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FLAMES GUTTED a garage and damaged a Dodge Road centennial farm house last week. Seven Thumb fire departments, including Elkland Township, responded to the blaze, which destroyed a pair of BMW automobiles stored inside the garage.

Flames destroy 2 BMWs

Loss approaches \$450,000 in centennial farm fire last week

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Roughly 4 dozen Thumb fire fighters braved numbing cold and stubborn flames at a house fire west of Cass City last week.

The blaze proved especially costly for homeowner Dennis Burke, whose loss included a pair of BMWs that were destroyed along with the garage Tuesday afternoon.

Elkland Township Fire Chief Glenn Guilds estimated the total loss at \$450,000 to \$500,000, including damage to the home and the loss of the garage and vehicles.

Fire fighters were dispatched to the residence at 5440 Dodge Rd., about a half-mile north of Milligan Road,

after the homeowners smelled smoke and discovered flames in the garage. Guilds said his department arrived to find the garage fully engulfed.

Guilds said the residence, a 2-story centennial farm house with several additions, presented some challenges for firemen in terms of locating hotspots after the flames climbed the garage wall and entered the home's attic space. He noted the house has 2 to 3 different roof sections, all with different slopes.

"The guys did just a great job, knocking it down in a half hour. Then it's a cat-and-mouse game; there were hot spots everywhere," Guilds noted.

In addition to gutting the garage, the fire chief said the flames damaged the residence's living room and

an upstairs bedroom, and there was extensive smoke and water damage. Guilds determined the cause of the blaze to be hot ashes from a wood burner in the home. No one was injured, and the homeowners are insured, he said.

Elkland Township fire fighters called on several neighboring departments for assistance due to multiple equipment issues related to the cold, as well as to bring in additional manpower at the scene.

Assisting were 3 Huron County departments — Bingham and Oliver townships and Owendale — along with fire fighters from 3 Tuscola County departments; Elmwood Township-Gagetown, Kingston and Caro.

Dental group eyes Campbell for new clinic

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A group of some 30 Thumb area dentists has set its sights on the former Campbell Elementary School to set up shop for a new, non-profit clinic that would improve access to dental care for underserved kids in the region.

And local school officials have given them the nod to offer the district a proposed 3-year lease agreement with an option to purchase the vacant Cass City Public Schools building.

The Cass City Board of Education Monday approved negotiating a lease with the newly-formed Thumb Area Dental Clinic. Several details have yet to be worked out, but the board indicated it would agree to lease payments of \$500 per month for use of the west wing of the building, with a purchase price of \$85,000 for the entire building at the end of

the 3-year lease, provided school officials agree to sell at that time.

Caro dentist Dr. Dennis Spillane approached the board with the proposal during its regular monthly meeting.

Spillane explained he is part of a group of 30 Thumb dentists, including Cass City dentists Dr. James Thomas and Dr. Nicholas Nahernak, who are planning to fund and operate the clinic themselves as an alternative to having another organization — the Charlevoix County-based Michigan Community Dental Clinics Inc. — open a similar clinic in the Thumb.

"We were the pilot (group) in the state of Michigan Delta Dental Healthy Kids Program," Spillane noted, referring to a partnership between Delta Dental and the Michigan Department of Community Health that provides dental care to Medicaid-eligible children.

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Rental properties focus of meeting

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

Village officials and landlords alike hope the old adage, "Anything worth having is worth waiting for", proves true — particularly concerning the proposed rental policy being drafted to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of Cass City citizens.

The need for some type of rental regulations was brought to light by Elkland Township Fire Department Chief Glenn Guilds after a downtown fire in 2012 alerted officials to the importance of safety inspections of rental properties in the community.

At the time, Guilds said the blaze at 6467 Main Street could have been a bad one, noting a second-floor rental unit in one of the buildings was home to 2 adults along with 6 children ages 9 months to 9 years who escaped unharmed after some electrical wires shorted out and ignited a blaze between the ceiling and roof of the structure.

While tragedy was averted in the April blaze, it set in motion the creation of a rental ordinance. However, last fall the village council tabled action on the plan for 90 days after receiving a significant amount of backlash from local landlords.

During that time, Village Manager Peter Cristiano and a committee of rental property owners have been meeting to develop an outline for a new self-inspection rental policy.

At Monday's regular meeting of the village council, a 60-day extension for the current self-inspection rental policy and ordinance was approved. A new deadline for the rental strategy is now set for March 25.

"We been meeting diligently over the last several months," Cristiano told council members. "We are close to (having) a final document to present for your review and approval. (However) we still need to make some refinements and several more meetings (are needed)."

The group, which also includes village employee Sam Moore and land-

lords Amy Peters, Steve Wright, Ken Osentoski, Deb McClorey, Nancy Braun, Tracy Moore and Jerry Bartnik, is scheduled to meet again on Friday.

"We encourage any landlords to join us," Peters said.

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Erla's ready to celebrate anniversary

by Tyler Perry
Special for the Chronicle

When the John Erla family came to Cass City in 1953, they could never have imagined that the little frozen food locker they purchased would one day become a Thumb area institution. As the business prepares to celebrate its 60th anniversary, they invite Chronicle readers to take a look at the store from the other side of the counter...

Bakery

A few hours before most of the village is even awake, Susan Pitcher, Paula Johnston and crew hit the ground running. From baking their famous donuts and cookies, to slicing and packaging loaves of Irish bread, the bakery is a whirlwind of activity, as they set out to accomplish much of the day's tasks before sunrise.

While some of their products are brought in from other suppliers, their cake and sour cream donuts, Irish bread, English muffins, cookies, decorated cakes and Stollen bread are all made from scratch.

Deli

As shoppers near the rear of the store, they cannot help detecting a hunger-causing aroma. It is, no doubt, coming from the deli, where fresh fried chicken, salads, sandwiches and lunch meats are on display.

The day starts early for the deli counter staff as well, as the foods in the "hot case" must be prepared in time for the lunch hour rush. Apple cobbler, macaroni and cheese, and kielbasa and sauerkraut are just a

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Citizen of the Year in 1968 delivered 4,000-plus babies

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Editor's note: The following is the fifth and final installment in a series of stories the Chronicle is running this month in honor of the Cass City Chamber of Commerce's annual Citizen of the Year Award.

The program will mark its 50th year next month, when the community again gathers for the annual chamber banquet, highlighted by the presentation of the top citizen honor along with recognition of the community's Junior Citizen(s) of the Year. The 2013 banquet is slated for Saturday, Feb. 2, starting at 5:30 p.m. at Northwood Meadows in Cass City.

If you're a longtime Cass City resident and you weren't brought into this world with the help of the late Dr. H.T. Donahue, chances are good you know someone who was.

That's no surprise, considering Dr. Donahue delivered more than 4,000 babies during his lengthy tenure in the community before his retirement in March 1992.

Dr. Donahue, honored as the Cass City Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the Year in 1968, began his medical career in Cass City back in 1933 when he arrived in town after completing an internship at Children's Hospital in Detroit. He was an assistant to another longtime local physician, Dr. Ira D. McCoy.

A 1923 Caro High School graduate (and Distinguished Alumnus), Dr. Donahue earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of

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THE LATE DR. H.T. Donahue, named the Cass City Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the Year in 1968, is pictured above with his wife, Alice (left), and presenter Lucile Bauer.

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Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Kolakowski

Steely, Kolakowski exchange vows at Missionary Church

Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Kolakowski announce their marriage on June 2, 2012. The wedding took place at the Cass City Missionary Church with Pastor Phil Burkett officiating.

The wedding party included Jessica Steely, maid of honor; Sheila Kolakowski and Sarah Steely, bridesmaids; Jess Minard, best man; Dale Kolakowski and Aaron Steely, groomsmen; Emilee Steely, flower girl; Lucas Kolakowski and Joshua Steely, ring bearers; and Bill Kolakowski and Aaron Bardwell, ushers.

The bride's dress was 2 dresses put together. The top being from Kristin's draft horse mom, Annette Bell, who also did the decorating for the reception; and the bottom part being from her mom's dress. She carried a bouquet of white and dark purple calla lilies.

The groom wore a black tux with a black shirt and white tie. The groomsmen wore vests that matched the bridesmaids' dresses.

Jessica wore a light purple dress, Sheila wore a pale yellow dress and Sarah wore a dark purple dress. Emilee wore a lavender dress, and Lucas and Josh wore matching pin-striped purple vest outfits.

The bride was escorted by her father, Dennis, to "Trumpet Voluntary", played by her mom on trumpet, accompanied by Darlene Burkett on the organ. Special music was performed by her sister, Sarah, on violin.

The church was filled with family and friends. The reception followed after at the VFW Hall in Cass City.

The couple honeymooned in the U.P. and currently work and reside in the Thumb.

Arbor Day Foundation offering 10 free trees

Joining the Arbor Day Foundation is an ideal way to get in the mood for spring planting. Anyone from Michigan who joins the foundation in February will receive 10 free Colorado blue spruce trees to plant when the weather turns warm.

The free trees are part of the non-profit foundation's "Trees for America" campaign.

"The blue-green hue and distinctive shape of Colorado blue spruce trees will help beautify Michigan for many years to come," said John Rosenow, founder and chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "The trees will also add to the proud heritage of Michigan's existing Tree City USA communities."

The Tree City USA program has supported community forestry

throughout the country for more than 35 years.

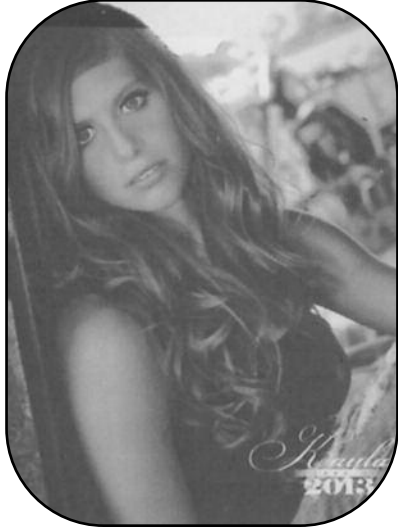
The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between March 1 and May 31, with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the foundation's colorful bimonthly publication, Arbor Day, and The Tree Book, which contains information about planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to Ten Free Colorado Blue Spruce Trees, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, Neb. 68410, by Feb. 28, or visit arborday.org/february.

Montreuil named O-G "Student of the Month"

Kayla Montreuil has been named Owen-Gage School's "Senior Student of the Month" for January.



Kayla Montreuil

It's a girl!



Karly Siemen

Kurt and Bryanne (Bensinger) Siemen of Almont announce the birth of their daughter, Karly Laikyn Siemen.

Karly was born Dec. 28, 2012. She weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces, and was 22 inches long.

She was welcomed home by big sisters, Kendyl and Kyla.

Karly's grandparents are James and Lillian Siemen of Harbor Beach, and Betty and the late Kirk Bensinger of Ubly.

Engaged



Erica Sedlak and James "Jimmy" Ringle

Erica Sedlak and James "Jimmy" Ringle of Cass City announce their engagement.

Erica is the daughter of Dave and Mary Henning of Bad Axe, and John and Kay Sedlak of Snover. Jimmy is the son of Jim and Linda Ringle of Cass City.

The couple is planning a June 2013 wedding.

Huron County 4-Hers invited to participate in essay contest

Huron County 4-Hers between the ages of 11 and 12 are invited to participate in a 4-H essay contest.

Youth are encouraged to share their 4-H experiences with other 4-Hers in their county and across the state by writing an essay focusing on the theme, "Because of 4-H, I Can..." explained Shelly Warczinski, Huron County MSU Extension 4-H Program coordinator.

"Each county may select up to 2 representatives to be recognized during the State Awards Celebration at MSU in June during 4-H Exploration Days," Warczinski said.

"Participation in 4-H Exploration Days is not required but is strongly encouraged."

More information is available by contacting Warczinski at the Huron County MSU Extension Office at (989) 269-9949.

Montreuil has been very active in sports and has won numerous all-conference and honorary athletic awards. She has been a member of the varsity volleyball, basketball and softball teams each year throughout high school.

Academically, Montreuil has been on the honor roll and a member of the 3.0 Honors Club each year. During her sophomore year, she was inducted into the Owen-Gage Chapter of the National Honor Society. She served as class president as a freshman, sophomore and junior.

Montreuil was a representative for homecoming as a freshman and was a 2012 homecoming queen candidate. As a junior, she was a member of the Math Olympic team and participated in competition at Saginaw Valley State University (SVSU), was a member of the prom committee and was co-editor of the school's webpage and yearbook. As a senior, she is editor of both the school's webpage and yearbook.

Montreuil has been an Owen-Gage representative to the Youth Advisory Committee all 4 years of high school in which she has been a participant of Cardboard City. She also has been involved in the community by volunteering for blood drives, the Huron County Senior Citizen Ball and the Thumb Octagon Barn festivities. Montreuil participates in competitive dance in her spare time.

She is the daughter of Don and Patti Montreuil of Gagetown. Her future plans are to attend SVSU to pursue a career in special education.

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In Our
OPINION...

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Tobacco taxes a
real drag in state

Guest Editorial
By Michael D. LaFaive
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Cigarette taxes have been in the news lately, and not just because politicians keep raising them. What’s new is that state and local levies have grown so onerous in some parts of the country that they almost could be called “prohibition by price.”

And like other forms of prohibition, this one has led to a spike in smuggling-related criminal activity as smokers turn to illicit distribution channels. We estimate that for 2011, 29.3 percent of all cigarettes consumed in the Great Lake State were smuggled in.

The destructive consequences of rampant tobacco smuggling include the corruption of government officials, violence, theft, counterfeiting and dangerous, adulterated products. Moreover, while very high taxes are often sold as a way to finance government health programs, in many cases the money goes to fund unrelated spending.

We have just completed our third set of estimates for tobacco smuggling in 47 of the 48 contiguous states, this one based on data through 2011, with previous editions released in 2008 and 2010. Each statistical model matches actual legal sales against predicted state consumption based on reported smoking rates, with the difference representing our estimate of smuggling.

Michigan’s smuggling rate is up 12.7 percent since our previous study of 2009 data was published. Despite the increase, Michigan retained its rank as the 10th highest smuggling rate among the 47 states in our model. The big changes in smuggling rates and ranks occurred elsewhere in the country.

We find that New York currently holds the top position as the highest net importer of smuggled cigarettes in 2011, with smuggled cigarettes totaling a staggering 60.9 percent of the total market. Not coincidentally, New York also has the nation’s highest state cigarette tax at \$4.35 per pack, plus another \$1.50 levied in New York City.

By our estimate, New Hampshire was the highest ranking “export” state. For every 100 packs of cigarettes consumed there, almost 27 packs were smuggled out.

We also modeled for Maryland the impact of a recently proposed 50 percent hike in its excise tax, from \$2 per pack to \$3. If such an increase were enacted in Maryland, the proportion of smuggled cigarettes consumed by its smokers would leap from 26 percent of the total market to 52 percent, and would actually result in a net decline in tobacco tax revenues.

These findings are troubling enough, but even more disturbing is what appears to be an increase in criminal activity related to illicit tobacco smuggling. In just one egregious example from last summer, a Maryland police officer in Prince George’s County was sentenced for running illicit cigarettes while using his duty firearm, uniform and patrol vehicle. In 2010, a Virginia man admitted to hiring someone to kill another over smuggled smokes. Prison guards have been busted smuggling smokes into prisons.

Consumers of smuggled cigarettes also incur greater risks. Counterfeiting of legitimate brands is a growing problem, and the phony butts are often adulterated with fillers containing anything from sawdust to human excrement. It’s today’s version of the toxic “bath tub” gin of the alcohol prohibition era. Official state stamps that are placed on packs to show taxes were paid are also being counterfeited, or sometimes simply stolen.

Cigarette tax hikes come with harsh and real unintended consequences. Before reaching deeper into smokers’ pockets, state lawmakers should consider the deeper social costs of creating a lucrative black market for smuggled cigarettes.

Slices of Life

by Jill Pertler

Thieves and big screens
that go pop in the night

TVs have been on my mind lately. I’m not normally much of a TV person. Of course I watch TV, but I don’t often contemplate the TV I’m watching. I like to keep the activity as brainless as possible.

This week all that changed when I witnessed two TV-related incidents I’d never seen before. The first involved a crime; the second an explosion.

It started on an ordinary Tuesday. I was minding my own business while venturing on a commonplace errand to the superstore; we were out of milk. As I walked into said store, a man walked out. He didn’t hurry, exactly. It was more like he tried to hurry without coming across like he was hurrying, you know?

In his arms, he carried a large flat screen TV – in the box. Without a cart. Without a store clerk helping him. Without a receipt taped to the box, like they tend to do.

Let’s just say I had a gurgle in my gut; something seemed off about the guy with the 32-inch flat screen TV in his arms trying hard not to appear as though he were rushing to get out of the store.

I contemplated the guy and the situation for a couple of seconds. I knew something was amiss, but I continued my entrance into the store because most of us aren’t that good at listening to our guts, are we?

Before you could say “high definition,” two store detectives came upon the scene – presumably following the man with the TV. They were rushing – and not trying in any way to hide it. I recognized them as detectives because they wore button-up shirts and ties. Hardly anyone goes to the superstore in a shirt and tie so I surmised they weren’t in it for the milk. Their crisp shirts lacked one important accessory: a store nametag. Hence I identified their deeply undercover status.

One detective swept past me with a whoosh of air, going toward the parking lot. The other glanced outside, mumbled an expletive I’m sure he didn’t intend me to hear, and hustled his Dick Tracy behind into the secret room every store has near its entrance.

The guy with the TV had vanished. I had a good idea where. A car (a.k.a. getaway vehicle) had been parked along the front of the store. A driver (a.k.a. accomplice) sat in the car waiting to make the fast exit, not to mention some fast, flat-screen cash.

Even though my hands trembled for an hour afterward due to the stress and excitement of the situation, I felt pretty good about the competence with which I observed the crime. Until I talked with my husband.

“What did the guy look like?” he asked.

I paused before answering, hoping to conjure up an image of the TV thief who’d walked no more than five feet in front of me. I thought maybe he had brown hair. Maybe curly. Maybe he wore glasses. Then again, maybe not.

“How about the get-away vehicle and driver,” my husband asked. “Did you get a look at them?”

“Yeah, I guess,” I said, thinking for sure the driver was a man – if not a woman. The vehicle, I thought was a car, or it could have been a van.

Bottom line? I’d make a terrible witness. The only thing I remembered for sure? The TV was a 32-inch model. I couldn’t even tell you if it was plasma or LCD.

Our TV at home, however, I can identify with exact

precision. I conducted extensive LCD HD research before choosing the behemoth big-screened beauty. I may not have access to the remote (I live with four guys), but I can recite model number and key features.

I can also tell you with exact precision the moment our TV blew up. This happened last Saturday, right before some big football game. We were watching, and suddenly (and I do mean suddenly) we heard a couple of pops and the screen went blank. Within seconds, the undeniable scent of an electrical burn filled the room. My husband and I exchanged glances like only a married couple can when their nearly brand new TV explodes right before the big game.

We got out the warrant, fingers crossed and hoping. Our TV was returnable up to 90 days after purchase. We counted on the calendar. We’d had our slim screened beauty...87 days. And (praise be) we’d kept the box. My husband and I headed to the superstore to make the exchange. It all went without a hitch and we turned to go. As we left the store that day, my husband carried a large flat screen TV in his arms and I experienced an eerie sense of déjà vu.

Except I had no need for nerves or panic. My husband wasn’t being chased by security guards and he held the receipt in a prominent location in his right hand. As for me, I held a prominent position myself. I was in charge of driving the get-away vehicle.

Well, not really, but it sounds exciting. Almost like something they’d put in TV.

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Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can
get to help)

Students in the Cass City School District will be allowed to break school rules Friday by participating in the eighth annual “Bubble Gum Day”

They will join kids across the country who donate 50 cents or more on Feb. 1 and are allowed to chew gum at school, with proceeds going to any charity the school chooses.

It’s just a fun way to do some fund raising, claim officials.

Stay tuned. We will report next week right here how much money was collected and who it benefited.

Letter to the Editor

Church seeks donations
to purchase defibrillator

Dear editor,

I am writing to you because of a concern on my heart in regard to the Decker, Shabbona, Argyle, Snover area. Even though we are blessed to have a capable hospital in Cass City and another in Sandusky, we all are still aware of the element of time involved in getting an equipped ambulance to our community. For those who are having a heart attack, those minutes are extremely critical.

According to a report by the National Heart and Lung Institute, heart attacks are the leading cause of death in men and women. They also report that more people would survive if they were to receive help quickly. Half of heart attack victims die within an hour of feeling their first symptoms, and prior to reaching emergency care.

Our parish is very concerned. We looked into the cost of a defibrillator and followed up with having a CPR class held at Shabbona, where we each became certified to operate a defibrillator.

It is on my heart to begin a collection to purchase this equipment. We can purchase one for approximately \$1,600. We have a “first responder” who lives in our area. We would give this person access to where the defibrillator would be kept, as well as the phone numbers of those of us in this area who are now certified and would offer our help as well. This would enable help to arrive within minutes.

I ask the community to consider our idea of how to help others in this manner. We hope people will donate whatever they are able toward this cause. If anyone would like to help, please make your check out to Shabbona United Methodist Church and clearly mark on the check that it is for a defibrillator. Please send your donations to: 4455 Decker Rd., Decker, MI 48426.

Pastor Pamela Barnett, director
Decker, Argyle, Shabbona and
Argyle U-M Church
Parish

If you would like your voice to be heard on government matters, this Thursday is the perfect opportunity. That’s when U.S. Representative Candice Miller will visit Cass City for a think tank session with local officials. The monthly gathering is scheduled for a noon start at Nick’s Country Oven on Main Street.

Chief of Police Craig Haynes has accepted with regret the resignation of full-time Police Officer Michael McCrea earlier this month.

Mike began his career with the Cass City Police Department as a part-time officer in 2004 and was promoted to full-time in 2006. McCrea is leaving to assist full-time in the family farm operations.

During the lane duck session of the State Legislature, the Personal Property Tax (PPT) was eliminated from the tax roll. The elimination of the PPT will not immediately affect the village of Cass City’s taxes. However, in August 2014, a statewide vote will determine if the PPT is lost. If so, Cass City stands to lose roughly \$150,000 or 16 percent of its general fund.

Tickets are still available for the Cass City Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner, slated for Saturday at Northwood Meadows, where this year’s Citizen(s) of the Year and Junior Citizen(s) of the Year will be announced.

Available at any of the 3 local banks, you’ll save \$5 off the cost of admission at the door.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Wednesday, January 30
Spoonfuls of Plenty FREE Community Meal, 4-6 p.m., LeeRoy Clark Building, 435 Green St., Caro. Open to anyone wanting a hot, home-style meal.

Thursday, January 31
AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.

Friday, February 1
Al-Anon meeting for family and friends of alcoholics, 7 p.m., United Methodist Church, Elkton. For more information, call (989) 912-0546.
National Bubble Gum Day, Cass City Elementary & Junior/Senior High School. Fifty cents each or 3 for \$1.
Friends of the Library meeting, 10 a.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.

Saturday, February 2
Closed AA meeting, 10-11 a.m., St. Joseph Church, 4960 N. Ubyl Rd., Argyle. (Meeting will be held in the hall next to the little stone church). For more information, contact Mandy at (989) 975-0544.

Sunday, February 3
Gagetown United Methodist Brunch, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. All you can eat. \$6 donation.

Monday, February 4
Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubyl. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.
AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.
Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 5
Al-Anon meeting, 7 p.m., St. Francis Parrish, Pigeon.
Free Cooking & Nutrition Classes, 4-6 p.m., Cass City United Methodist Church. Taught by Shari Bock, chef, and Donna Barnes, MSUE Nutrition Instructor. Space is limited on a first-come, first-serve basis. Eligibility requirements. For more information, contact Barnes at (989) 672-3825.

Task force officers arrest trio of burglars in the act

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Sanilac County Drug Task Force investigators caught a trio of Snover area men in the act of helping themselves to property belonging to an Argyle Township resident early last week.

Investigators were in the process of gathering intelligence information on possible drug activities in northern Sanilac County when they observed 3 suspicious subjects at a residence in the 2300 block of Argyle Road at about 2 p.m. Monday, according to James Johnson, director of the Sanilac County Drug Task Force.

"In checking further, it was discovered that the home owner was gone and the 3 men had made forced entry into the structure, stealing some of the contents inside," Johnson said.

The suspects, ages 18, 20 and 21, all from Moore Township, were placed under arrested and charged with breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny. "Additionally, the 18-year-old male was charged with probation violation, while the 20-year-old male had an additional charge of drug possession," added Johnson.

Officers located the stolen property and seized the drugs along with the vehicle used during the crime.

"The drug violations being investigation by the Sanilac task force are unrelated to the victim of this crime or that person's residence," Johnson noted. "The drug task force was assisted on scene by the uniform patrol division of the Sanilac County Sheriff's Office. The investigation is continuing."

From hunters club, municipality

Sheriff welcomes \$700 in gifts

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

When it comes to financial gifts, Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson figures a donation doesn't have to total thousands of dollars to make a difference.

Take recent contributions from the Ubyl Fox Hunters Club and an anonymous municipality, for example.

"Over the last 60 days, our office has received \$700 in contributions to assist in waging war against drugs in our county," Hanson said. "They (recent donors) add to the list of many other civic organizations and municipalities that have also contributed over time and supported our sheriff's office, as we all are interested in looking out for the good of our community,

"I consider our sheriff's office very fortunate to continue to receive these...contributions in economic times like we have right now," the sheriff added. "Over the last 4 years, we received an average \$1,000 to \$2,000 yearly from contributors like the organizations who just gave us \$700.

"This may not sound like a lot of money to some," Hanson said, "but as far as we're concerned, we are very thankful. This money will be used in a variety of ways such as buying equipment, training, overtime or even used as actual (drug) 'buy' money."

Hanson reminds area residents that they can report illegal drug activity by calling his department during regular business hours at (989) 269-6500, or by calling the department's confidential tip line at (989) 269-2861.



HURON COUNTY Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson (far left) accepts a financial donation to the sheriff's department from Ubyl Fox Hunter's Club President Erich Wessels (center) and Treasurer Dan Lackowski.

Circuit court news

Several charged with felonies

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






- Edward S. Sizemore, 43, Caro, pleaded guilty to a charge of operating a motor vehicle while impaired, and no contest to charges of interfering with electronic communications and assault or assault and battery Oct. 28 in Caro.
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$10,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
- Richard E. Tuttle, 55, Millington, received a one-year delayed sentence following his pleas of guilty to delivery/manufacture of marijuana and possession of marijuana July 23 in Arbela Township.
- He was ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,248.
- Timothy S. Piazza, 51, Vassar, pleaded guilty to 2 counts of assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer Dec. 5 in Vassar Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
- Paige L. Armstrong, 22, Brown City, pleaded no contest to charges of interfering with electronic communications and domestic violence, second offense, Sept. 23 in Kingston.
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$4,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
- Jeremy R. Fosdick, 33, Lapeer, pleaded guilty to one count of retail fraud, first degree, June 14 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.


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Their team is made up of people who are more like family than they are like employees. Rusty Schneeberger began working there at the early age of 10, helping with all the store's responsibilities. Al Milligan joined the store in 1970 to manage the flooring department. Also in the flooring department are Scott Hendrian and Adam Tysick, both of whom have been installing flooring for years. Kim Donovan joined the sales staff in 1984. Frank Hawley has been delivering for Schneebergers for 6 years, and Don Smith has just joined the team. Together, the Schneeberger owners and staff will do all they can to make your decorating dreams a reality. Go in and look around; you will not be disappointed!

Schneebergers is located at 6588 Main Street, next to the Cass City Chronicle. They are open Monday through Friday, 8 AM - 4:30 PM, and Saturday, 8 AM - 3 PM. They can also be reached by telephone at (989) 872-2696. Thank you, Bud and Russ, for your continued commitment to Cass City and its citizens.

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

And Remember to Shop Local and Support Those Who Support Cass City!

Thanks for calling 872-2010 with feature story ideas

Reporter’s notebook

I’m a sucker for a happy ending

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

I’m a sucker for happy endings.

Maybe that’s why I’m going to savor my interview with the Dave and Vanessa Sutton family for just a few more days. After writing more than my share of heartbreaking stories about cancer robbing kids of their childhoods, and often their lives, this was a story I truly enjoyed writing.

If you didn’t catch last week’s front page story, I’m referring to 6-year-old Wyatt Sutton, who was struck with Burkitt’s Lymphoma last spring. The youngest of Dave and Vanessa Sutton’s 3 children, Wyatt spent the next several months undergoing a barrage of tests and treatments, many of them painful. Today, he’s in remission and acting every bit the active youngster he was before.

As a parent and grandparent, I can’t even begin to imagine what the Suttons went through, but having met and talked to them, I couldn’t help but admire this young couple.

Hearing the word “cancer” when it comes to your own child is enough to paralyze just about any parent. However, rather than fall apart — knowing there would be time for tears later — the Suttons didn’t waste one precious moment getting Wyatt to C.S. Mott Children’s Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Of course, they did what any good parents would do, but can you imagine the utter fear they must have felt? Trying to put on a strong front for their son as well as their other children, but at the same time unable to dismiss the thought of losing a child?

Suddenly, their lives were thrown into chaos. Uncertainty robbed them of any control over the situation. Just about every ounce of energy was spent on ensuring everything was being done for Wyatt.

Of course, this story has a happy ending. What many folks can’t know is the sincerity in the Suttons’ voices today as they talk about how grateful they are for all of the family members, friends, acquaintances — even people they’ve never met — who reached out to them with gifts, cash and a myriad of offers to help out.

Make no mistake; Dave and Vanessa know something about giving back to their community. In fact, just weeks before Wyatt’s diagnosis, Vanessa was volunteering her time and talents to help organize a fundraiser for another local youngster battling cancer.

But to find themselves on the receiving end of others’ kindness was an amazing experience for the Suttons, one that I’m guessing will find the Cass City couple reaching out to others in need in the future.

Like I said, I’m a sucker for happy endings.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2008)

Vassar will be welcomed back with open arms by members of the Greater Thumb West league. It’s a natural fit for the league. Vassar is similar to Cass City in that its enrollment hovered between class B and class C and with the recent decline in students it now is class C. Both schools were in the former Thumb B League that included larger schools, notably for local fans it included Caro and North Branch.

Marilyn Biefer has spent more than 3 decades sharing her love of art in the classroom with students in the Kingston Community Schools, but she also spends plenty of time practicing what she preaches at her Cass City home and at various art shows in the area. Biefer is the featured artist for January and February at Rawson Memorial Library in Cass City, where official are hosting a Cass City Arts Council showcase of area residents’ artistic talents.

Chris Childs became a common household name throughout the Thumb over the weekend, as the senior sharpshooter helped Cass City rally for an electrifying 72-63 overtime win Friday against guest Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port. Childs, who received a shoulder ride from his teammates after the game, led the winners with 15 points, while Chris Summersett added 13 and Austin Babich had 11. Trent Gascho had a game-high 17 points to lead the Lakers, who had D’Anre Cook with 14 and Logan Tibbits and Grant Gnagey each with 11.

10 YEARS AGO (2003)

Volunteers in the Gagetown and Owendale communities made “getting by” a little easier for dozens of area families having a hard time making ends meet. Residents, churches and businesses all combined their resources to purchase and distribute nearly 20,000 pounds of food - everything from fresh vegetables and canned goods to baking products and condiments – through an arrangement with the Eastern Michigan Food Bank. “We were worried we wouldn’t get rid of 20,000 pounds of food, and by 11 o’clock it was just about all gone,” said volunteer Gordon Kujawski, referring to last Wednesday’s free food distribution at the Elmwood Township-Gagetown Fire Hall. The distribution began at 9 a.m.

Cass City Middle School students represented their school well at the Knights of Columbus Diocesan Spelling Bee, held Jan. 25 in Auburn. Participating in Level I were Shayna Ward, Brent Doerr, Krystal Alexander and Angie Simpson, with Doerr the top finisher at 15th out of 25 competitors. In Level II, Scarlett Helland, J.T. Kettering and Adam Kranz represented Cass City, and

Helland was the top speller, finishing third out of 15 spellers.

Cass City’s Red Hawk volleyball team, inspired by a win over Greater Thumb West defending champion and rival Bad Axe, overcame its early struggles Saturday to advance to the semis of the Northwood Invite. Amy Howard had 43 kills, 31 assists, 21 points and 5 blocks to lead Cass City. Krystee Dorland registered 16 kills, 64 receptions and 61 digs, while Becky Hartel had 17 kills and 41 assists. The Hawks also had Mallory Powell with 25 receptions and 22 points that included 11 aces. Lindsey Hendrick added 25 service points and Kristie Fluegge had 17 receptions for Cass City.

25 YEARS AGO (1988)

The persons responsible locally for fighting fires that endanger lives and property are rarely recognized personally in the pages of a newspaper or in a television news report. Often, the only reward they appear to receive is a heartfelt “Thank-you.” Even more obscure to the public, however, is a group of individuals whose lives are affected nearly every time the fire whistle screams in response to a plea for help. These individuals don’t drive fire trucks, operate water hoses or even go to fires, but they play an important role. They are the wives of volunteer fire fighters. Of the 24 volunteers who make up the Elkland Township Fire Department, 17 are married, including senior member and Chief Dick Root, whose nearly 36 years as a fireman have taught him a few things about fire fighters’ wives. “It’s got to be a very understanding woman who will have a volunteer fireman as a husband,” Root remarked.

The Cass City Red Hawks are in the midst of the most successful season the team has recorded in recent years with only a loss to Thumb B Association league leading Caro marring the record. Caro is ranked 8th in the state in Class B and will not compete against Cass City in the state tournaments. The Hawks are 6-1 in dual meets. Taking first places for the Hawks were Bob Lefler (119 pounds) and Mike Mikolon (155 pounds).

Brian S. Schember participated in Wayne State University’s commencement exercises Dec. 15. He earned a Bachelor’s degree in Civil Engineering. A 1982 Cass City High School graduate, he is the son of Marcia Schember, Cass City, and Lyle Schember, Allegan.

50 YEARS AGO (1963)

Elkland Township Fire Chief Al Avery was re-elected to his third term in that office at elections held Thursday, Jan. 24, in the Scout room over the fire hall. Other officers

named include: Jerome Root Jr., assistant chief; Dick Root and Eldon Stoutenburg, both captains; Fritz Neitzel, treasurer; and Elwyn Helwig, secretary. Neitzel has been treasurer for the past 14 years and Helwig was named to his second term as secretary. The other officers are new on the board. Avery also appointed a Membership Committee to line up prospective members and to set up an auxiliary firemen’s list. Members of the committee are Joe Gruber, Barney Freiburger and Dale Damm.

Among the midyear graduates from the University of Michigan’s School of Engineering was Edwin McConkey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Maynard McConkey of Cass City. McConkey received a BS degree in math and electrical engineering at commencement exercises held at Hill Auditorium Saturday.

One of Cass City’s oldest landmarks passed into history this week with the dismantling of the former General Telephone office on South Seeger by a local wrecking crew. The building was torn down to make way for landscaping in front of the recently erected telephone central control building just behind the old site.

100 YEARS AGO (1913)

Miss Ora M. McKim was successful in winning first honors at the annual oratorical contest held at Ypsilanti Jan. 24 and will represent the Ypsi Normal at the state oratorical contest which will be held at Adrian on March 7. Miss McKim is the daughter of Elias McKim of this city and a member of the Class of 1905 of the Cass City High School.

Mrs. Andrew Ness has resigned her position as telephone operator with the Cass City Telephone Company. Miss Sadie Kelsey will fill the vacancy.

That the members of the Woman’s Study Club are progressive in their ideas was again demonstrated by the many practical ideas presented in the talk on “Town Improvement” by Mrs. Edward Pinney and in the lively discussion which followed the same at the meeting of the club Monday afternoon. If all or at least some of the suggestions are carried out Cass City would see a decided improvement in its appearance. Among the suggestions for the betterment of the town are the following: A sewer system, more drinking fountains, sidewalks on both sides of all streets, install waste baskets on principal street corners, prohibit spitting on sidewalks, establish a rest room, clean up alleys and backyards. Special attention was called to the use of vacant lots as dumping grounds. These should be filled up and seeded down and made beauty spots instead of unsightly places.

Cass City Area Church Directory

Anchor Cove Outreach Church
201 E. Sanilac Rd.
Caro, MI 48723
989-672-2262
Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m.
www.anchorcoveoutreachchurch.com



Cass City United Methodist Church
5100 N. Cemetery Rd.,
P.O. Box 125, Cass City, MI 48726
872-3422
Worship: 11:00 a.m.
(Summer 9:30 a.m.)
Sunday School - Sept.-May 9:30 a.m.
Community Dinner - Monthly (2nd Wed. at noon)
Pastor: Rev. Jackie Roe



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
6820 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726
872-2770
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Bible Class & Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
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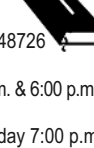
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday -
Pray/Bible Study & Youth Group 6:00 p.m.



Evangelical Free Church of Cass City
6430 Chestnut Blvd., Cass City, MI 48726
872-5060
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Midweek Bible Studies
Biblical Counseling
Pastor: Rev. Todd R. Gould
www.casscityefc.org



Cass City Church of Christ
6743 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726
Contacts 872-2367 or 872-3136
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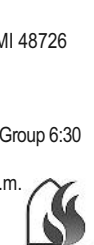
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989-872-3155
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Sunday Morning Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday-
Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
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Thursday Teen Club 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Pastor: David G. Hill
Website: www.fbccc.us



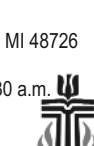
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6538 Third St., Cass City, MI 48726
872-2604 or (989) 912-2077
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study -
& Children’s Activities 6:00 p.m.
Pastor: Jerry Harrington
Associate Pastor: Judy A. Esckilsen



Cass City Missionary Church
4449 Koepfgen Rd., Cass City, MI 48726
989-872-2729
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 10:50 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service & Youth Group 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Family Night 6:30 p.m.
Pastor: Phil Burkett
www.casscitymc.org



Fraser Presbyterian Church
3006 Huron Line Rd., Cass City, MI 48726
872-5400
Sunday School - Sept.-May 10:30 a.m.
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Pastor: Dave Blackburn



**Potter’s House
Christian Fellowship Church**
Corner of 6th and Leach, Cass City, MI 48726
872-5186
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Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Pastor: F. Robert Tucker



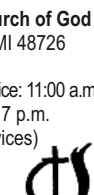
St. Pancratius Catholic Church
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872-3336
Summer
Saturday Liturgy 5:30 p.m. DST
Sunday Liturgy 9:00 a.m.
Winter
Saturday Liturgy 4:00 p.m. EDT
Sunday Liturgy 9:00 a.m.
Pastoral Administrator:
Sr. Maria Dina Puddu MC



Mizpah Missionary Church
4631 N. Van Dyke, Cass City, MI 48726
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Service: 11 a.m.
Wednesday Prayer Group 7-8 p.m.
Wednesday Kids’ Club 7-8 p.m.
Pastor Dale Bullock 989-325-0736



Living Word Worship Center Church of God
6536 Houghton Street, Cass City, MI 48726
989-872-4637
Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.
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United Way elects 2013 leadership team

The United Way of Tuscola County Board recently elected its 2013 leadership team, set the schedule for agency presentations and reviewed the organization’s 2012 accomplishments.

Mary Kulis (Consumers Energy) will serve as president with Susan Holder (Tuscola County Behavioral Health) as vice president. Dawn Prieskorn (Oetiker) was elected secretary/treasurer and Ray Bates will serve as ethics officer.

The 2012 budget ended the year with income of \$51,126 and expenses of \$2,913. The 2013 budget was unanimously approved with an expected income of \$52,515 and expected expenses of \$3,325. The Board of Directors is taking steps to increase income, including:

- Personal visits to tax preparation companies to encourage discussion of the United Way Check-Off Program, which allows for individuals to donate all or a portion of their 2012 Michigan State Income Tax Refund to local United Ways.
- Personal contacts to encourage local companies to begin payroll deductions to United Way of Tuscola County. A payroll deduction of \$1 per paycheck can allow employees/donors to contribute conveniently and generously without having to write a lump sum check each year.
- Personal contacts to local companies by representatives of the agencies funded each year by United Way of Tuscola donations to encourage corporate support.

Other 2012 accomplishments include:

- Agency presentations were held in

March and more than \$60,000 was allocated and paid to agencies in 2012.

- The secretary and treasurer positions were combined into one.
- Myrtle Oatzes (Vassar) was added to the board of directors.
- Linda Harrington’s (Cass City) status was changed to director.
- The eighth annual kick off breakfast was held in September, with Sheriff Lee Teschendorf handing off the honorary campaign chair responsibilities to Sister Ann Ozog

Each year, agencies requesting funds from United Way of Tuscola County are required to make a presentation to the board of directors. This year’s presentations are scheduled for March 18 and 19, from 3:30 to 6 p.m.

Application packets will be e-mailed to past applicants in February. Agencies that have not been funded in the past and wish to apply for funds this year must contact James Heiser at (989) 325-1980 by Feb. 19, to be placed on the mailing list.

United Way of Tuscola County is in need of assistance in the area of grant writing and application. This is one area where funding may be increased. Anyone that has experience in this area and would like to assist is asked to call (989) 325-1980.

Again this year, Michigan taxpayers can make a voluntary contribution to United Way on their 2012 Michigan Income Tax filing. Form #MI 4642 is used and by checking United Way Fund they can make their contribution. The money will be distributed by Michigan Association of United Ways (MAUW) to the United Way

serving the donor’s Zip Code Area. MAUW will pass the entire amount on to the local United Way.

Anyone wishing to contribute can send their contribution to United Way of Tuscola County, P.O. Box 51, Cass City, Michigan, 48726. For additional information and a brochure, call (989) 325-1980.

Dr. Donahue ‘68 Citizen of the Year

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Michigan in 1928. He won Big Ten Conference wrestling titles in 1926 and 1927, and placed second in 1928. He was captain of the Wolverine Wrestling team during 1927-28, he was a 4-time state of Michigan amateur wrestling champion, and he placed third in 1928 U.S. Olympic Trials.

He was inducted into the University of Michigan Hall of Honor in 1988.

Dr. Donahue earned his medical doctorate degree from the University of Michigan in 1931. He was a member of Nu Sigma Nu medical fraternity, and served as assistant wrestling coach for 2 years to Coach Cliff Keen while working on his medical degree.

After returning to Cass City, Dr. Donahue maintained his medical office at the former Pleasant Home Hospital (the hospital stood behind the present-day Cass City Municipal Building) until 1961, when he moved into a then-new clinic building (now where Dr. Hall and Dr. Bitner practice) across from Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City.

A charter member of the American Academy of Family Practitioners, Dr. Donahue was honored by the Michigan State Medical Society for outstanding service in 1982. He retired in March 1992 after nearly 59 years of service to Cass City and the surrounding communities.

In addition to his contributions as a physician, Dr. Donahue was a supporter of and contributor towards construction of Hills and Dales, where he was a staff member for 30 years and also was a past member of the hospital’s board of directors. He was also a charter member of the Cass City Rotary Club and a Paul Harris Fellow.

The process used by the Cass City Chamber of Commerce in selecting the Citizen of the Year has remained largely unchanged since the honor was established back in 1963. The selection is made by a

committee composed of at least 5 past Citizens of the Year and one permanent representative appointed by the chamber board.

The selection criteria include the following:

- *The importance of a body of work over many years rather than a single year’s accomplishments.
- *The need to recognize contributions within the scope of the individual’s profession, but above and beyond the call of duty.
- *The recognition that an individual might be a member of a number of organizations but not a strong contributor to any of them, versus another who might have concentrated his or her efforts in one particular discipline and accomplished great things.
- *The desire of the community to acknowledge, from time to time, “unsung heroes” — those individuals who may provide services for the elderly or the infirmed, such as taking them shopping or on other errands, supporting them, visiting with them — but who rarely are involved with organizations, titles and the so-called “power structure”.

Former publisher recalled Donahue’s contributions

Editor’s note: The following story remembering Dr. Donahue’s presence and contributions in the community was written by the late John Haire, former longtime publisher of the Chronicle. Haire wrote the column following Dr. Donahue’s death at Hills and Dales General Hospital after a short illness April 28, 1996, at the age of 91.

by John Haire

There are very few families who have lived in the Cass City community for any length of time who have not been touched by Dr. H.T. Donahue.

Many of them have special memories of the man who did so much for the community, and I can be numbered with them.

Our paths crossed many times over the years. When he tended my mother, was the doctor at the birth of 2 of my children and was my personal physician.

We also crossed paths in activities not connected with patient care: during the campaign that started Hills and Dales Hospital, in which he was a major contributor, and as one of the group that started the former Cass City Development Association that resulted in Walbro coming to town. He was also an investor in the early dark financial days of the company.

It’s sure that those contributions will be remembered, but what stands out vividly to me is the man. It’s rare that any man is blessed with the vitality and the enthusiasm that he had right to the end. Rarer still that it was devoted to the community. His 18-hour work days, day after day, are legend.

When 90 years old, his interest in community affairs never waned. I saw him at more than one Cass City basketball game in the 1994-95 season. One-day round trips to the University of Michigan to see his beloved Wolverines play were common.

He was never too busy to talk farming with anyone interested.

More important, he was never too busy to care....for his patients or for his community.

Dental group eyes school for new clinic

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dren in 75 Michigan counties.

Under the Michigan Community Dental Clinics Inc. plan, Spillane said, local dollars subsidizing that operation would go to northern Michigan.

“All of us live here, work here, play here, and contribute as much as we can to the communities,” Spillane told the board. “We’re doing this is a non-profit — we’re putting our own money in to do this. We’re not asking for money from the health departments, counties or taxpayers. We want to contribute to the community — the dentists on board are adamant about that.

“We think we could help Cass City at the same time by using a facility already here that may be a burden to the school district. It would be a win-win,” he added.

“We would keep the playground, they would get the parking lot,” school Supt. Jeff Hartel said of the proposed agreement. He added the suggested \$85,000 purchase price is in line with the sale of school buildings in other Thumb districts. “That might seem low, but it’s a pretty low market for schools,” he said.

The dental group would pay for its own utility costs and building upkeep, and the district would retain use of the remainder of the building over the next 3 years, which eased concerns voiced by board Treasurer Dave Osentoski regarding the possible need for additional space should enrollment numbers rebound.

“I hate to see it just sit there and then end up like Deford (former Deford Elementary School building). That’s just a mess,” board Secretary Sloane Stimpfel commented.

Also Monday, Hartel offered the board an update on security measures school officials have considered and/or implemented in recent weeks. They include installation of video and voice activated security systems and a buzzer system that ensures personnel are keeping close tabs on who enters the buildings.

The local police department has also increased its presence around the schools, although the district has not pursued hiring a full-time police presence in the buildings. The cost of doing so would be \$65,000, about the same expense as employing one new teacher for a year.

Hartel told the board he is also looking into installation of a “panic button” system in each building, and all school personnel and students have participated in a comprehensive lockdown exercise in cooperation with the Cass City Police Department, utilizing Homeland Security and Michigan State Police guidelines.

LOOKING UP

Turning to finances, school Chief Financial Officer Mike Klosowski reported the district’s budgeting numbers have improved significantly since the board adopted its 2012-13 spending plan last June.

Revenues for the year have so far exceeded expectations by roughly \$480,000, including \$130,000 in a one-time state funding increase of \$130 per student, \$90,000 as a result of capped retirement contributions, and \$45,000 each in performance funding (meeting certain state benchmarks) and the sale of unused school equipment.

The bottom line, Klosowski told the

IN OTHER BUSINESS

In other business Monday, the board:

- *Conducted a first reading of a proposed policy that would reinstate exemptions allowing some students to forego final exams.
- The district eliminated exemptions 6 or 7 years ago, in part, because it was a nightmare to maintain consistency due to all of the possible accepted absences, according to junior-senior high school Principal Chad Daniels. School officials also hoped requiring all students to take exams would be an “attendance motivator”, but removal of incentives to skip exams increased absenteeism, he said.

Sanilac Co. band festival set Feb. 20

The 63rd annual Sanilac County Band Festival for senior high bands will be held Wednesday, Feb. 20, at 7 p.m. in the Croswell-Lexington High School gym.

The festival will start with an individual performance of 2 selections by each of the 7 participating high school bands. The evening of fine music will include a performance of the 2013 Sanilac County High School Honors Band under the direction of Daniel R. Hundt, director of instrumental music at Lapeer West High School.

The public is invited to attend. A donation of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children will be requested at the door.

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Erla’s ready to celebrate

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few of the lunchtime favorites.

Meats

Behind the deli counter and through a small door is the meat-cutting room. It is here that the meats sold in the store are cut. The meat is boxed and shipped to Erla’s from their distributor. Once it is delivered to the store, the meat-cutting crew is responsible for further processing the meat, making it suitable for retail.

After the processing is complete, the meat is “trayed”, and ready for the next step. Enter: Stephanie Bock, a familiar face at Erla’s. She can often be found organizing the meat displays at the counter. Bock is responsible for hot-wrapping the trays of meat, labeling the packages, and shelving them for customers to purchase.

Next is the sausage room, which is under the management of long-time Erla’s employee Larry Thick. It is here that the meat is ground, mixed, chopped, seasoned, and stuffed into casing. The 50 plus varieties of sausages made here have been some of the most popular products, since their addition to the business’ product line in the late 1950s.

In addition to in-store sales, the sausages are sold to many customers within a 100-mile radius of Cass City. All the meats are USDA-approved and the Monday through Friday operations are closely monitored by a USDA inspector. While the USDA’s strict guidelines are closely adhered to, Erla’s officials are quick to point out that the store has even more stringent rules beyond the USDA’s mandates. For example, during the sausage-making process, the department goes on a sort of “lock-down”, making it impossible for anyone (employees included) to enter the sausage-making facilities; all of this to insure that their product is safe and of the highest quality for consumers.

Wholesale Meats

Angie Gruber is a 19-year veteran of the company and junior manager in the distribution office. Managed by Bruce LeValley, Gruber and the rest of the staff in the distribution operations office are responsible for purchasing wholesale beef, pork and chicken from all-American suppliers, taking orders from customers, such as other grocery stores, restaurants, and party stores, and coordinating the prompt delivery of their orders with the dock staff.

It is at the dock that you will find local residents Ken Smith and Nick Adkins at work. With around 350 customers to fill orders for, there is hardly time to spare. Smith and Adkins are part of a 6-man team in charge of rotating the stock of meats daily, keeping in contact with customers, and coordinating deliveries with the staff in the distribution office. There are also 4 truck drivers for this department. “What we want are happy customers,” says Smith, an employee for just over a year.

Produce

Back inside the store, Liz Depner can be found manning the produce section. Well-known for their quality produce, Erla Foods buys fruits and vegetables from all over the globe. “I’m responsible for checking in produce from around the world. (We get it) from places like Chile, Paris...all over. It’s always good produce and we constantly rotate the stock,” she says.

In addition to checking to make sure deliveries match up with orders, Depner and the produce team have the task of determining the price of the product and displaying it. And you might be surprised at what else they have to offer. “We do gift baskets, Valentine’s Day baskets, Christmas baskets, flower and plant basket arrangements,” she added, “Lots of baskets!”

Dairy

From behind the glass refrigerator doors lined with orange juice, milk, and other items is the dairy department. Erla’s receives its dairy products from 3 suppliers: Country Fresh, Dairy Fresh, and Spartan. Keeping a fresh stock, they said, is their highest priority.

Customer Service

The late Jack Esau often remarked that, to him, Erla’s was more than just a grocery store - it was a friendly place where you could “run into people”. Take Gloria Card, for example. Originally hired to work the deli counter before moving to produce, Card is a veteran employee of the establishment, but also a devoted customer. While shopping in the deli area, she told of what the store meant to her. “(I’m just) so thankful to have a job here,” she said.

And then there’s area resident John Crouch, who was found talking with store owner Venu Ganga. “I’ve gotten chicken here every week for the past 4 years. I’m their biggest chicken fan,” he said, smiling. Crouch, whose grandsons are employed by the store, praised Ganga for his community-mindedness. “He (Ganga) gives kids a chance to go away to college and still have a job here,” he said. “A lot of places don’t do that.”

A Time for Celebration

From their beginning as a frozen food locker, to the opening of the grocery store and wholesale meat distribution business, Erla’s has undergone many changes throughout the years. Early pictures of the original small building are unrecognizable to most; the products and processes of its early days have undergone significant transformations; but the local grocery store, despite the many changes and challenges it has faced throughout the years, continues.

In celebration of their 60th anniversary, the staff at Erla Foods invites the community to their 60th anniversary open house, Saturday, Feb. 9 at 1 p.m. Refreshments, tours, and more will be provided free.



ERLA’S CUSTOMER Fran Lovejoy, Cass City, examines some of Erla’s popular baked goods during a recent shopping trip. Erla’s is celebrating its 60th anniversary with an open house planned for Saturday, Feb. 9, starting at 1 p.m.

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LIZ DEPNER can be found manning the produce section at Erla’s. “I’m responsible for checking in produce from around the world. “(We get it) from places like Chili, Paris...all over,” she said.

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TEN-YEAR-OLD Paige Hudson, the daughter of Brent and Constance Hudson, is among the Cass City Elementary School students whose artwork has been selected for participation in Michigan Senator Mike Green’s annual “Kids of the 31st!” display in Lansing.

Foundation welcomes groups interested in seeking grant funding

Tuscola County Community Foundation officials are gearing up for their spring grant distribution, and they’re inviting prospective funding recipients to attend an informational meeting.

The session is slated for Tuesday, Feb. 12, at 3 p.m. at the Tuscola Technology Center, 1401 Cleaver Rd., Caro.

“Approximately \$100,000 will be available to apply for during this upcoming spring grant cycle for eligible Tuscola County organizations from funds held within the Tuscola County Community Foundation,” said Ken Micklash, executive director of the foundation. “The meeting will acquaint participants with the community foundation’s grant guidelines, its grant application forms and additional details concerning the available funding.”

Residents interested in attending the meeting are asked to RSVP on or before Friday, Feb. 8, by writing to: Tuscola County Community Foundation, P.O. Box 534, Caro, MI 48723; by calling (989) 673-8223; or by sending an email to: tcfc534@centurytel.net.

Grants will be distributed from the following funds:

- Janks Fund** — \$46,043 (unrestricted use).
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- Future Youth Involvement (FYI)** — \$27,685 (youth programs).
- Healthy Youth/Healthy Seniors Fund** — \$4,039 (tobacco cessation programs).
- Founders Fund** — \$2,131 (unrestricted use).
- Greater Millington Area Fund** — \$4,695 (for the betterment of the Millington community).
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Senator Green taps Cass City students for art display

by Ryan Walker
Freelance Writer

The famous artist Pablo Picasso once said, “Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once we grow up.”

One way to develop the love of art in aspiring artists is to support and encourage their artistic endeavors. A program developed by Michigan Senator Mike Green, called “Kids of the 31st!”, is an opportunity for elementary school students to showcase their talents by displaying their work in Green’s office in Lansing.

Last year’s display included drawings, paintings, crafts and sculptures from students in Arenac, Bay, Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola counties. According to the program, the students’ work is selected for a specific month and can be based on a number of possible themes. Not only do the students get to revel in the satisfaction of knowing their hard work is being viewed by state leaders, legislators and visitors from the 31st district, each class or participant also receives a letter recognizing their contribution. In addition, Green sends a photo of the display that includes their artistic creations.

Kids of the 31st is now in its second year of operation. This is the first year that students from Cass City Elementary School will be a part of the excitement. A total of 20 students in grades second through fifth volunteered their “masterpieces” for participation in the program.

The students were guided through the process by creative arts teacher Rebecca Walker. Beginning as early as October, participating students narrowed their focus to the themes of patriotism or Michigan in general. Drawings, paintings, collages, paper crafts and melted wax art make up the different mediums represented by the Cass City Elementary artists.

Aspiring artist and Cass City fourth grader Paige Hudson looks for inspiration all around her. Hudson said the drawing she is sending to the capitol was inspired by a show on the History Channel. The drawing shows a young girl looking up toward an American flag. The girl has her hand over her heart and the drawing shows she is deep in thought as she gazes at the flag. As the girl looks up at the American flag, additional thought bubbles reveal she is also thinking about her home state of Michigan.

The Cass City Elementary submissions will be on display in the main hallway of Green’s capitol office from the end of March through the middle of April.

“This is our second year running ‘The Kids of the 31st’ program. We had a very positive response last year, and are glad to have Cass City Elementary School participating this year,” commented Jim McLoskey, Green’s district director.

An added connection for Cass City students is the annual field trip the fourth graders take to the state capitol in Lansing. “I’m glad Mrs. Walker encouraged students to participate in this program, especially with our fourth graders having visited the capitol this last November,” said Cass City Elementary School principal Aaron Fernald.

The field trip served as a solid foundation for fourth and fifth grade students in regards to their understanding of the significance of this program.

“I think the fourth graders just having been there and the fifth graders, having visited last year, helped both groups be highly motivated to participate in the program. They understand having their artwork on display at the state capitol is quite an honor,” Walker said.

Obituaries

Daniel Aleksink, Jr.

Daniel Aleksink, Jr., 76, of Cass City, died following a short illness Friday, Jan. 26, 2013 in McLaren Bay Region, Bay City.

He was born Feb. 3, 1936 in Cass City, the son of Daniel and Catherine (Henzarek) Aleksink. He continued to live in Cass City his entire life.

A proud U.S. Army veteran, Dan worked as an electrician for General Motors and many other projects including the original construction of the now Tendercare building. He was also a talented builder who built his own home. He was a pilot and flight instructor who flew out of Caro and even had his own airstrip on his father’s farm. He enjoyed hunting and fishing; especially hunting and fishing trips to Alaska with his brother-in-law, George.

Dan is survived by a sister, Pauline Popa of Troy; nephews: George S. (Jessica) Popa, Jr. of Canton, and David (Cristi) Popa of Canton; great-nieces: Isabella, Emily, Katelyn and Gabriela; a great-nephew, Jakob; an uncle, Anthony Aleksink, Sr. of Cass City; his special friend and companion, Debora Dehmel of Cass City; and his many friends and neighbors who have touched his life.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and his brother-in-law, George S. Popa Sr.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 31, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Brad Speirs of Novesta Church of Christ officiating.

Interment will be in the Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly.

Memorials may be made to The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Michigan Chapter, 1421 E. 12 Mile Road, Madison Heights, MI 48071.

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.

Keith Brown

Keith Norris Brown, 77, of Ubly, died following a short illness Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2013 in McLaren Bay Region, Bay City.

He was born June 6, 1935 at home on Cumber Road, the son of Lloyd and Clara (Gibbard) Brown.

He married Joyce Ann Lowe May 14, 1960 in Cass City.

Keith was a dairy and beef farmer.

Leland Hirsch

Leland Wayne “Lee” Hirsch, 67, of Decker, passed away in his home Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2013 with his family at his side.

He was born Feb. 28, 1945 in Cass City, the son of Jack and Vera (Fifield) Hirsch.

He married Linda Severance of Decker in the summer of 1963. They would have celebrated 50 years of marriage this July.

Lee graduated from Marlette High School in 1963. He was a lifelong farmer. He was a member of the Michigan Milk Producers Association. During the past 20 years, Lee spent a lot of his time building relationships with area farmers as a seed dealer. He was a member of the Lamotte Missionary Church. He enjoyed southern gospel music and his favorite pass time was watching his grandchildren participate in various activities. They were his pride and joy.

Lee is survived by his wife, Linda; children: Suzanne (Mark) Reehl of Decker, and Brian (Shari) Hirsch of Decker; grandchildren: Kristen, Aaron and Jenna Hirsch, Luke and Nathan Reehl; sisters: Delia (Walt) Rayl of Snover, and Lula Lindsay of Zephyrhills, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Vera Hirsch; and a brother-in-law, Bruce Lindsay.

Funeral services were held Friday, Jan. 25, at Lamotte Missionary Church, Decker, with the Rev. Tom Brink officiating.

Burial was in the Moshier Cemetery, Decker.

Pallbearers for Lee were Boyd King, Jerry Rayl, Scott Marshall, Jarrett Gordon, Aaron Hirsch and Luke Reehl.

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Red Hawk title hopes suffer blow

It looks like the Cass City boys' basketball team may be pretenders and not contenders.

Coach Aaron Fernald's Red Hawks' Greater Thumb West (GTW) championship quest endured a disastrous hit Friday, when the Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Lakers handed the visitors their first conference setback.

With the 41-28 triumph, the Lakers improve to 2-2 in the GTW and 5-5 overall, while the Red Hawks slip to 3-1 in the GTW and 8-3 overall.

"I feel like we are about one-and-ten after last week's games," said Fernald Monday morning.

On Wednesday, Cass City recorded a sloppy 47-36 victory over the Ubly Bearcats in a Greater Thumb Conference crossover outing.

Despite Cass City's recent struggles, the Red Hawks have a golden opportunity to right the ship tonight (Wednesday) when GTW undefeated leader Reese comes to town.

The Lakers wasted little time setting the tone against Cass City and led throughout. The hosts took a 13-9 edge into the second quarter, where they built a 20-11 cushion by the break, holding their guest to a Cole Israelson bucket during the second quarter.

Both teams tallied 6 points in the third, but the winners used a 15-10 run to end the contest and derailed any comeback hopes Cass City was entertaining.

Cass City's lowest point total of the year saw the visitors connect on only 11-of-41 field goals and 3-of-23 attempts from behind the 3-point arc. The Red Hawks committed 6 turnovers on the night, but passed for only 4 assists.

Jared Schuette had 13 points to top the Lakers, while Paul Zwemmer chipped in 12.

For Cass City, Cody Orban had 10 points, while Jacob Perry and

Israelson scored 6 points apiece.

UBLY

Visiting Ubly gave Cass City all they could handle for 3 quarters, but a big final stanza allowed the hosts to come out on top.

The Bearcats took an 11-10 margin after 8 minutes of play, but would be outscored in each of the final 3 frames. Cass City merged ahead 22-21 at the intermission and then outscored their guests 25-15 to the final whistle.

Orban posted 13 points to earn game scoring honors for Cass City, who also had Collin Hartwick with 9 points.

Ubly, who failed to have any player reach double figures, had Trenton Morell and Gage Messing with 9 and 8 points, respectively.

CASS CITY – Orban 3-1 (4-8) 13; Rassmussen 1-0 (0-0) 2; Hartwick 2-1 (2-2) 9; Schenk 0-1 (0-0) 3; Perry 2-0 (3-6) 7; Ross 1-0 (1-2) 3; Hacker 0-1 (0-0) 3; Israelson 1-0 (5-6) 7.
TOTALS – **10-4 (15-24) 47.**

UBLY – Sweeney 2-1 (0-0) 7; Irvine 1-0 (0-0) 2; Wright 1-1 (0-0) 5; Messing 3-0 (2-2) 8; Kubacki 0-1 (2-2) 5; Morell 3-0 (3-4) 9.
TOTALS – **10-3 (7-8) 36.**

CASS CITY - Orban 3-1 (1-3) 10; Hartwick 0-1 (0-0) 3; Perry 2-1 (0-0) 7; Ross 0-0 (2-2) 2; Israelson 2-0 (2-2) 6.
TOTALS – **7-3 (5-7) 28.**

EPBP - Mead 1-0 (0-0) 2; Kosinski 0-0 (2-4) 2; Post 1-0 (2-2) 4; Schuette 0-3 (4-6) 13; Binder 2-0 (1-2) 5; Zwemmer 3-0 (6-8) 12; Guardian 1-0 (1-4) 3.
TOTALS – **8-3 (16-26) 41.**



CASS CITY'S Cole Israelson backs down an Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port defender in Friday's Greater Thumb West contest.

Hacker, Wilson regional bound for Lady Hawks

Cass City gymnasts Katie Hacker and Dakota Wilson are regional bound after turning in solid performances at the Red Hawks' home finale last week.

Both athletes will be participating at the statewide competition on the vault and floor, reports Coach Kathy Bouverette.

In Tuesday's action with guest Freeland, the pair each earned the right to take part in the upcoming event by recording their forth required score at or above the regional qualifying standard.

Hacker placed third on the vault with a score of 8.3 and added a score of 8.775 on the floor to place second. She also placed fourth on the beam with a score of 8.15 and fifth on the bars with a score of 7.0.

Wilson placed third on the floor and forth on the vault with scores of 8.2. She also added a regional qualifying

mark on the beam with a tally of 7.45.

Also earning a regional standard score on the day was Kendra Kerkau. Her score of 8.0 on the vault resulted in a tie for 7th place.

On Thursday, Cass City traveled to Vassar for a triangular meet that also included Freeland. Freeland edged Vassar 130.80 to 129.025 for top honors, while Cass City finished a distant third with 104.45.

Six regional scores were posted by the Red Hawks. Three came by the way of Hacker in the vault, bars and floor, while Wilson surpassed the regional yardstick in the floor and vault and Kerkau on the vault.

On Saturday, Cass City placed 5th at the 8-team St. Johns Invitational.

The Red Hawks' top showing on the day went to Hacker who finished as the runner-up in the floor exercise with an 8.650 mark.

Playmaker injured in defeat for Cass City

Cass City lost more than just their Greater Thumb Conference crossover game with visiting Ubly last week; also nowhere to be found by the game's end was Shania Chambers. The Red Hawk junior guard went down late against the Bearcats and wasn't able to close out the contest.

Nor could her teammates.

Chambers' absence didn't help Coach Clarke Haire's squad on Thursday in Pigeon, either, as the visitors fell 47-20 on consecutive nights to the Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Lakers.

"Shania twisted her ankle in the second half against the Bearcats. She tried to finish the game, but couldn't put any pressure on it. Against the Lakers, we felt it was in our best interest in the long run if she sat out," Haire said.

Chambers is expected to return to action this week in Greater Thumb West affairs with Reese and Vassar, but it is doubtful the all-conference playmaker will be at full strength.

The Lakers, meanwhile, behind Kayla Deering's game-high 21 points had little trouble holding Cass City in-check with Chambers on the bench. The hosts led 13-6 after one quarter and 31-8 at the intermission.

Deering outscored Cass City by herself in the initial half with 17 points.

"Kayla is a woman among girls," said Haire of the all-state shot putter. "She's quite an athlete. She drives to the bucket like a college player."

The Lakers outscored their guests 16-12 over the final 2 frames.

Cass City shot 7-for-41 from the floor and was led by seniors Gracy Hollis and Erica Kolacz with 6 points apiece.

UBLY

Cass City got off to a quick start in their non-conference affair with Ubly, but failed to score from the floor over the final 2 frames and bowed 35-27.

The defensive battle saw the hosts take a 9-4 edge into the second quarter. The Red Hawk defense held Ubly to baskets from Hanna Drake and Shanae Woolner in the early going.

Trailing 16-15, however, Ubly turned up their defensive intensity and held the hosts to a Hollis free throw in period 3 to take a 19-17 advantage into the deciding quarter.

There Cass City used 4 quick turnovers to regain the lead, but couldn't hang on as they went the final 16 minutes without scoring from the floor.

"We put in a half court trap last week and it caused some problems for Ubly. But when Shania went down, not only did that hurt our offense, but it hindered the pressure we could supply on their guards, too," Haire said.

To their credit, the Bearcats were able to attack Cass City's 2-2-1 press late, resulting in a few easy lay-ins and the 8 point win.

"It was a foul-plagued game for both teams. We had our chances at the line, but only made 14-of-27 attempts," Haire said.

On the night, 3 girls were disqualified on fouls, while a pair of girls were saddled with 4 fouls and 4 girls collected 3 fouls.

Hollis had a game-high 12 points and 7 rebounds to lead Cass City, while Chambers chipped in 6.

Woolner had a team-high 11 points for Ubly. Pionk and Drake each chipped in 8 points for the Bearcats.

CASS CITY – Bukoski 0-0 (1-2) 1; Chambers 0-1 (3-6) 6; Martin 0-0 (1-2) 1; Kolacz 1-0 (2-4) 4; Venema 0-0 (1-2) 1; Hollis 4-0 (4-9) 12; Milligan 0-0 (2-2) 2.
TOTALS – **5-1 (14-27) 27.**

UBLY – Drake 2-0 (4-6) 8; Pionk 4-0 (0-0) 8; White 3-0 (0-4) 6; Guza 1-0 (0-2) 2; Woolner 5-0 (1-5) 11.
TOTALS – **15-0 (5-17) 35.**

CASS CITY – Bukoski 1-0 (0-0) 2; Reif 0-0 (1-2) 1; Martin 1-0 (0-1) 2; Kolacz 2-0 (2-2) 6; Boland 0-0 (1-2) 1; Venema 1-0 (0-0) 2; Hollis 3-0 (0-0) 6.
TOTALS – **8-0 (4-7) 20.**

EPBP – Chaplinski 2-1 (4-5) 11; Gogolin 0-0 (3-4) 3; Cook 2-1 (2-4) 9; Fahl 0-1 (0-0) 3; Deering 10-0 (1-3) 21; Schauer 0-0 (0-2) 0.
TOTALS – **14-3 (10-18) 47.**



UBLY'S Trenton Morell heads towards the basket in action with Cass City. Defending is Red Hawk Cole Israelson.

Grapplers prep for GTC league meet

Cass City completed its Greater Thumb Conference dual meet season with a 3-4 record, splitting decisions Wednesday night with Brown City and host Vassar.

Up next for Don Markel's grapplers is the Greater Thumb Conference league meet this Saturday in Sandusky.

"The team continues to improve week to week. We will take a couple of days off to let some of the nagging injuries heal up before we hit the mats hard in preparation for the league meet and districts," Markel said.

Justin Ferguson, Bobby Beyette and Josh Daniels were all double winners at Vassar, where Brown City recorded a narrow 40-36 victory, before the Red Hawks rebounded to defeat Vassar, 36-28.

MIDLAND TOURNEY

On Saturday, Cass City traveled to Midland Bullock Creek High School and placed 5th in the 8-school team tournament.

Cass City posted a 1-2 record in their pool matches, falling to the hosts 57-18 and Saginaw Heritage 54-27 before edging Essexville Garber 48-30.

In the placement rounds the Red Hawks recorded a pair of victories over Saginaw High and Midland Dow by the scores of 39-24 and 51-24, respectively.

Senior Austin Baker, for the second straight weekend, registered a perfect 5-0 mark, while Sam Kolacz, Garret Ferguson, Blake Lebioda and Justin Ferguson were 4-1 on the day.

Cass City finished the regular season with a 16-26 dual meet record.



RED HAWK Erica Kolacz is defended in the high post by Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port's Kayla Deering.

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GIRLS' BASKETBALL				
<i>Monday, Jan. 28, 2013</i>				
TVC Crossover at Caro	TVC Crossover	Caro	Caro	TVC Crossover
Peck at Owen-Gage	Peck	Peck	Owen-Gage	Peck
Kingston at Port Hope	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
<i>Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2013</i>				
Reese at Cass City	Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese
BCAS at Vassar	Vassar	Vassar	Vassar	Vassar
Bad Axe at Ubly	Bad Axe	Bad Axe	Ubly	Bad Axe
USA at EPBP	USA	USA	USA	USA
Owen-Gage at Buena Vista	Buena Vista	Buena Vista	Owen-Gage	Buena Vista
<i>Thursday, Jan. 31, 2013</i>				
Cass City at Vassar	Vassar	Vassar	Vassar	Vassar
EPBP at BCAS	EPBP	EPBP	EPBP	EPBP
Bad Axe at Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese
Marlette at USA	Marlette	Marlette	Marlette	Marlette
Sandusky at Ubly	Sandusky	Sandusky	Sandusky	Sandusky
Kingston at Owen-Gage	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
BOYS' BASKETBALL				
<i>Monday, Jan. 28, 2013</i>				
USA at Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach
<i>Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2013</i>				
TVC Crossover at Caro	TVC Crossover	TVC Crossover	TVC Crossover	TVC Crossover
Owen-Gage at Buena Vista	Buena Vista	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage	Buena Vista
Port Hope at Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
<i>Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2013</i>				
Reese at Cass City	Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese
BCAS at Vassar	BCAS	Vassar	Vassar	Vassar
Ubly at Bad Axe	Ubly	Bad Axe	Ubly	Ubly
USA at EPBP	USA	USA	EPBP	EPBP
<i>Friday, Feb. 1, 2013</i>				
Cass City at Vassar	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City
EPBP at BCAS	EPBP	EPBP	EPBP	EPBP
Bad Axe at Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese
Marlette at USA	Marlette	Marlette	Marlette	Marlette
Caro at Lakeville	Lakeville	Lakeville	Lakeville	Caro
Sandusky at Ubly	Sandusky	Sandusky	Sandusky	Ubly
Owen-Gage at Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Owen-Gage
Last Week's Results	14-8	13-9	12-10	16-6
Season's Results	98-45 (69%)	106-37 (74%)	92-51 (64%)	101-42 (71%)

Sheriff Teschendorf offers snowmobile safety advice

Tuscola County Sheriff Teschendorf is reminding snowmobile riders to take extra precautions on the new fallen snow.

Because it can take 2 weeks or more of below freezing temperatures for the ice on lakes, streams and ponds to freeze thick enough to support a snowmobile, Teschendorf urges riders to stay off the ice.

He also offered the following:

- Always keep your machine in top mechanical condition.
- Always wear insulated boots and protective clothing, including a helmet, gloves and eye protection.
- Never ride alone.
- Avoid, when possible, crossing frozen bodies of water.
- Always be alert to avoid fences and low strung wires.
- Never operate your snowmobiles in a single file line when crossing frozen bodies of water.
- Never operate your snowmobile on an unauthorized street or highway.
- Always look for depressions in the snow. Keep headlights and taillights on at all times.
- When approaching an intersection, come to a complete stop, raise off the seat and look for traffic.
- Always check weather conditions before you depart.
- Never operate your snowmobile on railroad tracks.
- Never operate your snowmobile while under the influence of alcohol.
- Always carry a cell phone in case an emergency arises.

Snowmobiles must abide by the same regulations as drivers, according to Teschendorf, who said he'll have his deputies out on patrol to make sure Tuscola County residents stay safe this winter.

For more safety tips, visit the Michigan Sheriffs' Association website at www.misheriff.org where you

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ATHLETE of the WEEK

Schneeberger's congratulates Cass City gymnast Dakota Wilson as their choice for athlete of the week. It was a busy week for the Lady Red Hawk star who qualified for regional play at her final home meet of the season on Tuesday. Wilson posted scores of 8.2 in both the vault and floor exercise to advance into the elite meet this March.

Later in the week, Wilson earned scores of 8.0 in the vault and floor during a triangular meet in Vassar, which preceded Saturday's showing at the St. John Invitational, where she placed 5th in the floor exercise, 9th in the vault and 11th in the all around.

Dakota Wilson

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All games at 6 p.m.
12/4 Cass City 50, Sandusky 37
12/7 Cass City 52, Capac 37
12/11 Harbor Beach 59, Cass City 50
12/28 Cass City 39, Caro 31
1/3 Marlette 57, Cass City 38
1/8 Cass City 64, Bad Axe 42
1/10 Cass City 61, BCAS 57
1/16 Cass City 47, USA 37
1/18 Cass City 61, Brown City 44
1/23 Cass City 47, Ubly 36
1/25 EPBP 41, Cass City 28
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
12/28 Caro 46, Cass City 21
1/4 Marlette 49, Cass City 21
1/9 Bad Axe 45, Cass City 31
1/11 Cass City 37, BCAS 31
1/15 USA 52, Cass City 37
1/17 Brown City 44, Cass City 35
1/23 Ubly 35, Cass City 27
1/24 EPBP 47, Cass City 20
1/29 Reese
1/31 Vassar
2/5 Bad Axe
2/7 BCAS
2/13 Imlay City
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.
1/26	Bullock Creek Team Trny	9:00 a.m.
2/2	GTC Leag. Meet @Sandusky	TBD
2/6	Team Districts	TBD
2/9	Individual Districts	TBD
2/13	Team Regionals	TBD
2/16	Individual Regionals	TBD
2/22-23	Team St. Finals @Battle Creek	TBD
2/28-3/2	Ind. St. Finals @Auburn Hills	TBD

GYMNASTICS

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.
1/22	Freeland	6:00 p.m.
1/26	St. John's Invite	10:00 a.m.
2/14	Cass City Invite	
2/16	Freeland Invite	TBD



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SR. HIGH Girls' Basketball

Jan. 29 ~ Reese ~ 6 p.m.
Feb. 5 ~ Bad Axe ~ 6 p.m.
Boys' Basketball
Jan. 30 ~ Reese ~ 6 p.m.
Feb. 6 ~ Bad Axe ~ 6 p.m.
Gymnastics
Feb. 14 ~ Cass City Invite

JR. HIGH

Junior High Boys' Basketball
Feb. 11 ~ Marlette ~ 5:30 p.m.

JUNIOR HIGH SPORTS BOYS' BASKETBALL

All games at 5:30 p.m.
1/14 Memphis
1/16 Vassar
1/21 Marlette
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

Standings

Boys' Basketball Standings

Greater Thumb West				
Team	W	L	W	L
Reese	4	0	10	2
Cass City	3	1	8	3
USA	3	2	7	3
EPBP	2	2	5	5
Vassar	2	2	4	6
BCAS	1	3	5	6
Bad Axe	0	5	3	7

Greater Thumb East				
Team	W	L	W	L
Marlette	4	0	10	2
Harbor Beach	3	0	11	0
Brown City	2	2	4	9
Sandusky	1	2	3	9
Ubly	1	3	2	9
Memphis	0	4	0	12

NCTL Stripes				
Team	W	L	W	L
Peck	7	1	9	2
North Huron	6	2	6	4
Caseville	2	5	3	6
Port Hope	0	8	0	10

NCTL Stars				
Team	W	L	W	L
CPS	6	1	9	3
Kingston	4	3	6	6
Deckerville	3	4	3	8
Mayville	2	7	2	9

Girls' Basketball Standings

Greater Thumb West				
Team	W	L	W	L
Reese	6	0	13	0
USA	5	1	9	3
Vassar	3	3	6	5
EPBP	3	3	8	5
Bad Axe	3	3	7	5
Cass City	1	5	1	11
BCAS	0	6	0	12

Greater Thumb East				
Team	W	L	W	L
Marlette	5	0	12	1
Brown City	3	2	7	7
Sandusky	3	2	9	4
Harbor Beach	3	2	5	5
Ubly	1	4	4	9
Memphis	0	5	0	13

NCTL Stripes				
Team	W	L	W	L
Peck	5	3	8	4
Port Hope	3	6	5	7
North Huron	1	9	2	11
Caseville	0	10	0	12

NCTL Stars				
Team	W	L	W	L
Kingston	9	0	12	1
Deckerville	7	1	8	2
CPS	6	2	8	3
Mayville	4	4	7	4

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LOTS 80, 81 AND 82 OF OAKHURST PARK SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 70 OF TUSCOLA COUNTY RECORDS.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 600 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, 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.

JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.
Mortgagee/Assignee

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.
23938 Research Drive, Suite 300
Farmington Hills, MI 48335
JPMC.001263 FNMA

1-23-4

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY US AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by NICHOLAS K. KINCAID AND ANGELA KINCAID, HUSBAND AND WIFE, Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc (MERS) as nominee for America's Wholesale Lender, Mortgagee, dated the 4th day of April, 2006 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 19th day of May, 2006 in Liber 1082 of Tuscola County Records, Page 3, said Mortgage having been assigned to Green Tree Servicing LLC on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of One Hundred Nineteen Thousand Two Hundred Twelve & 61/100 (\$119,212.61), 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 21st day of February, 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 7.625% 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 Township of Millington, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Part of the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of Section 22, T10N, R8E, described as: Beginning at a point on the North line of said Section 22, which is North 89 degrees 38 minutes 16 seconds West 632.07 feet from the North 1/4 corner of Section 22; thence continuing North 89 degrees 38 minutes 16 seconds West 282.07 feet; thence South 00 degrees 26 minutes 10 seconds East 200 feet; thence North 89 degrees 38 minutes 16 seconds West 150 feet; thence South 00 degrees 26 minutes 10 seconds East 500 feet; thence South 89 degrees 38 minutes 16 seconds East 432.07 feet to the East line of the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of said Section 22; thence along said East line North 00 degrees 26 minutes 10 seconds West 700 feet to the North line of said Section 22 and the Point of Beginning, subject to the Michigan Central Railroad Right of Way.

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: 1/23/2013

Green Tree Servicing LLC
Mortgagee

FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C.
Attorney for Green Tree Servicing LLC
888 W. Big Beaver, Suite 800
Troy, MI 48064
248-362-2600
GTSD FNMA KincaidNich

1-23-4

STATE OF MICHIGAN
54TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT
440 N. State Street
Caro, MI 48723
(989) 673-3330

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION / POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION

CASE NO. 13-27511-CH

JOHN TIMKO, JR., VEDA G. TIMKO AND VIRGIL TIMKO
Plaintiffs

DUANE E. BURGESS (P30248)
121 W. Grant Street, Suite 2

Caro, MI 48723
(989) 673-1990

vs.

ERNEST M. TIMKO and HELEN TIMKO, husband and wife; AND THE ESTATE OF STEVE T. TIMKO, deceased, and ELSIE TIMKO, his wife, and any and all heirs-at-law
Defendants

TO: THE ESTATE OF STEVE T. TIMKO, deceased, and ELSIE TIMKO, his wife, and any and all heirs-at-law

IT IS ORDERED:

You are being sued in this court by the plaintiffs to determine that property should be solely in the name of the Plaintiffs. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before February 27, 2013. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

DATED: 1/15/2013

S/Amy Grace Gierhart (P51305)
Judge

1-23-3

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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 Timothy Boyce, individual single, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated January 23, 2008, and recorded on August 13, 2008 in Liber 1155 on Page 1397, and assigned by said Mortgagee to MidFirst Bank 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 Sixty-Three Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Six and 56/100 Dollars (\$63,456.56).

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 February 28, 2013.

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

Lot 12, Block 1, Assessor's Plat No. 1 of Blook 1 of the Plat of the Village of Newberry (now Kingston), according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 4, Page 70, Tuscola County Records.

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: January 30, 2013

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #417381F01

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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 Martin D. Foley, an unmarried man, original mortgagor, to PNC Bank, National Association, successor by merger to National City Mortgage, a division of National City Bank, Mortgagee, dated May 23, 2008, and recorded on May 27, 2008 in Liber 1150 on Page 693, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Eighty and 28/100 Dollars (\$156,280.28).

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 February 28, 2013.

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

Commencing at the West quarter corner of Section 5, Town 12 North, Range 9 East; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 38.50 feet along the West line of said Section 5 to the point of beginning; running thence South 89 degrees 43 minutes 58 seconds East 295.20 feet; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 295.20 feet; thence North 89 degrees 43 minutes 58 seconds West 295.20 feet; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 295.20 feet along the West line of said Section 5 to the point of beginning. Being a part of the Southwest quarter of Section 5, Town 12 North, Range 9 East.

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: January 30, 2013

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1-30-4

RANDALL S. MILLER & ASSOCIATES, P.C. MAY BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICE-MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY NOW OR IN THE PRIOR NINE MONTHS, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Janet Marie Pyonk, A/K/A Janet M. Pyonk, unmarried, to Bank One, NA, Mortgagee, dated March 14, 2000, and recorded on March 28, 2000, in Liber 797, Page 598, Tuscola County Records, said mortgage was assigned to The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee on behalf of the registered certificate holders of GSAMP Trust 2004- SEA2, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-SEA2 by an Assignment of Mortgage dated December 30, 2009 and recorded January 06, 2010 in Liber 1190, Page 581, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twenty-Nine Thousand Sixty-Two and 53/100 (\$29,062.53) including interest at the rate of 6.83000% 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 February 28, 2013.

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

A piece of land commencing at the quarter post between Section 29 and 32, Town 13 North, Range 11 East, running West 200 feet, thence South 350 feet, thence East 200 feet, and thence North 350 feet to the place of beginning. Located in Section 32 Town 13 North Range 11 East Commonly known as: 5704 Deekerville Rd.

If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 12 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 mort-

gagee 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: January 30, 2013

Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee on behalf of the registered certificate holders of GSAMP Trust 2004- SEA2, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-SEA2
43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302
248-335-9200
Case No. 09OMI00374-2

1-30-4

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 James Brink and Melissa Brink, husband and wife, to Draper and Kramer Mortgage Corp., Mortgagee, dated April 3, 2006 and recorded April 18, 2006 in Liber 1077, Page 774, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, successor by merger to Chase Home Finance LLC by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety Thousand Ninety-Nine and 61/100 Dollars (\$90,099.61) including interest at 6.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Tuscola Circuit Courthouse in the Village of Caro, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on FEBRUARY 28, 2013.

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

All that certain parcel of land situate in the Village of Mayville, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, being known and designated as Lot 13 and the South 10 feet of Lot 12, Block 2 of William Turner's Second Addition to the Village of Mayville, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 29 now being Page 30A of Tuscola County Records. Section 36 Town 11 North, Range 9 East.

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: January 30, 2013

Orlans Associates, PC.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007
File No. 12-513361

1-30-4

Notice of Borrowers' Rights Under Michigan Foreclosure Statute

Default has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage ("Mortgage") made by Tony M. Malicowski and Joslyn E. Malicowski ("Borrowers"), husband and wife, against the property located at 3360 South Van Buren, Reese, MI 48757, given to Frankenmuth Credit Union, having its principal offices at 580 N. Main Street, Frankenmuth, Michigan 48734 ("Bank").

Notice is hereby given that Borrowers have the right to request a meeting on or before February 25, 2013, with Bank's designated agent to attempt to work out a loan modification to avoid foreclosure.

The name and phone number of Bank's designated agent is Melissa Z. Prantzos at 248-377-0700. Borrowers may also contact a housing counselor who may accompany Borrowers to any meeting with Bank's designated agent. A list of housing counselors approved by the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) can be found at http://www.mshda.info/counseling_search/ or by calling (517) 373-8370.

If Borrowers request a meeting, foreclosure proceedings will not begin until 90 days after February 25, 2013. If Borrowers and Bank reach an agreement to modify the loan and Borrowers abide by the terms of the agreement, Mortgage will not be foreclosed.

Borrowers have the right to contact an attorney. The telephone number for the Michigan State Bar Lawyer Referral Service is (800) 968-0738. The telephone number of the Legal Aid and Defender is (877) 964-4700.

1-30-1

Self-inspection rental policy and ordinance aired

Continued from page one.

The purpose of the current policy is to provide for the registration and upkeep of rental properties located in the village to prevent deterioration of those properties and to prevent a decrease in property values, and to ensure the safe habitation of persons residing in the rental units.

The inspections will focus on 5 major points. They are:

- 1) Address number: street address numbers must be displayed in a position easily observed and readable from the road to ensure rapid response in an emergency.
- 2) Evidence of blight: unkempt landscapes or uncut grass, broken windows, peeling paint, abandon vehi-

cles, and discarded material in the yard will be a violation. Blight conditions present not only a safety hazard to the community but have an effect on the property values.

3) Ingress and egress: a safe, continuous and unobstructed path of travel must be available from within the unit to exit doors. It is required that there must be 2 entrances/exits in each unit, may it be by an egress window, door or ladder, and the path must be clear.

4) Fire extinguishers: all rental units must have readily available at least one approved fire extinguishers, which must be located in the area of the normal path of exiting the unit and kept on a shelf or mounted on a

wall so that the top of the extinguisher is not more than 5 feet above the floor.

5) Smoke Detectors: a minimum of one smoke detector is required on each story of the unit, including the basement. A smoke detector must be located in the immediate vicinity of the bedroom.

Any person in violation the provisions of the article is responsible for a civil infraction, and may be ordered to pay a fine of not more than \$500 each day that a violation occurs, with each day constituting a separate offense.

A complete copy of the proposed self-inspection packet can be obtained at the village office.

Without official

Public Notice

published in your newspaper,

this may be all the information you get.

Currently and historically, it is the responsibility of government to publish public and legal notices here in Michigan's newspapers. Facts concerning court actions, government bids, zoning changes, tax increases, and legislative proposals are all published here. In fact, it's the law serving your right to know; assuring that you are informed of events and important information affecting your life and community.



Public Notices in Newspapers.
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Legal Notices

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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 Lori Hall, original mortgorator, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated October 14, 2002, and recorded on October 25, 2002 in Liber 899 on Page 1476, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to WILMINGTON TRUST COMPANY AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO CITIBANK N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR STRUCTURED ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION 2003-7H TRUST FUND as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred One Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Four and 98/100 Dollars (\$101,964.98).

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 February 7, 2013.

Said premises are situated in Village of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Land situated in the Village of Millington, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, described as:

Beginning at a point on the North and South quarter line, which is North 72.0 feet from the intersection of the North and South quarter line and the South line of the North half of the South half of the Northeast quarter of Section 16, Town 10 North, Range 8 East; thence South 89 degrees 38 minutes East, 259.38 feet; thence North 0 degrees 23 minutes East, 160 feet; thence South 89 degrees 25 minutes West, 260.53 feet to said North and South quarter line; thence South 155.90 feet along the quarter line to the point of beginning, EXCEPT the South 75 feet thereof.

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: January 9, 2013

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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1-9-4

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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 Choney M. Brace and Amanda J. Brace, husband and wife, original mortgorators, to Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated February 11, 2005 and recorded on February 18, 2005 in Liber 1028 on Page 492, and assigned by said Mortgagee to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. 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 Four Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Five and 08/100 Dollars (\$104,125.08).

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 February 7, 2013.

Said premises are situated in Village of Mayville, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing 310 Feet South of the Northeast Corner of the South 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 32, Township 11 North, Range 9 East, Running thence West 16 Rods; Thence South 10 Rods, Thence East 16 Rods; Thence North 10 Rods 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: January 9, 2013

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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 Lisa Jo Smith, a married woman, and Daniel V. Smith Jr., her husband, original mortgorators, to Union Federal Bank of Indianapolis, Mortgagee, dated September 24, 2004 and recorded on October 8, 2004 in Liber 1011 on Page 869, and assigned by mesne assignments to MidFirst Bank 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 Forty-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Eight and 06/100 Dollars

(\$44,878.06).

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 February 14, 2013.

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

The South 1/2 of Lot 23, Section 14, Town 11 North, Range 10 East of Shay Lake Heights Subdivision No. 1 Filed in Plat Liber 2, Page 35-36.

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: January 16, 2013

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File #393567F03

1-16-4

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 Steven T. Repkie, a single man, to Argent Mortgage Company, L.L.C, Mortgagee, dated May 8, 2006 and recorded May 17, 2006 in Liber 1081, Page 932, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust Inc., Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-AMC1 by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Nine and 93/100 Dollars (\$77,569.93) including interest at 8.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Tuscola Circuit Courthouse in the Village of Caro, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on 02/14/2013.

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

Land situated in the Township of Fairgrove, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, described as:

Part of the Southwest quarter of Section 2, Town 13 North, Range 8 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the West line of said Southwest quarter which is South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West along said West line, 40.00 feet from the West quarter corner of said Section 2, thence continuing South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West along said West line 200.00 feet, thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, perpendicular to said West line, 290.00 feet, thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East parallel with said West line, 200.00 feet, thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, perpendicular to said West line, 290.00 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: January 16, 2013

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File No. 356.4640

1-16-4

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MORTGAGE SALE – Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Bradley Wescoat, a married man, and Victoria Wescoat, his wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Flagstar Bank, FSB its successors and assigns , Mortgagee, dated August 14, 2003 and recorded August 25, 2003 in Liber 950, Page 736, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to Flagstar Bank, FSB, by assignment dated December 18, 2012 and recorded December 28, 2012 in Liber 1268, Page 641, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Four Thousand Five Hundred Nineteen Dollars and Fifteen Cents (\$94,519.15) including interest 7.5% 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 February 14, 2013.

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

Arbela Township, Tuscola County, State of Michigan, Section 20, Township 10 North, Range 7 East, Commencing at a point 250 feet North of Southeast corner of North three - quarters of East one half of Southeast one quarter; thence North 130 feet, West 298 feet, South 130 feet, East 298 feet to point of beginning. Commonly known as 9364 Bray Rd., Millington, MI 48746.

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: 1/16/2013

Flagstar Bank, FSB
Assignee of Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd., Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123
Our File No: 12-74029

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert Butler, a married man, & Danyell Butler, a married woman, original mortgorators, to Flagstar Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated March 9, 2001, and recorded on March 15, 2001 in Liber 824 on Page 1040, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Mortgage Company 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 Fifty-Five Thousand One Hundred Twelve and 97/100 Dollars (\$55,112.97).

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 February 21, 2013.

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

Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of Section 21, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, thence North 88 degrees 33 minutes 45 seconds East 588.53 feet along the North line of said Section 21 to the point of beginning; running thence North 88 degrees 33 minutes 45 seconds East 175.00 feet along the North line of said Section 21; thence South 01 degree 04 minutes 50 seconds East 250.00 feet; thence South 88 degrees 33 minutes 45 seconds West 175.0 feet; thence North 01 degrees 04 minutes 50 seconds West 250.0 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: January 23, 2013

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31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Trevor H. Foster, a married man, original mortgorator, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 24, 2004, and recorded on November 15, 2004 in Liber 1017 on Page 531, and modified by Affidavit or Order recorded on September 21, 2006 in Liber 1096 on Page 687, and assigned by said Mortgage to Flagstar Bank, FSB 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 Four Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-One and 20/100 Dollars (\$104,531.20).

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 February 21, 2013.

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

Commencing at a point that is due West 665.22 feet and North 00 degrees 16 minutes 06 seconds East, 1322 feet from the South Quarter corner of said Section 13, Town 10 North, Range 9 East, thence continuing North 00 degrees 16 minutes 06 seconds East 267 feet; thence East 663.03 feet; thence South 00 degrees 11 minutes 40 seconds West 267 feet; thence West 663.37 feet to the point of beginning. Together with an easement for ingress and egress purpose over and across a 66 foot wide strip of land the centerline of which is described as beginning at a point on the South Section line that is West 655.22 feet from the South Quarter corner of Section 13; thence North 0 degrees 16 minutes 06 seconds East 1984.26 feet to a point of ending.

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.

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Dated: January 23, 2013

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Shannon Jacques, a single woman, original mortgorator, to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated July 12, 2002 and recorded on July 22, 2002 in Liber 887 on Page 410, and assigned by said Mortgagee to MidFirst Bank 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 Fifty-Nine Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Three and 36/100 Dollars (\$59,163.36).

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 February 21, 2013.

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

Lot 5, Block 7 of Pepon's Addition to the Village of Kingston, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 38, now being 39A.

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: January 23, 2013

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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 Robert W. Mclean, Husband, and Barbara Mclean, Wife, original mortgorators, to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated January 31, 2001, and recorded on February 6, 2001 in Liber 821 on Page 440, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-Five and 55/100 Dollars (\$69,255.55).

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 February 21, 2013.

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

The South 1/2 of Lots 13 and 14, Block 8, Houston's Addition to the Village (now City) of Vassar. Save and excepting: Situate and being in the City of Vassar, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan and described as follows, to-wit: North 10 feet off the South 1/2 of Lots 13 and 14, Block 8, Huston's Addition to the Village (now City) of Vassar. T11W, R7E Section 12

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: January 23, 2013

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Laura Anne Farr, an unmarried woman, to Washington Mutual Bank, Mortgagee, dated November 27, 2006 and recorded January 9, 2007 in Liber 1107, Page 910, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for WaMu Asset Backed Certificates, WaMu Series 2007-HE1 Trust by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-One and 53/100 Dollars (\$67,431.53) including interest at 9.575% 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 02/21/2013.

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

Plat of the Village of Deford, Township of Novesta, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan:

Lots 3, 4, 5, and 6, Block F, Village of Deford, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 46, now being Page 47A, Tuscola County Records.

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: January 23, 2013

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MORTGAGE SALE – Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by DONALD R. CLARK, UNMARRIED, to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated October 26, 2007 and recorded on November 14, 2007 in Liber 1134 on Page 1052, and modified, recorded May 4, 2011 in Liber 1221 on Page 1001, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Six Dollars and Ninety-Two Cents (\$39,436.92), including interest at 6.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on February 7, 2013.

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

TOWN 11 NORTH, RANGE 10 EAST, SECTION 21, LOT 32 OF BIRCHCREST ACRES SUBDIVISION, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 3 PAGE 12 TUSCOLA COUNTY RECORDS.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 600 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, 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.

JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. Mortgagee/Assignee

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 JPMC.001137 FNMA

1-9-4

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MORTGAGE SALE – Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: James Hess, SR., A Single Man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Flagstar Bank, FSB, its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated January 4, 2008 and recorded January 15, 2008 in Liber 1139 Page 389 Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to Flagstar Bank, FSB, by assignment dated December 14, 2012 and recorded December 27, 2012 in Liber 1268, Page 387, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Three Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Eight Dollars and Thirty-Four Cents (\$103,538.34) including interest 6.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00AM on February 7, 2013.

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

Commencing at a stake 60 rods West of the Southeast corner of the South part of the West part of the Southwest quarter of fractional Section 7, Town 10 North, Range 8

East, thence running North 80 rods, thence West 9 rods, thence south 80 rods, thence East 9 rods to the place of beginning. Commonly known as 5912 Millington Rd. Millington MI 48746.

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: 1/09/2013

Flagstar Bank, FSB Assignee of Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd., Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 12-73967

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeffrey L. Stevens and Dawn M. Stevens, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Mortgagee, dated July 14, 2005 and recorded August 31, 2005 in Liber 1052, Page 494, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by GMAC Mortgage, LLC by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Nine and 52/100 Dollars (\$67,559.52) including interest at 6% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Tuscola Circuit Courthouse in the Village of Caro, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on FEBRUARY 7, 2013.

Said premises are located in the Village of Kingston, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Situated in the Village of Kingston, Tuscola County, Michigan: Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 6 of Pepon's Addition to the Village of Kingston, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 38, now being Page 39A.

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.

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

Dated: January 9, 2013

Orlans Associates, PC, Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007 File No. 12-511413

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At Zehnder’s Snowfest

Kingston students showcase sculpting skills

**by Ryan Walker
Freelance Writer**

The frigid temperatures that descended on Michigan last week drove even the most avid outdoor winter enthusiasts indoors. Absent from the frozen landscape were large numbers of snowmobilers, showshoers and cross country skiers. A sure sign that near zero temperatures were present was the few school-aged children out and about, building snowmen, forts or sledding.

However, the weather conditions were ideal for keeping ice and snow sculptures intact at the annual Zehnder’s Snowfest in Frankenmuth, and the cold didn’t slow down the high school students who took part

in the Zehnder’s Snowfest High School Snow Sculpting Competition. This year 21 high school teams from Michigan competed for the top 3 finishing positions.

All of the participating teams had to follow the same rules and requirements while they took to the parking lot east of The River Place. The teams could begin their snow-based artworks Thursday and had to be finished Friday. Competitors could begin Thursday at 8 a.m. and had to finish by 8 p.m. The teams then returned Friday at 7 a.m. and could work until the official deadline at 5 p.m., when the judging took place.

The final products were judged based on creativity, intent and workmanship. A panel of independent

judges was chosen from experienced snow carving teams from around the world. To ensure fairness, the Snowfest Committee required all the judges to meet as a group after they individually scored the sculptures. They then had to reach a consensus on each piece where each judge had to be within 10 points of each of the other judges.

The category of creativity offered up to 30 points for a sculpture that represented an original idea or form presented in a unique way. The judges also determined if the finished products looked like the image that was intended and if the piece made an impression. This category could net the teams up to 30 points as well.

The final category score dealt with

workmanship of the piece; this included whether the nature of the work was consistent. It also measured how well the piece was finished and if the design worked. A possible 40 points were up for grabs in the final category.

A number of competition rules were also set in place to keep the playing field level.

Teams were limited to 4 members, and the students were only allowed to physically work on the snow blocks. Chaperones could offer suggestions and advice, but had to literally keep their hands off of the act of creating the frozen art form. Each team began with a 6-foot by 6-foot by 8-foot block of snow, which could then be expanded to an 10-by-8-foot base with unlimited height. However, no snow other than the assigned block could be used in the construction of the masterpiece.

Competitors weren’t allowed to utilize internal supports, coloring agents, or power tools, but they could use a limited amount of water. Each team was presented with a list of suggested tools. Included in the list was long handled ice scrapper, curry comb, hatchet, flat headed shovel, drywall saw, a variety of rasps and a ladder.

One of the teams battling the cold weather to create a memorable snow sculpture represented Kingston High School. Led by advisor and art teacher Matt Ferguson, the team included freshman Blake Schook, sophomore Aaron VanHorn, junior Eriana DeKalita-Mull and senior Hezekiah Morell.

While Morell and VanHorn both took part in past Snowfest competitions, Schook and DeKalita-Mull were experiencing the thrill of competitive snow sculpting for the first time. Overall, this was Kingston High School’s fifth year in the contest. In their first year participating, they took third place overall. They repeated the accomplishment last year when they also finished third.

Kingston High School has enjoyed veteran leadership on all the snow sculpting teams they have sent to the annual Frankenmuth festival. “Everyone who has started has stayed until they have graduated,” said Ferguson.

This year’s squad began designing its sculpture weeks before the competition. The team members spent several hours after school making a scale model of their design out of modeling clay. The scale reflected one foot of actual size for each inch of clay. In addition to a model, the team fashioned a saw out of aluminum. Before the carving began, the team spray painted a grid on their block of snow so they could use their scale model to guide them through the construction process.

From start to finish, the Cardinals worked the available time slots allotted each day. The only extended work stoppage took place during the scheduled lunch periods each day.

There are many challenges when working with 13 to 14 tons of snow on a below freezing day. When asked about the most difficult aspect of the project, VanHorn explained, “It was the first day, moving all the snow in the cold.”

Even though Kingston didn’t place in the top 3 this year, when the results were announced, their final product was an impressive specimen to see; the male lion facing its reflection in a mirror was a unique design not replicated by any other sculpture.

Ferguson explained that the 2-day experience provided a strong connection to math and art. While the educational aspect was not lost on the students, Schook summed up the experience for the team when he said, “It was fun!”

The final standings saw Owosso Team A High School finish in third place and Freeland High School in second. This year’s first-place winner was Frankenmuth High School with its depiction of a dragon on a tower.



REPRESENTING KINGSTON High School at this year’s Zehnder’s Snowfest High School Snow Sculpting Competition were team members (from left) freshman Blake Schook, sophomore Aaron VanHorn, junior Eriana DeKalita-Mull and senior Hezekiah Morell. Matt Ferguson, the team’s advisor and art teacher, is pictured on the right in the background. The squad’s sculpture depicted a male lion looking in a mirror.

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“Pistol purchase permit reforms passed last year cannot be fully implemented in our state because of a technical definition in state law,” said Green (R-Mayville). “My bill will clarify the law and remove unintended obstacles to the exercise of the Second Amendment in an industry that supports thousands of jobs in Michigan.”

The permit reforms were a part of Public Act 377 of 2012, which eliminated the state requirement to obtain a pistol purchase permit when buying from a licensed dealer. That requirement became redundant several years ago when comprehensive national background checks became mandatory for all firearms purchases.

Although intended to be industry-wide, the reforms only applied to certain firearms retailers because of an obscure, outdated definition in state law of a licensed dealer. The technicality has caused widespread confusion among law enforcement, firearms retailers and consumers.

Green’s legislation changes the definition to include any retailer licensed under federal law to sell firearms. It does not affect state or federal background check requirements for purchasing a firearm in any way.

The Senate Judiciary Committee reported the bill to the full Senate unanimously, with the support of gun owner groups, the Michigan State Police and firearms retailers.

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