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Deputies have 2 suspects in firearm thefts

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The long arm of the law recently caught up with a pair of individuals suspected in the theft of nearly 4 dozen firearms from Wild John's Party Store last summer.

Sanilac County Sheriff Garry Biniecki announced Friday that law enforcement officials are seeking charges against both suspects in connection with the Aug. 15 burglary at the Cass City area business, located at 6348 N. VanDyke Rd. in Sanilac County's Greenleaf Township.

According to Sgt. Darrin Siemen, Deputy Kevin Nowiski's work in following up on a tip led to the identification of property owned in Sanilac County by one of the suspect's family. "In working with ATF (Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms) agents, an 18-year-old Shelby Township area male connected to the property led investigators to Macomb County, where the rest of the stolen guns were located and a second juvenile suspect was identified," Siemen reported.

The names of the suspects have not yet been released. Biniecki said the investigation is continuing and additional charges in the case are pending.

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"I am very pleased with the cooperative effort put into this investigation. It's a good example of what can be accomplished by working together," he added.

The investigation into the burglary took a strange turn last month, when Wild John's owner Jeff Trepkowski arrived at his business early one morning to find a trail of corn seed leading from the front door to the back door. There, Trepkowski discovered about half of the stolen guns, some of them in the cases they were stolen with, along with a note that read, "Jeff, I have brought back all the guns I could."

Trepkowski contacted the Sanilac County Sheriff's Department, which collected the stolen property in order to process it as evidence.

The stolen firearms included handguns, shotguns and high-powered rifles as well as ammunition. A large amount of cash, not usually left on hand, also came up missing, deputies noted following their initial investigation into the break-in.

Biniecki told reporters last month that county and federal law enforcement officials were "turning up the heat" on the probe after one of the stolen firearms surfaced in Utica, Mich.



THE CASS CITY Rotary Club's annual Christmas for Kids campaign served 116 families – more than 330 children – residing in the Cass City School District this year. Preparing to distribute toys, clothing and books last week were volunteers (from left) Emily Sanders, Kristen Palmatier, Pat Curtis, Mary Cunningham, Craig Bellew, Sue Truemner and Carolyn Sorenson.

Snyder vetoes guns in school

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Michigan residents concerned about the idea of allowing concealed pistol license holders to carry weapons inside schools can breathe a sigh of relief.

Calling for a more comprehensive review of issues related to gun violence, Gov. Rick Snyder last week vetoed legislation that would have allowed license holders who complete additional training to carry a concealed pistol

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Gifts await first 2013 newborn

The arrival of 2012 will have special meaning to couples that are also expecting their own little arrivals, but just when the first baby of the new year will be born is anyone's guess.

Will the first birth take place just minutes or hours after the bells start ringing after midnight, Jan. 1, or will several days or even weeks pass before the blessed event?

Regardless, the first baby of the new year born and reported to the Chronicle by a Cass City area family will be showered with gifts and well wishes from local merchants, a tradition that has continued for many years in the community.

The only question mark each year is timing. In 2003, Michelle Smith of Cass City gave birth to the first baby, Ian Matthew Vasquez, Jan. 23, and in 2005, the first baby, Landyn Frank Schott, was born Jan. 9 to Ben and Tonya Schott of Cass City.

Last year's first baby arrived Jan. 1, when Irwin and Susan Bricker of

Cass City welcomed their daughter, Maria I. Bricker, at home on Leslie Rd.

As was true last year, the coming year's proud parents will receive a \$10 discount off of a baby prescription from Coach Light Pharmacy, as well as a \$20 floral bouquet from Special Scents Floral Shoppe and a gift basket from CK Graphics. Angel's Hair Studio is chipping in a \$15 gift certificate and Gilligan's will have a \$20 gift certificate waiting.

In addition, 2 area banks will offer their best wishes. Chemical Bank and Thumb National Bank each have a \$10 savings account for the new arrival.

But that's not all; Curtis Chrysler has chipped in a free oil change, while Plain and Fancy Decorating, ProGraphix and Thumb Sewing Center are offering a \$25 gift certificate.

Finally, the family can read about their new arrival and other local news all year long with a free, one-year subscription to the Cass City Chronicle.

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to Heaven, we were all going direct the other way — in short, the period was so far like the present period, that some of its noisiest authorities insisted on its being received, for good or for evil, in the superlative degree of comparison only."

"A Tale of Two Cities"
Charles Dickens

The year 2012 will be remembered in as many ways as there are people, but it's likely all of us will recall the year with a mix of emotions; joy, excitement, frustration, fear, anger, loss.

We look forward to the new year with hopeful expectations and wishes of good health, economic prosperity and a continued sense of unity for all in Cass City.

But before we turn the page to 2013, we'd like to pause a few moments to take a look back at the news events that affected residents in our community. With that in mind, the Chronicle's editorial staff presents some of the top stories in our annual "Year in Review" feature.

SCHOOL VIOLENCE

The recent brutal murder of 20 children and 6 adults at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., by a 20-year-old gunman was not directly a local story, but the news shook Cass City as it did other communities around the globe.

And, like many other school systems across the country, the Cass City Schools is reexamining the safety measures it has in place as well as ways to better protect school children.

The urgency to begin that work was shoved into overdrive when school

officials canceled the final 3 days of classes this year after a local high school student allegedly threatened to bring a gun to school and start shooting.

School officials smartly and quickly organized a community meeting to discuss the incident along with parents' concerns, and 400 to 500 residents took advantage of the opportunity to voice their fears and offer suggestions on ways to tighten security.

It's likely no one left the gathering convinced that the issue has or will ever be completely resolved, but the meeting did emphasize the importance of keeping the lines of communication open between the schools and members of the community.

CAMPBELL CLOSED

Financial challenges are nothing new to the Cass City Public Schools, and local officials again dealt with their share in 2012, including the formidable task of trimming another \$1 million in spend before adopting the

district's current budget over the summer.

School officials avoided layoffs and significant program cuts, in part, by reducing the number of veteran educators at or near to top of the pay scale. Five long-time instructors accepted the district's offer to pay them \$15,000 each to sever their employment with the Cass City Schools, covering nearly half of the spending cuts targeted by officials.

Unfortunately, the cost-cutting axe also fell on the Campbell Elementary School building, which was closed in conjunction with a consolidation plan that saved thousands of dollars and created a 2-building system — an elementary school (housed in the former middle school) and a junior-senior high school.

Campbell Elementary was constructed in the early 1950s and bears the name of former longtime Supt. Willis Campbell. The school was named after Campbell in 1963, a year before his retirement following more than 40 years of service to the

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New Year's Eve sing set

By Tom Montgomery
Editor

Everyone is invited to take part in a New Year's Eve tradition in Cass City that spans more than 4 decades, as the 46th annual New Year's Eve Gospel Sing gets underway Monday at 7 p.m. at Cass City Junior-Senior High School.

The event continues to be sponsored by the Cass City Laymen's Club, although the organization hasn't been an active "club" for years. Still, the legacy started by a handful of faithful men back in the 1960s lives on in the community.

And this year's concert promises to continue a number of traditions, including the return of the Calvarymen Quartet. The faces of Calvarymen have changed several times over the years, but the group's faithfulness to the Cass City gathering has not. The group appeared at the first-ever New Year's Eve Gospel Concert and has returned to the vil-

lage every year since.

They will be joined this year by the Gospelmen and Justified.

A freewill offering will be taken. The concert will end earlier this year, with donuts, coffee and milk following the performance.

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Pisarek and Peters earn Red Hawk of Excellence

Cass City School officials recently recognized the latest recipients of the district's coveted Red Hawk Award of Excellence.

They are Cass City Elementary School nominee Taryn Pisarek, fifth grade, and Cass City Junior-Senior High School nominee, Kelsey Peters, eighth grade.



CASS CITY EIGHTH grade student Kelsey Peters (left) and Taryn Pisarek, a fifth grade student, were recently honored by the Cass City Board of Education and school staff after being named the latest recipients of the coveted Red Hawk Award of Excellence.

During the months of October, December, February and April, each school building staff is asked to nominate students for the award, which recognizes students in the areas of leadership, service, outstanding behavior, excellent academic performance, being most improved or other accomplishments in or outside of school. The nominees and their families are then invited to attend a Cass City Board of Education meeting, where the board presents the students with a maroon ribbon and certificate, and personally congratulates each recipient.

Fifth grade teacher Andrea Ross nominated Pisarek for the award this month.

"Even though she is new to our district, she has distinguished herself as an exemplary example of a model student. Taryn is a very motivated and hard-working. Taryn puts forth outstanding effort in everything she does," Ross said. "Math is one of her strong points. If she gets a problem wrong, I can count on the fact that she will review the problem and come to me with questions to ensure she understands the material. Her assignments are always completed on time and are of the highest quality."

"Taryn is always responsible and respectful to fellow students and adults," Ross said. "I can put her in any group to work and know that directions will be followed and the assignment will be complete."

"Finally, Taryn is always honest. No matter the given situation, I can trust her to do what is right," she added. "She has shared with me a goal; to one day become a doctor. There is no doubt in my mind that she can achieve that goal. Determination is one of her finest qualities."

Peters, meanwhile, was nominated by the district's eighth grade teaching team, which described her as an excellent all-around student.

"Kelsey is currently a straight 'A' student. She is known for being kind to both students and staff in and out of the classroom," her nomination letter states. "She always pays attention in class and respects her teachers. She participates in various school activities such as band, door decorating (during spirit week), and numerous Washington, D.C. (trip) fundraisers."

"A cruel word has not been heard out of Kelsey's mouth," the teachers added. "She is a joy to have in the classroom and a joy to have for any activity. Kelsey has been known to reach out and help special education students in the past as well. If she sees someone struggling, she tries to help them."

"Kelsey's kind nature and strong academics will take her far in life, and that is why Kelsey was nominated and voted for, by the staff at Cass City Junior-Senior High, to be awarded this month's Red Hawk Award of Excellence."

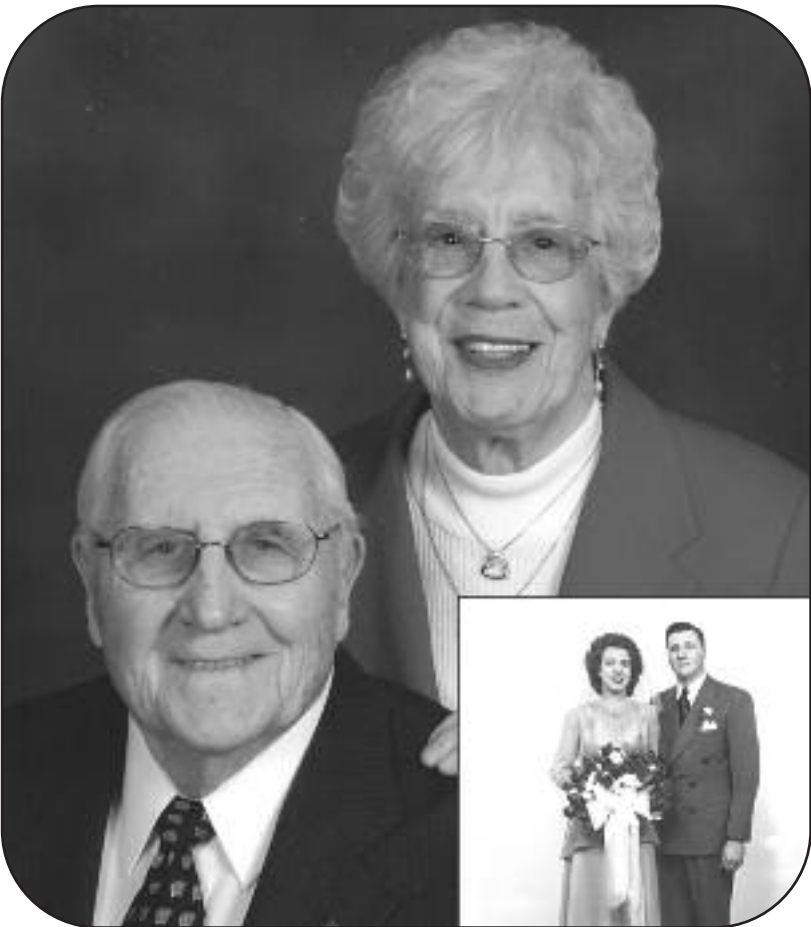
Baker College enrolling for winter classes

There's still plenty of time to enroll for winter 2013 classes at Baker College of Cass City. To accommodate busy schedules, Baker's admissions office at the Cass City campus will be open as follows and by special appointment.

- Dec. 26-28, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 - Jan. 2-4, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 - Jan. 7-11, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- In observance of the holidays, Baker College is closed Dec. 31, and Jan. 1.

Classes for winter quarter begin Monday, January 7, with registration continuing through the first week of classes.

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.



Donald and Dorothy Keinath (then & now)

Keinath celebrates 65th wedding anniversary

Donald and Dorothy Keinath of Caro recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. They met at the Tuscola County Fair where both had 4-H projects on display.

The former Dorothy Brinkman, daughter of William and Bertha Brinkman of Caro, and Donald Keinath, son of Carl and Selma Keinath of Reese, were married Dec. 20, 1947, on her parent's 25th wedding anniversary at their farm home on Dutcher Road.

The couple has 2 children, Karen Keinath of Frankenmuth and Dr. Russell (Mary) Keinath of Ann Arbor; 4 grandchildren: Natalie and Nick Nahorski of Ann Arbor, Ann and Aaron Shinn of Lapeer, Joseph (Alicia) Keinath of Kalamazoo, and Julia Keinath of Chicago, Ill.; 3 great-grandchildren: Abigail and Henry Nahorski, and Elijah Shinn, and 2 more joining the family in February.

Donald retired from farming in 2003. Dorothy helped operate a seed farm, retiring in 2003. She was also a school teacher.

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In Our OPINION...

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It takes a community to keep our kids safe

“This is a conversation we shouldn’t have to have.”

The tearful young mother who uttered those words during last week’s public forum to discuss a student’s alleged threat of violence said what most of the 400 or 500 people gathered in the Cass City Junior-Senior High School gym were probably thinking.

No parent should have to consider talking to their child about what to do in class should he or she encounter mortal danger. And, yet, this community — like many others across the state and nation — was forced to discuss that sort of scenario after a 20-year-old gunman shot his way into Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., on the morning of Dec. 14, brutally murdering 20 children and 6 adults.

Just 2 days after that tragedy, parents in the Cass City School District learned of a teenage who allegedly threatened to bring a gun to school and start shooting.

News of the incident understandably left Cass City area parents badly shaken, especially after watching the aftermath of the Sandy Hook massacre unfold on virtually every newscast throughout the weekend and beyond.

Last week’s meeting in Cass City painted the picture of a community that is concerned, anxious, frustrated. Frightened. Understandably, parents urged school officials to tighten security, perhaps bring in metal detectors, install all-metal doors and/or establish an armed presence in each building.

Others suggested that every parent should pay close attention to their kids’ activities and circles of friends, and by encouraging them to reach out to new students.

While there is no way to guarantee our children’s safety — even if we transform school buildings into prisons — we believe that incorporating everyone’s ideas, to some degree, will go a long ways towards keeping our kids.

Sure, a renewed dedication to securing our buildings is a great start, but we also need to keep our eyes and ears open and immediately contact school officials and/or law enforcement if we see or hear of anything (or anyone) that raises a red flag. It’s equally vital that every parent encourage their child to do the same.

It’s been said that it takes a village to raise a child. We believe there’s some validity in that idea. We also believe it takes a village to protect a child — all of our children — and while there are no guarantees, it’s certain that a united effort on all fronts will be far more effective than simply installing a few new locks and hoping for the best.

Slices of Life

by Jill Pertler

A perfect family



Happy holidays dear friends and family, It’s that time of year again! Time to take a break from gourmet cookie baking and ornate present wrapping to share the exploits of my perfect family. It is a joy to reveal a window of our world to you. It is a shining window indeed. Clean and streak-free.

The very perfection of my family makes this letter writing business a snap. Imagine my happiness at being able to share our outstanding talents, achievements and overall excellence with you, humble friend or family member.

While we do regularly see double rainbows in our backyard, our mornings start out much like the mornings of normal people. Well, except for the days when we oversleep and all vie for the shower at the same time. Those skirmishes for hot water and dry towels can get pretty aggressive. (You’ll note our son’s black eye in our enclosed family photo.) But you know what that means: We are a clean bunch. I’ve heard it said cleanliness is next to Godliness. Amen to that.

After competing for the limited amount of hot water, we throw our towels on the floor, forget to make our beds and proceed to the bliss of breakfast. We express differing opinions about who sits where and whose turn it is to feed the dog. Then, we all grab for the same piece of toast and in the heated moment of family togetherness, it slips from our fingers and falls to the floor — jelly-side down. Someone invariably spills their milk and blames it on the cat — or a brother — whichever is most convenient. Arm wrestling over who gets the last bit of scrambled eggs becomes physical and someone rips his shirt, or jeans, or both.

I leave the table with a smile, knowing we endured breakfast together as a family. Studies show spending mealtimes together — conversing and wrestling — is the crux of the wholesome American family. We are cruxed for sure.

After breakfast, we hone in on the issue of winter wear. It’s so good to have honest discourse within a family. We engage in opinionated dialogue related to hats, coats, mittens and boots. My husband and I are pro-winter wear. The kids, not so much. Since the adults are outnumbered, we are often left holding the mittens and boots, hoping the wind chill won’t be a factor today.

I could go on and on about bedtimes, curfews, homework and report cards (I wish the ones my kids brought home contained a few more vowels) but I’ve bragged

Letter to the Editor

Clarifying regional dental clinic project

It has come to my attention that there may be some confusion amongst the population, concerning the Regional Dental Medicaid Clinic (TADC) being created locally in the thumb area. In an effort of clarity let me provide some facts.

TADC is a consortium of local dentists and officials working together and creating a local Medicaid clinic and education center in 2013.

Local dentists and officials are and have been, very concerned about the health of individuals in the region.

Better oral health will positively affect the community in many ways, such as workforce development, absenteeism, as well as controlling pain and discomfort.

TADC will also be very involved in health education in the area and will be actively working with other nonprofit groups and schools.

TADC is a nonprofit enti-

ty. The center will serve Huron, Tuscola and Sanilac counties.

The local group TADC did not prevent a clinic from forming in the area. They are taking it upon themselves to insure the clinic is completely a local effort.

Much effort, time and money has been put forth by the Dentists since the effort started in September 2012.

The last item standing before starting the construction phase, is securing contracts with the three counties. Contracts are being worked on with the health officials and will be presented to counties in January.

Any businesses or individuals looking to donate toward the facility, and its outreach should contact me ASAP at jrutkowski67@yahoo.com.

Sincerely,
James Rutkowski, chairman

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

about my family enough. I won’t go into detail about the rest of our pristinely perfect days; I think you get the picture. It is one of a perpetually-in-order household with nary a dish piled in the sink or load of laundry left unfolded. We never lose the remote and believe clogged toilets are simply a part of our past (if you consider yesterday the past).

Despite our daily struggles, we seem to get along and (most days) are happy to be skirmishing. It makes us a family, and for that we are glad. Of course we’re not perfect. Far from it. But this is the season of perfection and we do pause now (and hopefully throughout the year) to remember the story of a tiny baby who came from the most humble beginnings to live a perfect life and make the greatest sacrifice for us all. I sort of think that’s way nicer than letting your mom shower first.

Enjoy the season, and remember perfection is often over-rated.

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Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

This news is hard to beet for several area farmers. U.S. Representative Candice Miller announced recently that grower-owners of Michigan Sugar Company harvested the cooperative’s largest crop yield on record: a total of 4.75 million tons of sugar beets, compared to 3.99 million last year.

Miller said: “Despite a late frost this spring and abnormally dry summer, Michigan sugar beet farmers harvested a record breaking 4.75 million tons of sugar beets with some of the biggest yields on record averaging 29.22 tons per acre.

Michigan’s Thumb is the state’s premier sugar beet producing area, accounting for over 100,000 acres of the 153,000 acres harvested in Michigan.

Fast approaching is the Chronicle’s popular Bridal Guide slated to appear in our January 16 issue. That gives you only until Friday, January 11, 2013 to submit your “Then & Now” photos of couples married 15 years or longer, which will highlight the section.

Simply bring your pictures to the corner of Oak and Main and we’ll handle the details. Or, if you prefer, email your snapshots to: chronicle@ccchronicle.net. Be sure to include who, when and where information on your wedding day, and a contact number.

Speaking of well-liked issues, there’s little doubt that last week’s Christmas edition — with letters to Santa — is one of the Chronicle staff’s favorites.

Making the annual holiday section stand out was impressive work from Cass City Junior-Senior art students.

Just as impressive is the cooperation we receive from teacher Danielle Laming, who once again helped to supply plenty of interesting creations, all of which we received in a timely manner.

Small world department. Was able to get a snowmobile trip to the Mio/Rose City area over the weekend and I’m happy to report the trails are in pretty good shape and should remain so through at least the first of January, as temperatures are predicted to remain below freezing.

Anyway, our group had lunch at Ma Deeters in Luzerne, where we ran into former Cass City residents Dave and Jan Doerr, who now call the Prescott area home.

Wait, there’s more. Also seated in the northern Michigan restaurant was Chuck Erla and his sons Morgan and Mason.



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Wednesday, December 26

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Thursday, December 27

AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.
Senior Lunch, noon, shabbona United Methodist Church.
Thumb TEA Party, 6:30 p.m., Evangelical Free Church, Cass City.

Friday, December 28

Al-Anon meeting for family and friends of alcoholics, 7 p.m., United Methodist Church, Elkton. For more information, call (989) 912-0546.

Saturday, December 29

Closed AA meeting, 10-11 a.m., St. Joseph Church, 4960 N. Ubly Rd., Argyle. (Meeting will be held in the hall next to the little stone church). For more information, contact Mandy at (989) 975-0544.

Monday, December 31

Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubly. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.
AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.
Women's AA meeting, 7 p.m., Faith Free Methodist Church, 2380 Deckerville Rd. For more information, call the Rev. Wayne at (810) 672-9242 or Bob at (810) 672-9084.
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Phenethylamine

State banning more drugs

The Michigan Board of Pharmacy recently began the process of the emergency scheduling of a class of synthetic drugs called Phenethylamine.

On Dec. 3, Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) Director James K. Haveman issued an imminent danger notification to the Michigan Board of Pharmacy within the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) to begin the process of making this class of chemicals illegal in Michigan.

"The Michigan Board of Pharmacy, acting with the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, initiated the emergency rule making process which will make a new class of synthetic drugs identified as Phenethylamine drugs illegal in Michigan by classifying them as Schedule 1 controlled substances," said LARA Acting Director Steve Arwood. "This decision was primarily based on an imminent danger notification from the Department of Community Health acting on recommendations from Michigan State Police (MSP), local health officers and law enforcement agencies."

Since June 2012, information across the state regarding Phenethylamine drugs has been collected and sent to the MDCH by the Michigan Poison Control Center (MPCC), MSP, local health officers and law enforcement agencies. The frequency of individuals presenting to emergency departments throughout Michigan is steadily increasing. Working together with MDCH and LARA, this is the first time that the emergency scheduling process of synthetic drugs has been utilized since the law passed in June 2012.

The scheduling of Phenethylamine drugs and a variety of amphetamine-like stimulants will not immediately take effect, but requesting an emergency scheduling is the first step in the process.

Michigan has seen 19 cases across the state that have resulted in emergency department treatment, and while there have been no fatalities in Michigan, there have been 5 nationwide. Information regarding this new drug indicates that it's coming in from overseas and being distributed within the state.

"With this class of synthetic drugs in Michigan, the state is doing all that it can to ban these substances as soon as possible," said Haveman. "Because these drugs are being sold under a wide variety of names and packaging forms, parents are highly encouraged to talk to their children and call the Michigan Poison Control Center at 1-800-222-1222 about any concerns they may have."

There are instances of non-compliance where users have been physically combative with law enforcement and EMS personnel. Information has shown that use of these chemicals has resulted in severe physiological and psychological effects on users throughout the state. Users have experienced hallucinations, disorientation, renal failure, seizures, tachycardia, hypovolemic shock, acute respiratory failure, central nervous system (CNS) depression, acute leukocytosis and rhabdomyolysis.

Due to the number of compounds currently known to have been manufactured, and the ease of attaining new compounds, MDCH has asked the board of pharmacy to ban the chemical class of Phenethylamines to protect the health and lives of Michigan residents. The imminent danger notification by MDCH allows the Michigan Board of Pharmacy to create an emergency rule to schedule this class of chemicals as a controlled substance, effectively making them illegal in Michigan.

Circuit court news

Several charged with felonies

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



- Christena M. Martinez, 35, Millington, stood mute to charges of assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer, and domestic violence, second offense, Nov. 30 in Arbela Township.
- A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled in the case.
- Michele L. Largent, 42, Ruth, was sentenced to 90 days in the county jail and 36 months probation for her pleas of no contest to breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny and larceny in a building Feb. 28 in Wisner Township.
- She was also ordered to complete 100 hours of community service and pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,466.
- Frederick P. Parrent Jr., 49, Reese, pleaded guilty to a charge of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Sept. 14 in Reese. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.


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Reporter’s notebook

Looking for hope? It’s still out there

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

I’d like to start the new year with a bundle of hope, but it isn’t easy — for any of us — with the still-fresh, horrific memories of the Sandy Hook massacre hanging over our country.

Who has watched those news clips and not immediately wondered: could that have happened here?

The frightening answer is “yes”.

The fact that many of us never heard of Newtown, Conn., before the brutal murders of those 20 children and 6 adults, doesn’t really matter. The name is now forever etched in hearts, as are the faces of those innocent youngsters, and the brave teachers and administrators who lost their lives trying to spare the children in their care.

We’ll never forget the evil that manifested itself in a way that must have shocked even the most cynical among us.

It’s human nature to search for answers and solutions (tougher gun control, let God back into our schools, improve access to mental health care for all, etc.) after an unthinkable tragedy. But I don’t believe there is a simple solution, if there is one at all.

Preventing lunatics from taking lives is like fighting smoke, isn’t it? How can anyone know that someone is capable of murdering another human being, let alone planning to carry out such a horrific act against the most innocent? If it were that simple, most of us probably wouldn’t recognize the names Columbine or Aurora. Or Newtown, where we’ve all learned that even comprehensive security measures sometimes aren’t enough to protect our kids.

Having said all of that, I’m still looking forward to 2013, because hope is still out there.

It’s in the depth of feeling we share for our fellow moms and dads, sisters and brothers, grandmothers and grandfathers in Newtown. It’s in the desire we have to just hug and comfort them.

It’s in knowing that very few of us have gone about our holiday celebrations this year without thinking about and remembering those whose Christmas was shattered, who have faced empty bedrooms and unwrapped gifts with a grief we wouldn’t wish on our worst enemy.

Yes, there’s still hope.

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Dick went on to join the army in 1955, serving in Korea after the Korean War. In 1957, he was hired by GTE, which went on to change to Verizon and then most recently to Frontier, to install and maintain phone equipment, finally taking a buyout from the company in 1993.

While Dick was working a full-time job at GTE, the Hendricks purchased the Cass Theatre in 1963 and are now in their 49th year of ownership, running the business almost singlehandedly for all of these years. They offer daily showings of current movies, often grabbing up the newest and most popular selections as quickly at the bigger city theaters are able to.

This holiday, take some time and revisit a Cass City tradition. Stop in to the Cass Theatre for a movie, popcorn, and a trip down memory lane. You will not be disappointed, and the Hendricks will be glad to see you!

Be sure to check next week’s paper for the next Cass City Spotlight Business of the Week.

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Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2007)

It’s cold, windy and snowy on the day before Christmas as this is written. But look on the bright side. We are sure to have the white Christmas that all the songs rhapsodize about and the days are getting longer. Happy New Year. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Cass City closed out its 2007 wrestling schedule Wednesday night in Caro, where coach Don Markel’s grapplers split decisions with Sanford-Meridian and the host Tigers. The Red Hawks, 10-8 on the year in dual meets, edged Sanford-Meridian, 41-38, to open the non-conference affair before falling to perennial Tri-Valley East power Caro, 42-33. Leading the charge for the Red Hawks were double winners Jon Crouch (103), Cody Crouch (112), Kevven Dorland (130/135) and Chris Wingett (171/189).

Cass City junior Chris Summersett is this week’s recipient of Schneberger’s Athlete of the Week honor. The lanky Red Hawk center helped his team to their third straight win Friday against Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port where he recorded his first career double double. Summersett netted 16 points and added 10 rebounds in his opening Greater Thumb West outing as Cass City improved to 4-3 overall and 1-0 in conference play.

10 YEARS AGO (2002)

Princess beanie baby, the hot collectible of the year, a \$5.95 doll, is selling for upwards of \$250 but 5 of them are being given away by the Gerald Prieskorns, co-owners of the Cass City Ben Franklin Store. We hope to pass them out, Geraldine Prieskorn said, where they will do the most good for the community.

A Cass City High School graduate will be marching at this year’s Rose Bowl festivities. Leana Edwards, daughter of Linda Edwards of Cass City and the late Ralph Edwards, will be marching and performing in the parade, pre-game and half-time shows as a member of the University of Michigan Marching Band. Other scheduled performances include stops at Disneyland and various con-

certs in the Pasadena Calif. area.

Justin McClaren, a seventh grade student at Owen-Gage High School, won the school-level competition of the National Geography Bee Dec. 18 and a chance at a \$25,000 college scholarship. Runner-up in the local competition was Dale Minkler, an eighth grade student at Owen-Gage High School.

25 YEARS AGO (1987)

Proof Positive that Justin Salas was among the first to cross the new Zilwaukee bridge when it opened Wednesday, Dec. 23, is the sign that was given out on opening day, Justin, with his dad, Louis, of Cass City, arrived at 11:30 a.m. and crossed after about an hour’s wait. The first person from Cass City to cross, Justin says that you can’t see much from the bridge because of the cement blocks on the sides.



Justin Salas

Cass City’s Lambert E. Althaver recently was honored for serving 2 ½ years as chairman of the Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation. Althaver received a plaque for his efforts from current EDC Chairman William Kaiser of Millington.

Ubly native Stanley Rutkowski spent 2 days at Ubly’s Sleeper Public Library last week displaying a variety of photographs as part of his studies at the Hallmark Institute of Photography. Rutkowski plans to eventually open his own photography studio, possibly in his home-

town.

50 YEARS AGO (1962)

Tuscola County’s Holstein Breeder’s Association held their annual meeting Tuesday, Dec. 18, at the 4-H Wilber Memorial Building, Caro. New directors elected were Ben Hobart of Gagetown and Richard Carpenter of Cass City. Other directors are Foster Hickey, Fairgrove; Ronald Hampshire, Deford; Devere Rohlf, Akron, and Earl Koch, Millington. Officers elected to serve the coming year were: Earl Koch, president; Richard Carpenter, vice-president, and Ben Hobart, secretary and treasurer.

Although not as many children as last year showed up for Santa’s visit to Cass City Tuesday, Dec. 18, the old, gentleman still managed to give out approximately 300 Gavel Club packed gifts. An estimated 400 packages were packed by the club and approximately 100 remained following Santa’s visit. Of the amount given out, between 50-100 were given to Cass City Cub Scouts at a meeting held the same night.

100 YEARS AGO (1912)

Leonard Buehrlay, an Elkland township farmer, sold a critter to Schwaderer Bros. & Striffler, local stock buyers, that tipped the scales at 1950 pounds, lacking just 50 pounds of making a ton. The amount received for the animal was \$97.50.

A.C. Hayes has a silver dollar which he prizes quite highly. It carries the date of 1799 and differs from the present day dollar in several particulars. It is a trifle thinner and a little larger and on the rim are the words “One Dollar or Unit-One Hundred Cents.” The date side of the coin bears an emblem of the Goddess of Liberty. Another rare coin owned by Mr. Hayes is a U.S. half-cent coined in 1855.

G.A. Tindale’s new residence on Main St., west is nearing completion. The interior decorators are now engaged in putting on the finishing touches. The house is a fine addition to the many pretty residences of Cass City. It is heated by a hot water system and has many of the modern conveniences.

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201 E. Sanilac Rd.
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Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m.
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4449 Koepfgen Rd., Cass City, MI 48726
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Worship Service 10:50 a.m.
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872-3422
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Wednesday Kids’ Club 7-8 p.m.
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Snyder vetoes bill approving guns in school

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in schools and other places that are currently off-limits. Snyder also ordered a multi-departmental assessment of the state's services and needs regarding at-risk children. The governor's decision to focus on working harder to identify troubled individuals and providing them with mental health and other intervention services was met with approval by members of the local law enforcement community. "That's very important," commented Cass City Police Chief Craig Haynes, who suggested there are many measures outside of an armed presence in schools that, combined, will go a long ways towards keeping students safe. Adults can do their part by taking any concerns they might have about a youth to the authorities for advice or possibly even a referral to another agency. "Nothing's more important

than parental involvement — nobody knows their child better than the parent," Haynes said, adding the prompt reporting of any threat or similar talk could make the difference in preventing a tragedy. "You have a duty to report neglect/abuse cases. I'd like to see that with this" sort of situation, too. Haynes said he understands parents' fears and desire to tighten school security by implementing measures such as metal detectors. However, he noted, "That's only one layer. Security comes in layers, and you have to have other layers in place for them to be effective." Examples, he said, include manpower to monitor metal detectors and deal with the discovery of contraband. Limiting building access is another "layer". Already in place, according to Haynes, is a local law enforcement presence that can respond instantly in an emergency, and that has an "active shooter" response plan in

place should the need arise. Tuscola County Sheriff Lee Teschendorf indicated he believes allowing certain properly trained school officials access to firearms in school — provided the firearms are secured and knowledge of who has access is kept confidential — could prompt a would-be shooter to think twice about attempting a violent act in school. "Sitting on the gun board, I'm very confident in the people we give (concealed pistol licenses) to. I think, in general, (they) are very responsible," said Teschendorf, referring to the fact that licensed individuals in the county have an excellent track record when it comes to safety and following the law. On the other hand, the sheriff said he would not like to see a young person who is 18 and still a high school student obtain a permit and carry a pistol into a school building. While Snyder rejected Senate Bill

59, he did sign 2 other bills that streamline the process for handgun purchases and eliminate restrictions on interstate rifle and shotgun transactions to states contiguous to Michigan. Snyder's veto primarily was based on the bill's failure to let designated public entities such as schools, day care centers and hospitals opt out of the new concealed carry provisions. The governor had urged that SB 59 be modified to more significantly restrict pistols in those zones by prohibiting open-carry in such places, in exchange for allowing only concealed pistols to be carried if license holders receive additional training — subject to the right of the property owners to prohibit concealed carrying if they desire. Under the bill as passed, only private venues can opt out, as can college or universities with constitutional autonomy. "While we must vigilantly protect the rights of law-abiding firearms owners, we also must ensure the right of designated public entities to exercise their best discretion in matters of safety and security," Snyder said. "These public venues need clear legal authority to ban firearms on their premises if they see fit to do so." The recent murder of 20 children and 6 adults at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., also highlighted the need for a thorough review of the legislation, although Snyder had committed to giving the bill additional scrutiny even before the tragedy in an effort to ensure that public safety remains a priority. "This type of violence often leaves society with more questions than answers," Snyder said. "The reasons for such appalling acts usually are numerous and complex. With that in mind, we must consider legislation like SB 59 in a holistic manner. While the bill's goal is to help prevent needless violence, Michigan will be better served if we view it through a variety of lenses. A

thoughtful review that examines issues such as school emergency policies, disenfranchised youth and mental health services may lead to more answers and better safeguards." The governor's call for a review of Michigan's services and needs includes: •Directing the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) to partner with the departments of Human Services and Education, as well as the State Court Administrative Office and law enforcement, to evaluate systems of care for at-risk children. The evaluation will identify gaps between the various systems and create a comprehensive plan to bolster early intervention efforts to address behavioral, emotional and mental health issues. •Tasking the MDCH officials to work with law enforcement and the courts to facilitate regional training to better identify tools that can be used for identifying high-risk youth. MDCH also will collaborate with partners to increase mental health awareness efforts, which will include promoting resources available to people in need of assistance. •Directing the departments of Community Health and Human Services to explore ways to incorporate community mental health workers into the Pathways to Potential model that is underway in schools. •Requesting that the Michigan State Police and the Michigan Department of Education review best practices and policies of safe school plans across Michigan, and help develop a means of greater access to strategies for students to find ways of resolving conflicts peacefully. •Asking local school districts to offer practical ways to help prevent the introduction of weapons on school property, in order to maintain the sanctity of a safe educational environment for students and educators.

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A FUNDRAISING campaign is underway to help ensure the future of the Cass Theatre, an historic landmark in Cass City for decades. If successful, the campaign will net enough cash to purchase digital equipment needed to continue showing newly-released films.



A POPULAR BUT deadly new designer drug reared its head in the Thumb area in 2012 in the form of “bath salts”. The manufacturing and sale of bath salts is lucrative but also risky since state officials banned the substances. Thumb area law enforcement officials have put considerable effort into taking a bite out traffickers’ business in the region, especially in Huron County, in recent months.



CASS CITY SCHOOL Supt. Jeff Hartel addresses a crowd of more than 400 concerned residents who gathered in the junior-senior high school gym last week to learn more about a student’s alleged threat to bring a gun to school. The threat, which resulted in the student’s expulsion, prompted school officials to cancel the remaining classes prior to the start of district’s Christmas break.

Year in Review

Headlines reveal a good (difficult) year

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district.

BATH SALTS

A new and deadly poison reared its ugly head in the Thumb area this year in the form of a designer drug known as “bath salts”.

Bath salts — not to be confused with the products sold and used for bathing — are highly addictive substances that contain strong stimulants. Use of the drugs has been linked to a number of incidents across the country involving violent behavior.

The drugs began making the headlines regionally following a series of break-ins at the Maple Lane Discount business in Bad Axe early in the year. At the time, the business was selling a legal form of bath salts — manufactured with altered ingredients to skirt federal laws banning the synthetic drugs — which have since been made illegal in Michigan.

In spite of a crackdown by law enforcement agencies in the region, county, state and federal authorities discovered an alleged drug manufacturing operation inside a Bad Axe residence last fall.

Bath salts are sold as a crystalline powder, can be ingested in a variety of ways, and carry a variety of names, from White Rush and Bliss to Hurricane Charley and Cosmic blast. Their use can result in symptoms such as severe paranoia, hallucinations and mental illness, as well as an array of physical problems, including organ failure.

MOTHER NATURE

The Thumb’s economic landscape has evolved over the years, but agriculture remains a vital part of that picture, from farmers in the field to the production of ethanol from millions of bushels of corn grown in the area each year.

And Mother Nature once again gave producers a roller coaster ride. An unusually warm spring following by killing frosts decimated much of the state’s fruit crop. Even when summer arrived in earnest, producers found themselves battling a drought of historical proportions.

Thankfully, timely rains helped to save the day with a number of crops, although a significant number of corn fields didn’t recover. Sugar beet farmers, on the other hand, enjoyed a better-than-average year.

The drought hit not only farmers in the Cass City area, but also a number of homeowners — more than 70 — who discovered their wells going dry. Many residents put the blame on heavy irrigation during the summer months. State Rep. Kurt Damrow (R-Elkton) organized a series of meetings in an effort to address the problem.

In the end, temporary water assistance was made available to some households, and legislators, citizens and farmers worked together to help formulate dispute resolution guidelines for the future.

KALIS SENTENCING

A highly-publicized criminal case against a Unionville teen charged in the death of an Owen-Gage High School sophomore came to a close early in 2012 with the sentencing of the defendant, Cody Kalis, 18, who pleaded no contest to a felony charge of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor - causing death, in Tuscola County Circuit Court.

Kalis was subsequently sentenced to a prison term of 30 months to 15 years.

The case stemmed from the death of 16-year-old Zachary Harp, who suffered fatal injuries when he was struck by a car driven by Kalis in the village of Gagetown in March 2011. The accident occurred in the midst of a gathering of teenagers at an Elizabeth Street residence.

Members of the Harp family have since filed a civil lawsuit in circuit court, naming the homeowners and several other defendants whom they claim were negligent in the teen’s death by allowing minors to possess alcohol and/or drugs at the residence.

DAMROW PROBE

A tumultuous first-term in the Michigan Legislature for state Rep. Kurt Damrow (R-Elkton), ended in defeat at the polls, where former state Rep. Terry Brown (D-Pigeon) reclaimed the 84th District House seat representing Tuscola and Huron counties.

The year saw Damrow threatened with criminal, prosecution for allegedly making false accusations against several Huron County officials and residents in 2011.

However, while state police investigators found no wrong-doing by those accused by Damrow, Genesee County Prosecutor David S. Leyton, who was appointed a special prosecutor in the case, opted not to authorize charges against Damrow.

The effort to formally charge the freshman lawmaker was led by Huron County Sheriff Kelly Hanson, who along with a pair of judges, a number of attorneys and others was accused of various improper or illegal acts in a 5-page investigation document authored by Damrow.

HELMET LAW

Area motorcyclists celebrated with their counterparts across the state last spring when Gov. Rick Snyder signed legislation allowing adults riders to choose whether or

not to wear a helmet.

After 46 years, Michigan joined 30 other states in amending its mandatory helmet law. State Senator Phil Pavlov, who introduced the legislation, said revising the law would result in attracting and keeping tourism dollars.

To ride helmet-free, a motorcyclist must be at least 21 years of age, carry a minimum of \$20,000 in additional medical insurance, and have at least 2 years of riding experience or undergo special safety training.

A few months after passage of the law, motorcycle groups pointed to traffic accident statistics that did not reveal a drastic increase in injuries and fatalities involving motorcycles. However, officials with the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning cautioned against making any conclusions until the new law has been in effect for at least one year.

ELECTION

Any presidential election year draws plenty of interest among voters, and 2012 was no different.

In addition to casting their votes in the presidential race, which saw Barack Obama win reelection over Mitt Romney, local residents decided several heated races at the county and state levels.

In Tuscola County, Amy Gierhart was elected the county’s first female circuit court judge, while veteran Friend of the Court official Nancy Thane unseated Family/Probate Court Judge Amanda Roggenbuck.

Tuscola County Sheriff Lee Teschendorf successfully fended off an aggressive campaign from challenger Chris Rogner, and Terry Brown emerged the winner over challenger Dan Grimshaw in the race for the 84th District Michigan House of Representatives seat, which the Pigeon Democrat narrowly lost to Kurt Damrow in the last election.

SUPER DISTRICT?

Education groups rallied against a rushed effort on the part of state legislators to pass several new laws, including one that would have expanded the Detroit-based Education Achievement Authority (EAA) to a statewide “super district”.

Opponents, including school board members, superintendents and parents, said the bills undermined public education and would have snatched local control of schools from taxpayers.

The proposed legislation provided for sweeping powers to take control of districts with the poorest achievement levels in the state, even if those schools were making improvements; authorized so-called new forms of charter school anywhere in the state, regardless of the performance of the local school system; and forced local districts to sell or lease their unused buildings, even over the objections of residents.

The bills were declared dead earlier this month as the Michigan Legislature wrapped up its lame duck session.

CASS THEATRE

The Cass Theatre has served as an historical landmark in Cass City for decades, a living reminder of an era gone by.

A desire to keep the business up and running for years to come saw both individuals and groups rallying behind owners Dick and Elaine Hendrick, who say a trend in the film industry of going to an all-digital format has cast a dark cloud over the Cass’ future. Adapting to the digital technology will cost tens of thousands of dollars for new equipment.

Enter former Cass City resident Steve Auvil of Macungie, Penn., a former Cass Theatre employee who offered to match local donations up to \$5,000 towards the equipment purchase. A group of area residents formed the Friends of the Cass Theatre and have launched a fundraising campaign in an effort to meet Auvil’s offer.

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2012 sporting news highlights revisited

Nobody knows exactly what's in store for the upcoming year, but looking back at the year 2012 shows many outstanding achievements in sports. Here are a few of our favorites.

BEST TEAMS

Near the top of the list locally was



HERO'S HUG. Cody Orban, right, embraces Watson Moore after his 3-run homer lifted Cass City past visiting USA for district honors. The Red Hawks compiled an impressive 15-1 home record in 2012.

the Cass City varsity baseball team. Under the direction of Coach Nathan Haag, the Red Hawks won their first Greater Thumb West championship in 8 years and went on to capture back-to-back district crowns for the first time since the 1973-74 seasons. Although Cass City would bow in a regional semifinal contest against Pinconning, Haag's gang finished the season with a lofty 33-7 record, the most wins ever in a season at Cass City, according to Haag who lost 5 seniors to graduation.

"It was this senior group that 'changed the culture' of the expectations of the baseball program. It was this group that finally got tired of losing or losing because of the name on the other team's jersey. They were without doubt the hardest working team, prepared for any possible situation," he said.

Also sharing top billing in Cass City was Coach Don Markel's wrestling team. The Red Hawk grapplers recorded a three-peat in 2012, successfully defending the team's back-to-back Greater Thumb Conference titles, before going on to win consecutive district crowns. For Markel's seniors, the district championship was their third in 4 years.

Three Red Hawk seniors ended their high school careers, achieving milestones. Jim Merchant and Ron Wolschleger both collected their 100th victory during the season, while Josh Jensen became the first wrestler to collect 200 wins over the course of a fabled career.

"Josh set several Cass City records this season including the most take-downs in a season (89), most team points earned (328), most victories in a season (61), and most career victories (205)," said Markel.

Jensen went 61-4 during his final campaign. His career mark is 205-32.

Also in 2012, the Kingston girls' basketball team captured the school's first district title since 2004. Coach Jim Green's maiden season

in charge at his high school Alma mater included a pair of impressive wins over Deckerville, a top 10 rated team in Class D for most of 2012. Green, who lost superstar Quinn Daily via graduation, has his Lady Cardinals undefeated entering the new year at 5-0.

In Owendale, the Bulldogs completed their best season in 8-man football, returning to the playoffs for

a second straight year. Coach Steve Hollocker will have running back Quinn Smith and quarterback Adam Retford returning in 2013 to build around.

COLLEGE SIGNINGS

Two Cass City seniors signed on to continue their athletic endeavors at the next level.

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BIG SMILES are shown on the faces of Joshua Jensen and Carley Hendrick, who were both honored with athletic awards last year. Jensen was the winner of the Paul Smarks Award and Hendrick was the recipient of the Women's Athletic Award.



THE 2012-13 Cass City junior varsity boys' basketball team members are: (front, l-r) Branden Horne, Colby Peruski, Drew Loomis, Acer Hana, Sawyer Cuthrell, Devan Kluger (back) Jack Stern, Dalton Prieskorn, Keith Lounsbury, Zach Clapper, Parker Haire, Kyle Ross and Coach Jeff Hartel.



THE OWEN-GAGE junior varsity boys' basketball team consists of: (front, l-r) Jacob Warack, Bryan Hopper, Dylan Fritz, David Binder (back) Adam Retford, Jacob Wright, Dan Good, Coty Wilson-Cole and Coach Brian Wright.

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In March, Kyle Hanby signed a national letter of intent with Bethel College. There, he is expected to play for Coach John Natali’s tennis team.

In May, Bethel College came calling again and snagged Morgan Erla for the school’s baseball program.

“There’s not a more deserving player to come through the Cass City athletic program to earn this scholarship. Nobody spends more time dedicating themselves to improving the team more the Morgan,” said Coach Nathan Haag following Erla’s senior season, where he batted .340 with a .435 on base percentage.

SOCCER NEWS

After a one-year absence from com-

petition, the Cass City’s boys’ soccer program returned to action in 2012 under Coach Chuck Reed. While the Red Hawks took some lumps during the team’s first showings since 2010, Reed feels the program has plenty of talent in the wings in freshmen Bransen Stimpfel, Sam Kolacz, Jose Torres and Keith Lounsbury.

DISC GOLF

In the Cass City Recreational Park, a new disc golf course was opened with funding by the local Rotary Club. The 9-hole course winds through the wooded area to the northwest of the Helen Stevens Memorial Pool.

WEIGHT ROOM

At the high school weight room,

new equipment was unveiled including 3 elliptical machines, 2 stair-step elliptical, 2 treadmills, and 4 stationary bikes.

Weight room coordinator Nick Moyer, who took the lead in procuring funds for the equipment, says a major benefit of elliptical machines is that they don’t cause as much pressure on the joints as walking or running on hard surfaces.

AT THE TRACK

Big news for the Cass City track team was supplied by exchange student Abidin Karademir. The Turkey native stole the show during a quad meet with visiting Bad Axe, Vassar and Mayville.

Abidin didn’t record a top finish among the 1,600 meter runners, but completed the race despite being blind. He ran the race strapped to the arm of 2011 Red Hawk graduate Mike Potrykus.

TOUGH MUDDERS

Cass City’s Joe Luana and his brother, Jim, participated in a Tough Mudder event held in Amhurst, Ohio. There, the pair finished in the top 5 percent of competitors, earning the right to compete in the World’s Tough Mudder event.

Tough Mudder events are usually 10-12 mile long obstacle courses that push men and women to the limits of their physical and mental endurance.



CASS CITY 12-year-old Kenna Nye proudly displays her trophy 10-point buck taken during the 2012 Youth Hunt weekend.

Expanding opportunities for southern Michigan hunters

Michigan’s Hunting Access Program (HAP) – a long-time Department of Natural Resources offering that provides hunters with more places to hunt – had been slipping into oblivion in recent years, but seems to have found a new lease on life. In fact, the latest news is pretty encouraging.

HAP, which began in the late 1970s as a way to give hunters access to private property in southern Michigan, at one time boasted more than 790 farms totaling 188,000 acres. In 2011, HAP included just 45 farms offering some 7,400 acres.

A year later, however, after the DNR decided to reinvigorate the program, HAP includes more than 150 farms that encompass 17,032-plus acres – and all of it accessible to Michigan hunters.

“I could hardly keep up with it,” said Mike Parker, a DNR wildlife biologist who works in the private lands program and oversees HAP. “I was overwhelmed, but it was also a really good problem to have.”

HAP began in 1977 when Michigan United Conservation Clubs lobbied the Legislature to create a “public access to private land” program. The Legislature responded by passing a law that required every hunter who lived in southern Michigan to purchase a Public Access Stamp, with the money earmarked to lease private farmland for hunters.

Although the Legislature soon changed the program – dropping the stamp requirement and funding it, instead, with a portion of the money raised from the sale of hunting licenses to southern Michigan hunters – the concept took off, peaking in 1982. But it soon went into long-term decline as the idea of leasing land caught on with the hunting public and hunters were often willing to “outbid” the DNR for access rights.

The program rocked along, losing ground, as hunter numbers decreased. Former DNR Director Becky Humphries formed the Hunter Retention and Recruitment Work Group to address decreasing hunter numbers. When the group identified a lack of access to hunting land as a prime cause for decreasing license sales, revisiting the HAP program seemed like a no-brainer.

Although DNR budgets were tight, a provision in the 2007 federal Farm Bill created a program under the U.S. Department of Agriculture to help fund state efforts to provide more hunting access. The DNR applied for a Voluntary Public Access Grant and was awarded \$900,000 for 3 years to expand HAP.

The DNR’s Parker – who at the time was working as a regional biologist with Pheasants Forever – was part of the recruitment and retention work group and helped the DNR write the grant. Soon after, he was hired to coordinate the HAP program. Parker immediately identified one of the key road blocks: payments to landowners were too low.

“We were not paying competitive lease rates,” Parker said. “The rates we were paying had not been increased since 1996, and they probably were not competitive in 1996. We are paying competitive lease rates now.”

Greater flexibility for landowners

In addition, the DNR changed the types of hunting rights it was leasing. In the past, landowners were required to allow all types of hunting on the property. Now, property owners can determine the types of hunting rights they wish to lease.

“We increased the flexibility for landowners,” Parker explained. “We gave them options to choose from. They could lease us rights to all

hunting, youth or apprentice only, small game only, deer only or turkey only. This increased flexibility was very well received by landowners and really helped us add farms that we would not have enrolled otherwise.”

The highest rates are paid to those landowners who lease all rights, and payment rates decrease as access becomes more restricted. All-hunting leases are the most popular option among landowners.

“The majority of our farms are all-hunting, though lately we’ve been picking up quite a few youth and apprentice farms,” Parker said.

Parker noted there are also some small-game-only farms, but the bulk are all-hunting. Some landowners who have chosen small game or turkey limit the lease rights because they want to reserve deer hunting for friends and family members who like to hunt their property.

“I thought it would be the opposite – that people would want to lease out the deer-hunting rights so they could still hunt small game, and we would help pick up the tab for the damage the deer cause,” Parker explained. “But it hasn’t happened that way.”

Now that the bulk of Michigan deer season has passed, HAP properties will appeal mostly to late-season small game hunters pursuing rabbits, squirrels and Canada geese – though archery deer hunters and late-season antlerless deer hunters have until Jan. 1 to participate. Pheasant season runs through Jan. 1 in much of southern Michigan, too.

Better opportunities for hunters

Access to HAP farms is available in 2 ways. At most, there is a self-service box at the farm for hunters to register. Other farmers require a mandatory check-in where hunters actually knock on the door and get direct permission from the landowner, Parker said.

“Something we’ve tried to do is make the program more hunter-friendly,” he continued. “Our new website lists all the farms in the program and they’re all listed in MI-HUNT, which includes aerial photos of the properties,” he said. “So a hunter can sit at home in his living room and scout the property and devise a strategy of how he might want to hunt it. I think those aerial photos will really help hunters.”

Parker said he had focused on signing up farms for HAP that were already enrolled in other Farm Bill programs – such as the Conservation Reserve Program – to help ensure the land supports game animals.

“The benefit to that is we’re getting high-quality wildlife habitat,” he said. “I’m thrilled with the quality of these new farms and the hunting opportunities they will provide.”





“Response from hunters thus far has been very positive and I’ve heard multiple great success stories, including a young girl who harvested a dandy 9-point buck with her bow,” Parker added. “For me, providing opportunities like this that allow hunters to enjoy the outdoors and help maintain our hunting heritage is what the program is all about.”

Parker said he plans to conduct extensive surveys of both landowners and hunters after the season to get a sense for what worked, what didn’t and what could be improved for the future. The Hunting Access Program has re-emerged as a worthwhile resource for hunters in southern Michigan, and the DNR is working to keep it that way.

To learn more about the Hunting Access Program, visit www.michigan.gov/hap. To explore hunting opportunities and land resources available through the DNR, visit www.michigan.gov/hunting or www.michigan.gov/mihunt.

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<i>Friday, Dec. 28, 2012</i>			
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12/4 Cass City 50, Sandusky 37
12/7 Cass City 52, Capac 37
12/11 Harbor Beach 59, Cass City 50
12/20 Ubyly (JV) CANCELLED
12/21 Ubyly (Varsity) CANCELLED
12/28 Caro
1/3 Marlette
1/8 Bad Axe
1/10 BCAS
1/16 USA
1/18 Brown City
1/25 EPB Lakers
1/30 Reese
2/1 Vassar
2/6 Bad Axe
2/8 BCAS (Snowcoming)
2/15 Brown City
2/20 USA
2/22 Lakers
2/26 Reese
2/28 Vassar Districts

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

All games at 6 p.m.
11/27 H. Beach 48, Cass City 20
12/5 Sandusky 60, Cass City 19
12/12 Reese 68, Cass City 20
12/14 Vassar 52, Cass City 20
12/19 Imlay City CANCELLED
12/20 Ubyly (JV) CANCELLED
12/21 Ubyly (Varsity) CANCELLED
12/28 Caro (Varsity)
1/4 Marlette
1/9 Bad Axe
1/11 BCAS
1/15 USA
1/17 Brown City
1/24 Lakers
1/29 Reese
1/31 Vassar
2/5 Bad Axe
2/7 BCAS
2/14 Brown City
2/19 USA
2/21 Lakers
2/28-3/2,4 Districts

WRESTLING

12/5 Imlay City/Capac	5:30 p.m.
12/8 Marlette Team Tourney	8:00 a.m.
12/12 Caro/Cros-Lex/Yale	6:00 p.m.
12/15 Cros-Lex Team Tourney	8:00 a.m.
12/28 Mayville Tourney	TBD
1/3 Memphis/Lakers	6:00 p.m.
1/5 North Branch Team Trny	9:00 a.m.
1/9 Bad Axe/Marlette	6:00 p.m.
1/12 Imlay City Invite	9:00 a.m.
1/16 Sandusky	6:00 p.m.
1/19 Mayville Team Tourney	TBA
1/23 Brown City/Vassar	6:00 p.m.
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12/13 Vassar	6:30 p.m.
1/17 Vassar	6:30 p.m.
1/21 Farmington Invite	8:30 a.m.
1/26 Vassar/Freeland	6:30 p.m.
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1/16 Vassar
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1/23 USA
1/28 Harbor Beach
1/30 Reese
2/4 Memphis
2/6 Vassar
2/11 Marlette
2/13 USA
2/20 Harbor Beach
2/25 Reese

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

All games at 5:30 p.m. unless noted
11/5 Memphis
11/7 Vassar
11/12 Marlette
11/14 USA
11/19 Harbor Beach
11/26 Reese
11/28 Memphis
12/3 Vassar
12/5 Marlette
12/10 USA
12/11 Harbor Beach
12/17 Reese CANCELLED

WRESTLING

All games at 5:30 p.m. unless noted
11/12 Sandusky/Bad Axe
11/19 EPB Lakers/Brown City
11/26 Bad Axe/Mayville
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Wayne “Pee Wee” Anderson

Wayne “Pee Wee” Lee Anderson, 76, of Cass City died unexpectedly Monday, Dec. 17, 2012 in Hills and Dales General Hospital.

He was born Jan. 2, 1936 in Kokomo, Ind., the son of Frank and Mary Anderson.

He married Betty Aug. 30, 1957, in Rothenbach, Germany, near Nurnberg. She died Sept. 23, 2006.

Wayne served in the U.S. Army stationed in Germany. He worked for General Cable retiring after over 30 years. Wayne met his wife while stationed in Germany. Together they were “Rock and Roll” dancers and danced in many area establishments, including Wildwood Farms, Colony House and Frankenmuth dance halls. They were in the “Spotlight” in Nashville. Wayne was proud of his “shop” that he created in his pole barn that included his juke box, bar and other 50’s memorabilia.

Wayne is survived by his children: Jeanne (Pete) Murawski of New Haven, Jim Anderson of Cass City, and Belinda (Jack Edwards) Anderson of Cass City; grandchildren: Chasity (Michael) Perzanowski, Jason (Amanda) Mester, Joshua Kenward, Jessica Mester, Cynthia (Kurt) Ronstad, and Steven Anderson; great grandchildren: Cody, Braeden, Shaede, Katelynn, Brianna, Jordan, Shanell, Payton, Abby, Jovi, Gavin, and Brenden; a sister, Mary Lou Bergman of Caro; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandson, Thomas Mester; brothers: Bill Kiel, Stan Anderson, Charles Anderson; and a sister, Margaret Creason.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Dec. 20, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Brad Speirs of Novesta Church of Christ officiating.

Interment was in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to Family Discretionary Fund.

Military honors were under the direction of the U.S. Army and Cass City VFW Post #3644.

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

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

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Club and American Legion Post #7 in Caro. Christine was a loving and devoted wife and mother. She was most comfortable in the kitchen cooking for a house full of friends and family. She would deliver communion to the sick and would take them food also. Christine was God Mother for over 20 people.

Christine is survived by her children: Yvonne (Bruce) LeValley of Cass City, and Rick Erla of Hernando, MS; grandchildren: Trent (Mindy) LeValley, Nathan LeValley and Mindy’s son, Brendon.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Jose Rodolfo.

Funeral services were held Friday, Dec. 21, at St. Pancratius Catholic Church, Cass City, with the Rev. Paul Bala and Sr. Maria Dina Puddu MC officiating.

Interment was in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to Cass City Historical Society, American Legion Post #7 or St. Pancratius Catholic Church.

Military honors were under the direction of the American Legion Post #7, Caro, and the United States Navy.

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

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Theron Middaugh

Theron Lee Middaugh, 72, of Cass City, passed away Tuesdays, Dec. 18, 2012 at St Mary’s Hospital of Saginaw, peacefully with his family by his side.



He was born Dec. 8, 1940, the son of the late Kenneth and Mabel (Hutchinson) Middaugh.

He married Elaine Dianne Cartwright of Fairgrove, Aug. 28, 1958 at the Wahjamega Country Church in Caro. They had 54 beautiful years together.

Theron grew up in Caro, graduating from Caro High School with the class of ‘59. Theron and Elaine settled in Caro for some time before moving to Cass City in 1969 to raise their family. He was employed at Hills and Dales General Hospital as a laboratory technician, and retired after 45 years of service. Theron enjoyed hunting with his family, motorcycling with his friends, fishing woodworking, bird watching and camping.

Theron is survived by his wife, Elaine Dianne Middaugh; 6 children: Charles Middaugh and his friend June of Deford, Cindy (Mike) Fields of Cass City, Kenneth Middaugh and his friend Tammy of Caro, Jill (Joe) Leeson of Cass City, Micheal (Kristin) Middaugh of Grand Rapids, and Timothy (Kris) Middaugh of Decker; 14 grandchildren: Chad and Brenda Middaugh of Caro, Jonathon and Stacy Fields of Cass City, Joshua Fields of Cass City, Carter and Logan Middaugh of Caro, Stephanie and Freddie Leeson of Cass City, Morgan, Brandon and Seder of Grand Rapids and Kyle and Nick Middaugh of Decker; 7 great-grandchildren: Trinity, Jacob, Karly, Bradley, Jayvin, Liam and Jasmine; a sister, Florence Kari Tuttle (Nat); and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by an infant child, Theron Lee Middaugh Jr.; his parents, Kenneth and Mabel Middaugh; and 2 brothers Frank and Robert Middaugh.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

A memorial service is planned in the spring.

IF YOU ARE NOW ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY OR HAVE BEEN IN THE PRIOR NINE MONTHS, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT 248-502-1400.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Timothy Yarch, a single man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for J. Virgil, Inc., Mortgagee, dated March 21, 2008 and recorded April 8, 2008 in Liber 1145, Page 1424, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by CitiMortgage, Inc. by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-One and 43/100 Dollars (\$110,981.43) including interest at 5.5% 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 front entrance of the Tuscola Circuit Courthouse in the Village of Caro, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on 01/10/2013.

Said premises are located in the Township of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at a point 236.00 Feet East from the Northwest corner of the North 80 Acres of the West 135.92 Acres of the Northwest Fractional 1/4 of Section 7, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; thence South 321.00 Feet East 210.00 Feet North 321.00 Feet; thence West 210.00 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.

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights.

Dated: December 12, 2012

Orlans Associates, P.C.
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File No. 671.1551

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Rick C. Marz and Audra Marie Marz, husband and wife, Mortgagors, to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated the 15th day of May, 2004 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 9th day of July, 2004 in Liber 1000 of Tuscola County Records, page 82-99, said Mortgage having been assigned to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., successor by merger to Chase Home Finance LLC, successor by merger to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Ninety Nine Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Nine and 90/100 (\$99,569.90), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 10th day of January, 2013 at 10:00 AM o'clock Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 7.150% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Koylton Township, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Parcel C: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 36, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, Koylton Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, thence South 89 degrees 27' 42" West 704.37 feet along the South Section line to the point of beginning; running thence South 89 degrees 27' 42" West 307.63 feet along the South Section line; thence North 0 degrees 17' 37" West 305.0 feet along the centerline of an existing ditch, thence North 89 degrees 27' 42" East 307.63 feet; thence South 0 degrees 17' 37" East 305.00 feet to the point of beginning. Being part of the Southeast quarter of Section 36, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, Koylton Township, Tuscola County, Michigan. Subject to the Right of Way for Marlette Road over the Southerly side thereof.

Parcel E: Commencing at the Southeast corner, Section 36, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, Koylton Township, Tuscola County, Michigan: thence South 89 degrees 27' 42" West 404.37 feet along the South Section line to the point of beginning. Running thence South 89 degrees 27' 42" West 300.00 feet along the South Section; thence North 0 degrees 17' 37" seconds West 305.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 27' 42" East 300.00 feet, thence South 0 degrees 17' 37"East 305.0 feet to the point of beginning. Being part of the Southeast quarter, Section 36, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, Koylton Township, Tuscola County, Michigan. Subject to the Right of Way for Marlette Road over the Southerly side thereof.

Being the same property conveyed to Rick C. Marz and Audra Marie Marz, husband and wife by deed dated 10-12-96 and recorded 11-7-96 in Deed Book 700, page 900, in the Office of the Recorder of Tuscola County, Michigan.

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale.

Pursuant to MCLA 600.3278, the mortgagor(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: 12/12/2012

JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., successor by merger to

Chase Home Finance LLC, successor by merger to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation Mortgagee

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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 Norman E. Brueggemann and Lideth J. Brueggemann, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Carnegie Mortgage, LLC its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 4, 2010 and recorded on March 15, 2010 in Liber 1194 on Page 107, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, NA 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 Thirty-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-One and 29/100 Dollars (\$138,491.29).

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 January 10, 2013.

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

Part of Section 35, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, Commencing at a point South 89 degrees 53 minutes 20 seconds West 323.91 feet from North 1/4 corner of Section; Thence South 89 degrees 53 minutes 20 seconds West 647.80 feet; Thence South 00 degrees 04 minutes 05 seconds East 1329.54 feet; Thence North 89 degrees 53 minutes 34 seconds East 647.98 feet; Thence North 00 degrees 04 minutes 55 seconds West 1329.56 feet to point of beginning. Except that part described as: Part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 35, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, Vassar Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the North line of said Section 35, which is South 89 degrees 53 minutes 20 seconds West 323.91 feet from the North 1/4 corner of said Section 35; thence continuing along said North line, South 89 degrees 53 minutes 20 seconds West 323.90 feet; thence South 00 degrees 04 minutes 55 seconds East 1329.56 feet to the South line of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 35; thence along said South line North 89 degrees 53 minutes 34 seconds East 324.22 feet; thence North 00 degrees 05 minutes 45 seconds West 1329.59 feet to the North line of said Section 35 and point of beginning. Subject to the use of the Northerly 33 feet thereof as Brown Road.

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.

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

Dated: December 12, 2012

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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 Brian Budry and Kimberly Budry, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated October 31, 2003 and recorded on January 23, 2004 in Liber 975 on Page 1066 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Two Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Four and 69/100 Dollars (\$62,164.69).

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 January 17, 2013.

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

A Parcel of land in the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 8, Town 13 North, Range 7 East, Gilford Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; Beginning 450 feet East of the Northwest corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4; thence South 336 feet, thence East 215 feet, thence North 336 feet, thence West 215 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.

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

Dated: December 19, 2012

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Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Christina Gibbs, a single woman to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., acting solely as nominee for Pathway Financial, LLC, Mortgagee, dated November 3, 2006 and recorded on November 17, 2006, in Liber 1102, Page 1067, Tuscola County Records, said mortgage was assigned to THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK,AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF CWABS INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-26 by an Assignment of Mortgage dated June 29, 2011 and recorded July 21, 2011 in Liber 1226, Page 667, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-One Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Three and 18/100 (\$151,523.18) including interest at the rate of 9.70200% 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 in said Tuscola County, where the premises to be sold or some part of them are situated, at 10:00 AM on January 17, 2013.

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

Commencing at the South Quarter corner of Section 33, Township 10 North, Range 7 East; thence North 89 degrees 53 minutes 06 seconds West along the South line of Section 33, a distance of 661.74 feet to the point of beginning of this description; thence continuing North 89 degrees 53 minutes 06 seconds West along said South line of Section 33, a distance of 300.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 11 minutes 11 seconds West, 500.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 53 minutes 06 seconds East parallel with the South line of Section 33, a distance of 300.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 11 minutes 11 seconds East, 500.00 feet to the point beginning. Commonly known as: 3167 E WILLARD ROAD.

If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 12.00 months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year.

Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights.

Dated: December 19, 2012

Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK,AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF CWABS INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-26
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Walter Rozanski and Carolyn R. Rozanski, Husband and Wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated March 16, 2007 and recorded on March 22, 2007 in Liber 1114 on Page 27, and assigned by said Mortgagee to PHH Mortgage Corporation 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 Eighty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Three and 72/100 Dollars (\$83,363.72).

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 January 17, 2013.

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

Commencing at the Southeast corner of Lot 19 of Westdale Subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 74 now being page 24B of Tuscola County Records, being part of the Northwest 1/4 corner of the Northwest 1/4 of section 3, Town 12 North, Range 9 East; thence East along Sherman Street 70 feet; thence North 149.425 feet; thence West 70 feet; thence South 149.425 feet to the place 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.

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

Dated: December 19, 2012

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MORTGAGE SALE – Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Glenn M. Gibbons and Vivian A. Gibbons, husband and wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Investaid Corporation, its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 16, 2006 and recorded April 3, 2006 in Liber 1076 Page 27 and modified by agreement recorded June 20, 2008 in Liber 1152, Page 433, Tuscola County Records, Michigan Said mortgage was assigned to Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, by assignment dated September 7, 2007 and recorded September 13, 2007 in Liber 1129 Page 1254 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Two Dollars and Eighteen Cents (\$178,302.18) including interest 8.5% 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, Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00AM on January 17, 2013.

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

The East 40 acres of the East one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 19, Town 12 North, Range 11 East, except the East 323.0 feet and except the West 77.0 feet of East 400 feet of the North 240.0 feet of the East 40 acres of the East one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 19, Town 12 North, Range 11 East. Commonly known as 5240 Silvernail Rd., Deford, MI 48729.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(17) applies.

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

Dated: 12/19/2012

Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC
Assignee of Mortgage

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd., Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123
Our File No: 12-67215

12-19-4

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MORTGAGE SALE – Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Paul David Richey and Dawn M. Richey, Husband and Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Quicken Loans Inc., its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated December 8, 2005 and recorded December 20, 2005 in Liber 1065, Page 872, Tuscola County Records, Michigan Said mortgage was assigned to Nationstar Mortgage, LLC, by assignment dated September 21, 2012 and recorded September 27, 2012 in Liber 1260, Page 1213, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Dollars and Ninety-Eight Cents (\$126,970.98) including interest 2% 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, Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00AM on January 17, 2013.

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

Part of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 34, Township 11 North, Range 8 East, described as; Beginning at the South one-quarter of said Section 34; thence along the South line of said Section, South 89 degrees 10 minutes 25 seconds West, 263.00 feet; thence North 01 degrees 02 minutes 00 seconds West, 1339.76 feet; thence along the North line of said Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter North 89 degrees 21 minutes 55 seconds East, 242.55 feet; thence along the North-South one-quarter line, South 02 degrees 54 minutes 30 seconds East 1339.18 feet to the South one-quarter of Section 34 and the point of beginning. Except an undivided one-half interest in

and to all the oil, gas and other minerals deed, as recorded in Liber 211 of deeds, at pages 83 and 84 (according to the survey recorded in Liber 608 Pages 1145 and 1146, Tuscola County Records. Commonly known as 4368 Swaffler Rd., Vassar Twp., MI 48768.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(17) applies.

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

Dated: 12/19/2012

Nationstar Mortgage, LLC
Assignee of Mortgage

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
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Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123
Our File No: 12-68162

12-19-4

MORTGAGE SALE THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Renee E. Fee to the United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture. The Mortgage is dated August 24, 2007 and was recorded on September 11, 2007 in Liber 1129 on pages 764 to 769 of the Tuscola County Records. No proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt which is now Ninety-One Thousand One Hundred Sixteen and 82/100 (\$91,116.82) Dollars.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on February 7, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.,

local time, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan which is the location of the Tuscola County Circuit Court. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest at the rate of 5.75% per year, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan and is more specifically described in the Mortgage as:

The North 122 feet of Lot 4, Block 1 of STREET'S ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF CARO, according to the recorded plat thereof in Liber 1 of Plats, page 17A, Tuscola County Records.

The redemption period will expire thirty (30) days from the date of the sale unless a notice is received pursuant to MCL 600.3241a (c) in which case the redemption period will expire six (6) months from the date of the sale.

Please be advised that under MCL 600.3278, if the property is actually sold at a foreclosure sale pursuant to the procedures provided in MCL 600.3200 et. seq., as is currently anticipated by this Notice of Mortgage Sale, then in such event, the borrower will be responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: December 26, 2012

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING THROUGH THE RURAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, F/K/A THE RURAL HOUSING SERVICE, OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

PREPARED BY: John R. Tucker, Esq. P-37348
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G-9460 S. Saginaw Street, Suite A
Grand Blanc, Michigan 48439
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12-26-5

SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248) 539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by OTTO RIGGEN, A SINGLE MAN, and JACK RIGGEN and KAREN M. RIGGEN, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to

ICON FINANCIAL GROUP, INC., Mortgagee, dated June 13, 2001 and recorded June 18, 2001 in Liber 835, on Page 1124, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by GMAC Mortgage, LLC successor by merger to GMAC Mortgage Corporation by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Two Dollars and Twenty-Five Cents (\$79,752.25) 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 at front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on January 24, 2013.

Said premises are located in the Township of Kingston, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Land situated in the Township of Kingston, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, is described as follows:

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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.

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. If you are a tenant in the property, you may have certain rights.

Dated: December 26, 2012

GMAC Mortgage, LLC, successor by merger to GMAC Mortgage Corporation Mortgagee/Assignee

SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN, P.C.
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DNR’s Gierman, Bonnette on duty in Thumb

**by Ryan Walker
Freelance Writer**

Driving on M-81, west of Cass City, motorists pass by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Field Office, which provides a number of outdoor-related services for Tuscola, Sanilac and Huron counties.

Many area residents may not realize it, but the staff who works at the Cass City Field Office has a wide variety of responsibilities. Two key cogs in the wheel of daily work production are DNR Wildlife Technician Tim Gierman and Wildlife Biologist Don Bonnette.

Both brought their skills and knowledge to the Cass City area over the past year.

Gierman has 23 years of experience working for the Michigan DNR. He earned his bachelor’s degree in parks and recreation from Michigan State University. His first 3 years in the natural resource field were spent working in the state park system prior to moving to the wildlife portion. In 1994, Gierman’s career path took him to Fish Point State Wildlife Area, where he worked as wildlife technician for 18 waterfowl seasons. His responsibilities at Fish Point included everything to do with making a managed wildlife area run effectively, including overseeing the dikes, pumps, tubes, gates and ditches that bring the water necessary to entice ducks and geese into the area. He also worked with local farmers through a share cropping system that provides agricultural crops benefiting area wildlife.

Gierman’s career path led him to the Cass City office last April. Not only did the scenery change, so did his job description. As wildlife technician at the Cass City office, the majority of his work focuses on grassland habitat preferred by pheasants and whitetail deer. That is a

considerable change from the focus on waterfowl management at Fish Point.

In addition to grassland, overseeing the harvesting of timber from local state game areas is another aspect of Gierman’s work that wasn’t a part of his past duties while at Fish Point. He now oversees nearly 50,000 acres of public land located in the 3-county Thumb area. Roughly 80 percent of his time is spent in northern Tuscola and Huron counties. When asked about the difference in his previous position compared to his current job, Gierman explained, “At Fish Point, you could really go in and work out of your office. Here, you’re like a road warrior; you are constantly on the road.”

Another familiar face who spends time at the Cass City Field Office is Bonnette. Before beginning his 13 years working on a full-time basis for the DNR, Bonnette earned his bachelor’s degree from Oakland University and his master’s degree from Central Michigan University.

Even though he is based out of the Bay City Operation Service Center, Bonnette also serves as the wildlife biologist for Tuscola, Sanilac and Huron counties. Fish Point is included in his designated area. Assuming the role of local wildlife biologist last March brought him back to the Cass City Field Office, where he had served as a wildlife technician for over 8 years beginning in 2003.

One of Bonnette’s many duties is habitat planning, which includes marking timber to be harvested. Technology has allowed wildlife biologists to use computers to create habitat plans to maximize resources available for nature.

“I’m on the computer a lot more; I’m not on the ground as much,” said Bonnette. Even though he isn’t in the field as often as biologists were decades ago, working the 3-county area still puts Bonnette on the road. “I’m on the road a lot, particularly in the fall,” he noted.


Due to staff reductions over the years, Gierman and Bonnette have shared responsibilities through the Cass City office. One duty they share with seasonal help is to check in deer taken during the whitetail deer seasons. There are about 1,000 deer checked in annually at the Cass City location.

Another not as well-known job the duo performs is the sealing of game animals that are legally harvested in other parts of the state. They check in elk, black bear and bobcat to name a few.

More information about the DNR’s Cass City Field Office is available by calling (989) 872-5300. In addition, the Bay City Operation Service Center is open on Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. To 5 p.m. can be reached by calling (989) 684-9141.



TIM GIERMAN (LEFT) serves as a wildlife technician and Don Bonnette is a wildlife biologist. Both men work out of the Department of Natural Resources Cass City Field Office, located along M-81 about 5 miles west of Cass City.



Hills & Dales General Hospital

would like to thank our Auxiliary for generously giving their time and tremendous accomplishments they have provided the hospital.

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The Board, Administration and staff humbly thank each and every one of you for your ongoing commitment. We commend you for your dedication and accomplishments here at Hills & Dales. “We are so blessed to have our volunteers. They are a tremendous resource to us. We cherish each one of them for their service and priceless giving of themselves.” Says, Kerry Brown, Hospital Social Worker, oversees the Auxiliary and their efforts.

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The pickup day will remain Thursday, with recycling pick-up the 1st and 3rd weeks. Pickup times will vary until the route is established. Please have your garbage curbed by 6:00 a.m. in order to ensure pick-up.

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Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the Township of Elkland will hold a public hearing on the 15th day of January, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the township Hall located at 6691 Church St., Cass City, MI 48726.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider the application by Thumb Aggregate for a Special Land Use Permit Mining Operation to be located at the east edge of Cass City on M-81 on property identified as tax parcel number 007-027-000-1600-05.

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

Site plan is available for viewing at the township office by appointment, or at Rawson Memorial District Library.

Roger Root, chairperson
Elkland Township Planning Commission