However, the board decided to pursue opening the café and offer the job of managing the operation to its longtime board president — Sangster — last fall after Sangster found himself at a crossroads in his career.

Sangster figures God's timing had everything to do with him losing his job as an engineering designer at Walbro in conjunction with a round of cutbacks in late October, the same way the door to employment at Walbro was opened up after he was forced to close the books on a 17 1/2-year career as a mechanic with the closure of J and C Service, Cass City.

And while he's been busy preparing for his new career with commercial food preparation training and health department paperwork, Sangster is eager to get started.

"I went to college (to study auto) mechanics, but I've always loved cooking and always had a passion to have a restaurant," he said. "So, we're excited. Thumb Bank (and Trust) has backed us very graciously. Right from the start, they've been a very big supporter."

"This creates another avenue to be involved in the community... by giving back — reaching into the community and showing God's love," Sangster said of the Common Grounds Café. "It's building relationships with (members of) the community, and getting them to build relationships with each other."

Editor's note: More information related to the Common Grounds Café and all Revive Ministries programs is available by calling (989) 551-7803.

cussions we had."

Some asked why the district's grading system is so much different than the other school districts in the area.

"Historically, we've had a hard time trying to track the reason down," Drake said. "It seems the system has been used since 1999 or 2000. This is the first time our method has been questioned in the seven years I've been here. We figured it was because there was such wild disparity between when it is done by straight percentage. On the other side, if a student had a horrible first nine weeks and posted a 35 percent for a final grade, it would be nearly impossible to pass the semester."

At the end of the meeting, there were a few who said they felt the district should grade the way other districts do, while others wanted more time to think about the issue.

"My personal opinion, as an educational leader, is that getting a C on a final exam should disqualify you from getting a perfect 4.0, but on the flip-side, saying students have to get a B+ on a final exam to earn a 4.0 'A' might be a little too much to ask," he said. "Dropping that down to getting a B on the finals would be okay with me to be able to keep that 4.0."

"We don't have higher standards, but we are making attainment of a 4.0 harder with our method — harder than any of the other schools in our area," one parent commented. "Doing the math our way makes it harder for them to get a 4.0...and, that is a true statement."

The solution at the end of the meeting was to have options sent in emails to the high school principal, who will share the results he receives during the school board meeting scheduled for March 16.

#### School mascot

Turning to the school mascot, those in attendance viewed more than two dozen different images that could be adopted as Kingston's new logo. The images included some using the same cardinal head with a different background and some without the cardinal coming out of a vortex.

The search for a new logo began earlier this year when Kingston School officials were contacted by Iowa State University (ISU), which uses a copyrighted version of the same mascot featuring an angry cardinal with a clenched fist

inside of a swirling image.

The only difference between the two is Kingston's letters of KHS and the college's spelling out the name Iowa State Cyclones.

"Everyone looked at (the new image possibilities during last week's special meeting), but no one picked one. So we still haven't found a logo to go with. It seemed like we were shying away from just using a cardinal head," Drake said. "The consensus seemed to be to use some kind of logo with an open wing. It is hard to find just a cardinal head that hasn't been copyrighted."

The open winged concept was sent out to some graphic design companies to see if they can develop a new logo from that concept.

Just taking out the vortex part of the logo was considered as a simple and possible option, but it really isn't.

If Kingston just removed the vortex part of their logo, it would have to be sent to Iowa State to see if it was an acceptable enough change or not. And, even if the new design were feasible, Kingston officials would eventually have to look at revising the design already in place on the gym floor, mats and uniforms.

"Either way...it will all have to be replaced," he noting, adding whatever logo the district decides to go with, "We will have it copyrighted. If we don't get it at least copyrighted in Michigan, someone could take it and use it and get it copyrighted and we would be back in the same situation."

In the meantime, Kingston's attorney and the college's attorney are still working out the details and issues, and the district is slowly starting to transition away from the logo it has used for years, removing it from school letterheads and its Facebook page.

"We are hoping the college will allow us 15 years to transition the big items like the logo on the gym floor and such," Drake said. "Even though they are making us change our logo, they have been very, very gracious about the issue. They have not been threatening or asking for monetary damages."

"We acknowledged we are working on making the changes, and they seem to be satisfied with that."

Until a logo design has been official approved by the school board, Drake said, Kingston "will be the school without a logo."

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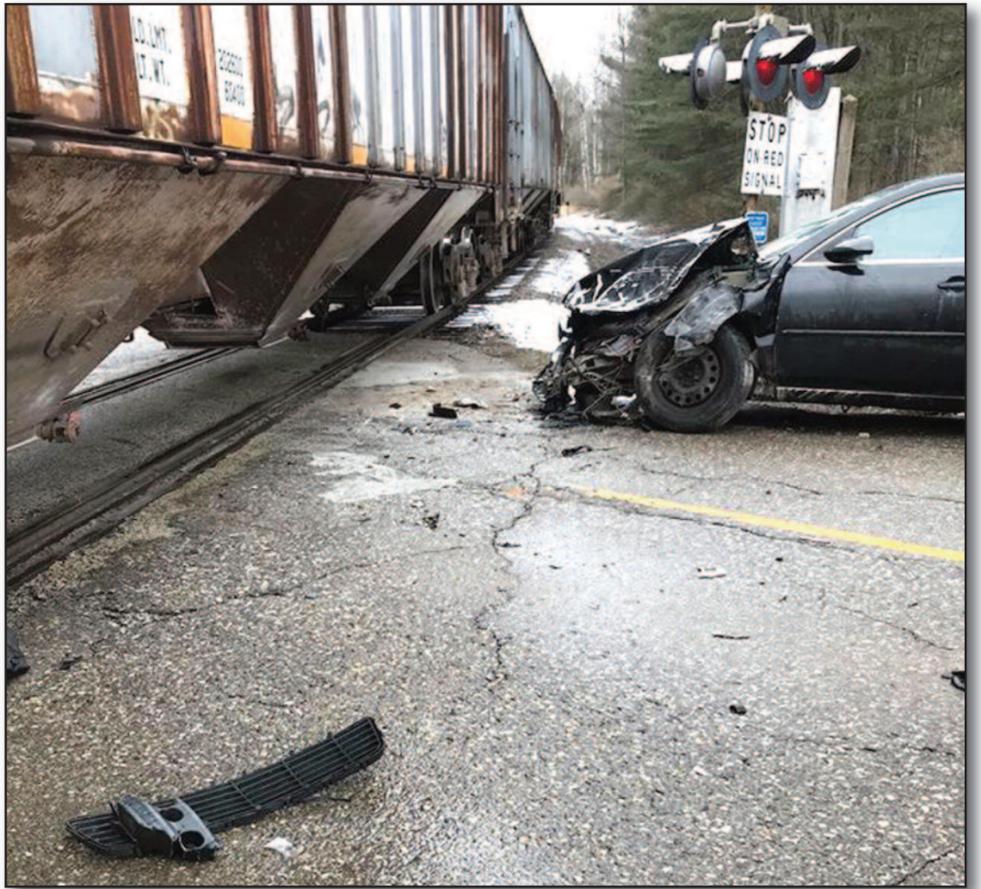
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"SONIC THE HEDGEHOG" (PG)

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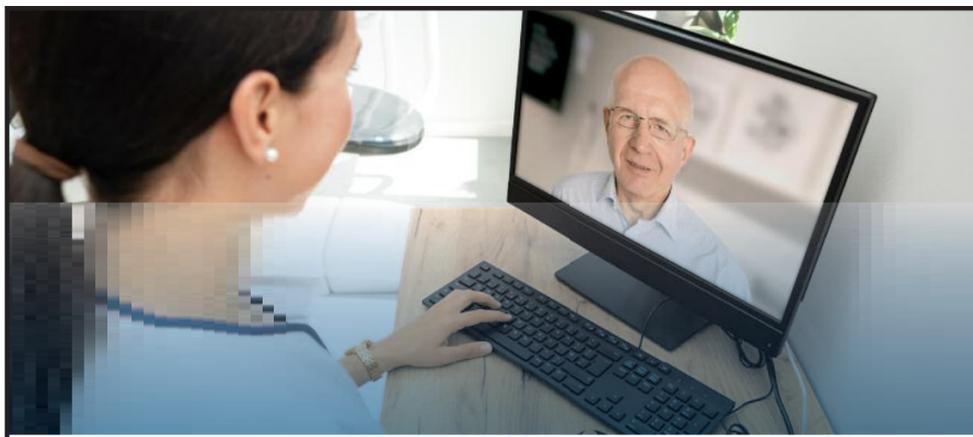
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## Detroit man charged in crime spree

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ship came shortly after 5 p.m. after a resident called 911 to report a home invasion in progress in the area of Kingston Road near Marlette Road. The investigation revealed the suspect possibly stole a vehicle in Wayne County earlier in the day and was involved in at least one robbery, which happened in Lapeer County, troopers reported. "Around 5:13 p.m., the suspected crashed the stolen Dodge pickup in the area of Kingston

Road near Marlette Road and fled on foot. The suspect then stole a second pickup and again crashed just down the road. "After this second crash, the suspect entered an occupied residence and demanded...keys but was run off by the occupants and a dog. These homeowners called 911 and followed the suspect east on Marlette Road and updated 911 on the location of the suspect." It was during that time, troopers said, that the suspect entered an-

other residence and threatened to kill a female and demanded the keys to her vehicle, but her husband chased him out of the couple's residence. "As the suspect was fleeing, he was attempting to stop vehicles in an attempt to carjack them," a news release issued by the post stated. Butler was transported to the Tuscola County Jail, where he was lodged and remains behind bars pending his next court date.



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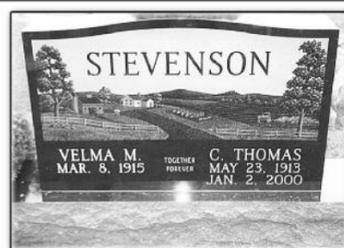


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CASS CITY'S Addy Battel was among the 2020-21 Michigan FFA state officers elected during the 92nd Michigan FFA State Convention at MSU last week. A member of the Cass City FFA Chapter, Battel was named vice president of Region I. She also earned a gold award in the 2020 Prepared Public Speaking Competition, won the agricultural processing proficiency award for maple syrup production, and was named state Star in Agribusiness for her work with County Line Kids Pure Maple Syrup and Meating the Need for our Village Hunger Project.



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**PICK-N-ROLL.** Cass City's Saylor Cuthrell used a screen from teammate Tiana Anthony in district action.

## Gymnastic season closes

One of the most decorated seasons for the Cass City gymnastics team came to an end Saturday at regional competition in Grand Ledge.

"Unfortunately nobody advanced to states next weekend. I did have some girls perform their best routines of the season," said Cass City Coach Kathy Bouverette.

On the vault, Cass City's Alaina Fluegge and Katelyn Grifka turned in their best efforts of the year. Fluegge placed 49th with a score of 8.175 and Grifka placed 21st with a score of 8.625.

On the bar, Katie Mendrick had her best day of the season and placed 46th with a score of 5.9

Also on the bars, Riley Copeland had her best bar performance and placed 30th with a score of 7.55. Copeland also finished 11th on the beam with a score of 8.575.

"In order to advance to states you have to be in the top 8. She missed 8th by .175 point," Bouverette said.

Also competing for Cass City over the weekend were Olivia Schuette (beam and floor) Hanna Dobson (vault, beam and floor) Madison Beckrow (vault and floor) Alexis Blackstock (bars and floor) and Lauren Peters (vault and floor).

"It was a good ending to a great season. We advanced as a team this year which hasn't been done since 2014. Very proud of all the work these girls did to reach their goal of Team Regionals," said Bouverette.

Sure to be missed next year are seniors Hanna Dobson, Olivia Schuette, Kate Pohlod, Jozie Chippi and Katie Mendrick.

## Bad Axe, Ubly move on

by Clarke Haire  
Publisher

Wait your turn Cass City. After a 40-year absence, Bad Axe High School is once again a girls' basketball district champion.

With a 45-31 win over Cass City Friday, the Hatchets claim their first post season trophy since 1980.

Bad Axe built a 21-7 halftime lead, only to see Cass City chip away at the advantage during the final half, where they reduced the gap to just five points. They would get no closer.

"It was a blast making that little run at the end there," said Cass City Coach Justin Ketterer. "This season was a little up and down. We were trending in the right direction, but an injury slowed us down but we were able to pick it back up just in time for district play. Moving forward, we were a young team this year and we have some talent coming up through the ranks. I think the program is moving in a positive direction and there's a good culture around girls' basketball. We need to use any available off-season time to develop skill sets so we're a more

dangerous team next year."

As usual, Cass City received big showings from freshman Saylor Cuthrell and senior Tiara Anthony on the night. Cuthrell finished as the Red Hawks' only double digit scorer with 11 points, while Anthony added 9 points.

Playing in their final Red Hawk basketball game were seniors Anthony, Abbey Salcido, Morgan Russell and Tiana Tageson.

"I think the senior group I had is just a tremendous group of kids. They never quit and they gave all their effort into improving to achieve our team goal of winning a district title," Ketterer said.

Cass City finishes 10-13.

Over in Kingston, the host Cardinals advanced into the district championship game with a 58-14 win over Owen-Gage but fell to Greater Thumb East champion Ubly Friday in the title game.

Against the Bulldogs Wednesday, a 42-8 lead at the break removed all doubt from the game's outcome.

Brooke Mooney had 14 points and Hannah James 13 points to lead Kingston.

Carley Haldane had 6 for Owen Gage.

"We played good defense and didn't give Owen Gage many good looks," said Kingston Coach Jay Green.

In Friday's championship game, it was a different story for Kingston as it would be Ubly leading 14-4 early and settling for a 22-15 margin entering the final half.

Ubly padded the difference in the third quarter with a 10-4 run and then traded buckets to the final whistle.

For Kingston, Payton Kolacz had 11 points, Brooke Mooney 11 points and Hannah James 7 points.

For Ubly, Sam Souva led the way with 11 points, while Josie Gusa added 9, Katelyn Sweeney 8, Dejanae Leipprandt 6 and Ellie Peruski 6.

"We dug ourselves a hole early with some defensive breakdowns and missed layups. I was proud of our girls for continuing to fight and getting within 5 with three minutes left with the ball. Ubly made the pressure free throws to hold us off. This group of girls exceeded everyone's expectations," Green said.

Kingston finishes the year 20-2.  
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## Cass City faces tough district test

Cass City took on host Saginaw Nouvel Thursday in a final tune-up before Division 3 District action at Unionville-Sebewaing Area High School (USA).

Although Cass City bowed 64-54 in their regular season finale, Coach Aaron Fernald is hopeful that playing the Panthers, who improved to 14-6 with the win, will pay dividends in the Michigan High School Athletic Association tournaments.

However, Cass City faces an uphill battle tonight as they face host USA in a semifinal matchup starting at 6 p.m. Following Wednesday's opener, Ubly challenges the winner of the quarterfinal game between EPBP and Bad Axe. The USA district championship game is Friday starting at 7 p.m.

"We had a good win last Tuesday to finish off our home schedule against Montrose. We played a good Saginaw Nouvel team on the road Thursday and lost a close one in the final minutes of the fourth quarter. Overall, we are playing pretty good basketball heading into the districts this week," Cass City Coach Aaron Fernald said.

Cass City will have to defend the 3-point shot against USA better than the Red Hawks did against Saginaw Nouvel to pull off the district upset.

Nouvel connected on 6 treys in the opening frame and jetted to a 24-11 advantage. Cass City would outscore their hosts in both the second and third quarters to slice into the cushion and trailed just 45-40 entering the final 8 minutes. Nouvel would add a pair of treys down the stretch to prevail.

Sandyn Cuthrell led Cass City with 21 points, while Landon Schenk chipped in a dozen markers.

### MONTROSE

Cass City exploded for a season-high point total Tuesday as they defeated guest Montrose 71-33 in non-conference play.

Cuthrell hit three treys, and Kendall Anthes and Bryce Fernald split four baskets from 3-point land to highlight the whipping for Cass City.

Cuthrell recorded game-scoring honors with 23 points.

## Kingston huge favorite to win district crown in North Huron

Kingston's bid for a perfect regular season ended Thursday, but the Cardinals' quest for a long post season run lives on.

Never-the-less, with a tight 63-59 win, host Carrollton improved to 19-1 and finished the season with the same record as Coach Dave Lester's Cardinals.

Carrollton used a big second quarter to gain a 26-19 edge and then held on for victory.

"This was a great game that prepares us for March Madness. We faced some adversity and always responded to stay in the game. I'm

very proud of our team," said Lester.

Evan Neff led Kingston with 25 points and 8 rebounds, while Trayton Wenzlaff added 12 points for the Cardinals.

Jovante Jones Buckner led Carrollton with 19 points.

In Division 4 district action tonight in North Huron, Kingston faces Caseville and Owen-Gage squares off against the Mayville/Akron-Fairgrove winner. The championship tip-off is slated for 7 p.m. on Friday.  
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## Local swimmers shine on Caro co-op swim team

The Caro co-op varsity swim team finished runner-up at the In-

dependent Swim Conference gathering held recently at SVSU.

They tallied 448 points, falling to Ogemaw Heights who had 591

points, but placing ahead of Essexville Garber with 412 points, Chesaning with 328 points and Oscoda with 245 points.

Swimmers from Cass City - they have five seniors and one junior on the roster consisting of Captain Colby Sutton, Captain Logan Boynton, Captain Andrew Venema, Kris Nika, Khuslen Zaya and junior Cameron Kaake.

Highlights for local swimmers at the meet included:

\*Cass City's Colby Sutton placed 2nd, in the 200 free with a new PR of 201.27.

\*Kris Nika placed 7th in the 200 IM with a PR of 2:39.48

\*Logan Boynton placed 2nd in the 50 free with a PR of 24.56

\*Cameron Kaake placed 9th in the 100 free with a PR of 28.06

\*Colby Sutton took 1st in the conference in the 100 free with a PR of 53.46 just missing the Caro record

\*Andrew Venema took 5th in the 100 free with a PR of 57.77

\*Cameron Kaake placed 15th with a PR of 103.32 in the 100 free

\*Logan Boynton took 1st in the

100 backstroke beating the Caro pool record with a time of 59.45

\*Andrew Venema placed 8th in the 100 backstroke with a PR of 1:14.00

\*Andrew Venema, Logan Boynton and teammates Michael Booms and Landon Strzelewicz took 3rd in the 200 Yard Medley Relay with a time of 1:55.84

\*Colby Sutton anchored his 200 free relay team consisting of Logan Boynton, Kris Nika and Michael Booms to a 1st place finish with a time of 1:38.99 in a very close race

\*Coby Sutton also anchored the 400 free relay to a 2nd place close finish with the team of Landon Strzelewicz, Kris Nika and Andrew Venema with a time of 3:43.69

Colby Sutton led the team at the finals with a total of 55.5 points, followed by Logan Boynton who assisted the team with 55 points, Kris Nika with 46.5 points, Andrew Venema with 41.5 points and Cameron Kaake with 24 points.

Sutton was the season high scorer followed by Boynton.  
####



**MEMBERS** from Cass City on the Caro co-op swim team pose with their coaches. They are, from the left, Coach Ryan Avery, Khuslen Zaya, Andrew Venema, Kris Nika, Colby Sutton, Logan Boynton and Coach Nick Bauerschmidt.

# Caister among best ever at Cass City Schools

Hunter Caister put the finishing touches on a lustrous wrestling career at Cass City Schools over the weekend at Ford Field in Detroit, where he placed 5th in the 189-weight class following a 3-2 showing in the MHSAA Individual State Finals.

In Round 1 action, Caister defeated Trent Hctor of Hanover-Horton, in a narrow 6-5 decision. In the quarterfinals, Caister edged Isaiah Grosser, Mancelona, in another tight decision, 5-4.

But in the semifinals, Logan Badge (Clinton) recorded a fall in 4:22 to hand Caister his first defeat. Caister also came up short in his consolation semifinals match against Nick Carey (Leslie), bowing 5-4.

Still, Caister earned 5th place honors when Andrew Quinn (Mason County Central) disqualified.

Caister, a senior, finished the season with a 51-7 record.

"Hunter's career record was 152-39 which places him seventh for all time wins in Cass City wrestling history. Hunter finishes with an 80% career win/loss record, placing him fourth on the list of best win/loss records in Cass City history. Only Josh Jensen, Walt Laming and Roy Davis had better overall win/loss records," said Cass City Coach Don Markel.

# Fabulous Four's Fearless Forecast

2019-20  
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Season  
Final  
Rankings



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Ray Maurer



Geoff Morgan



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| LAST WEEK      | 7 - 1        | 5 - 3        | 6 - 2        | 5 - 3       |
| SEASON RESULTS | 144-38 (79%) | 146-36 (80%) | 139-43 (76%) | 132-50(73%) |

## Cass City Red Hawk ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Say hello to Kris Nika, Knights Insurance Athlete of the week.

Kris is a member on the Caro co-op swim team from Cass City.

Recently he scored 46.5 points to help lead his team to second place at a Saginaw Valley state University event.

Among his highlights was a 7th place finish in the 200 IM with a PR of 2:39.

Kris is the son of Josie and Tony Nika.

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# Cass City Jr./Sr. High School

## 2019-20 Winter Sports Schedule



### BOYS' BASKETBALL (JV/VARSITY)

| DATE  | OPPONENT               |
|-------|------------------------|
| 12/13 | Ubly 42, CC 39         |
| 12/20 | EPB 62, CC 52          |
| 1/08  | CC 53, Marlette 37     |
| 1/10  | Bad Axe 38, CC 37      |
| 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 |
| 2/28  | Reese 73, CC 50        |
| 3/05  | Nouvel 64, CC 54       |
| 3/11  | Districts @ USA        |

All games begin at 6 p.m.

### GIRLS' BASKETBALL (JV/VARSITY)

| DATE  | OPPONENT               |
|-------|------------------------|
| 12/03 | Harbor Beach 43, CC 32 |
| 12/06 | Nouvel 58, CC 14       |
| 12/10 | CC 33, Sandusky 30     |
| 12/12 | Ubly 32, CC 13         |
| 12/17 | Birch Run 47, CC 32    |
| 12/19 | CC 34, EPB Lakers 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 48, CC 31        |
| 3/2   | CC 46, Harbor Beach 34 |
| 3/6   | Bad Axe 47, CC 31      |

All games begin at 6 p.m.

### WRESTLING

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

### GYMNASTICS

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

### BOWLING

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

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**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 MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Pursuant to Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, if the property is sold at foreclosure sale the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder under MCLA 600.3278 for damaging the property during the redemption period. **ATTENTION HOMEOWNER:** If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Dated: February 12, 2020 For More Information, please call: Matthew R. Reinhardt, Esq. Quinteiros, Prieto, Wood & Boyer, P.A. Attorneys for Servicer 255 South Orange Avenue, Suite 900 Orlando, Florida 32801 (855) 287-0240 Matter No. 142884

**2-19-4**

## NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Tuscola County, starting promptly at 10:00 a.m. on March 19, 2020. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

Name of Mortgagor: Ryan Jay Stevens, a single man

Name of Mortgagee: Ivan Kurtenbach Trust

Mortgage Date: November 1, 2018

Mortgage Recording Date: December 18, 2018

Mortgage Recording Information: Liber 01413 Page 107

Amount claimed due on date of this notice: \$140,116.38

Interest Rate on date of this notice: 10% fixed

The property to be sold is located in the Township of Novesta, County of Tuscola, Michigan and is described as:

Part of the NE fractional 1/4 of Section 5, T13N-R11E, Novesta Twp., Tuscola County, Michigan, described as: Beginning distant N 01°14'21" W 266.53 ft along the E section line from the E 1/4 corner of said Section 5 thence S 88°33'59" W 699.0 ft; thence N 01°14'21" W 300.00 ft; thence N 88°33'59" E 699.00 ft to a point in said E section line distant along said section line N

01°14'21" W 1885.00 ft from the SE corner of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of said section; thence S 01°14'21" E 300.00 ft to the place of beginning and containing 4.81 acres. Subject to the use of the E'ly 33 ft for Warner Road, so called. And further subject to any easements, restrictions and/or rights-of-way of record pertaining thereto.

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

The redemption period will expire six (6) months after the date of the foreclosure sale, unless the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will expire 30 days after the date of the foreclosure sale, or when the time to provide notice under MCL 600.3241a(c) expires, whichever is later. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

Under MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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Dated: February 11, 2020

Henry L. Knier, Jr. (P46393)

Attorney for Ivan Kurtenbach Trust, Mortgagee  
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**2-19-4**

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Terry Gast, An married man  
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration

Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for United Wholesale Mortgage, its successors and assigns Foreclosing Assignee (if any): PennyMac Loan Services, LLC Date of Mortgage: August 29, 2008 Date of Mortgage Recording: September 5, 2008 Amount claimed due on mortgage on the date of notice: \$59,694.08 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in the Township of Almer, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 1: Part of the Northeast quarter of Section 29, Town 13 North, Range 9 East, Almer Township, Tuscola County, Michigan,

described as commencing at the Northeast Corner of said Section 29; thence along the East line of said Section 29, South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, 856.34 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing along said East line of Section 29, South 00 degrees 00 minute 00 seconds West, 263.69 feet; thence North 89 degrees 44 minutes 07 seconds West, 466.69 feet; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, 263.69 feet; thence South 89 degrees 44 minutes 07 seconds East, 466.69 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly Known as: 1905 French Rd., Caro, MI 48723 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(16) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961,

under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention Purchaser: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee for any reason. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest, and the purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney. Attention homeowner: 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: 02/26/2020 Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 251 Diversion Street, Rochester, MI 48307 248-853-4400 312216

**2-26-4**

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Paul Taylor aka Paul M. Taylor and Kimberly Taylor, aka Kimberly K. Taylor husband and wife

Original Mortgagee: FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB, A FEDERALLY CHARTERED SAVINGS BANK

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Mill City Mortgage Loan Trust 2018-1

Date of Mortgage: May 13, 2005

Date of Mortgage Recording: August 3, 2005

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$37,271.24

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Watertown, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Sec 2 Town 10 North, Range 9 East, com at a Point that is South 918.42 feet from NorthWest corner of said Section, then East 232 feet, then South 375.52 feet, then West 232 feet, then North 375.52 feet to POB, 2 A

Common street address (if any): 7101 Edwards Rd, Mayville, MI 48744-9543

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

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

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

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Date of notice: March 11, 2020

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**FORECLOSURE NOTICE (Tuscola County) NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT.** Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Tuscola County (at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the City of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan), starting promptly at 10:00 o'clock A.M. on Thursday, April 16, 2020. Default has been made in the terms and conditions of the mortgage made by Barry W. Popp, a single man and Judith E. Cole, a single woman, as original mortgagor, to Chemical Bank, as original mortgagee, dated September 2, 2016, and recorded on September 9, 2016, at the Tuscola County, Michigan Register of Deeds, in Liber 1358, commencing on Page 1145, which mortgage is now held by Chemical Bank, a Division of TCF National Bank, successor in interest by merger to Chemical Bank, a Michigan banking corporation. The amount claimed to be due on this mortgage, on the date of this notice, was \$11,400.43. 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. The description of the mortgaged premises is all that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Novesta, in the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan further described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 9, Town 13 North, Range 11 East, thence running North to the Northwest corner of said Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter; thence East to the Right of Way of the Pontiac, Oxford and Northern Railroad, thence along the Westerly line of said railroad in a Southwesterly direction to the section line between Sections 9 and 16, thence West along said section line to the place of beginning. Except for a parcel described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 9, Town 13 North, Range 11 East, thence East 100 feet, thence North 436 feet, thence West 100 feet, thence South 436 feet to the point of beginning. Also including that certain mobile/manufactured home located thereon. Commonly known as: 6319 Delong Rd., Deford, MI 48729 Tax ID Number: 018-09-000-1800-01 (covers more land) The redemption period shall be Twelve (12) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale or when the time to provide the notice required by MCLA

600.3241a(c) expires, whichever is later or unless the redemption period is shortened in accordance with MCLA 600.3238. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, under MCLA 600.3278, the borrower and mortgagor 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. Attention Purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Shaheen, Jacobs & Ross, P.C. is a debt collector attempting to collect this debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Dated: March 2, 2020 Chemical Bank, a Division of TCF National Bank

Mortgagee SHAHEEN, JACOBS & ROSS, P.C. By: Michael J. Thomas, Esq. Attorneys for Mortgagee 615 Griswold Street, Suite 1425 Detroit, Michigan 48226-3993 (313) 963-1301

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**KUS, RYAN & ASSOCIATES, PLLC** 2951 High Meadow Circle, Ste. 120 Auburn Hills, MI 48326-2790 **NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT-** Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Tuscola County, starting promptly at 10:00 A.M. on 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. Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by GRICE RENTALS, L.L.C., a Michigan limited liability company, whose address is 2560 Mertz Road, Caro, Michigan 48723, dated April 1, 2010, and recorded April 6, 2010, in Liber 1195, Page 631, Tuscola County Records, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due as of February 5, 2020, the sum of Two Hundred Forty-Two Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Six and 55/100 Dollars (\$242,176.55), including interest at the rate of Twelve and One-Half Percent (12.5%) per annum. The Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems (MERS) is not a foreclosing party. Under the power

of sale contained in said Mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the City of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 o'clock A.M., local time, on THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2020. Said premises are situated in the Township of Indianfields, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Land in the Township of Indianfields, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan Parcel 2: A parcel of land in the Northeast one-quarter of Section 27, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, Indianfields Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the East line of said Section which is 600.00 feet, South 00 degrees 40 minutes 42 seconds West of the Northeast corner of said Section; thence continuing South 01 degrees 40 minutes 42 seconds West on said East section line, 325.42 feet; thence North 89 degrees 15 minutes 51 seconds West 573.45 feet; thence North 01 degrees 43 minutes 57 seconds East 338.89 feet; thence South 87 degrees 55 minutes 01 seconds East parallel with said North section line 573.06 feet to the point of beginning, subject to highway use of the East 33.00 feet which lies along and adjacent to said East section line and subject to any easements of record. Parcel 3: A parcel of land in the Northeast one-quarter of Section 27, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, Indianfields Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the East line of said Section which is 925.42 feet, South 00 degrees 40 minutes 42 seconds West of the Northeast corner of said Section; thence continuing South 01 degrees 40 minutes 42 seconds West on said East section line, 398.98 feet to the North one-eighth line of said Section; thence North 87 degrees 54 minutes 10 seconds West on said North one-eighth line 573.75 feet; thence North 01 degrees 43 minutes 57 seconds East 385.38 feet; thence South 89 degrees 15 minutes 51 seconds East 573.45 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to highway use of the East 33.00 feet which lies along and adjacent to said East section line and subject to any easements of record. Commonly known as: 2560 Mertz Road, Caro, MI 48723 including adjacent vacant parcel. Tax ID No. Parcel 2: 013-027-200-0100-02 Tax ID No. Parcel 3: 013-027-200-0100-03 The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale. If the premises are sold at the above-described mortgage foreclosure sale, under the provisions of M.C.L.A. 600.3278 the Mortgagor will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the Mortgage holder for damaging the premises during the redemption period. CHEMICAL BANK 2301 W. Big Beaver Road, Ste. 525 Troy, MI 48084-3320 KUS, RYAN & ASSOCIATES, PLLC MICHAEL J. RYAN, ESQ. Attorney for Mortgagee 2851 High Meadow Circle., Ste. 120 Auburn Hills, MI 48326-2790 (248)364-3090

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## DNR: highlights of '19 hunting seasons

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is sharing some highlights of the 2019 deer hunting seasons, which ended in late January 2020.

Those seasons were marked by widespread participation in the state's surveillance efforts around chronic wasting disease, especially in areas of the state with a known CWD presence. In addition to those CWD testing results, the department also takes a look at license sales, compliance with the deer and elk baiting and feeding ban and more.

During 2019, the DNR tested just over 20,000 deer for chronic wasting disease, continuing Michigan's role as a national leader in CWD surveillance efforts. The year before, during the 2018 seasons, about 25 percent of all deer heads tested in the United States were tested in Michigan.

For the 2019 seasons, the department set testing goals of about 9,200 deer in the Lower Peninsula's 16-county CWD management zone and about 3,300 in the Upper Peninsula's surveillance areas. Those regions, respectively, saw 16,000 and 1,500 deer tested.

More than 2,500 deer also were tested in other parts of Michigan not associated with disease surveillance goals.

"This year, we achieved most of our individual county and area goals," said DNR deer specialist Chad Stewart.

"The goals we set and the ensuing test results help us to determine where on the landscape the CWD is found and the scale at which it exists."

In all, 65 CWD-positive deer were identified from the 2019 hunting seasons – and all were from counties with a known CWD presence.

"Our primary area of infection remains in parts of Montcalm and northeast Kent counties, where we knew the disease existed going into 2019 hunting seasons," Stewart said. "We are encouraged that we have not found new CWD positives outside of this known area."

Despite finding 65 positive animals, officials caution about comparing the low number of positives with the high number tested and saying there is not a problem.

"Fifty-three of our total positives came out of Montcalm and northeast Kent counties, where we tested about 3,000 deer," Stewart added. "This may not sound like much, but we know from the experience of other states that without active management of the disease, CWD prevalence rates can increase rapidly over time."

Stewart said that CWD is a problem in Michigan's deer herd that will require a commitment to long-term solutions.

"Active management includes targeted removals, baiting and feeding bans and carcass movement restrictions and is our best chance of keeping the disease as limited as possible for as long as possible," he said.

### Disease control permits

At this time of the year, the department has shifted its CWD management focus by asking private property owners in CWD areas to assist in disease surveillance – and provides disease control permits to help them do it.

In townships where CWD has been identified, hunters and landowners with five acres or more are eligible to receive disease control permits, which allow landowners to take deer on their property and submit deer heads for testing. If the test does not detect CWD, the property owner may keep the deer.

### Hunter participation

Last fall, much media attention was given to the fact that hunter numbers are declining in Michigan. While true, the trend isn't new, and it isn't specific to Michigan, according to DNR officials, who say across the country, states are feeling the financial pressure from reduced hunter numbers, because revenue from hunting license sales makes up a large portion of the funding for critical conservation work.

"Nationwide, hunting has had a gradual decline over the last several decades," said Eichinger. "The trend is likely due to a combination of factors, including generations of hunters that are aging out of the sport and younger generations that are less likely to participate in hunting due to societal changes."

Last year, deer license sales were down about three percent over 2018. That decline mirrored past years, despite predictions of greater decreases due to Michigan's deer and elk baiting and feeding ban. In fact, the hunter numbers declined least in the CWD core area, which is beneficial for monitoring and managing the disease.

"While the decline in hunters is certainly discouraging, we know that hunting remains an important part of Michigan's rich heritage," Eichinger said. "That's why we always encourage veteran hunters to introduce the sport to new hunters whenever and wherever they can."

### Deer baiting ban

The prohibition of deer baiting and feeding in the Lower Peninsula was another important hunting topic. The ban, which was implemented to limit the spread of CWD and bovine tuberculosis, sought to reduce the congregation of deer over bait piles, where disease can be spread through bodily fluids like saliva, urine and feces.

"While feedback we've heard indicates this hasn't been the most popular regulation, the best available science shows that baiting bans are an effective tool to limit disease spread," said Stewart. "Anything that we can do to limit the chances for deer to return to the same location hour after hour, day after day, helps to reduce the risk of disease spread. It's a lot like not hosting a dinner party when you're sick, to prevent your family or co-workers from getting sick."

DNR conservation officers enforced the baiting ban in its first year and found that overall hunter compliance was satisfying, though certainly not 100 percent.

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