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Henderson gets 6 to 15 years in prison

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Patrick Jay Henderson will have plenty of time behind bars to think about his actions last September, when he stormed into the HDC



offices in Caro, armed, angry and suicidal, threatening the lives of workers and police officers alike. Henderson, 42, of Deford, was sentenced in Tuscola County last week to consecutive prison terms of 2 years and 4 to 15 years for his pleas of no contest to unlawful imprisonment, carrying a concealed weapon, assaulting or obstructing a police officer, and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony.

The latter charge carries a mandatory 2-year prison sentence that Henderson must serve before starting his term of 4 to 15 years for the other convictions.

In addition to prison time, he was ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$332.

Henderson's confrontation with Human Development Commission (HDC) officials and police ended with quick action by Caro Police Officer Paul Strasz, who disarmed the man after he pointed a gun just a foot from the officer's face.

According to investigators, Henderson was armed with a .45 caliber semi-automatic pistol that he had purchased earlier that morning, when he entered the Cass River Construction offices, located at 337 Montague Ave. Police said he was upset and demanding answers about his wife's dismissal from the organization a day earlier.

"The pistol had a round in the chamber, a fully-loaded clip, and the defendant had 2 additional rounds in his pocket when he was apprehended and subdued by 3 members of the Caro Police Department after threatening 2 (HDC) employees," said Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark E. Reene, who confirmed reports that officers found a suicide note on Henderson.

The employees were both supervisors whom Henderson blamed for his wife's job loss.

Strasz was the first officer to encounter Henderson, who reacted by pointing his gun at the officer's face. After disarming Henderson with his own service weapon, Strasz

along with Caro Police Chief Brian Newcomb and Officer Glen Harding subdued him.

Henderson was originally charged with 2 counts of unlawful imprisonment, carrying a concealed weapon,

carrying a dangerous weapon with unlawful intent, 3 counts of assault with a dangerous weapon, 3 counts of assaulting or obstructing a police officer, and 7 counts of possession of a firearm in the commission of a

felony.

Henderson was formally arraigned after undergoing an exam at the Michigan Center for Forensic Psychiatry in Ypsilanti, where he was deemed competent to stand trial.



ALVIN MCKEE (from left) and student volunteers Stephanie Leeson, Caitlin Reed and Jeremy Wright prepare mashed potatoes prior to Thursday's Cass City Community Thanksgiving Dinner at the Cass City United Methodist Church. Organizer Scott Mills said attendance this year totaled about 210 people. (See related photo, page 16)

Water, sewer rate increases included in proposed budget

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

A busy agenda Monday at the regular meeting of the Cass City Village Council included establishing a public hearing date for the proposed 2011 operating budget.

Comments on the future spending plan can be aired Monday, Dec. 13, prior to the council's monthly meeting, advanced 2 weeks due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

While the complete financial strategy can be reviewed in its entirety at the village office during regular business hours, Village Manger Peter Cristiano declared it conservative and realistic in its estimates and, as

required by law, balances expenditures against anticipated revenues.

Those revenues, Cristiano divulged, are estimated to decrease 5-percent next year, while a 4-percent rise in water rates and a 3-percent raise in sewer rates are deemed necessary.

"The increase in (water and sewer) revenues is negated by the number of vacant houses in the community that are purchasing only the minimum water and sewer services," lamented Cristiano.

He noted expenses should run about 4 percent higher over the next 12 months, and no cost-of-living increases are planned for village employees.

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BACK IN BLACK O-G amends budget; deficit erased

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Interim Owen-Gage School Supt. Bob Drury gave his board of education an early Christmas present during a rescheduled monthly meeting last week.

Drury told the Owen-Gage Board of Education that a budget deficit totaling more than \$30,000 at the end of the 2009-10 school year should be erased by the end of the current fiscal year, which ends June 30, 2011, thanks to some budget modifications based on a better idea of what the district will be receiving in the way of revenues, and hopes that some areas of expenditures will be less than budgeted for the coming year.

"The deficit (at the end of June 2010) was \$32,203 - those are the audited figures minus what they call adjusting transfers," Drury said.

"Where we're at right now is... we're showing revenues of \$1,946,845 and we're showing expenditures of \$1,912,116, for a projected revenue surplus of \$34,728," he added. "That leaves a projected fund balance for this coming June of \$2,525."

Drury acknowledged the numbers are a welcome relief from earlier estimates, which would have kept Owen-Gage among the list of Michigan schools classified as "deficit spending districts". This was Owen-Gage's third year carrying that label.

"It's good news. It's not where we need to be, but it (financial outlook) is greatly improved. We've got a handle on expenditures," he said, "and I think it will be even better when we review the budget in

February or March. In any event, we're heading in the right direction."

The improved financial report didn't happen by accident.

To-date, school officials have worked to reduce their deficit by replacing at least 3 senior members of the teaching staff with first-year

instructors whose pay is far less compared to that of veteran educators. Drury earns less than half - about \$300 a day - of what his predecessor, Dana Compton, was paid, and he receives no benefits. In addition, the district's employees are into

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Man in hot water after shooting self

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A Waterford man bought more trouble than he bargained for when he picked up a rifle in the Cass City area last month.

In addition to the pain of a serious, self-inflicted leg wound, the man will now likely face a court date in Tuscola County.

Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies reported the incident occurred Nov. 13. Deputies were called to Hills and Dales General Hospital to investigate a subject that had reportedly been shot.

"They found Richard Johnson, 33 years old, from Waterford had been shot in the leg with a rifle," said Undersheriff Glen Skrent. "Mr. Johnson is currently in the hospital." Please turn to page 8.



Photo courtesy of the U.S. Force/Staff Sgt. Dillon White
CASS CITY High School graduate Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Tuckey scans for threats during a room-clearing exercise in the "shoot house". Tuckey was among the defenders who were hand-picked to represent Malmstrom Air Force Base, Montana, during the 2010 Global Strike Challenge competition. (See story, page 5)

Christmas in the Village celebration this weekend

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Cass City's annual Christmas in the Village extravaganza will kick off Saturday with activities for the entire family, from a wildly popular chili cook-off to a colorful winter parade to visits with Santa Claus himself.

The day's events include a large craft show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Baker College.

The Cass Theatre will be offering a free matinee of "Alpha-Omega" for all ages, with the doors opening at 1:30 p.m. The theatre will be offering another free matinee featuring "Planet 51" Saturday, Dec. 11. Both matinees start at 2 p.m. Please turn to page 8.



Brian D. Dudenhoefer, M.D.

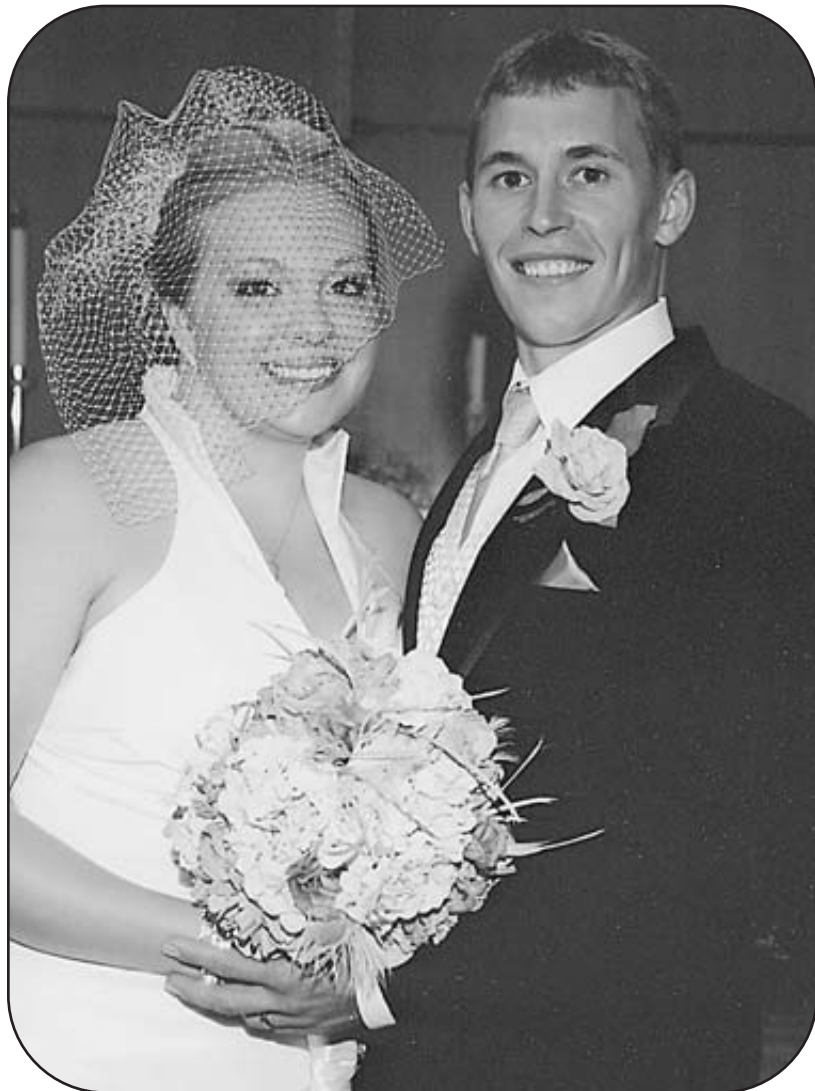
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Mallory and Max Wilkins II

Powell and Wilkins marry in Cass City

Mallory Lynnette Powell and Max Alan Wilkins II were married July 24, 2010 at the Cass City United Methodist Church by the Rev. Jackie Roe. The bride is the daughter of Morris and Pam Powell, and the granddaughter of Jack and Lois Gallagher of Cass City, and Esther Powell of Owendale. She graduated from Palmer College of Chiropractic as a Doctor of Chiropractic Oct. 22, 2010. She hopes to open a practice in the near future. The groom is the son of Max Wilkins and Candace Pasco and the grandson of Donna Wilkins of Prescott. He is employed by Vita Plus in Gagetown. The matron of honor was Megan Barrigar, sister of the bride. Maid of honor was Kaylene Ziehm, friend of the bride. The bridesmaids were Megan Carr and Jill Dillon, friends; and Mishelle Powell, sister of the bride. The best man was Tyler Wilkins, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Cory Hamacher, Shane Arndt, Will Barker and Don Jones. The ringbearer was Gabriel Barrigar, nephew of the bride. Ushers were Joe Salcido and Ian Grumley. A reception was held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Bad Axe. The couple currently resides in Cass City.

Cass City Middle School honor roll announced

Cass City Middle School officials announce the first marking period honor roll.

Grade 5

Travis Albrecht*, Dustin Arter, Traci Broyles, Bryce Bukoski, Sarah Colton, Dakota Cook, Sayge Cuthrell*, Garrett Deitering, Lauren Dickinson*, Lauren Fernald, Megan Graham*, Brendan Hamilton, Lissa Hana, Heaven Hartwick, Errienne Hoyt, Darren Hutchinson*, Claire Kausch*, Riley Klein*, Katelyn Kuenzli, Samantha London*, Tiffany Matson, Alexis Mazure, Lydia Montei, Baylee Murphy, McKenna Nye, Jaclyn Palmer*, Nicholas Perry*, Eric Peters*, Seth Roggenbuck, Bailee Ross, Alyssa Sangster, Joshua Schaufele, Joseph Sieradzki, Connor Sines*, Joseph Skiles, Tristin Smith, Samantha Stern*, Brittany Stilson, Brooklyn Stilson, CarLee Stimpfel*, Savannah Walker, Konnar Warren, Rylie Weiler*, Reed White, Kaitlin Witherspoon and Brandon Wright.

Grade 6

Kelcie Autry*, Katlyn Babcock, Joel Collins*, Evan Craig, Victoria Cumper, Savana Doerr, Skyler Gasta, Eric Guinther, Bradley Hacker, Josephine Loomis, Zachary McCoy, Hunter McGrath, Cody McPhail, Katelynne Mester, Adam Michalski, Seth Osentoski, Shaede Perzanowski*, Emily Peters*, Kelsey Peters, Claudia Riddle, Jenna Schaufele, Logan Schenk*, Kyle Schmotzer, Olivia Smerdon, Drew Susalla Alexa Torres, Amy Verhines, Travis Williams, Hope Wilson and Chase Winter*.

Grade 7

Austin Bennett, Ilana Blattner*, Alicia Crouch, Chandler Cryderman, Sawyer Cuthrell, Mandy Czekai, Corne de Vor, Kelly Delong, Macy Dickinson*, Mason Erla, Kendra Goss, Parker Haire, Erin Hartsell*, Maegan LeValley, Rebecca Mulrath, Tara Nicholas, Jesse Nye, Matthew Ozorowicz, Jessica Peters*, Bryan Pinkoski, Lauren Potter*, Michael Rader, Taylor Rasmussen, DeJza Robles, Sophia Romain, Laiken Smerdon, Matthew Steely, Bransen Stimpfel, Carley Stone, Courtney Szczepanski, Maria Weilbach and Maricella Zietz.

Grade 8

Jane Ballard*, Samuel Bootz*, Kennedy Brown, Krystal Burks, Rachel Collins, Breanna Frank, Rebecca Graff, Katie House*, Luke Koepf*, Hunter Langenburg, Fredrick Leeson III, Laken London, Drew Loomis, Erika Martin*, Rachel Miller*, Ethan Montei, Lindsey Montei*, Kyle Osentoski*, Chandler Pawloski, Colby Peruski, Kyle Ross, Lindsay Schotter, Barbara Steely, Jackson Stern, Lauren Stilson, Rachel Tanner, Elizabeth Venema*, Aubrei Witherspoon*, Genna Woodward, Lucas Wright* and Erin Zdrojewski.

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Lauren Ruthko and Travis Gutc

Lauren Beth Ruthko of Ubyly and Travis Alan Gutc of Sandusky announce their wedding engagement.

Lauren is the daughter of Janice Sageman and Paul and Crystal Ruthko of Ubyly. She is a 2004 graduate of Ubyly High School and a 2009 graduate of Saginaw Valley State University. She is employed as a fifth grade teacher at the Laker Elementary School.

Travis is the son of Cheryl Gutc of Sandusky and Dave and Kelly Gutc of Yale. He is a 2004 graduate of Sandusky High School and a 2009 graduate of St. Clair Community College. He is employed as a correction officer at the Sanilac Co. Sheriff's Department.

The couple is currently planning a June 18, 2011 wedding at the First Presbyterian Church, Bad Axe.

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In Our OPINION..

Clarke Haire
Publisher

Tom Montgomery
Editor

School board made the correct decision

Members of the Cass City Board of Education made a sound decision during their regular monthly meeting last week, and they deserve to be recognized.

Faced with the possibility of landing nationwide attention for the efforts of the staff and administration in raising students' performance on state assessment tests, the board said "no" to the Discovery Channel.

It was the right decision.

In a nutshell, Cass City School Supt. Jeff Hartel explained, Discovery Channel officials have identified Cass City Public Schools along with others across the country as having enjoyed success in markedly improving test scores in math and science.

Discovery officials, he said, will be selecting one school to participate in a "profile series" focusing on schools in the United States that are closing the gap in student performance compared to students in other countries.

The winning district, Hartel explained, would have to accept 3 conditions. The first 2 were giving the Discovery Channel crew full access to the school and allowing for 10 hours of filming. Oh, and by the way, it would only cost the school nearly \$28,000 in production and travel expenses.

Huh?

Cass City School Supt. Jeff Hartel commented, and rightly so, that \$28,000 might be little more than a drop in the bucket for a large school district, but for Cass City, it's still a pretty big chunk of change.

Frankly, we were a bit surprised that a television channel — any channel — would require the subject of a series to cover the tab. Legitimate media outlets, after all, wouldn't even consider accepting a dime for covering a story.

We should note that Hartel wasn't pushing the board for approval; he was simply informing the trustees of an opportunity and providing them with all the background information he had on hand at the time.

Now, the chances of the Cass City Public Schools being singled out among several districts in the country for this series is, in all likelihood, slim.

Still, the idea of being featured on the Discovery Channel would be pretty tempting for any school in the rural Thumb of Michigan.

However, Cass City school officials, making the decision they did to say "no thank-you" ahead of time, hopefully will serve as a reminder to the community that local school board members are offering more than lip service when they say students are THE priority here. In other words, no amount of media attention is worth undermining the district's determination to spend every available dollar on a great education for our kids.

That's especially true in recent years, when Lansing has earned a reputation for repeatedly pulling the financial rug out from underneath schools across the state in order to cover an out-of-control tidal wave of red ink.

Maybe the folks at the Discovery Channel would be interested in reporting on that.



Slices of Life

by Jill Pertler

Lighting the candle



I never imagined the simple task of lighting a candle could be completely overwhelming. Today I lit one candle and it took all the strength I had in me, and then some.

The day started innocently enough. We went to church - a custom many people follow on Sundays. Only problem was, this week we celebrated saints. At my church that means lighting a candle in remembrance of a saint in your life who has died.

Last year I recall sitting in my pew. I didn't light a candle because I didn't personally know any saints who had died. I didn't realize the significance of that at the time.

Six months later, my mom passed away. I don't think she saw herself as a saint. I'm not sure if any religion would consider her a saint. I certainly did.

I won't go into details, but she was a wonderful mother, wife and person. She had her baggage, like we all do, but I could always count on my mom to answer the phone when I called. She put me first, or at least she made me feel like she put me first. In this day and age that means something.

She understood me better, sometimes, than I understood myself. She had a sixth sense about things. Each

time I got pregnant, she knew before I ever got the chance to tell her. If I ran into her a minute after finding out myself, she'd look at me with a knowing eye and ask the question: "Are you?"

A person who knows you inside and out - and manages to love you anyway - is like the credit card commercial: priceless. My mom was priceless.

Then she got Alzheimer's. And then she died.

It's been six months and I thought I was doing well. I can talk about her without crying. I am starting to remember the good times. I understand grief, while infinite, is not insurmountable.

But grief is a curious beast. You think you have it licked. You begin to let your guard down, but before you can catch your breath, it comes out from the shadows, swinging with both fists. That's how it felt when I had to light the candle: like an insurmountable punch in the gut.

As I stood waiting for my turn, I worried about a flame catching fire on someone's clothing. Hundreds of people filled the church. There are so many good reasons not to allow hundreds of people to light hundreds of candles indoors. What were we thinking?

If I'd known it was candle lighting day at church I might have skipped. Then I would have escaped grieving publicly. People would not have witnessed my tears.

Then I would have missed the memories that flooded me today. I would have missed the opportunity to honor my mom with a flame representing memories of her.

My turn came and my hand shook. I only hoped I wasn't going to be the one to set the church on fire.

I tried not to cry and failed horribly. I attempted to wipe my tears away so no one would see, but as soon as I completed a face swipe with the back of my hand, my eyes produced even more tears. Note to self: carry a tissue in your pocket at all times. You can never predict when you'll be asked to complete a difficult task like lighting a candle.

I did light the candle. I stood a moment to watch the flame. And I remembered my mom.

I returned to my seat and something magical happened. Someone came to hug me. Then another. I was surrounded by support. It didn't take the sadness away, but it made it bearable, somehow.

If I'd realized it was candle lighting day at church today, I might have stayed home because I thought it would be too hard. I'm glad I didn't know. I'm glad I went.

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Reporter's notebook

Airline security scans have just gone too far

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

I wonder how long it will be before airline passengers in this country will simply be forced to strip, naked as jaybirds, in order to board an airplane.

It's gotten to the point where I dread security checkpoints more than an annual visit to the doctor for a check-up (which I avoid like the plague). Frankly, I suspect the examinations at the airport might be a bit more thorough these days.

Granted, I don't fly that often, but my experience in Indianapolis last summer was not a good one.

I should have been more aware of current events at the time, because I underwent one of those "full body scans" without being completely certain of exactly what those Transportation Security Administration (TSA) agents were seeing in the process. Later, I felt a bit violated. From what the experts say now, I should also be feeling the effects of radiation poisoning any minute.

Ge, they could have at least bought me dinner first.

Having to deal with a snotty TSA agent who felt he needed to scold a 48-year-old man on airport security procedures didn't help. After all, I was following instructions and, like at home, I try to avoid confrontations with large individuals who are packing a 9 mm Glock or have the ability to put me in a full nelson at a moment's notice.

I'm not sure why, but I always seem to be one of those airline passengers that is selected for "special attention" by the TSA. Okay, I know I'm a bit scary looking, especially first thing in the morning, but c'mon folks.

Good grief! Now we have airline travel experts telling us how to dress to reduce the chances of

being fondled by overly-aggressive TSA agents in the interest of safety should we refuse a full body scan.

TSA officials tell us that in today's day and age, it's the only way to be safe. Well, how do they explain the young man who recently boarded a plane with a rubber mask that made him appear to be an elderly man? The TSA completely missed it. Well, until the guy came out of an airplane restroom having shed about 40 years from his age.

Yes, I want to feel safe when flying, but where does this all end? The TSA is going too far. Have they really investigated every avenue when it comes to ensuring the safety of airline passengers. How about background checks? How about simply paying attention to suspicious individuals? How about just paying attention, period?

The TSA is getting away with some serious invasion of privacy here, and they seem to have a blank check.

I say that in part, because airlines can hardly afford to alienate prospective passengers these days, since they are probably going to start charging \$10 for that tiny bag of peanuts you might get on a flight. They are certainly charging an arm and a leg for every other necessity; luggage, a seat inside the plane, etc.


There must be other ways to ensure the safety of airline passengers.

Tell you what; I'll continue to go along with all of this nonsense IF our state and national legislators, along with our beloved president, Barack Obama and his wife, consent to the same sort of treatment.

Hey, what's good for the goose, right?

Yeah, I'm not holding my breath, either.

Until then, I think I'd rather take a train.



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Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

I gladly admit I was quite impressed with my most recent visit to the heart of downtown Detroit. The trip came early on Thanksgiving Day when our families took part in the Annual Turkey Trot.

For most in our group that meant walking 5,000 kilometers on streets surrounded by high rising buildings on both sides, several considered architectural masterpieces.

The streets were clean, a brand-spanking new housing complex was walking distance from Ford Field and the Fox Theater area, and the people were friendly, many wearing holiday themed costumes for the charity event.

The course ended with a stroll along the riverfront, really quite awesome on its own, but on this day a long freighter a stone's throw away was working its way north with our Canadian neighbors in the background.

Over 17,000 people attended the 8 a.m. race, which preceded the city's Thanksgiving Day parade and the traditional Lions' football game.

Well done Detroit.

I've always enjoyed trading stories with Earl Salo. He is the father of Roger Salo, who is married to my sister B.J. At age 95, grandpa drives, alone, from his Hillsdale home to his son's home in Plymouth for many holiday gatherings.

Often our conversation turns to hunting and he told me this year in Hillsdale 2 hunts were allowed within the city limits. About 100 deer were harvested during a special archery season and shotgun season, says the senior Salo, who once sold plumbing supplies in the Thumb, many moons ago, and can remember soliciting the business of Ryland and Guc Plumbing.

Speaking of story telling, Thumb residents shouldn't forget that this Sunday, from 2-3 p.m., there is an open house birthday celebration for Cass City's most senior veterans - Fritz Pomeroy, Jack Esau and Cas Bartnik at the VFW hall.

All are welcome, officials say, for cake, ice cream and coffee.

If you're a Red Wings hockey fan, the Cass City Parks & Recreation Department is planning a trip for the Detroit team's Dec. 19 contest at the Joe Louis Arena. If interested, contact Parks & Recreation Director Sam Moore at 989-872-2911.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Deadline for submitting items in the calendar is the Friday noon before publication.

Thursday, December 2

AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 872-4816.

Friday, December 3

Al-anon meeting for family and friends of alcoholics, 7 p.m., United Methodist Church, Elkton. For more information, call (989) 872-4042.

Saturday, December 4

Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 7 p.m., St. John Episcopal Church, 8271 Crescent Beach Rd., Sand Point. Anyone with a drug problem is invited to attend. For more information, please call (989) 693-9077.

Sunday, December 5

Gagetown AA meeting, 8-9 p.m., Gagetown fire hall. For more information, call (989) 325-2592.

Gagetown United Methodist Brunch, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. All you can eat. \$6 donation.

Monday, December 6

Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Uby. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.

AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 872-4816.

Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Saginaw resident gets jail time

Man sentenced in fatal crash

A Saginaw man charged in a fatal traffic crash last year in Tuscola County was sentenced last week to 270 days in the county jail.

The sentence was handed down in Tuscola County Circuit Court, where the defendant, John R. Wade, 67, was also placed on 60 months probation and was ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,628.

Wade previously entered a plea of no contest to negligent homicide.

The case stems from a 2-vehicle accident that occurred Feb. 28, 2009, on M-46, west of Bradleyville Road in Denmark Township. The crash claimed the life of Lavonne K. Hendershot, 49, of Sandusky.

According to Michigan State Police troopers from the Caro post, Hendershot was a passenger in a 1998 Toyota 4-door vehicle traveling east on M-46. Wade was the driver of the second vehicle, a 2005 Chevrolet Impala. Troopers said evi-

dence at the scene suggested that Wade was traveling west in the east-bound lane at the time the 2 vehicles collided.

Hendershot's husband, Timothy Hendershot, and the couple's daughter, Tiffany Hendershot, were injured in the accident, and both were transported to an area hospital for treatment. Wade was also hurt and was treated at an area hospital, Troopers said.

Circuit court news

Several charged with felonies

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

•Fredrick P. Parrent Jr., 47, Reese, was sentenced to 90 days in the county jail, with work release and worksite privileges, for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Aug. 20 in Denmark Township.

Parrent, who was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department, was also placed on 60 months probation and ordered to complete 100 hours of community service and pay court costs and fines totaling \$4,628.

•Demarko Antonio-Jumar Plain, 31, Mayville, stood mute to a charge of possession of marijuana, second offense, Feb. 7 in Fremont Township. He is also charged with being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled in the case. Bond was continued at \$4,000.

•Austin R. Vincent, 17, pleaded guilty to assaulting or obstructing a police officer and driving while his license was suspended Oct. 16 in Gagetown.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$1,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Arthur L. Guidroz, 46, Fairgrove, stood mute to charges of possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana and selling or furnishing alcohol to a minor Sept. 23 in Akron Township. He is also charged with being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled and bond was continued at \$2,000.

•Christopher J. Sherman, 18, Kingston, pleaded guilty to receiving and concealing stolen property valued at more than \$1,000 Sept. 7 in Kingston.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered by the court, which revoked

Sherman's bond. Sentencing is to be set.

•Nikki N. Smallwood, 23, Vassar, pleaded no contest to charges of assaulting or obstructing a police officer, domestic violence and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor.

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

•Bobbie W. Carter, 60, Saginaw, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Nov. 1 in Millington Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered by the court, which remanded Carter to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be set.

•Warren L. Fuester, 25, Vassar, was sentenced to 365 days in jail and 36 months probation for his pleas of guilty to 3 counts of writing 3 non-sufficient fund checks within 10 days involving checks for \$68.90, \$95.40, \$96.40, \$21.19, \$425, \$15.89, \$65.68 and \$116.42, all drawn on Michigan Federal Credit Union between Dec. 24, 2001, and Jan. 12, 2004; violating the Sex Offenders Registration Act by failing to notify local law enforcement of a change in address within 10 days

Dec. 16, 2004, in Vassar/Millington; and to absconding or forfeiting bond Oct. 26, 2004, in Caro.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$2,770 plus restitution of \$1,617.50.

•Jamie C. Gilliam, 39, Mayville, was sentenced to 270 days in jail (90 days deferred) and 60 months probation for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, June 25 in Dayton Township.

He was also ordered to complete 100 hours of community service and pay \$2,128 in costs and fines.

•Earl L. Sparks, 28, Akron, was sentenced to 365 days in jail and 36 months probation for his plea of no contest to 2 counts of assaulting or obstructing a police officer March 8, 2009, and his plea of guilty to absconding or forfeiting bond May 26, 2009, and/or July 13, 2009, in Caro.

He was also ordered to pay \$3,464 in costs and fines plus restitution of \$4,412.81.

•Joshua W. Harris, 36, Reese, was sentenced to 54 days in jail and 18 months probation for his pleas of guilty to interfering with electronic communications and domestic violence Aug. 27 in Denmark Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,581.

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Tuckey hand-picked for '10 Global Strike Challenge competition

A 2004 Cass City High School graduate now stationed at Malmstrom Air Force base in Montana was among the defenders who were recently hand-picked to represent the base during the 2010 Global Strike Challenge contest.

Air Force officials reported that Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Tuckey, 741st Missile Security Forces Squadron convoy response force leader, recently competed with the base's Security Forces Team at Fort Polk, Louisiana.

Tuckey, 25, the son of Jeffrey and Janice Tuckey, served as second in charge of the Security Forces Team.

Tuckey said he has maintained proficiency in his job with a lot of physical training and by simply doing what he is told. He said he feels proud to have been selected to represent the 341st Security Forces Group.

Tuckey explained his role was to serve as the "primary compass man", directing the team during the mental and physical challenge. He said he was very confident in the security force's role in the competition and added the challenge is a healthy way to see what other bases are doing well.

Tuckey joined the Air Force in 2005.

L. Mandich honored as the "student of month"

Lauren Mandich has been named Owendale-Gagetown School's



Lauren Mandich

"Senior Student of the Month" for November.

Mandich has been very active in school activities during high school. She participated in volleyball, basketball and softball all throughout high school. She also helped coach junior high volleyball her junior year. She served as class representa-

tive to the student council during her freshman and sophomore years, was student council vice-president as a junior, and currently serves as the student council president.

Academically, Mandich has been on the honor roll and a member of the 3.0 Honors Club each year. As a junior, she was a member of the E.P.I.C.S. program and a member of the prom committee. She has been a representative for Owen-Gage on the Youth Advisory Committee for Huron County the past 2 years.

Mandich was a class representative for snowball her freshman year, for homecoming her junior year, and was chosen as the 2010 homecoming queen. She has been a staff member of the school's newspaper/yearbook/web page the past 2 years and currently serves as a co-editor of the newspaper.

Mandich has been an assistant softball coach for the Cass City Summer Recreation Program and also is a Sunday school teacher at Kilmanagh Lutheran Church.

Mandich is the daughter of Mike and Angela Mandich of Owendale. She plans to attend Central Michigan University in the fall to pursue a career in elementary education.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO

Tuscola County Sheriff Tom Kern bagged the buck of a lifetime Sunday, Nov. 20, close to dusk while hunting on his own property in the Deford area. He watched the 12-point monster come into his stand around 5:20 p.m. and took a 50-yard shot. With no blood trail, Kern started a search that led him to the downed buck about 75 yards away. "The biggest buck I ever got was an 8-pointer. Usually I'm looking at other guys' bucks, saying, why can't I get a shot at one like that," Kern joked.

Brian Jones isn't a member of the U.S. military, but the 1989 Cass City High School graduate is playing a vital role in supporting the nation's military operations around the world. Jones, 35, was recently honored with one of the Department of Defense's highest honors - the 2005 Chief Information Officer Award in the individual category. The award recognizes the department's top specialist in information and knowledge management whose contributions to transformation efforts improve operations, save money and, in many cases, saves the lives of servicemen and women. Jones' father, Snover area resident Dewain Jones, said his son currently resides in Norfolk, Va., and is a U.S. Joint Forces Command government civilian employee.

10 YEARS AGO

Four members of this year's Cass City Red Hawk basketball team were honored by selection to the Greater Thumb West All-Conference squads. For Hawk supporters, the good news is that 3 of the 4 will be returning next year. Included in will be 2 girls who were first team all-conference, Sara Homakie, junior, and Deidre Deering, sophomore. Earning honorable mention from Cass City were Holli Cooper, senior, and Ashley Ouvry, junior.

Mark D. Schwartz, associate professor of geography at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, was recently awarded a Graduate School/UWM Foundation Research Award. Schwartz, who joined the UWM facility in 1992, previously taught at San Francisco State University. In addition to a \$1,500 cash award, his name has been added to a permanent plaque in the Graduate School. Schwartz is the son of Marjorie H. Schwartz (and the late Donald J. Schwartz) of Gagetown. He is a 1976 graduate of Owen-Gage High School.

Leading the encouragement for the Red Hawk basketball team this season are varsity cheerleaders Melissa Woodward, Amber Middaugh, Elizabeth Hoyt, Amanda Wright and

Sherry Ponder.

25 YEARS AGO

When the Lawrence Wright family sits down at the family dining table Thursday to enjoy their Thanksgiving meal, they will be carrying on a family tradition that dates back to the first Thanksgiving Day celebration. Wright, a Cass City resident, explained after 13 years of research he has been able to trace his ancestry back to George Soule, one of the 61 survivors who came to the "new country" on the Mayflower in 1620. Wright and his wife Karen have three children, George, Allison and Jason.

Joseph D. Stevens, son of Dale F. and Joyce I. Stevens of Cass City, has been promoted in the U.S. Army to the rank of sergeant. Stevens is a vehicle systems repairer at Fort Lewis, Wash., with the 864th Engineer Battalion. His wife, Kelly, is the daughter of David C. and Lynn S. Dearing of Cass City. He is a 1981 graduate of Cass City High School and entered the service April 1982. They have a daughter Stephanie.

For three quarters it looked like the same old story, sometimes close, but no cigar. The Cass City Red Hawks changed all that in the final regular season game of the year against USA Tuesday, Nov. 19. The Hawks rallied in the last quarter to top the Patriots 38-34, after 18 losses in a row. The Hawks used some outstanding foul shooting to win. Shannon McIntosh hit five free throws in the stretch drive and Christine Britt was four for four from the charity stripe with the game on the line. Tammy Iseler played what Coach Daryl Iwankovitch said was the best game of her career.

50 YEARS AGO

Coach Mike Yedinak this week announced that 22 members of the 1960 football team earned varsity letters and teammates elected Bob Wright and Tim Anthes as the most valuable players on the squad. The squad also named Dick Albee captain for 1960 and made juniors Bob Parrott and Larry Robinson co captains-elect for 1961. Among the letter winners were 13 seniors, eight juniors and one sophomore. The seniors are: Jim Walmsley, Art Randall, Dave Binder, Darrell Terbush, Gordon Goodall, Dick Albee, Gary Bartle, Larry Goodall, Tim Anthes, Bob Wright, Bob Sawdon, Gordon Patterson and Paul Holmberg. Juniors winning letters were Bob Parrott, Jim Rawson, John Battel, Jerry Hillaker, Dave Ashmore, Jim Marshall, Larry Robinson and Dick Creason.

Sophomore letter winner was Charles Seeley.

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Dear Santa, Santa I would like a Bow-Arrow, and a mattel gun with plastic bullets, and a reindeer (Blixon please.) I would like a model plane and a model rocket. Thank you. Your Buddy, Timmy Brinkman.

100 YEARS AGO

Local News - Thirteen of the members of the Thimble Club of Gagetown came to Cass City on the afternoon train Tuesday and were the guests of Miss Mary Zinnecker at a six o'clock supper. The tables were nicely decorated, four courses were served and the Misses Ethel Striffler and Jessie and Margaret Duncanson acted as waiters. The ladies brought their fancy work with them and during the evening hours played a few games. They returned home on the evening train. Miss Zinnecker became a member of the Thimble Club while she was in Gagetown some time ago. The society is prominent in the social life of our sister village.

Beauley - Herb Dulmudge has sold his 40-acre farm here to a man from Pontiac for \$2,000 and is contemplating the purchase of the Finkle farm from Jas. Purdy, now occupied by Hiram Gray.

Pingree - Dr. Hays of Cass City did some vaccinating in this locality very recently. - Chas. I. Cooke received a beautiful \$3.00 large pocket knife for a birthday present, much used by fruit growers from trimming small trees. - Geo. Brackenberry is home during the vaccinating term in this neck of the Thumb. - Don Nutt has purchased the Mike Hanley forty. - Quite a number of sick horses in this locality of late. - Only one empty house in Pingree now left for rent.

Correction

Some names were inadvertently omitted in a Cass City Board of Education story published in the Chronicle last week. The missing names were of students recognized by the board for being inducted into the National Honor Society. They are: Alexandria Smith, Shannon Stec, Heather Sweeney, Cassandra Tomlinson, Jared Weidman and Alexander Zaleski. The Chronicle regrets the error.

Food giveaway slated at Farver Baptist Church

The Farver Road Baptist Church and WCTP Christian Radio 88.5 will host a food giveaway Monday, Dec. 6 at the Noah's Ark building, 4330 Farver Rd. (1 1/2 miles southwest of

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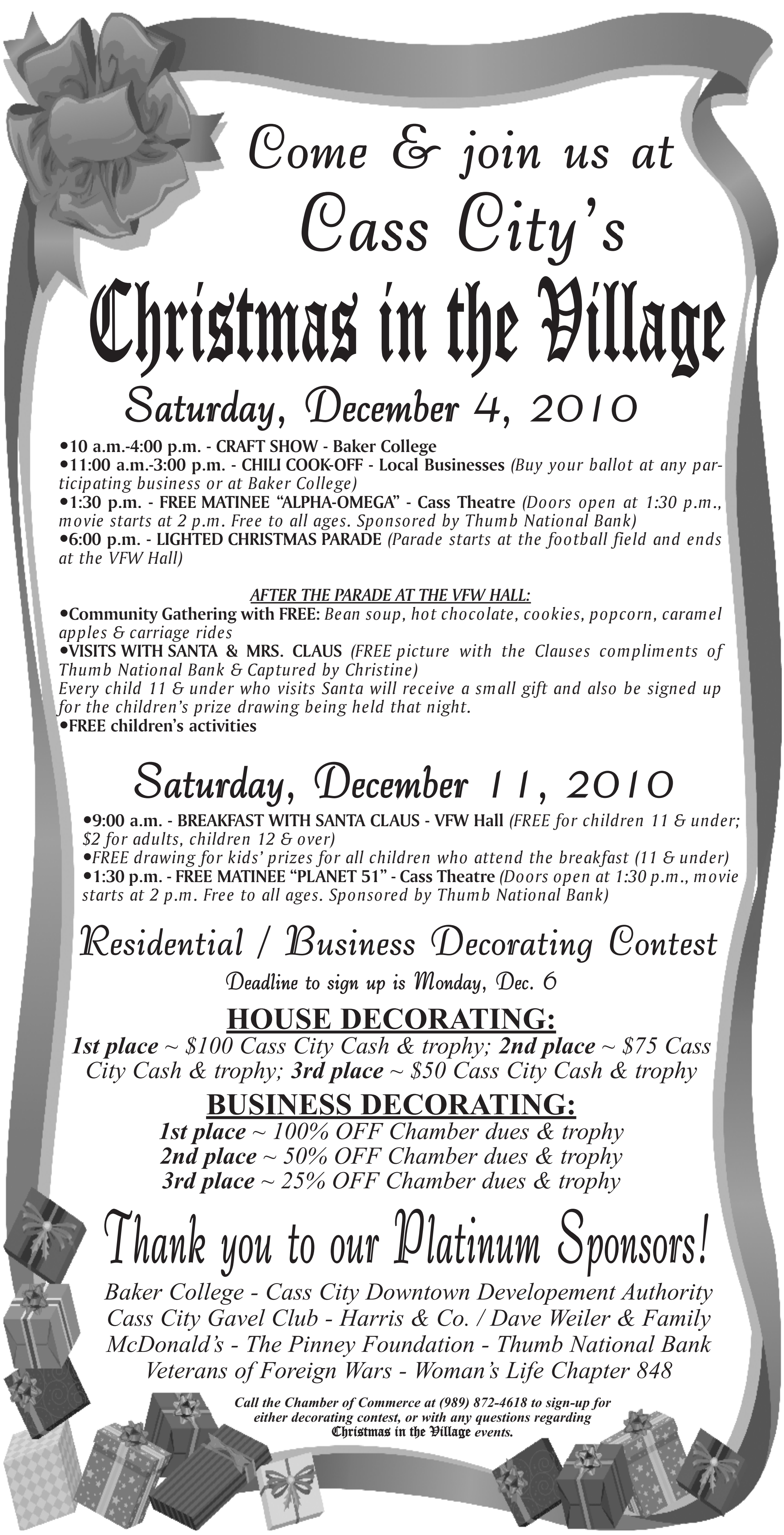
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<p>Cass City United Methodist Church 5100 N. Cemetery Rd., P.O. Box 125, Cass City, MI 48726 872-3422 Worship: 11:00 a.m. (Summer 9:30 a.m.) Sunday School - Sept.-May 9:30 a.m. Community Dinner - Monthly (2nd Wed. at noon) Pastor: Rev. Jackie Roe</p>	<p>Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 6820 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726 872-2770 Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Bible Class & Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Pastor: Randall Russell</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Visitors always welcomed Please join us today!</p>



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- 1:30 p.m. - FREE MATINEE "ALPHA-OMEGA" - Cass Theatre (Doors open at 1:30 p.m., movie starts at 2 p.m. Free to all ages. Sponsored by Thumb National Bank)
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- 1:30 p.m. - FREE MATINEE "PLANET 51" - Cass Theatre (Doors open at 1:30 p.m., movie starts at 2 p.m. Free to all ages. Sponsored by Thumb National Bank)

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Our library through the years...100 years and going strong

by *Kate VanAuken, director*
Rawson Memorial District Library

As stated these past few weeks, the library has been on the receiving end of many generous donations over the years. Another way that the library has benefited these past decades has been in the form of grants.

Grants may take the form of a traveling program, a collection of books, or it may be monetary in nature.

Many will remember the Smithsonian "Barn Again! Celebrating an American Icon" exhibit that was at the library in 2000. This included tours of area barns, displays in local businesses, and photography of barns of all shapes and sizes.

The library also applied for and received the National Endowment for Humanities "Picturing America" exhibit of American art

masterpieces that were on display from May 2009-May 2010. These forty 24"x36" high quality color reproductions span many centuries and featured early American Indian artisans, painters, photographers and architects.



During the time "Picturing America" was on display, the library also received the "We the People Bookshelf" grant. This award included a set of classic books for young readers from kindergarten through high school, which identified a theme important to our nation's heritage.

These grants are a wonderful way for the library to bring programs to our area and for residents to share in our country's history and rich culture.

Rate hikes planned in village

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The projected budget also addresses the revenues and expenditures of the 8 operating funds that comprise the village's annual operating budget: General Fund, Major Street Fund, Local Streets, Economic Development Corporation, Downtown Development Authority, Water Enterprise Fund, Wastewater Enterprise Fund, and Motor Vehicle and Equipment fund.

Among the projections, state-shared revenues received by the General Fund, and Act 51 monies received from the state of Michigan for the Major Street and Local Street funds are estimated to be 10-percent lower than 2010 contributions.

"The theme that runs through this proposed budget is one of maximiz-

ing available revenues, both physical and human, to continue an exceptional quality of life for residents of Cass City," said Cristiano.

In other financial matters, the council also accepted the low bid of Abadata Computer Corporation for a new communication system in the municipal building, approved a solar panel bid from McCoy Electric LLC, and entered into a contract with Spicer Group for Safe Routes to School engineering costs.

Public Service Committee member Jenny Zawilinski reported a pair of bids was received regarding the new communication system. Both bids met the specifications required, with Abadata Computer Corporation, Sebewaing, supplying the low estimate of \$7,725. A proposal from Pigeon Telephone Company, Pigeon, came in at \$13,703.

Village officials say the new telephone system, which will incorporate interactions with the village police department, will feature a conferencing center WiFi, and have the ability to accommodate communication after hours without altering the personal touch of answering phones in person during regular office hours.

Two estimates were also reviewed for the installation of solar panels on the municipal building roof. Rauhorn Electric, Macomb, presented a bid in the amount of \$70,100, while McCoy Electric LLC, Sterling Heights, supplied an estimate of \$102,000 with a guaranteed rebate

from DTE in the amount of \$34,560.

Before approving the McCoy Electric LLC tender, Cristiano explained approval of the bid is one step in a series of events before construction can begin.

"The McCoy Electric bid must now be approved by AKT Peerless, Saginaw, who is under contract with Tuscola County," Cristiano said. "Payment will be made by the county through a grant with the Department of Energy, Labor, and Economic Growth, State of Michigan."

Cristiano also said that there is no cash contribution required from the village, and over the first 10-years of operation, Cass City should save \$50,000 in electric costs.

Turning to Safe Routes to School plans, the council hired Spicer Group, Saginaw, to design and handle contract administrations for the local project in the amount of \$50,000.

Cristiano detailed a grant for \$206,975, which will cover \$118,115 for sidewalks and other infrastructure expenses, while \$81,286 is earmarked for lighting on Ale Street from Rose Street to the high school; and \$7,574 is for safety and non-infrastructure materials.

However, engineering costs are not included under the grant.

"The Cass City Public Schools have agreed to reimburse the Village of Cass City \$20,000 of the engineering costs, with the village paying the remaining \$30,000," said Cristiano.

Community sing planned

The Novesta Church of Christ, 2896 Cemetery Rd., Cass City, will host the Community Christmas Hymn Sing Sunday, Dec. 5, at 6 p.m. There will be specials from area churches as well as congregational singing of Christmas carols.

There will be a cookie and punch afterglow following the service.

For more information, contact the church office at 872-3658.

Snowmobile safety tips

It won't be long before winter arrives and Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land reminds snowmobilers that a safe riding season depends on proper training and abiding by state safety rules and regulations.

"With more than 6,000 miles of designated trails crisscrossing the Upper and Lower peninsulas, Michigan provides some of the best and most varied snowmobiling available," Land said. "Safe riding involves more than just ensuring that your snowmobile is in good working order. Proper training and an understanding of the laws regarding this wonderful recreational activity are equally important in keeping you safe this winter."

Safe snowmobiling includes the following:

- * Don't ride alone
- * Keep headlights and tail lights on at all times
- * Keep your snowmobile well maintained
- * Wear appropriate clothing for the weather — always include a helmet, gloves and eye protection
- * Always check the weather and leave a travel plan
- * Avoid crossing frozen bodies of water when possible and never cross single file
- * Be aware of fences, low-strung wire or depressions in the snow
- * Do not ride on a street or highway
- * Be cautious at intersections, stop and look carefully for traffic before proceeding

Land said that a snowmobile safety course is an excellent idea for all operators. Children ages 12-16 may operate a snowmobile if they have a valid snowmobile safety certificate with them or are under the direct supervision of an adult age 21 or older. Only those with a valid snowmobile certificate may legally drive across a street or highway.

Children younger than 12 must be under the direct supervision of an adult unless they are operating a snowmobile on property owned or controlled by a parent or legal guardian. They are not allowed to cross a highway or street.

Snowmobiles are registered by the Department of State. Operators must have the registration certificate with them when riding. The registration is the ownership document; snowmobiles are not titled. Registrations are issued for three years and should be renewed before Sept. 30 of the year shown on the registration decal. Decals are displayed on the forward half of the cowl above the foot well.

A snowmobile trail permit sticker is also required under Michigan law, with a few exceptions such as when riding solely on private property. Trail permits are issued for one year and are placed on the forward half of the snowmobile directly above or below the headlight. They are available from snowmobile dealers, Department of Natural Resources and Environment offices and retail license agents.

Snowmobile operators are reminded to never operate a snowmobile under the influence of drugs or alcohol or at speeds that are unreasonable for conditions. Residents whose driver's license has been suspended or revoked may not legally operate a snowmobile.

Snowmobiles may operate on the right-of-way of public highways under certain situations. Traveling single file is permitted with the flow of traffic on the extreme right of the right-of-way. Driving on the roadway or shoulder is restricted to crossing bridges or culverts.

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for **Novesta Township**

will be held

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Christmas in the Village celebration set

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needs are sponsored by Thumb National Bank.

Another popular attraction is the Christmas in the Village Chili Cook-Off, now in its seventh year and again sponsored and organized by Knight Insurance Agency in Cass City.

Here's how it works: "chefs" at several local businesses will be preparing their best chili recipes. Residents can wander through town, tasting each one after purchasing a ticket to participate (\$3 for adults and \$1 for kids ages 12 and under). Maps and voting ballot entries are available at Knight Insurance or any participating business.

Once tasters sample the different chilis, they can cast their signed ballot at any participating business for a chance to win \$100 in "Cass City Cash".

The contest will kick off at 11 a.m. and continue through 3 p.m. The ballots will be tallied and the winner announced at Knight Insurance Agency, 6468 Main Street.

A record number of people — more than 200 in all — participated in last year's chili cook-off. Two dozen businesses offered a variety of chilis, with the top trophies going to Burkhard Plumbing and Heating Inc. (first place), Chemical Bank (second) and Main Street Grill, formerly Gainey's Grill (third).

Santa Claus will make his grand entrance during the sixth annual Lighted Christmas Parade, which is slated to get underway at 6 p.m. (line-up begins at 4 p.m.), starting at Cass City Recreation Park and ending at the Cass City VFW Hall on Veterans Drive.

This year's theme is "Christmas Around the World". Trophies are annually awarded in various categories for the floats. Last year, the parade featured more than 30 entries.

After the parade, area residents are invited an annual community gathering at the VFW hall, where the kids can visit with Santa and have a free photo taken with him, courtesy of Thumb National Bank and Captured by Christine. Every child who visits

Santa will receive a small gift and also be signed up for the children's prize drawing being held that night. There will also be free children's activities.

In addition, residents can enjoy free hot bean soup, hot chocolate, cookies, popcorn, caramel apples and carriage rides.

The gathering is a popular tradition, annually drawing big crowds, with more than 250 youngsters waiting their turn to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Claus.

Everyone is invited to return to the VFW hall a week later, Saturday, Dec. 11, at 9 a.m. to enjoy breakfast with Santa. The event is free for kids ages 11 and under, with adults charged \$2. There will be a free drawing for prizes for all children who attend the breakfast.

Also underway is a residential/business decorating contest, but participants must sign up by Monday, Dec. 6 (contact the Cass City Chamber of Commerce Office at 872-4618 to sign up and learn more about the contest). Judging will be Friday, Dec. 17, and prizes will be awarded.



MORE THAN 250 youngsters, including Carlie McFarland (above), daughter of William and Anne McFarland, Cass City, poured into the Cass City VFW Hall for last year's community gathering during the Christmas in the Village extravaganza.

Hey kids! It's time to write letters to Santa

Hey kids, get busy writing those letters to Santa.

Everybody knows Santa has a subscription to the Cass City Chronicle, and he checks each issue closely this time of year in search of Christmas lists from children in the Thumb area.

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All of the letters will be published this month — most of them in our annual Christmas edition, Wednesday, Dec. 22. But get started now because the deadline is Thursday, Dec. 16.



Waterford man may be charged after shooting

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Johnson told investigators that he had a rifle out because he was told there were coyotes in the area. He told officers that he was unloading the firearm at a deer camp in Elkland Township, on Cass City Road, at 1 a.m. when the gun accidentally discharged, shooting him in the leg at close range.

Because of the severity of the injury, Skrent said, Johnson was transferred to a Saginaw area hospital.

"Subsequent investigation found the subject to be a convicted felon and that he had been drinking," the undersheriff said. "This information has been presented to the prosecutor's office for possible charges."

Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark E. Reene said Johnson could face several charges, including probation violation, being a felon in possession of a firearm, possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony, and possession of a firearm while intoxicated.



THE POPULAR Lighted Christmas Parade (middle photo) and free hot bean soup, served up last year (above, from left) by Kris Repshinska and Doug Lautner to Dave Osentoski, are among the activities featured each year during the Christmas in the Village celebration in Cass City.

Gospelmen in concert Dec. 2 at Farver Rd. Baptist Church

The Gospelmen will present a concert Saturday, Dec. 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the Farver Road Baptist Church, 4330 Farver Rd. (between Sebewaing and McAlpin roads).

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Sign your ballot and turn it back in by 3 p.m.
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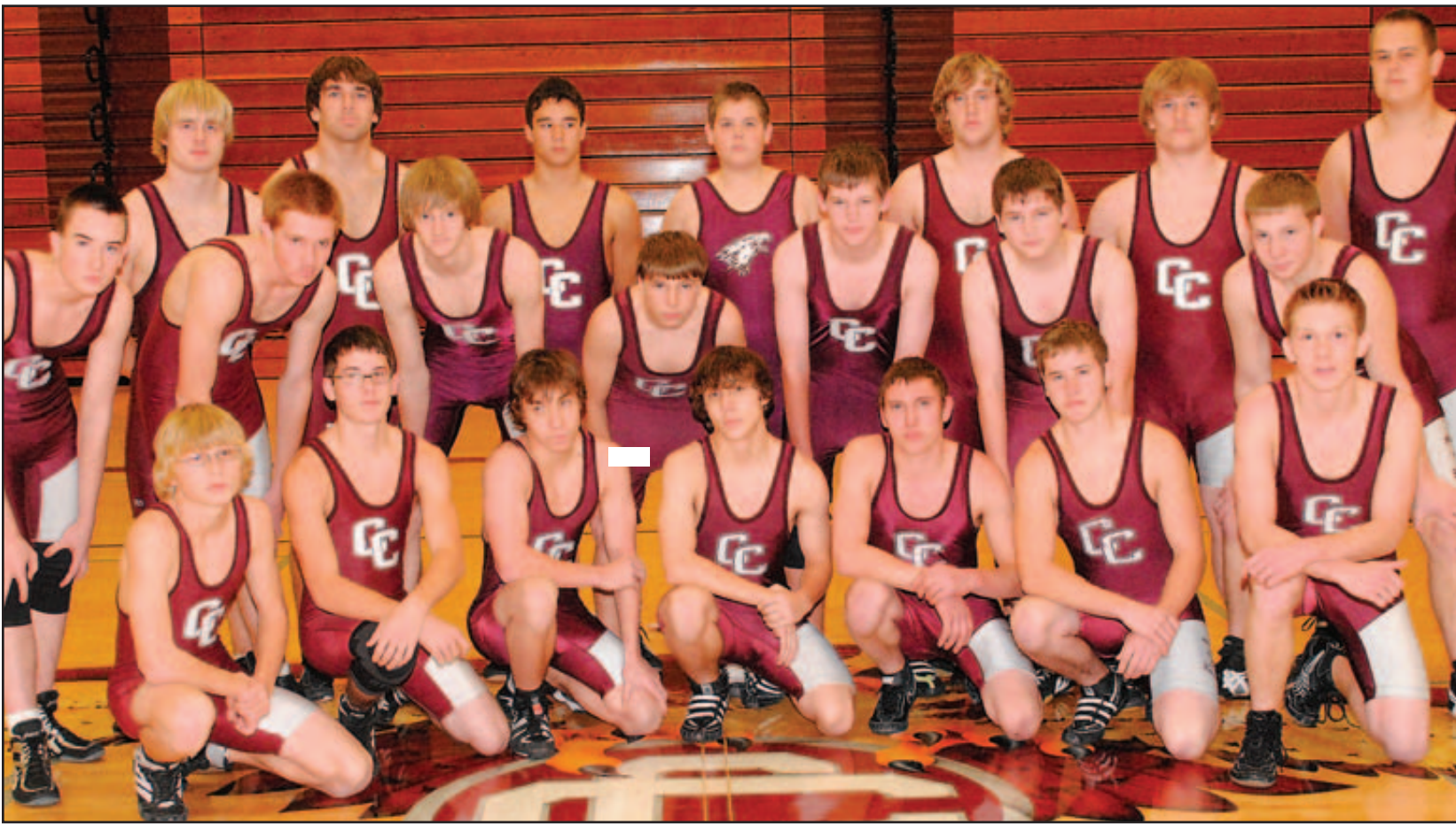
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THE CASS City 2010-11 wrestling team members are: (front, l-r) Ron Wolschleger, Garret Ferguson, Jon Crouch, Cody Crouch, Cody Pringle, Justin Ferguson, Bobby Beyette (middle) Jean Luc Mathewson, Travis Wright, Jim Merchant, Tom Lang, Nick McCoy, Harvey McCoy, Kurt Reif (back) Josh Jensen, Mike Milligan, Braeden Perzanowski, Lucas Baker, Austin Dunnuck, Nick Adkins and Austin Baker. Missing is Kyle Pomeroy.

Hawks look to defend league honors

The Cass City wrestling team hits the mats tonight in Capac with 15 returning letter winners from the Red Hawks' 2010 Greater Thumb Conference championship team.

That's good news for Coach Don Markel, the skipper of the Red Hawk program for the past quarter of a century. Now figure in a low graduation toll, 4 total, with 9 returning starters from a year ago, and one might think Cass City has a good chance to record its second straight GTC title.

But if Markel's grapplers are successful in their bid to defend league honors, it'll be without anyone competing in the 2 lightest weight classes.

"One big challenge this season will be that we will not field a wrestler at the 103 and 112 pound weight classes. We will start each match 12 points down which means that we will rely heavily upon the rest of the line-up to make up the deficit with pins or major decisions," said Markel.

A pair of returning league champions, Josh Jensen and Mike Milligan, will be called on to help offset the forfeit points Cass City faces in the diminutive matches.

Jensen was an 8th place state medalist as a sophomore and posted a 49-8 mark. He should dominate the 171-weight class; just like Milligan, 41-11 as a junior, should rule in the 189-weight class.

Also back for another season is junior Nick Adkins, 285-weight class. He was a regional qualifier with a 31-18 record last season.

Seniors Jon Crouch, 125-weight class, Cody Crouch, 130-weight class, and Cody Pringle, 135-weight class, return to shore up the Red Hawks' efforts in those divisions, as do juniors Ron Wolschleger, 119-weight class, Jim Merchant, 140-weight class, and Kurt Reif, 160-weight class.

Jon Crouch, with a record of 42-11, Cody Crouch, 33-25, and Wolschleger at 26-21, all had more wins than losses during the 2009-10 campaign.

In the 215-weight class, Kyle Pomeroy returns with a 31-18 mark under his belt.

"We will field a competitive team this season. The key to our success will rest in the hands of several wrestlers who will be in the varsity line-up for the first time. I look for our team to continually improve as some of our younger wrestlers gain experience as the season progresses," said Markel.

Among the Red Hawks with little experience entering the season are Nick McCoy and Travis Wright. McCoy, 3-8 as a freshman, is slotted for the 152-weight class, while Wright, 2-19 as a sophomore, looks to anchor the 145-weight class.

Markel says several young wrestlers, including sophomore returnees Garrett Ferguson, Justin Ferguson, Bobby Beyette and Austin Baker, will play important roles while filling in at various weight classes as the season wears on.

The veteran coach sees Mayville and Marlette as the front runners to capture the CTC crown.

"Coach Cal Hayward (Marlette) and Coach Mark Cooper (Mayville) are both outstanding coaches and have a proven track record of success," said Markel.

Adding, Cass City should push these 2 teams throughout the season, although we will miss the leadership from last year's senior team members who were key in propelling the team to a league championship.

Those losses include T.J. Marker, Kevven Dorland, Dean Rabideau and Eric Reif. Dorland won the 2010 Rich Reed Memorial Trophy in his final Red Hawk season, awarded to the GTC most valuable wrestler as voted on by league coaches.



THE CASS City girls varsity basketball team members are: (front, l-r) McKensie Parrish, Hayley Peters, Megan Parrish, Stephanie Leeson (back) Shania Chambers, Carley Hendrick, Logan Rowell, Amanda Clifton and Coach Lloyd Schinnerer. Missing is Amber Warju.

Lady Red Hawk cagers loaded with speed and size entering campaign

Surprise! The Cass City Lady Red Hawk basketball team is ready to lift the curtain this week on what promises to showcase one of Coach Lloyd Schinnerer's most talented squads since taking the helm 5 years earlier.

Although the Red Hawks finished with a 4-17 record and a 5th place finish in the Greater Thumb West standings a year ago, Coach Schinnerer feels optimistic about the upcoming season, which was slated to open Tuesday against visiting Harbor Beach.

"We have a core of very talented players who are playing their second or third year of varsity basketball. We have the size and the speed to be competitive with the top teams in our conference. I'm anticipating that this

It all starts, however, with senior McKensie Parrish who was voted all-conference, first team, as a junior. She led the team in points (9.6 ppg), assists (42) and steals and was voted the team's co-Most Valuable Player in 2010.

"(McKensie is) very quick and has the ability to break down defenses with her dribble. Tremendous defensive player," said Schinnerer.

Juniors Rowell and Hendrick, both honorable mention all-conference selections last year, are back and will

"I'm anticipating that this is the year the Lady Hawks will restore the pride back in our program."

- Coach Lloyd Schinnerer

is the year the Lady Hawks will restore the pride back in our program," Schinnerer said.

For that to happen, McKensie Parrish, Logan Rowell, Carley Hendrick, and Megan Parrish all will need to contribute throughout the season.

give Schinnerer a presence under the glass. Rowell, the team's tallest player at 5' 11" is a proven shot blocker, recording 58 as a sophomore in just 18 games.

"(Logan) runs the floor well; fine free throw shooter," said Schinnerer. Please turn to page 10.

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Monday, December 6

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North Huron at Kingston

Kingston

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North Huron

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Wednesday, December 1

Owen-Gage at Sandusky

Sandusky

Sandusky

Sandusky

Friday, December 3

Cass City at Marlette

Cass City

Cass City

Cass City

Lakers at Ubly

Lakers

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Caro at Vassar

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Vassar

Kingston at A-Fairgrove

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Kingston

Tuesday, December 7

Cass City at Sandusky

Sandusky

Cass City

Cass City

CPS at Owen-Gage

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Guards
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 Ethan Martus, Brown City

Lady cagers ready for new season

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 Adding, Hendrick, 5' 10", has improved strength, quickness, and shooting accuracy. She led the team in rebounds (75) and was the squad's Most Improved Player in 2010.

Megan Parrish, also an honorable mention all-conference selection last year, completes the list of returnees who earned GTW all-conference accolades.

"Megan is a good perimeter shooter and a tough defensive player," said Schinnerer.

Cass City also returns a trio of second-year players in seniors Amanda Clifton, Hayley Peters and Amber Warju.

Schinnerer says all 3 have strengths.

"(Amanda is) a good defensive player with improved ball handling and shooting skills; (Hayley is) frontline player who runs the floor well; shows improved strength and rebounding skills. (Amber is) strong player near the basket with a nice shooting touch."

Rounding out the team are newcomers Stephanie Leeson, junior, and freshman Shania Chambers.

Schinnerer calls Leeson very athletic, quick and a good leaper, while Chambers is a tough competitor with good ball handling skills.

"The league should be more balanced this year and therefore the conference championship should be up for grabs," said Schinnerer. "The sky is the limit."

Thumb Ag Day scheduled Dec. 8

Thumb Ag Day is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 8, at Ubly Heights Country Club in Ubly.

The program features educational programming and a chance to visit with over 55 agribusinesses exhibiting at this year's program. Also available this year will be the new 2010 - 2011 Huron County platbook as well as Sanilac and Tuscola county platbooks.

Doors open at 8:30 a.m. and remain open until 4 p.m. for participants to view exhibits and attend educational programs, which start at 9 a.m.

This year's educational programs include: "Wind, Oil and Gas Contracts: long-term impacts of development rights agreements" by Dennis Stein, District Farm Management educator; "Climate Change & Agriculture: why should we talk about it?" by Dr. Julie Doll, Michigan State University Outreach specialist; "Commodity Market Update" by Fred Hinkley, Michigan State University Extension educator, and "Ag Review: Results of this Year's Field Trials" by Thumb field crops Extension educators.

Lunch is optional at \$7 per person and will be available from 11:30 am until 1 p.m., admission otherwise is free. For more information, call the MSU Extension Office in Huron County at (989) 269-9949, in Sanilac County at (810) 648-2515 or Tuscola County at (989) 672-3870.



THE DEFORD Christian Academy volleyball team finished their 2010 season with a perfect 10-0 record. They are (back, l-r) Renee Young, Victoria Anderson, Emily Tuckey, Calsi Caverly, Adrianna Pena, Nicole Willis (front) Sarah Pitcher, Carissa Caverly, Sarah Flowers, Whitney Cameron, and Andrea Willis. Not pictured is Marissa Marz and Coach Candy Collins.

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Cass City High School 2010-11 Winter Sports Schedules

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GYMNASTICS

Dec. 16 Vassar 6:30 p.m.
Jan. 11 Freeland 6:30 p.m.
Jan. 18 Vassar 6:30 p.m.
Jan. 29 St. Johns Invite 10 a.m.
Feb. 12 Vassar Invite 12 p.m.
Feb. 19 Freeland (Quad) 6:30 p.m.



WRESTLING

Dec. 1 Imlay City/Capac 5 p.m.
Dec. 4 Cros-Lex Team Tourney 9 a.m.
Dec. 8 Caro/Vassar/Mt. Morris 6 p.m.
Dec. 11 Marlette Team Tourney 8 a.m.
Dec. 15 Millington/Chesaning/Kearsley 6 p.m.
Dec. 18 Swan Valley Team Tourney 9:30 a.m.
Jan. 5 Vassar/Brown City 6 p.m.
Jan. 8 North Branch Team Tourney 9 a.m.
Jan. 12 Memphis/EPBP Lakers 6 p.m.
Jan. 15 Imlay City Invite 9 a.m.
Jan. 19 Bad Axe/Marlette 6 p.m.
Jan. 22 Mayville Team Tourney 9 a.m.
Jan. 26 Midland/Sandusky 6 p.m.
Jan. 29 Bullock Creek Team Tourney 9 a.m.
Feb. 1 Cros-Lex/Yale 6 p.m.
Feb. 5 GTC League Meet @ Marlette TBA
Feb. 12 Individual Districts

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Dec. 8 Sandusky 5 p.m.
Dec. 10 Capac 6 p.m.
Dec. 15 H. Beach 6 p.m.
Dec. 17 Marlette 5 p.m.
Dec. 21 Mayville 6 p.m.
Jan. 5 Ubyly 5 p.m.
Jan. 7 USA 6 p.m.
Jan. 12 Brown City 6 p.m.
Jan. 14 Caro 5 p.m.
Jan. 21 BCAS 5 p.m.
Jan. 26 EPBP Lakers 6 p.m.
Jan. 28 Vassar (SC) 6 p.m.
Feb. 2 Reese 6 p.m.
Feb. 4 USA 6 p.m.
Feb. 9 Bad Axe 5 p.m.
Feb. 18 BCAS 6 p.m.
Feb. 23 EPBP Lakers 6 p.m.
Feb. 25 Vassar 5 p.m.
Mar. 1 Reese 6 p.m.
Mar. 3 Bad Axe 5 p.m.
Mar. 7,9,11 Districts TBA

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December 9 ~ vs. Mayville

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December 10 ~ vs. Capac

Gymnastics

December 16 ~ vs. Vassar

Wrestling

January 12 ~ vs. Memphis/EPBP

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

All Games Begin at 6:00 p.m.

Nov. 30 Harbor Beach
Dec. 3 Marlette
Dec. 7 Sandusky
Dec. 9 Mayville
Dec. 14 Reese
Dec. 16 Bad Axe
Jan. 4 Ubyly
Jan. 6 USA
Jan. 11 Brown City
Jan. 13 Caro
Jan. 20 BCAS
Jan. 25 EPBP Lakers
Jan. 27 Vassar
Feb. 1 Reese
Feb. 3 USA
Feb. 8 Bad Axe
Feb. 15 Kingston
Feb. 17 BCAS
Feb. 22 EPBP Lakers
Feb. 24 Vassar
Feb. 28 - Mar. 2,4 Districts

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Obituaries

Josephine Bulla

Josephine T. Bulla, 90, of Ubyly and Pontiac, died Friday, Nov. 26, 2010 in Huron Medical Center, Bad Axe. She was born Oct. 26, 1920 in Austin Township, the daughter of John D. and Catherine Gillis Bulla. Miss Bulla is a second generation Scott. Her maternal grandparents, John and Catherine McDonald Gillis, came from the Hibradean Islands of Benbecula and South Uist to Bornish, Canada, and thence to Sheridan Corners and Greenleaf Township, Sanilac County. She is the second generation Polish. Her paternal grandparents, Joseph and Rosa Pahl Bulla, came from Silesia in Prussia-annexed Poland and settled in Paris Township and then Austin Township, Sanilac County.

Miss Bulla attended Cumber rural school and graduated from Ubyly High School in 1938. She attended, on a Michigan Scholarship, Central State Teachers College in Mt. Pleasant, earning a Bachelor of Science Degree. She taught at Tanner School in Greenleaf Township, and the Hogsback rural school in Austin Township. Miss Bulla then went to work in the World War II effort at Murray Corporation of America in Detroit, working on airplane wings. She later enrolled in Henry Ford Hospital School of Nursing and graduated with honors as a registered nurse. Her written state exam was so excellent that then Governor G. Mennen Williams sent her a congratulatory letter.

Miss Bulla was employed in industrial nursing at Pontiac Motors in Pontiac. Then she began working for the Pontiac City, Michigan school system as their health director until she retired in 1982. She was a member of St. Benedict Roman Catholic Church in Pontiac and Saint Ignatius Catholic Church in Freiburg.

Miss Bulla is survived by a sister, Irene R. Bulla Olczak; a brother, Michael D. Bulla; and many nieces, nephews and family friends. She was preceded in death by infant brothers: Hugh and James; a sister Florence and her husband Neil D. Sweeney; a brother, John C. and his wife, Clara Periso; a sister, Helen M. Bulla; and a brother-in-law, Stanley J. Olczak. Mass of Christian burial was held Tuesday, Nov. 30, at St. Ignatius Catholic Church of Freiburg, with the Rev. Fr. Joseph Griffin, pastor, officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family

requests mass offerings for the soul of the deceased. Arrangements were made by Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home, Ubyly.

Sherwell Kelly

Sherwell Robert Kelly, 91, of Tecumseh, formerly of New Boston, died Friday, Nov. 26, 2010 at Cambrian Assisted Living.



He was born Sept. 23, 1919 in Gagetown, the son of Ezra and Bertha (Evans) Kelly. He married Phyllis Hendrick Aug. 1, 1940. She preceded him in death April 11, 2010.

Sherwell served in the U.S. Army, 4th Infantry Division in Germany during WWII. He was an electrician and a toolmaker for MASCO and Peerless Industries. He was a wonderful woodworker, and he loved fishing, gardening, bee keeping, and in the last few years he enjoyed painting.

Phyllis and Sherwell enjoyed many bus tours all over the United States in the past 20 years.

Sherwell is survived by his 3 children: Kay (Charles) Drouillard of Belleville, Jean (Dan) Chamberlain of Tecumseh, and Robert Kelly of Maybee; 10 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Ernest Kelly of Bartonsville, Penn.

According to his wishes, cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 4 at the Willow United Methodist Church, New Boston, with Arthur O'Dell officiating. Condolences may be offered to the family online at www.pursefuneral-home.com.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Lenawee. Arrangements were made by Purse Funeral Home, Tecumseh.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by GARY H. ERWIN, A SINGLE MAN, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 20, 2006 and recorded on June 27, 2006 in Liber 1086 on Page 181, and assigned by said mortgagee to FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seven Thousand Fifty-Four Dollars and Seventy Cents (\$107,054.70), including interest at 7.500% per annum.

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, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on January 6, 2011.

Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as:

A PARCEL OF LAND IN THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 10 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE NORTH AND SOUTH 1/4 LINE WHICH IS NORTH 0 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 36 SECONDS WEST, 1520.25 FEET FROM THE SOUTH 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 31; THENCE ALONG SAID NORTH AND SOUTH 1/4 LINE NORTH 0 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 36 SECONDS WEST 145.0 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 27 SECONDS EAST, 420.0 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 36 SECONDS EAST, 145.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 27 SECONDS WEST, 420 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. BEING SUBJECT TO THAT PART NOW USED AS MILLIMAN ROAD, SO-CALLED.

The redemption period shall be 6 months 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.

Dated: November 23, 2010

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Janet Sieradzki and Walter Sieradzki, wife and husband as joint tenants, original mortgageors, to Arbor Mortgage, Mortgagee, dated November 22, 2005 and recorded on December 21, 2005 in Liber 1065 on Page 1410,

and modified by Affidavit or Order executed on January 4, 2010 and recorded on January 11, 2010 in Liber 1190 on Page 817, and assigned by mesne assignments to BAC Home Loans Servicing, L.P. as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Eleven and 66/100 Dollars (\$145,211.66), including interest at 6% per annum.

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 place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on December 30, 2010.

Said premises are situated in Township of Koylton, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 24, Township 11 North, Range 11 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the West line of said Northwest 1/4 which is North 01 degree 29 minutes 01 second West, along said West line, 993.44 feet from the West 1/4 corner of said Section 24; thence continuing North 01 degree 29 minutes 01 second West, along said West line, 331.72 feet to the North line of said Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4; thence North 88 degrees 27 minutes 35 seconds East, along said North line, 1327.80 feet to the East line of said Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4; thence South 01 degree 31 minutes 20 seconds East, along said East line, 331.72 feet; thence South 88 degrees 27 minutes 35 seconds West, parallel with said North line, 1328.02 feet to the point of beginning.

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The redemption period shall be 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 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 1, 2010

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Anthony Bommarito, a single man, and Bobbie Bringold, a single woman, original mortgageors, to Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated September 27, 2007 and recorded on January 15, 2008 in Liber 1139 on Page 443 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Seventeen and 72/100 Dollars (\$67,117.72), including interest at 7% per annum.

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 place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on December 30, 2010.

Said premises are situated in City of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 4, Township 12 North, Range 9 East, Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan; thence North along the East line of said Section 4, 534.0 feet to the point of beginning of this description; thence West and parallel to the South line of said Section 4, 200 feet; thence North and parallel to the East line of said Section 4, 50 feet; thence East parallel to the South line of aforesaid Section 4, 200 feet; thence South along the East line of said Section 4, 50 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months 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.

Dated: December 1, 2010

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Stephanie Spencer, a single woman, original mortgageor, to Long Beach Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated September 1, 2004 and recorded on October 21, 2004 in Liber 1012 on Page 1313 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-1 as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Three Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Two and 49/100 Dollars (\$103,732.49), including interest at 9.65% per annum.

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 place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on December 30, 2010.

Said premises are situated in City of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

The South half of the East half of the South half of the South half of the northeast Quarter of Section 30, Town 12 North, Range 10 East, Wells Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 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 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 1, 2010

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ATTN 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.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Shawn Swaffer, an unmarried person, original mortgageor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 10, 2004 and recorded on June 15, 2004 in Liber 996 on Page 1161, and modified by agreement dated June 27, 2005, and recorded on July 14, 2005 in Liber 1045 on Page 733 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Seven and 59/100 Dollars (\$153,457.59), including interest at 5.75% per annum.

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 place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on December 30, 2010.

Said premises are situated in Township of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

A parcel of land in the Southeast 1/4 of Section 14, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the South line of said Section 14, which is South 88 degrees 05 minutes 00 seconds West, 848.80 feet from the Southeast corner of said Section 14; thence continuing along said South line, South 88 degrees 05 minutes 00 seconds West, 290.63 feet; thence North 00 degrees 35 minutes 47 seconds West, parallel with the East line of said Section 14, 583.74 feet to a point on the centerline of Saginaw Road (M-38); thence South 76 degrees 10 minutes 37 seconds East, along said centerline, 300.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 35 minutes 47 seconds East, parallel with said East Section line, 502.33 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 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 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 1, 2010

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NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to Rebecca Neuville and Todd Neuville, the borrowers and/or mortgageors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 2123 W. Caro Rd., Caro, MI 48723-9202.

The Borrower has the right to request a meeting with the mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. The agent designated by the Mortgage Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder to contact and that has authority to make agreements under MCL sections 600.3205b and 600.3205c is: Trott & Trott, P.C., 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200, Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525 at (248) 593-1300.

The Borrower may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority's website or by calling the Michigan State Housing Development Authority at http://www.michigan.gov/msbda or at (866) 946-7432.

If the Borrower requests a meeting with the agent designated above by contacting an approved housing counselor within 14 days from November 29, 2010, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after November 29, 2010.

If the Borrower and the agent designated above reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if the Borrower abides by the terms of the agreement.

The Borrower has the right to contact an attorney. The telephone number of the State Bar of Michigan's Lawyer Referral Service is (800) 968-0738.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael James Stevens, a single person, original mortgagor, to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated March 16, 2007 and recorded on March 23, 2007 in Liber 1114 on Page 629 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Three and 47/100 Dollars (\$53,863.47), including interest at 6.375% per annum.

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 place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on December 30, 2010.

Said premises are situated in Township of Kingston, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 6, Block 9 of the Plat of Village of Wilmont, according to the Plat recorded in

Liber 1 of Plats, Page 42 now be 43A.

The redemption period shall be 6 months 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.

Dated: December 1, 2010

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NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to Anselmo Zarazua, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 9710 Saginaw St., Reese, MI 48757-9407.

The Borrower has the right to request a meeting with the mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. The agent designated by the Mortgage Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder to contact and that has authority to make agreements under MCL sections 600.3205b and 600.3205c is: Trott & Trott, P.C., 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200, Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525 at (248) 593-1312.

The Borrower may contact a housing coun-

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If the Borrower requests a meeting with the agent designated above by contacting an approved housing counselor within 14 days from November 30, 2010, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after November 30, 2010.

If the Borrower and the agent designated above reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if the Borrower abides by the terms of the agreement.

The Borrower has the right to contact an attorney. The telephone number of the State Bar of Michigan's Lawyer Referral Service is (800) 968-0738.

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There is just a short time left for the farmers in the 37 eligible counties in Michigan to apply for the program. The entry deadline is Dec. 31, 2010. Farmers can apply at www.grow-communities.com or by calling 1-877-267-3332.

America's Farmers Grow Communities is open to all farmers age 21 and over who are actively engaged in farming a minimum of 250 acres of corn, soybeans and/or cotton, or 40 acres of open field vegetables, or at least 10 acres of tomatoes, peppers and/or cucumbers grown in protected culture are eligible. No purchase is necessary in order to enter or win.

One winner will be drawn from each of the more than 1,200 partici-

pating counties, and Monsanto Fund will announce winning farmers and recipient organizations by February 2011.

Eligible counties in Michigan includes Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola.

Baker College now enrolling area students

Baker College of Cass City, a satellite campus of Baker College of Flint, will begin enrolling students for the winter 2011 quarter. Classes begin Monday, Jan. 10, with registration continuing through the first week of the quarter.

Some of the career programs offered at Baker College of Cass City this winter include medical assistant, pharmacy technician, human services, early childhood education, computer information systems and computer technology options.

Many financial assistance opportunities are available. For more information, call Baker College of Cass City at (989) 872-6000. Students may also schedule an appointment via the Baker College website: www.baker.edu.



VOLUNTEERS (from left) Jordyn Rasmussen and Cassandra Tomlinson get ready to serve up some pie to the more than 200 area residents who attended last week's Cass City Community Thanksgiving Dinner. (See related photo, page one)

O-G amendments erase deficit

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their third year without a raise.

Although the budget figures have improved, Drury indicated he's cautiously optimistic, especially in light of predictions by experts in the education field that the state could cut school funding by as much as \$400 per pupil next year. That would cost Owen-Gage a whopping \$80,000 in revenue.

"We're only about a third of the way into this fiscal year, and things happen," Drury said. "I don't count on promises (from Lansing), I count on revenue. When we receive it, we book it."

IN OTHER BUSINESS

In other business last week, the board:

- Approved the expenditure of \$6,600 for the purchase of a new oven and a stainless steel salad bar.

- Drury said the purchases are possible because the district's food service budget is showing a surplus of \$23,000, and the money can't be used for operating expenses. The surplus has also enabled school officials to hold the line on meal prices, he noted, adding that Owen-Gage is receiving a touchless hand sanitizer free of charge. The only cost will be for the purchase of sanitizing gel.

- Introduced a new staff member,

Jill Susalla, who has been hired to operate Owen-Gage's Great Start School Readiness program for 4-year-olds.

Drury said the program currently has 5 students funded by the state at \$3,400 per pupil, and 5 other students whose families pay a tuition fee of \$75 a month.

- Rescheduled several upcoming regular meeting dates. Those dates

have been changed from the fourth Wednesday of the month to: Monday, Dec. 20; Wednesday Feb. 2 (January meeting); Wednesday, March 2 (February meeting); and Wednesday, March 30 (March meeting).

- Approved the nomination of Lauren Mandich as the "Senior Student of the Month" for November.

Tuscola Co. 4-H clubs are busy reorganizing, enrolling new members

4-H clubs throughout Tuscola County are busy reorganizing and enrolling members, and new clubs are forming.

Membership is open to any youth between the ages of 5 and 19 as of Jan. 1, 2011. There is an annual participation fee of \$10 per child or \$30 per family. Scholarships to waive the participation fee are available for those who cannot afford it.

The Tuscola County 4-H program is a mix of traditional and non-traditional programming.

"While we're perhaps best known for our work in agricultural projects, there are a good many 4-H youth

involved in other areas like entrepreneurship and science, engineering and technology," explained Melissa Payk, 4-H Extension educator for Michigan State University Extension - Tuscola County.

One example of the blending of old and new is the Deford Dazzlers 4-H Club, which includes youth exploring rocketry, science and technology as well as small livestock.

4-H clubs are full of young people having fun with friends and participating in new experiences. Through club activities, youth gain skills in decision-making, communications and cooperation. Clubs are led jointly by youth and adult volunteers and usually meet on a monthly basis. Planning and creating projects, going on tours, participating in fun hands-on activities, joining state or international exchanges, conducting community service projects and youth sharing their new knowledge with their friends and family are just a few of the things that happen in 4-H.

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4-H members learn new skills and make decisions similar to those in adult life. Using those life skills, members learn how to manage their resources, work together in groups, develop critical thinking skills and communicate with others. There are opportunities for involvement at the local, state, national, and even international level. 4-H clubs also get involved in service learning activities designed to improve the circumstances in their community. Through activities like cleaning up neighborhoods or assisting with local food pantries, 4-H members learn citizenship and leadership skills.

There are also many types of opportunities for adult volunteers based on their interests and the amount of time they have to offer.

"Often new leaders come to us with experience in a certain project area, but sometimes they just have an interest," said Payk. "We encourage leaders to learn right along side of the youth they're leading. It really teaches kids a valuable lesson when they see that adults are still interested in learning new things."

To join 4-H, find a 4-H club, or for more information about local 4-H programs; contact Tuscola County MSU Extension at (989) 672-3870 or check out the 4-H website at www.msue.msu.edu/tuscola.

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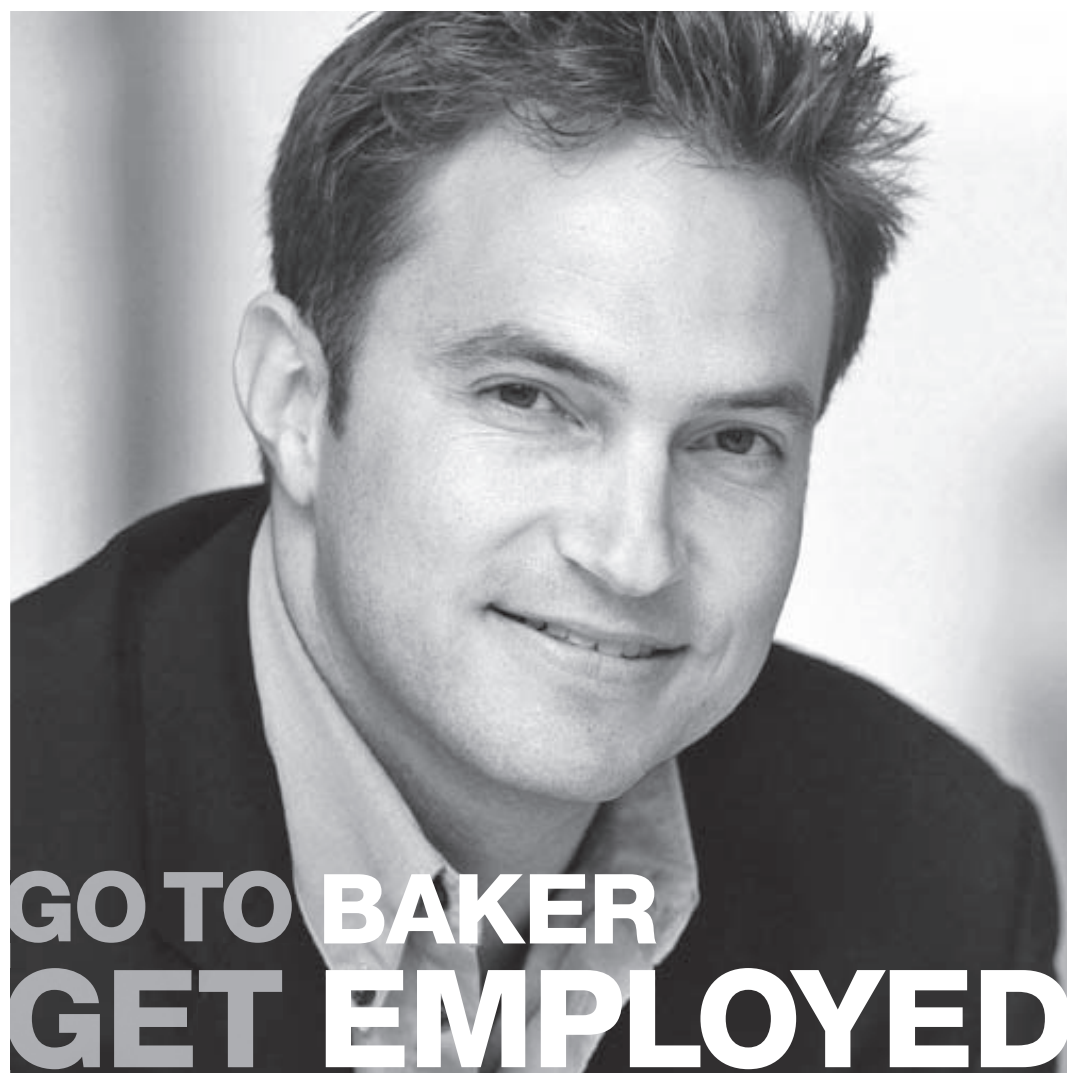
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