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O-G bond issue vote Tuesday

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Owen-Gage School Supt. Jim Wencel doesn't hesitate with examples when it comes to the challenges of trying to keep up with a school building that is showing its age.

Take the roof, for example. School officials recently had to call in a contractor after another set of leaks developed over the gymnasium. The roof was solid and made of quality materials when it was new, but that was more than 20 years ago, Wencel says. "And we're going to continue to have problems like that. It's the same with the boilers; one is a 1966 (model)...and the other is a 1972.

"We used to have 5 buses. Very

soon we're going to be down to 3," he added.

Voters in the Owen-Gage School District could put an end to many of school officials' infrastructure headaches when they head to the polls Tuesday to decide what school officials describe as a vital bond issue request.

The district is asking taxpayers to approve a 2.95-mill levy that would generate an estimated \$2.9 million for a host of major and long-overdue capital improvement projects ranging from new lighting and heating systems to a new roof.

"Even though we've been able to put some money back into fund balance over the past 3 years, we've been running on a very austere bud-

get," said Wencel, who noted Owen-Gage has gone from the status of being a "deficit-spending" district to one operating in the black — and a fund balance equal to roughly 20 percent of the district's \$1.5 million budget.

"But we can't take money out of the general fund budget to do a lot of the things we have to do," he added, referring to the cost estimates tied to Owen-Gage's capital improvement needs.

"Once we get all these things done, our school's going to be more comfortable for the students and we're going to save more on utilities," he said.

The bond would be repaid over the course of 25 years, initially costing the owner of a \$60,000 home about \$89 more in taxes annually. However, Wencel pointed out he firmly believes the tax rate will be reduced, and relatively quickly, with the construction of wind farms in the region, boosting property values.

In fact, taxable values in the district are expected to increase initially from \$62 million to \$160 million by 2015, according to Wencel. Which means the tax rate "is going to go down dramatically when the wind

park hits the tax rolls," he said.

If approved, the bond issue will pay for improvements that include a new roof and new boilers. Also needed are technology upgrades along with renovation of the building's electrical and lighting systems, and a new fire alarm system to bring the district up to code. A telephone system that is more than 2 decades old is also on the project list.

School officials would spend about \$1.326 million on renovation work — new roofing (\$385,650), installation of new ceiling tiles in all areas of the building (\$149,600), remodeling the boys' and girls' locker rooms (\$140,000), remodeling the gymnasium (\$90,000), remodeling the chemistry room (\$90,130), remodeling restroom with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) upgrades (\$90,130), replacement of exterior windows (\$72,700), remodeling the cafeteria (\$70,400), and remodeling classroom areas (\$59,100).

Mechanical work, including installation of a new control system for the boilers, will cost an estimated \$305,780, electrical upgrades are projected at a combined price tag of \$180,820, technology improvement costs (infrastructure, wiring, com-

puters, carts and projectors) are set at \$150,000, and furnishings will cost roughly \$216,139, which includes \$90,000 for a new school bus, \$70,000 for site furnishings, \$67,009 for new classroom furniture and band equipment, and \$50,000 for installation of a new phone system.

Another \$36,000 would be spent on "site work" — reworking landscaping at the northwest lot, reworking Circle Drive and the parking area north of the elementary wing, and adding gravel to the parking area east of the elementary wing.

School officials are not planning any new construction.

This is the district's third attempt at a vote, although it will be only the second election. The district first asked voters to approve 3.2 mills in May, but the proposed tax levy was narrowly defeated, 141 votes to 134 votes.

The school board then reduced the proposed amount and collected more than enough signatures to have the issue placed on a special election ballot in September. However, the district's former attorney neglected to include the proposed date of the referendum, forcing the Michigan

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A sweet trip to the sugar bush



by Tom Montgomery
Editor

OLD MAN WINTER still has a grip on Michigan, but in just a few weeks the Battel family will be tapping maple trees as they continue a maple syrup making tradition dating back more than a century. The Cass City area family is once again planning to welcome the public during its annual "Maple Syrup Saturday", Saturday, March 16, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The location is 7964 Daus Rd. "This will be our 131st year of making syrup in these woods, and it's the fifth year of our annual open house," commented Sue Battel. "As usual, everyone is welcome for a tour and to sample a pancake with fresh maple syrup.

"We're hoping for a good year, but of course that depends on what nature brings," Battel added. "Last year's unseasonably warm March cut our production by about a third, which was better than many maple producers. At least we know the trees are getting plenty of moisture right now!"

The tours have drawn hundreds of curious residents over the years. Pictured above is Mark Battel, teaching a group of school children how maple syrup is made. Below, maple sap runs when the days are warm and the previous nights bring below-freezing temperatures. (Related photos, page 8)



Tuscola County's judges usher in new era of unity with council

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Tuscola County's team of trial judges underwent a facelift of sorts during the last general election in November, with the addition of a new circuit judge and a new probate/family court judge to the bench.

Now, those judges are working with veteran district court Judge Kim D. Glaspie to usher in a new, unified effort to improve the local court system. Towards that end, Glaspie along with circuit Judge Amy Grace Gierhart and probate court Judge Nancy L. Thane recently formed a judicial council.

"With 2 new judges taking the bench this year, we realized now was the time to make this move," Glaspie said. "The resolution forming the judicial council says that we will make decisions by consensus, which really symbolizes the new era of cooperation that we are going to usher in."

Glaspie explained the judicial council is working on a variety of projects designed to improve the delivery of services to the public, including:

- A concurrent jurisdiction plan, which will help the judges fill in for each other's absences and more fairly divide the workload between each of them, producing improved, timeli-

er decisions.

- Working toward a unified collections plan to help the public bring in every dollar that it is owed.

- Unifying the personnel policies of the 3 courts, reducing administrative burdens on the county in tracking

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THE NEWLY-FORMED Tuscola County Judicial Council is composed of (from left) circuit court Judge Amy Grace Gierhart, district court Judge Kim D. Glaspie and probate court Judge Nancy L. Thane.



Cass City woman pockets \$500 during appearance on daytime TV game show

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The average golf ball isn't worth \$500 dollars, but anything is possible in Hollywood.

Just ask Cass City's Nichole Guigar, whose unexpected invitation to attend a taping of the daytime television game show "Let's Make a Deal" during a vacation last fall in southern California left her exhausted but a little bit richer.

Guigar talked about her appearance on the show just prior to its airing Monday morning.

The 2010 Cass City High School graduate said she welcomed the opportunity to attend a taping while spending a week and a half on the West Coast, celebrating her 21st birthday along with her sisters, Erica, 26, and Alysha, 23.

The trio were staying at their Aunt Carol Abel's home in Manifee, Calif., and a friend of Abel's surprised the sisters with tickets.

Let's Make a Deal, perhaps best associated with former longtime host, co-creator and co-producer Monty Hall, is a game show based around deals offered to members of

the audience by the host — currently television personality/comedian Wayne Brady. The traders usually have to weigh the possibility of an offer being made for a valuable prize or an undesirable item, referred to as a "Zonk". The show is also known for the various unusual and crazy costumes worn by audience members, who dress up in order to increase their chances of being selected as a trader.

"We all went as crayons; I was a pink crayon, my sister Erica was a purple crayon and my sister Alysha

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10th annual Farm Collectibles and Toy Show Saturday, Feb. 23

The Thumb Area Old Engine and Tractor Association will be holding its 10th annual Farm Collectibles and Toy Show Saturday, Feb. 23, at the Brentwood in Caro.

Show hours are 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and there will be 60 tables on display featuring farm toys, collectibles, antiques and other farm-related items including parts and literature.

Whether you are an avid toy collector or interested in farm related items, there is always a good selection of items at this show to add to your collection.

Table space for this year's show is sold out, but visitors are welcome to bring along any farm toys or related items that they would like to part with, and there is the possibility that one of the vendors will purchase it

from them.

Admission to the show is a \$2 donation for adults (children under 12 are admitted free). Proceeds will help cover expenses for The Thumb Area Old Engine and Tractor Association Show that will be held at the fairgrounds in Caro Aug. 9-11.

For more information on either show, call (989) 673-3430.

M. Green introduces legislation to establish a "Pharmacy Tech. License"

Sen. Mike Green recently introduced legislation to establish a "Pharmacy Technician License" in Michigan to better safeguard the health and welfare of consumers.

Under current state law, any employee of a pharmacy or grocery or department store with a pharmacy could potentially be asked to access and dispense prescription drugs to customers, depending on company policy. Senate Bill 92 would instead require licensing of anyone allowed to assist a pharmacist in their duties. To be licensed, individuals would have to meet certain training, aca-

demic or work experience requirements.

"Unqualified people currently have access to a wide variety of potent prescription drugs that are rampantly abused on the streets," said Green (R-Mayville). "This licensing requirement would bring Michigan up to the current standards adhered to by almost all states in the nation."

Michigan is one of only 5 states in the country that do not have a statutory licensing requirement for pharmacy technicians. While full-time pharmacy employees can obtain a certification through the private

Pharmacy Technician Certification Board, it is strictly voluntary and within the discretion of their employer, which results in countless employees working without certification or licensing. The bill would establish a license while grandfathering in current technicians.

"Accessing and dispensing these drugs carries with it a great amount of responsibility and the potential for severe implications to a customer if mistakes are made," Green said.

"This bill provides the recognition that this highly skilled profession deserves, while guaranteeing that those employers not currently requiring certification will meet the same high standard being set by industry leaders."

SB 92 was referred to the Senate Committee on Regulatory Reform. The Michigan Pharmacists Association supports the legislation.



Justin Sorenson and Lynzie Grimshaw

Justin Richard Sorenson of Cass City and Lynzie Kay Grimshaw of Davison announce their engagement to be married.

Justin is the son of Craig and Carolyn Sorenson of Cass City. Lynzie is the daughter of Jon and Sandy Grimshaw of Davison.

The couple is currently planning an April 13, 2013 wedding in Goodrich.

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Have a heart for youth this month

We don't generally think of our kids when it comes to serious heart problems, but sudden cardiac death in youth (SCDY) and congenital heart defects (CHDs) claim far too many young lives in Michigan each year.

February is American Heart Month, and Michigan Department of Community Health officials are placing the spotlight on 2 very important populations affected by these conditions: our newborns and our youth.

CHDs affect one out of every 100 newborns. Each year in Michigan more than 1,700 babies are born with a CHD, which is caused when the heart or its surrounding vessels do not develop normally during pregnancy. There are many types of CHDs, and the underlying cause is not always known. The condition ranges from mild to severe, but today, more newborns are surviving because of early detection and treatment.

In contrast, SCDY occurs when a young, apparently healthy person dies suddenly from a heart attack.

In Michigan, SCDY claims the lives of more than 300 children and young adults under age 40 each year. SCDY may be caused by inherited conditions that affect the heart's structure or how it beats. Often the first sign that a young person has a condition that causes cardiac arrest is the arrest itself.

Evaluating heart health and knowing personal and family history is the best way to identify those at risk and to prevent sudden cardiac death.

Critical factors related to increasing a sudden cardiac arrest victim's chance of survival, according to the American Heart Association, are: early recognition of sudden cardiac arrest, early call to 911, early CPR, early use of an AED (automated external defibrillator), and early advanced life support.

"By raising awareness, and with appropriate screening, we can potentially identify these young people and save their lives. AED training and increased presence and availability (of AEDs) can improve survival rates," commented Rep. Gail Haines, chair of the House Healthy Policy Committee. Haines said she plans to introduce legislation addressing the issue of student athletes who exhibit cardiac symptoms during athletic activity.

"This will be a law of prevention, born out of painful and unnecessary losses of too many young people in Michigan," Haines said. "If we can save even one life, it's a success story."

We couldn't agree more.

Slices of Life

by Jill Pertler

That ever happen to you? Me neither

I'm intrigued by human behavior. As humans we operate under certain norms. Most often, we seek approval from one another. So, when we have an urge, opportunity or occasion to bend the norms, we often hope no one is watching.

Because, at the end of the day, don't we all just want to be normal?

But what is that, really? Do normal people get caught picking their noses, tooting in public or singing in the shower when they believe no one is home? We've all been there, done that (yes, we have). I believe we normal people have more of these tricky, tacky, taboo and tangled situations in common than we realize (or would like to admit). For instance:

Ever take a crumpled shirt (or pants) from the dresser and tumble it in the dryer in order to fluff out the wrinkles because you really do hate ironing that much? Me neither.

Ever see a photo of yourself from ten years ago and think, "I didn't look too bad then," and in your mind believe you still look like that right now? Me neither.

Ever run naked and dripping wet from the shower to get a towel because you forgot to get one before your shower and you hope no one sees you through your wide-open picture window? Me neither.

Ever get teary-eyed after watching a well-done, poignant and touching 30-second TV commercial and try to hide it from your spouse because he wouldn't understand that kind of deep emotion? Me neither.

Ever find yourself without any clean socks so you take the pair you wore yesterday and turn them inside out and wear them again? Me neither.

Ever Google yourself, to see if you're on the web, and then click on all the pages that mention your name to find out if it's you or someone else with the same name as you? Me neither.

Ever put on a baseball hat and extra large sweatshirt and dash through the grocery store as fast as possible, hoping you won't run into anyone you know, because you didn't have time to shower before going? Me neither.

Ever been surprised to find you are talking to yourself and have your overall level of shock crescendo when you find you are also answering yourself – out loud – at the superstore? Me neither.

Ever go on Facebook, scroll down, then down again and again and perhaps again and (finally) get a sense of relief when you reach the post you already read – last time – so you know you can quit? Me neither.

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Ever run into a friend from high school whom you haven't seen in years and think that some of the people from your high school are getting old? Me neither.

Ever borrow money from your kids and promise to pay them back (with interest) on payday? Me neither.

Ever heated your coffee or tea or hot cocoa in the microwave for the third time in one morning and then been distracted by the laundry, causing you to forget about your beverage until you found it, now cooled, in the microwave, the next day? Me neither.

Ever received a snide or angry comment from someone and been left speechless and then spend the next hour thinking of all the smart comebacks you woulda coulda shoulda said? Me neither.

Ever make your bed at night, just so you could unmake it before going to bed an hour later? Me neither.

We're all normal people, engaging in normal behaviors. Or maybe not, depending on your definition of normal. I could go on and on creating more of these imaginary scenarios, but you probably couldn't relate anyway, right? Yeah, me neither.

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Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Oops, I goofed. Last week, I wrote in the Schneeberger's Athlete of the Week advertisement that Red Hawk basketball center Cole Israelson is the son of Rob and Susie Hartwick. Of course that's wrong. Cole is the son of Kevin and Deb Israelson. Please forgive the blunder and accept my sincere apologies.

There is no mistake here: I'm very thankful for Amy Stone for providing the Chronicle with many of Cass City's girls basketball photos this season. In addition to her photo journalism duties, Stone also keeps the official score book at most of the girls games.

Hey Red Hawk students, be careful what you wish for. District officials report that currently, Cass City Public Schools has 2 days to make up due to snow day cancellations. The last day of school, at this point, will be Wednesday, June 5.

If you received chocolate for Valentine's Day please note:

Although chocolate is not an aphrodisiac, as the ancient Aztecs believed, chocolate contains phenylethylamine (PEA), a natural substance that is reputed to stimulate the same reaction in the body as falling in love. Also, ten percent of U.S. Recommended Daily Allowance of iron is found in one ounce of baking chocolate or cocoa and U.S. consumers eat 2.8 billion pounds of chocolate annually, representing nearly half of the world's supply.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Wednesday, February 20

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, February 21

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

Sanilac County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, 3 p.m., HDC Adult Day Services Building, 227 N. Elk St., Sandusky. For more information, contact Kim at (989) 673-4121 or Amanda at (810) 648-4497.

Friday, February 22

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

Cass City Athletic Boosters' Auction, Cass City High School (during the boys' basketball game). All proceeds will be used to benefit Cass City Junior/Senior High School athletic programs. For more information, please contact Paula Potter at (989) 545-0182 or email: p_potter88@hotmail.com.

Saturday, February 23

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

Thumb Dance Club, 7-11 p.m., Maple Valley School, 138 Maple Valley St., Sandusky. Everyone is welcome to attend. Admission: \$5 (members), \$6 (non-members). For more information, call Leola at (810) 657-9349 or Dorothy at (810) 404-4250.

Monday, February 25

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

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

Cass City School Board meeting, 7 p.m.

Hills & Dales General Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 11:30 a.m., Gilligan's.

Tuscola County Right to Life meeting, 6:30-8 p.m., Caro Area District Library, 840 W. Frank St., Caro. For more information, call (989) 872-3259.

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

Tuesday, February 26

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.

Wednesday, February 27

Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m.

Huron County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, Huron Behavioral Health, Bad Axe. For more information, contact Rhonda Quinn at (989) 269-9293.

Trio injured in 2-vehicle crash

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Three people were injured — one of them seriously — in a 2-vehicle traffic crash that closed Fairgrove Road for about 7 hours last week in Tuscola County's Gilford Township.

Troopers at the Michigan State Police post in Caro reported the accident occurred shortly after 4 p.m. Tuesday at the intersection of Fairgrove and VanBuren roads.

A 2010 Chevy Cobalt driven by Kari A. Breece, 48, Saginaw, was eastbound on Fairgrove Road when she signaled a left turn onto VanBuren Road, started to make her

turn and was struck from behind by a 2001 Kenworth tractor-trailer, according to reports, which state Breece's vehicle was pushed into the guardrail at the northeast corn of the intersection and came to rest on the south shoulder of Fairgrove Road.

The tractor-trailer, driven by Dean C. Henne, 52, Bay Port, also struck a guardrail after impact, then jackknifed and continued into a deep water-filled ditch at the northeast corner of the intersection.

Troopers said Breece was transported by MMR Ambulance to Covenant Hospital in Saginaw for treatment of serious injuries. Breece's passenger,

Andrew Neil-Allen Breece, 20, was also transported to Covenant for treatment of minor injuries. Henne suffered minor injuries and refused treatment at the scene.

Troopers, who cited Henne for failure to stop in an assured clear distance, reported all occupants were wearing seatbelts, and alcohol/drugs were not factors in the crash.

Troopers were assisted at the scene by MMR Ambulance, Reese Fire-Rescue, the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department, Michigan State Police Third District accident reconstructionists and the Tri-County Post Motor Carrier Division, and the Tuscola County Road Commission.

Circuit court news

Several charged with felonies


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

- Jenna E. Gould, 26, Caro, was placed on 12 months probation for her pleas of no contest to charges of larceny in a building and larceny of property/money valued at less than \$200 Sept. 29-30, 2011, in Caro.
- She was also ordered to continue mandatory substance abuse therapy/counseling and pay court costs and fines totaling \$480.
- Guy J. Somerville, 21, Unionville, was sentenced to 60 days in the county jail, with work release and/or worksite privileges following his pleas of no contest to charges of interfering with electronic communications and assault or assault and battery Aug. 26 in Elmwood Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).
- In addition to jail time, he was placed on 36 months probation and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,608 plus restitution of \$81.40.
- Aimee I. Church, 37, Caro, was sentenced to 365 days in jail, with worksite privileges, following her plea of guilty to delivery of a controlled substance March 29 in Caro.
- She was also placed on 60 months probation and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$698.
- Jose L. Delgado Jr., 44, Caro, stood mute to a charge of interfering with electronic communications Feb. 29 in Caro.
- A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled in the case and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department.
- Charles A. Lawrie, 46, Caro, was sentenced to 210 days in jail and 36 months probation following his pleas of guilty to charges of delivery/manufacture of marijuana, subsequent offense, and possession of a controlled substance, subsequent

- offense, May 16 in Caro.
- He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$2,706.
- Tyler D. Parrish, 20, Pigeon, received a one-year delayed sentence following his pleas of guilty to charges of possession of a controlled substance and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor Nov. 3 in Almer Township.
- He was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,978 plus restitution of \$120.
- William H. Sarles, 43, Caro, was sentenced to 36 months probation for his plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance (cocaine, heroin or another narcotic — less than 25 grams) July 31 in Caro.
- He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,158.
- Dillin Jacob-Cole Lewis, 20, Cass City, was sentenced to 180 days in jail, with worksite privileges, following his pleas of no contest to a charge of fleeing and eluding a police officer Sept. 23 in Cass City. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).
- In addition to jail time, he was placed on 36 months probation and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,558.
- Matthew J. Bell, 26, Roseville, was sentenced to 270 days in jail, with worksite privileges, following his plea of no contest to possession of a firearm by a felon Nov. 15 in Wells Township.
- He was also placed on 24 months probation and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$2,658.
- Michael A. Violette, 38, Millington, was sentenced to 210 days in jail, with work release, fol-

- lowing his pleas of guilty to charges of possession of a controlled substance, subsequent offense, and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, April 28 in Millington Township.
- He was also placed on 60 months probation and ordered to complete 480 hours of community service and pay costs and fines totaling \$4,666.
- Melissa D. Spencer, 35, Caro, was sentenced to 365 days in jail and 60 months probation following her plea of guilty to a charge of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence - with an occupant under the age of 16 years Nov. 26 in Wells Township. She was also convicted of being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).
- In addition to jail time, she was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$5,598 plus restitution of \$220.
- Tony J. Zelenka, 32, Owosso, was sentenced to 9 years and 6 months to 25 years in prison following his plea of guilty to first degree home invasion June 3 in Arbelia Township.
- He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$2,198. Restitution in the case is to be determined.
- John P. Palmer, 52, Mayville, received a one-year delayed sentence following his pleas of no contest to charges of fleeing and eluding a police officer and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, second offense, Sept. 15 in Vassar.
- He was placed on 24 months probation and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$3,008 plus restitution of \$120.

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Reporter’s notebook

Age got you down? Do not look back

by Tom Montgomery Editor

I was feeling reasonably chipper after recently celebrating my 51st birthday. Well, until I let curiosity get the best of me and I started digging into the past a bit. You know, just for fun.

The year was 1962.

At first glance, Feb. 3 wasn’t exactly an epic day that year, although it did mark the start of the United States’ embargo against Cuba. Months later came the Cuban missile crisis, a 13-day confrontation in October with the Soviet Union and Cuba on one side, and the United States on the other, which is still considered the closest the Cold War ever came to turning into a nuclear conflict.

Who could have known that John F. Kennedy, this nation’s beloved 35th president, would be assassinated about a year later, Nov. 22, 1963, in Dealey Plaza, Dallas, Texas?

But back to 1962, and why I whispered more than once, “Dang, you *are* old” while perusing some of the year’s interesting events and faces.

A few examples: the year saw Jack Paar’s final appearance (and Johnny’s Carson’s first) as permanent host of the Tonight Show; Walter Cronkite began anchoring the CBS Evening News; John Glenn became the first American to orbit Earth in Friendship 7; Stan “The Man” Musial, who died last month at the age of 92, broke Honus Wagner’s National League hit record of 3,431 in 1962; professional golfer Jack Nicklaus (then 21 years old, but now long retired. Sigh) made his first pro appearance, finishing 50th; the Rolling Stones made their first public appearance at the Marquee Club in London; Ringo Starr joined the Beatles; and Barbara Streisand signed her first recording contract.

And, it was interesting to discover the names of some of the folks who were born the same year I was.


You might recognize a couple of these: Jim Carrey, Jennifer Jason Leigh, Axl Rose, Garth Brooks, Sheryl Crow, the late Steve Irwin, Jon Bon Jovi, Mike Rowe, Matthew Broderick, Al Unser Jr., Ally Sheedy, Melissa Sue Anderson, Kristy McNichol, Paula Abdul, Wesley Snipes, Roger Clemens, Patrick Ewing and Tom Cruise.

Of course, in addition to feeling older now, this list reminded me that I’m not rich or famous, either.

Boy, that was fun.

Actually, I did enjoy looking back on historical events surrounding my birth year enough to do a little more research in honor of my wife’s birthday, which was Friday.

It was a great excuse to read up on the Gettysburg Address.



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Located at the corner of Oak and Main, Cass City Antiques is an antique collector’s paradise. In business at this location for three years, with Dan Nixon as proprietor, Cass City Antiques is home to twenty vendors offering a wide variety of antiques and collectibles. Some of the specialty attractions include, but are not limited to, primitives, art deco, mid century, vintage tools, farm implements, wall art, Hoosier cabinets, Aladdin oil lamps, and much, much more. There, literally, is something for everyone.


As another service to the community, Cass City Antiques offers a Coin Dealer on premises every Tuesday. Come in and look around. Lay-away is available, and there is also booth space open, if you or someone you know is looking for a place to showcase their collection and make a little extra money.

Cass City Antiques is open Tuesday through Saturday, from 10 AM - 5 PM. They can also be reached by telephone at (989) 912-2007.

The Cass City Antiques family would also like to give a special thanks to Sam Moore for his continued dedication and support of the business.

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

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Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2008)

Students at Campbell Elementary School in Cass City participated in the “Jump Rope for Heart” event for the sixth year last week. Combined, the students raised an estimated \$7,000 for the American Heart Association.

Paul Clabuesch, chairman and CEO of Thumb National Bank and Trust Company in Pigeon, has been named 2008 Michigan Bankers Association’s Banker of the Year by the board of trustees of the association’s Robert M. Perry Schools of Banking. Clabuesch has been working in the banking industry for more than 35 years. He has served as CEO of Thumb National Bank and Trust Company since 1985. Before beginning his banking career, Clabuesch was an educator and coached football at Cass City High School.

Selah Wyatt of Kingston was this year’s winner of the “Guess the Candy Hearts” contest sponsored by the Kingston Post Office. There were 1,108 candy hearts in a jar displayed at the office, and the 5-year-old’s guess of 1,110 was the closest guess. She was rewarded with 10 Disney stamps and 10 Celebrates along with a Birthday Postal Bear and, of course, the jar full of candy. Postmaster Mike Godard reported there were 66 entrants in all during the contest.

10 YEARS AGO (2003)

Despite a game-high 25 points from Owen-Gage’s Adam Kain, visiting Kingston had an easy time with the Bulldogs Friday in Owendale. The North Central Thumb South co-leader exploded for 25 first quarter points and then outscored its hosts in each period en route to the 79-43 victory. Jason Randall and Aaron Kolacz split 28 points for Kingston as the game’s only other players to reach double figures. Aaron Nicol and Brian Wolak added 9 points each for Kingston. Jeremy Kady posted 7 points for Owen-Gage.

Kyle Walsh, senior at Ubly High School, has been selected as a recipient of the \$1,000 spring scholarship as the outstanding scholar-athlete in baseball selected by the Michigan High School Athletic Association. In his essay he wrote, “Long after an athlete has forgotten what it means to run a certain play in basketball, or to do quarters in track, they will remember what it means to be a good sport. Sportsmanship is truly something that follows athletes around forever in the real world, and helps them reach their full potential more than any athletic skill ever will.”

Cass City claimed a share of the Greater Thumb West Conference volleyball crown Saturday with a split against host Bad Axe in the finals of the GTW league invite. The conference crown is Cass City’s first ever competing in the GTW, while the school’s last conference championship came in 1977.

25 YEARS AGO (1988)

After nearly 18 years as Tuscola County’s Clerk, Elsie M. Hicks will step down from the post at the end of December. Among the Deford resident’s retirement plans is spending more time with her family, including husband Gerald and 6 grandchildren.

Qualifying for individual regional competition held at DeWitt are Hawk grapplers Bill Kappen, Henry Smith, Mike Mikolon, Chuck Merchant, Bill Kinney and Jeff Reed. The Hawk wrestlers earned the right to compete in Saturday’s competition by finishing among the top 4 places in district play.

Selected from the best of Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties to play in the Tri-County Honor Band are John Wright, Matt Tuckey, Vickey Englehart, Dawn Mulrath and Mike Jones.

50 YEARS AGO (1963)

Cass City’s educational problem got some topflight attention recently because 10-year-old Carol Zellar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Zellar of Cass City, feels that when you want to get something done, you should go to the head man. Carol, concerned because Cass City Public School has no girl’s physical education classes, dropped President John F. Kennedy a line early this winter, asking him for a solution.

Two Cass City High School Band members have been named among selected high school musicians from 86 Michigan high school bands which will make up two 107-piece “1968 Greater Michigan All-Star Bands.” The bands will meet at Forest Hills High School, Grand Rapids, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 23-24. Named from Cass City to participate were: Betsy Jones, 10th grade, flute, and Bill Dobbs, senior, trombone.

Nine area persons won door prizes at the ST&H Sinclair Service Station grand opening Monday, according to station owners. Free grease job winners were: William Kilbourn, J.D. Turner, Dagmar Brown and Mrs. Mack Little, all of Cass City, and William Gierman, Marlette. William Patch and Ed Hahn, both of Cass City, won badminton sets and Dick Harbin and Bulah Zapfe, both also of Cass City, won air mattresses. Visitors ate their way through 17 dozen doughnuts and drank the makings of five pounds of coffee. Approximately 120 pounds of sugar was given away on the station’s one-day special of two pounds of sugar with eight gallons of gas or more. Both Bud Peasley and Earney Seeley, new station owners, termed the opening a success.

100 YEARS AGO (1913)

Friday evening the Cass City high school basketball representatives administered a sleeping potion to the Elkton five in the form of a 37-7

defeat. Schwaderer was the point winner for Cass City having 21 points to his credit. Brown’s ability to reach to the ceiling helped too and four field baskets are his share. Cooke and Schmaus equally divided 4 baskets between them. Duncanson’s handling of the ball was excellent.

Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Landon entertained a company of their friends at their pleasant home Monday evening. The rooms were prettily decorated in hearts, darts and cupids and “progressive hearts” was the amusement of the evening. Arthur Atwell was awarded first prize for winning the most points. The prize was a necktie. John Dickinson was so fortunate to win the booby prize which was a goose’s egg and Mr. Dickinson promised the company that he would take the egg home, set it and next year invite them to eat roast goose with him. A delicious luncheon consisting of sandwiches, pickles, cocoa, ice cream and cake as served.

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Cass City Athletic Boosters

The Cass City Athletic Boosters' Auction is coming once again. The auction will be held **Friday, February 22, 2013**, during the boys' basketball game.

We would greatly appreciate any donation to support our fundraising efforts. Auction proceeds will be used to benefit Cass City Jr. and Sr. High School's athletic programs.

It would be greatly appreciated if items were **donated by Monday, February 18th**, or at least a description submitted. Items may be **dropped off at Blondie's Haircare** or contact me for pick-up.

Any questions can be directed to Paula Potter at 989-545-0182 or e-mail p_potter88@hotmail.com.

Thank you for your consideration.

*Sincerely,
The Cass City Athletic Boosters*



CASS CITY'S Nichole Guigar (far left) traveled with her sisters, Alysha Conley (center) and Erica Becker, to the West Coast last October, where they appeared on the popular daytime TV game show, "Let's Make a Deal". Nichole was picked as a contestant and won \$500.

Guigar pockets \$500 in deal

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was a blue crayon," Guigar recalled, adding becoming a contestant has a lot more to do with personality than what you wear.

"You have to audition to be picked for the show. You have to be super hyper — you have to do something extraordinary to get their attention," she explained.

The auditions take place in front of a panel of judges, and Guigar caught their attention by flopping down on the floor in full crayon costume and wiggling around like a worm. "I don't believe I did that," she said.

"You have to be very active throughout the whole thing (show taping)," Guigar continued. "It was so exhausting. By the end of the show I was about to give up."

But the lifelong Cass City resident managed to catch the eye of Brady's co-host, and before she knew it, she was waiting to be asked for a random item from the bag she had brought with her to the show. Guigar noted she packed various things, including crayons to match her outfit, along with an unscored lottery ticket and a golf ball — both suggested as possible winners by show staffers on Twitter.

The co-host offered Guigar \$500 if she could produce a golf ball.

"I was jumping frantically and screaming, 'I got it, I got it'. It was awesome," she recalled.

Guigar, who works as a nurse's aide in the Alzheimer's unit at Northwood Meadows in Cass City, enjoyed getting to see Brady up close. "He was funny. He came in (after the show) and congratulated everyone," she said, adding he gave losing contestants \$200 just for being there.

Although Guigar didn't come home with a fortune, her appearance on the game show gave her some wonderful birthday memories to enjoy for years to come.

"I've never had an experience like that before, and I'd do it again," she said. "It was just a great day all around."

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Religious freedom focus of legislation

Sen. Mike Green recently announced that he has co-sponsored a bill to protect the religious freedom and conscience of Michigan residents in the areas of purchasing health insurance, providing medical care and performing scientific research.

Senate Bill 136, referred to as the Religious Liberty and Conscience Protection Act, would allow an individual or health care entity to assert a conscientious objection to conducting or paying for a specific health care service without fear of repercussion. Discrimination would be prohibited and appropriate safeguards would protect patients in emergency situations.

"Religious freedom played a major role in the history of our nation's founding. The preservation of this freedom is critical to the United States remaining a strong and free society," said Green (R-Mayville). "Whether we agree with another's beliefs or not, the law must protect everyone's right to adhere to their beliefs in their personal and professional lives."

Under the bill, those who purchase or sell health insurance plans would not be forced to cover an objectionable service; health facilities that object to a certain service may refrain from providing that service; and employees of a health care provider may request reassignment to other duties if asked to perform or assist with a service that violates their religious convictions.

"The need for this bill is most clearly demonstrated by the federal government's forcing employers and religious institutions to pay for insurance benefits that violate their core beliefs."

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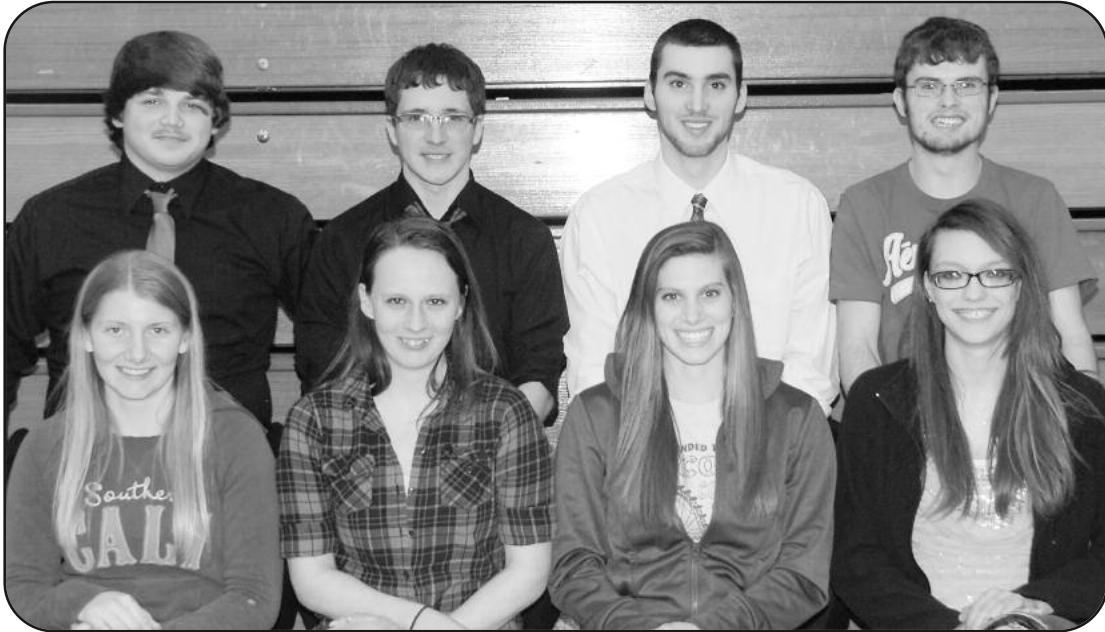


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THE OWEN-GAGE 2013 Snowball King & Queen candidates are: (front, l-r) Courtney McCreedy, Donna Hopper, Kayla Montreuil, Brittany Guilfoil (back) Michael Mandich, Dan Jeffery, Brett Stockton and Jeremy Jamieson.



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THE BULLDOG 2013 Snowball court members are: (l-r) freshmen Emily Hahn and Ryan Terbush, sophomores Emily Cole and Steven Cole and juniors Mackenzie Gould and Bryan Hopper.



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THE OWEN-GAGE varsity boys' basketball team consists of: (front, l-r) Lorenzo Robinson, Brett Morrish, David Lorenz, Dan Jeffery, Quinn Smith (back) Michael Mandich, Eric Rievert, Ben Good, Brett Stockton, Andrew Fahrner and Coach Steve Hollocker.

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License designation improves access to services for veterans

Secretary of State Ruth Johnson and state veterans advocates recently announced several initiatives to assist the more than 650,000 military veterans who live in Michigan, including a proposal to put a veteran designation on their driver's license or ID card to better link veterans with the services they've earned.

"Michigan veterans have put their lives on the line to defend our freedoms," Johnson said. "In return, we must do more as a state to serve those who have served and ensure that when they enter civilian life, they have the resources available to succeed. Placing a veteran designation on driver's licenses and ID cards will help connect veterans with the resources they deserve."

The designation allows the Secretary of State's Office to partner with the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and veteran service organizations across the state to provide referral information to veterans so they better know what resources and services are available to them. Additional information also will be made available to veterans in the 131 Secretary of State offices throughout the state.

"We appreciate the opportunity to partner with Secretary Johnson and the veteran services organizations," said Jason Allen, senior deputy director for veterans affairs for the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. "The designation also allows veterans to take advantage of private-sector discounts."

Johnson and DMVA leaders will work with lawmakers to have this change written into law. Under the proposal, veterans who want the designation would provide the Secretary of State's Office with proof of an honorable discharge.

Johnson and Allen announced the proposal at a press conference at the state Capitol in Lansing. They were joined by representatives of the American Legion Department of Michigan; Sen. John Moolenaar, chairman of the Senate Veterans, Military and Homeland Security Committee; Rep. Jim Stamas, chairman of the House Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs; Garth Wooten, a Navy veteran and division manager for Oakland County Veterans' Services; and other lawmakers and veterans advocates.

Another initiative announced today calls for the creation of a new fundraising license plate to benefit Michigan veterans, Johnson said. The department will work with the DMVA and service organizations to develop a design and determine which programs would receive revenue from sales of the plate.

"Leaving military service for civilian life can be a confusing, difficult process for some veterans," said Patrick Lafferty, the American Legion state adjutant. "We strongly support giving new veterans a better system for learning about and accessing the programs available to assist them. Their service to our nation has earned these services."

Johnson also provided details of a new law that will allow recently returned military veterans with large truck driving experience to skip the skills test portion of Michigan's commercial driver license application process. Johnson said the waiver cuts red tape and will help move veterans into jobs more quickly when they return from service.

Notice of
BOARD OF REVIEW
for **Evergreen Township**
will be held
March 14, 2013 1-9 p.m.
March 15, 2013 9-4 p.m.

Tentative Equalization Factor:

	Multiplier	Ratio
Agricultural	1.00000	49.03
Commercial	0.62570	79.91
Industrial	1.00000	50.00
Residential	0.85208	58.68

Evergreen Township Hall, 5514 Shabbona Rd., Decker
Arthur Severance, Clerk

BOARD OF REVIEW
for **Greenleaf Township**
Will Be Held
Friday, March 8, at 7 p.m. -- To present the roll. No public protest heard.
Tuesday, March 12, 2013 9 a.m.-1 p.m. & 2-4 p.m.
Friday, March 15, 2013 2-5 p.m. & 6-9 p.m.
Greenleaf Twp. Hall on Gilbert Rd., 2 miles north of Cass City Rd.
Taxpayers may appeal assessments at either of the last two meetings or by mail to Lori Mazure, 6959 Van Dyke Rd., Cass City, MI 48726.

Tentative Equalization Factor

Class	Ratio	Multiplier
Agriculture	51.76%	0.966000
Commercial	47.81%	1.045810
Industrial	49.70%	1.000000
Residential	48.56%	1.029650
Personal Property	50.00%	1.000000

The township will provide necessary reasonable service to individuals with Disabilities at the Board of Review Meeting upon 3 days notice to clerk.
Lori Mazure

Notice of
BOARD OF REVIEW
for **Kingston Township** will be held
March 11, 2013 1-4 p.m. & 9-6 p.m.
March 12, 2013 9 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m.

Tentative Equalization Factor:

	Multiplier	Ratio
Residential	1.0039	49.31
Agricultural	1.1398	43.43
Commercial	0.9485	52.19
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Kingston Township Hall, 5943 Howard St., Wilmot
Joann Tauber, Assessor

Notice of
BOARD OF REVIEW
for **Novesta Township** will be held
March 11, 2013 9 a.m.-noon
March 12, 2013 6-9 p.m.
March 13, 2013 9 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m.

Tentative Equalization Factor:

	Multiplier	Ratio
Residential	1.1440	43.27
Agricultural	1.0393	47.63
Commercial	1.0018	49.41
Personal	1.0000	50.00

Cass City Gun Club, 2676 N. Englehart Rd., Cass City
Joann Tauber, Assessor



SUE BATTEL HELPS a group of young students find maple seeds on the forest floor as they learn about the life cycle of trees. The gathering was held in conjunction with one of the tours the Battel family has hosted at their Daus Road sugar bush over the past 5 years. (Related photos, page one)



THE BATTELS KEEP track of each day's maple syrup production in the spring. The color of the syrup tends to darken as the season progresses and the nutrients become more concentrated. Some folks prefer the lighter, Grade A syrup, while others like the deeper flavors of Grade B syrup.

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County’s judges usher in new era of cooperation

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separate vacation policies and other rules.

- Combining 3 separate budgets into a single Tuscola County Trial Courts Budget to better leverage the resources of the courts by pooling them together, and
- Designing and implementing a court-wide website that will include user-friendly tools, forms and information for the public.

The move is the latest in a series of steps intended to unify administrative decisions across the circuit, probate and district courts in Tuscola County.

Last year, the Michigan Supreme Court appointed Glaspie as the chief judge for the entire county, rather than appointing separate chief judges for each of the 3 courts, as had been the practice in previous years. Glaspie has since appointed Gierhart as the chief judge pro tempore (for the time being) for Tuscola County, and Thane will serve as the presiding judge of the Tuscola County Circuit Court’s Family Division.

The Tuscola County trial courts are 3 separate courts, each of which serves the entire county.

The district court generally handles misdemeanor criminal cases, civil

actions where the amount in dispute is no more than \$25,000, landlord-tenant disputes, civil infractions and small claims. The probate court handles the disposition of wills, trusts and estates; the financial protection of incapacitated individuals; and proceedings under the mental health code. The circuit court hears felony criminal cases, civil claims for more than \$25,000, divorce and child custody cases, and cases involving the abuse, neglect, or delinquency of minors.

Glaspie has served as Tuscola County’s district court judge since 1990, when he was appointed to the bench. He was elected to the post in November 1990 and has been reelected every 6 years since. Glaspie was appointed chief judge of the circuit court from 2001 through 2004 and, in 2012, was named chief judge of all 3 courts in Tuscola County.

Both Gierhart and Thane were elected to the bench in November.

Gierhart, who filled a vacancy left by the retirement of longtime circuit court Judge Patrick R. Joslyn, previously ran her own law practice in Caro. Thane, meanwhile, unseated sitting probate Judge Amanda Roggenbuck in the general election. Thane previously served as the Tuscola County Friend of the Court.

O-G bond vote is Tuesday

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Bureau of Elections to deny Owen-Gage’s application for the special election.

Although the board and administration scaled back the district’s “wish list”, Wencel has made it clear that

Owen-Gage’s long-term future will be at stake when voters head to the polls Tuesday.

“We’ve got to address our needs educationally and structurally,” he said. “The voters have always been good in Owen-Gage, and I believe they’ll see the need at the school and in the community.”

Discount cards offer prescription assistance

As millions of Americans strive to deal with the economic downturn, loss of jobs, foreclosures, high cost of gas, and the rising cost of prescription drug cost, American Consultants Rx announced the re-release of the American Consultants Rx community service project, which consists of millions of free discount prescription cards being donated to thousands of not-for-profits, hospitals, schools, churches, etc. in an effort to assist the uninsured, underinsured, and seniors deal with the high cost of prescription drugs.

One of the main locations in the Cass City area that received an initial donation of free prescription cards is the Hills and Dales General Hospital.

The American Consultants Rx discount prescription cards are to be given free to anyone in need of help curbing the high cost of prescription drugs.

Due to the rising costs, unstable economics, and the mounting cost of prescriptions, American Consultants Rx, Inc., an Atlanta based company, was established in 2004.

The ACRX discount prescription card program was created and over 25 million discount prescription cards were donated to over 40,000 organizations across the country to be distributed to those in need of prescription assistance free of charge.

The ACRX cards offer discounts of name brand drugs of up to 40 percent off and up to 60 percent off of generic drugs. There are no eligibility requirements, no forms to fill out, or expiration dates.

One card will take care of an entire family. The ACRX cards come already pre-activated. Anyone can use the cards, but ACRX is focusing on those who are uninsured, underinsured, or on Medicare.

American Consultants Rx made arrangements online for the ACRX card to be available at <http://www.acrxcards.org> where it can also be downloaded. This arrangement has been made to allow organizations an avenue to continue assisting their clients in the community until they receive their orders of the ACRX cards. ACRX made it possible for cards to be requested from online for individuals and organizations free of charge.

Request for the ACRX cards can also be made by mailing a request to: ACRX, P.O. Box 161336, Atlanta, Ga. 30321, faxing a written request to (404) 305-9539, or calling the office at (404) 767-1072. Please include name (if organization please include organization and contact name), mailing address, designate Spanish or English, amount of cards requested, and telephone number.

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KINGSTON GALS CLAIM CROWN

Kingston claimed the outright North Central Thumb League Stars Division girls basketball title Monday with a hard fought win over guests Carsonville-Port Sanilac.

Coach Jay Green's Lady Cardinals improved to 13-0 in league play, 18-1 overall, with a narrow 30-28 victory, while the Tigers slipped to 10-4 in



KINGSTON'S Bailey Barden seals off Carsonville-Port Sanilac defender Erika Lentz in Monday's NCTL play.

the NCTL and 11-5 overall.

As usual, Kingston's full court pressure was vital for the winners' cause as they jumped out to an 8-3 advantage and settled for a 14-7 gap entering period 2.

But there the Cardinals were given a dose of their own medicine. Carsonville-Port Sanilac's pesky half court trap resulted in a 10-2 spurt for the visitors and suddenly the defending NCTL champs trailed 17-16 at the break.

Sophomore Jenna Boyl made sure the CPS advantage didn't hold up. She drove the length of the floor and converted a running lay-up to draw the hosts even at 24-24 entering the final 8 minutes and then nailed a corner jump shot to provide Kingston with a 28-26 edge in the closing minutes.

CPS answered with an Erika Lentz basket, but Kingston's Elissa Chambers' pull up jump shot from 8' proved to be the game winner when Sarah Albrecht's shot from behind the half court line missed as time expired.

Bailey Barden and Sarah Higgins split 16 points to lead Kingston.

For CPS, Lentz finished with 11 tallies.

MAYVILLE

On Thursday, Kingston secured at lease a share of the NCTL crown with a 53-28 victory over hosts Mayville.

Crystal Shafor had a big night for the winners netting 14 points and 6 rebounds, while Jenna Boyl chipped in 9 points and 7 steals, and Cassidy MacGuire had 8 points and 6 assists.

"We came out sluggish and Mayville was fired up, Coach Green said. "We picked up our intensity after halftime and sealed the win with 12 of 16 free throws in the 2nd half."

DECKERVILLE

On Monday, Kingston fell behind 28-23, but used a 15-5 run to escape with a 38-33 decision over hosts Deckerville.

Shafor recorded a double-double for the winners with 10 points and 13 rebounds, while Chambers recorded 8 points, 5 rebounds and 4 assists.

"Our defense stiffened in the 4th quarter and we started to bury some shots. Crystal (Shafor) had a strong inside game for us as we out rebounded a very physical Deckerville team."



CASS CITY'S Shania Chambers heads down the lane in action with Imlay City.

Lady Hawks bow in pair of non-conference games

The opening half play in Thursday's Greater Thumb Conference crossover game between host Brown City and Cass City was sloppy at best. Several passes were either deflected or simply thrown off target. And when the pass was delivered on time, often it was bobbled, or completely missed, by the receiver.

Factor in lost dribbles, double dribbles, dribbles glancing off legs, dribbling out of bounds, together with poor shooting, and you've got the makings of an ugly ball game.

Not so fast, says Cass City Coach Clarke Haire.

Haire's Lady Red Hawks led early, battled for 4 quarters, before eventually surrendering 42-25 in the team's final non-conference outing before district play next week in Harbor Beach.

Forwards Gracy Hollis and Erika Martin handled all the scoring for Cass City before the intermission, where the visitors trailed 11-10 as neither team got on track offensively in the early frames.

"Our traps created some turnovers. We had some success with our full court and half court presses. Unfortunately, we didn't convert at the other end," Coach Haire said.

"I was happy with our hustle. Were not built to score points, the lower the final score the better our chances. We hung around until late in the game. That's a positive."

Both teams struggled to a 6-6 tie after one quarter.

Brown City was able to attack Cass City's press in the third period and used easy hoops from Alexis Liebler during a 15-6 run to enter the final 8 minutes with a double digit advantage.

"Pressing is always a gamble. I thought it gave us a better opportunity to come out on top. We struggle to score points for long stretches of

time and pressure can help in that area," Haire said.

Brown City's Skye Willer and Kaila Ellis heated up in the final 8 minutes and each tallied 6 points to keep their guests from seriously challenging in the closing minutes.

Hollis led Cass City with 10 points, while Martin chipped in a season-best 6 points.

For Brown City, Willer and Kara Muxlow scored 10 points apiece.

IMLAY CITY

A day earlier, Cass City traveled to Imlay City where the Lady Spartans cruised to a 70-28 victory. The hosts led 21-4 after one period and 54-17 after three.

"That was an aggressive team. And their big girl moves well, we had no answer for her," Haire said.

Mariyah Evans torched the nets for a game-high 24 points, including 17 before the break, where the Spartan 6' 1" senior had her team enjoying a 33-11 cushion.

Hollis topped Cass City with 9 markers.

CASS CITY – Chambers 1-1 (1-2) 6; Reif 1-0 (1-2) 3; Martin 2-0 (0-0) 4; Kolacz 1-0 (2-8) 4; Hollis 3-0 (3-6) 9; Milligan 1-0 (0-0) 2.
TOTALS – 9-1 (7-18) 28.

IMLAY CITY – Wargo 3-0 (0-3) 6; Kosinski 2-0 (0-0) 4; Evans 10-0 (4-5) 24; Timmer 3-0 (1-1) 7; Biazza 2-0 (1-6) 5; Rahn 1-1 (0-0) 5; Pauli 1-0 (0-0) 2; Reiff 2-0 (0-0) 4; James 4-0 (2-7) 10; Richardson 1-0 (1-2) 3.
TOTALS – 29-1 (9-24) 70.

CASS CITY – Chambers 1-1 (0-0) 5; Martin 3-0 (0-1) 6; Kolacz 0-0 (2-4) 2; Venema 1-0 (0-0) 2; Hollis 3-0 (4-6) 10.
TOTALS – 8-1 (6-11) 25.

BROWN CITY – Willer 2-1 (3-4) 10; Lerchenfeldt 2-1 (1-2) 8; Lieber 2-0 (0-0) 4; Kaufman 1-0 (0-0) 2; Ellis 3-0 (0-0) 6; Gierman 1-0 (0-0) 2; Muxlow 4-0 (2-4) 10.
TOTALS – 15-2 (6-10) 42.

Cass City and Reese remain on a collision course for the Greater Thumb West boys' basketball championship as the regular season enters its final 2 weeks. Both schools sit on top of the conference standings at 7-1 and hold identical 13-3 overall records.

However, before next Tuesday's showdown meeting in Reese, the



CASS CITY'S Cody Ross, right, is glued to Brown City's Jake McLaughlin Friday during a Greater Thumb Conference crossover game, which also served as the Red Hawks' Snowcoming contest.



TOPPING Cass City's 2013 Snowcoming ceremony Friday was the announcement of the Red Hawk royal couple – Queen Taylor Brown and King Cole Israelson.

Senior wrestlers march on

For a pair of Cass City wrestlers, the journey continues.

Red Hawk seniors Garret Ferguson and Austin Baker advanced from Saturday's Individual Regional competition at Blanchard-Montabella High School and now have their attention focused on the Division 4 Individual State Finals slated at the Palace of Auburn Hills February 28 through March 2.

Ferguson and Baker survived the weekend affair by way of a top 4 finish in their weight class, reports Coach Don Markel.

"Garret Ferguson placed third at 125 going 3-1 for the day. Garret

pinned his Blanchard-Montabella opponent in 2:22 before losing to a second Blanchard-Montabella opponent 15-3. In the consolation rounds Garret pinned a wrestler from Fulton in 1:57 before defeating Malachi Marshall of Laingsburg 9-5 to place third.

"Garret will enter the State Finals with a 45-9 record. He was also a state qualifier last season as a junior," Coach Markel said. Adding, "Austin Baker placed second at 285 going 2-1 for the day. Austin advanced to the Regional final by pinning his Blanchard-Montabella opponent in 54 seconds before pin-

ning his Laingsburg foe in 2:34. Austin lost to Jacob Longergan of St. Louis in the finals 9-5. He will enter the state finals with a 47-9 record."

Two seniors saw their high school wrestling careers come to an end on the day.

"Bobby Beyette dropped a pair of decisions to finish at 33-25 for the season and Justin Ferguson went 1-2 for the day to round out his season with a 43-14 record," said Markel.

Sophomore Ethan Monte, the lone Cass City underclassman at the regional, ended his season by dropping a pair of decisions.

served as the Red Hawks' 5th straight causality since bowing against the Lakers in late January.

Cass City's latest win was a tale of 2 halves.

Thanks to a fast 7-0 start, Brown City never trailed in the initial half. Although Cass City was able to reduce the margin to 11-10 midway through quarter one on back-to-back treys by high scoring guard Cody Orban, a 19-9 Brown City scoring advantage till the break put the visitors in control.

Cass City got within 22-14 after Collin Hartwick converted on a pretty back door pass from Cole Israelson, but treys from Alex Bartle and Ryan Spokaeski had Brown City up double digits at the start of the third quarter.

Trailing 30-19, however, Cass City used one of its best defensive efforts on the year to overtake their guests on route to a 48-38 victory.

Brown City registered just 8 points over the final frames, including a lone Spokaeski basket in period 3 and a lone Andrew Lindsay field goal in period 4.

Orban's 17 points were best for Cass City.

Spokaeski and Bartle split 26 points for Brown City.

BCAS

On Wednesday, Cass City scored in double digits each quarter to defeat Bay City All Saints, 53-46.

Leading 27-20, another strong defensive effort held BCAS to just 5 points in the period after the break, which ended with Cass City enjoying a 37-25 cushion.

Orban, Israelson and Hartwick paced Cass City with 15, 13 and 12 points, respectively.

CASS CITY – Orban 2-2 (5-6) 15; Hartwick 1-2 (4-6) 12; Schenk 0-0 (2-3) 2; Perry 2-0 (0-0) 4; Ross 1-0 (0-0) 2; Dickinson 2-0 (1-2) 5; Israelson 5-0 (3-4) 13.
TOTALS – 13-4 (15-21) 53.

BCAS – Peterson 0-1 (0-0) 3; Donajkowski 3-0 (0-5) 6; Gysin 0-1 (0-0) 3; Bates 1-0 (0-0) 2; Feinauer 2-2 (1-2) 11; Dorion 1-0 (0-0) 2; Villano 2-5 (0-0) 19.
TOTALS – 9-9 (1-7) 46.

CASS CITY – Orban 2-3 (4-5) 17; Hartwick 1-1 (3-6) 8; Perry 0-1 (0-0) 3; Ross 1-0 (2-2) 4; Hacker 1-0 (0-0) 2; Dickinson 3-0 (2-4) 8; Israelson 3-0 (0-0) 6.
TOTALS – 11-5 (11-18) 48.

BROWN CITY – Jurgess 0-1 (2-4) 5; Spokaeski 2-3 (0-0) 13; Lindsay 1-0 (0-0) 2; Bartle 5-1 (0-1) 13; McLaughlin 1-0 (2-3) 4; Burke 0-0 (1-2) 1.
TOTALS – 9-5 (5-10) 38.

Basketball Standings

Boys' Basketball Standings					Girls' Basketball Standings				
Greater Thumb West					Greater Thumb West				
Team	W	L	W	L	Team	W	L	W	L
Cass City	7	1	13	3	Reese*	11	0	18	0
Reese	7	1	13	3	USA	7	3	12	6
EPBP	4	3	8	7	EPBP	6	4	12	6
USA	4	4	8	6	Vassar	5	5	9	7
Vassar	3	4	6	9	Bad Axe	5	5	10	8
BCAS	2	7	6	10	BCAS	1	9	2	15
Bad Axe	1	7	4	11	Cass City	1	9	1	17
Greater Thumb East					Greater Thumb East				
Team	W	L	W	L	Team	W	L	W	L
Marlette	7	0	14	2	Marlette*	7	0	15	2
Harbor Beach	5	1	14	2	Sandusky	6	3	12	5
Ubyl	4	4	6	10	Brown City	4	4	9	10
Sandusky	3	5	5	12	Harbor Beach	4	4	7	8
Brown City	2	5	4	13	Ubyl	4	5	8	10
Memphis	1	7	1	15	Memphis	0	9	0	18
NCTL Stripes					NCTL Stripes				
Team	W	L	W	L	Team	W	L	W	L
Peck	10	1	13	2	Peck	7	6	10	7
North Huron	9	3	10	6	Port Hope	4	8	8	9
Caseville	3	10	4	11	North Huron	2	10	4	13
Port Hope	0	13	0	15	Caseville	0	13	0	16
NCTL Stars					NCTL Stars				
Team	W	L	W	L	Team	W	L	W	L
CPS	10	1	13	3	Kingston	12	0	17	1
Kingston	8	4	9	8	Deckerville	12	2	12	4
Deckerville	5	7	5	11	CPS	10	3	11	4
Mayville	2	7	2	13	Mayville	4	7	7	9
					*Clinched League Title				



THE CASS City Gavel Club recently elected their officers for 2013. They are, from the left, Jon Zdrojewski – secretary, Dan Curtis – president, Ben Schott – treasurer and Dave Hoard – vice-president.

Fabulous Four's Fearless Forecast

Varsity Basketball

	 Tom Montgomery	 Tina Pallas	 Geoff Morgan	 Doug Hyatt
GIRLS' BASKETBALL				
Monday, Feb. 18, 2013				
BCAS at Garber	Garber	Garber	BCAS	Garber
Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2013				
Cass City at USA	USA	USA	USA	USA
Reese at Vassar	Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese
EPBP at Bad Axe	EPBP	EPBP	EPBP	EPBP
Ubly at Harbor Beach	Ubly	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach
Buena Vista at Owen-Gage	Buena Vista	Buena Vista	Owen-Gage	Buena Vista
Thursday, Feb. 21, 2013				
EPBP at Cass City	EPBP	EPBP	EPBP	EPBP
BCAS at USA	USA	USA	USA	USA
Bad Axe at Vassar	Vassar	Vassar	Vassar	Vassar
Reese at Millington	Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese
Caseville at Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage
Kingston at Peck	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
Friday, Feb. 22, 2013				
Birch Run at Caro	Birch Run	Birch Run	Birch Run	Birch Run
BOYS' BASKETBALL				
Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2013				
Buena Vista at Owen-Gage	Buena Vista	Buena Vista	Owen-Gage	Buena Vista
Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2013				
USA at Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City
Garber at BCAS	Garber	BCAS	Garber	Garber
Reese at Vassar	Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese
EPBP at Bad Axe	EPBP	EPBP	EPBP	EPBP
Thursday, Feb. 21, 2013				
Deckerville at Ubly	Deckerville	Ubly	Deckerville	Ubly
Friday, Feb. 22, 2013				
EPBP at Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	EPBP
BCAS at USA	USA	USA	USA	USA
Bad Axe at Vassar	Vassar	Vassar	Vassar	Vassar
Birch Run at Caro	Birch Run	Caro	Birch Run	Birch Run
Peck at Kingston	Peck	Peck	Kingston	Peck
Last Week's Results	18-9	21-6	15-12	23-4
Season's Results	147-69 (68%)	157-59 (73%)	138-78 (64%)	160-56 (74%)

Gymnasts eyeing regional

Cass City will send at least 3 gymnasts into regional play. And Coach Kathy Bouverette believes that number will soon be 4.

Although Lady Red Hawks Katie Hacker, Dakota Wilson and Kendra Kerkau have already qualified for the elite meet, teammate Miranda Spry needs one more qualifying score on the floor to extend her season.

“Miranda has another chance Thursday in Vassar to get her 4th regional qualifying mark. I think she’ll be ready,” Bouverette said.

If successful, Spry will join Wilson in the floor competition during the March regional in Troy. Cass City will also have 2 entries in the vault at the showcase event in gymnasts

Wilson and Kerkau. Rounding out Cass City’s regional qualifiers is Kerkau in the bars and Hacker in the all around.

On Saturday, the Red Hawks traveled to Freeland for a quad meet. Team scores had Freeland with 141.325 points, while Vassar with 125.975, Escanaba, 104.963, and Cass City, 86.775, completed the standings.

Among the Red Hawks’ best scores were: on the vault, Spry (7.9) and Kerkau (8.050); on the bars, Kerkau (7.175); on the beam, Sophia Romain (5.7) and Alicia Crouch (5.7); and on the floor, Spry (7.8), Kerkau (7.550) and Allie Inbody (6.7).

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ATHLETE of the WEEK

Schneeberger's congratulates Cass City Red Hawk basketball player Curtis Dickinson as their choice for athlete of the week.

The Red Hawk junior forward turned in a solid performance Friday to help the hosts get past visiting Brown City in a non-conference outing. Known as a leaper and outside shooting threat, Dickinson displayed both talents in the Red Hawks' latest victory, recording 8 second half points and several timely rebounds against the Green Devils. He connected on 3 field goals and 2 tosses at the foul line in the 48-38 victory.

Dickinson, who was also honored as in the fall as a member of the Red Hawk gridiron team, is the son of Janelle and Dan Dickinson.

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Obituaries

Wayne Brown

Wayne Edward Brown, 69, of Palm Bay, Fla., passed away peacefully Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2013, at Holmes Regional Medical Center, Melbourne, Fla., after a long battle with cancer.

He was born in Aug. 23, 1943 in Cass City, the son of Willis R. and Loretta S. (Jackson) Brown.

He married Jill A. Parker Oct. 9, 1965, in Sacramento, Calif.

Wayne graduated from Cass City High School in 1962 and attended Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant. In 1963, he entered the Air Force via the military draft, where he remained for over 20 years. His numerous duty assignments included bases in Texas, Japan, California, Nebraska, Thailand, Massachusetts and finally Florida, where he retired in December 1983. Wayne also served his country during the Vietnam War in 1971-1972. Throughout his career, he worked with military intelligence units and retired with the Air Force Tactical Applications Center, Patrick AFB, in Cocoa Beach, Fla. After his military service, Wayne worked for DBA Systems in Melbourne and Harris Corporation in Palm Bay when he retired in February 2005.

Wayne was an avid sports fan throughout his life and especially loved baseball and basketball. He excelled in both sports in high school and later played some baseball with the Philadelphia Phillies minor league organization. Wayne also umpired and coached many young baseball players during their Little League years in Florida. Wayne was a member of several organizations including the AFA, VFW, Moose Lodge and American Legion.

Wayne is survived by his wife, Jill; children: Jeff (Jennifer) Brown of Macclenny, Fla., and Mark Brown of Palm Bay; grandchildren: Jared, Justin and Jack Brown of Macclenny; a sister, Linda Mika (John Ellis) of Oxford; a brother, Morris Brown of Cass City; and many nieces, nephews and in-laws.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a sister, Wanda Benitez (Tino).

Arrangements were made by Ammen Family Cremation and Funeral Care, Palm Bay, Fla.

Louis Gyomory

Louis Mike Gyomory, 88, of Kingston, died following a short illness Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2013 in Tuscola County Medical Care Facility, Caro.

He was born May 19, 1924 in Wilmot, the son of Daniel and Lydia (Toth) Gyomory.

He married Mary Rosie Paladi Jan.

2, 1954 in the Novesta Baptist Church Parsonage.

Louie served 2 years in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a dairy and cash crop farmer. Louie enjoyed bowling and golfing and participated in many leagues winning many trophies throughout the years. Louie loved to tinker and was a very talented crafter of puzzles, whistles, yard ornaments of wood and metal, and other things. He also enjoyed working in his garden. He was very involved with the Kingston School Board and the Kingston Township Review Board.

Louie is survived by his wife, Mary; grandchildren: Joseph (Shanna) Gyomory of Columbiaville, Bethany Gyomory of Davison, and Kenneth J. Holden of Caro; great-grandchildren: Greysen Lyric and Livi Blue; and a cousin, Paul (Nancy) Gyomory of Kingston. He is also survived by Alex Paladi, Eddie (Sherry) Paladi, Jean Murphy-Gyomory; special family friends: Dick and Kathi Darling, Charlie and Mary Ann Tunis, Bob and Jan Grieve, Diane and Tom Peruski, and Tom and Fran Rentz.

He was preceded in death by a son, Louis John Gyomory; a brother, Daniel (Mary) Gyomory; and a nephew, Jim Gyomory.

A memorial service will take place in the spring at Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston, with the Rev. Len Wyatt of Kingston Wesleyan Church officiating.

Interment was in the Kingston Cemetery, Kingston.

Honorary pallbearers for Mr. Gyomory are Joe Gyomory, Alex Paladi, Eddie Paladi, Ken Holden, Dick Darling and Richard D'Arcy.

Memorials may be made to the Kingston Wesleyan Church or United Hospice of Marlette.

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

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston.

Joyce Burdon Horowitz

Joyce Burdon Horowitz, 92, of Gagetown, passed away Monday, Feb. 11, 2013.

She was born May 10, 1920, in Grant Township, the daughter of John and Elizabeth (Ballentine) Ricker.

She married Willard A. Burdon Sept. 9, 1939. They made their home in Brookfield Township, where they raised their 4 children. Willard died Dec. 6, 1958. She then married James Horowitz Nov. 12, 1970. Jim preceded her in death in April 1990.

Along with assisting with duties on the family crop and dairy farm, Joyce and Willard maintained a dairy

route and store. She was a secretary for Rice Gas and Petro-lane in Gagetown. Joyce was a lifelong member of St. Agatha Alter Society. She and husband James resided in Long Branch, NJ, and Ellenton, Fla. Joyce then relocated to Cass City. She loved to pass the time by collecting plates, tending her flowers, golfing and bowling. She also enjoyed dining out, shopping and spending time with family.

Joyce is survived by 2 sons: Paul (Barb) Burdon of Gagetown and Ron (Mary) Burdon of Peru, Ill.; 2 daughters: Lynn (Charles) McPhail of Houston, Texas, and Betty (Jerry) Mayer of Alma. Also surviving are grandchildren: Lisa, Willard, Paul, Lori, Steve, Jim, Stephanie and Kara; great-grandchildren Josh, Jordan, Morgan, Lauren, Zack, Tyler, Jenna, Spencer, Jayci, Kristine, Katie, Laura and Olivia; a brother-in-law, Max Huff; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Katherine Mayer; a step-son, Jerry Horowitz; brothers and sisters-in-law: Morris and Bernice Ricker and Bruce and Imogene Ricker; sisters: Geraldine See, Gretchen and Archie Walters, Maxine and George Clara and Lorraine Huff; and in-laws: Richard and Edna Burdon and Mary and Donald DeNoyelles.

Mass of Christian burial was celebrated Saturday, Feb. 16, at St. Agatha Catholic Church, Gagetown, with Father Paul Bala and Sr. Dorothy Ann Blasko officiating.

Interment was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the church cemetery fund.

Arrangements were made by Gagetown Funeral Home, Gagetown.

Alexandra “Aleigh” Kappen

Alexandra Leigh Kappen, 22, of Cass City, died unexpectedly from injuries sustained in a traffic accident Saturday, Feb. 9, 2013 near her home.

She was born Nov. 26, 1990 in Bad Axe, the daughter of John William and Susan Marie (Langenburg) Kappen.

Aleigh graduated from Cass City High School in 2009 and was a very active athlete during her high school education. She attended Kirtland Community College. Aleigh loved animals and hoped to continue her education in a field where she could work with or help care for animals in some way. She worked on the family dairy farm and began milking cows at the age of 12. She worked for McDonald's restaurant, Paramount Dairy Farm, Millenium Industries and currently was a waitress at Colwood Bar. Aleigh was a member of Sutton Sunshine United Methodist Church. She was an outgoing, free spirited and fun loving girl. She enjoyed taking photographs, going canoeing, sledding, racing dirt bikes and working out among other activities. Aleigh loved spending time with her niece and nephew and her many friends. She loved her horse, Digger and her three dogs, Hank, Jack and Cash. She had an amazing smile that she loved sharing with everyone.

Left to remember and cherish Aleigh's memory are her parents, Jack and Susan Kappen; a sister, Erin (Eric) Kappen-Jaenicke of Cass City; brothers: Jacob Kappen of Decker, Tyson (Nicole Borek) Kappen of Kingston, and Nick Kappen of Cass City; grandparents, Wally and Shirley Kappen of Cass City; a niece, Kennedy; a nephew, Parker. She will also be remembered by her many aunts and uncles: Rita (Robert) Rockwell of Cass City,

Barb Langenburg of Livonia, Louie Langenburg of Fenton, Sally (Ken) Nicholas of Cass City, Jenny (Karl) Zawilinski of Cass City, Hank (Kelly) Langenburg of Snover, Ann Koosis of Houston, Texas, Evelyn (Jeff) Minard of Snover, Brenda (Steve) Reeves of Loveland, Ohio, Val (Chris) Peters of Cass City, Joseph (Colleen) Langenburg of Cass City, Leigh (Sharon) Langenburg of Ubly, Michael (Heather) Langenburg of Cass City, William (Krista) Langenburg of Holly Springs, NC, Ron (Sue) Kappen of Cass City, Rob (Crystal) Kappen of Caro, Bonnie Kappen of Caro, Vicki (Ken) Proctor of Akron; many cousins and friends.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Feb. 14, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Brad Speirs of Novesta Church of Christ officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

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.

Donald Robbins III

Donald Harvey Robbins III, 31, died Monday, Feb. 11, 2013 in Marlette.



He was born March 4, 1981 in Kirksville, Mo., and was the oldest child of Dr. Donald H. Robbins, Jr. and Julia (Bickel) Robbins.

Donnie graduated from Marlette High School in 1999 and enjoyed participating in the varsity sports of golf and basketball. In his younger years he also spent countless hours on both baseball and hockey teams. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Business Management from Ferris State University in Big Rapids in 2005 and was an active member of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity and the Marketing Association of America. Mr. Robbins had worked for Sheldon Medical Supply of Sandusky, Home and Hospice Advantage of Cass City and had recently been hired for his "dream job" with Heartland Home Health Care for the Caro, Bay City and Mt. Pleasant regions.

Donnie enjoyed golfing, deer hunting, all sports, the great outdoors and watching movies and the History channel. He recently became an enthusiast for duck hunting and enjoyed growing Quality Deer Management food plots. Donnie had a real zest for living and enjoying spending time with his many friends and family, especially at the cottage in Caseville and at "The Church" hunting property in Kingston.

Donnie is survived by his parents, Don and Julia of Marlette; a brother, Andrew of Marlette; his maternal grandmother, Wanda Bickel of Grafton, WV; 2 uncles: Douglas and Darrel Bickel of Grafton, WV; an uncle, Jerry (Leanna) Bickel of Elkins, WV; and cousins: Jamie Bickel of Elkins, WV, Heather (Travis) Wells of Annapolis, MD, and Angela (Chad) Stage of Mocksville, NC.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Donald H. Robbins, Sr. and Esther Robbins; his maternal grandfather, J.M. Bickel; and a cousin, Steven Bickel.

Funeral services were held Monday, Feb. 18, at the Marlette First United Methodist Church, Marlette, with Pastor Daniel Bowman officiating.

Burial was in the Caseville Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be given to Ducks Unlimited, Quality Deer Management or the Marlette First United Methodist Church.

Arrangements were made by Marsh Funeral Chapel, Marlette.

Charlotte Schmidt-Fellner

Charlotte Elizabeth Schmidt-Fellner, 91, died peacefully Monday, Feb. 11, 2013 in her home at Edgehill Assisted Living in Stamford, Conn.

She was born May 7, 1921 in Cass City, the daughter of Meredith B. and Virginia W. Auten.

Charlotte graduated from Western

College for Women in 1943. She performed social work for the Red Cross in Chicago for several years, and then attended Katherine Gibbs Secretarial School in New York City. Charlotte was an executive secretary for Time, Inc. for 9 years.



Later in life, Charlotte became a Red Cross volunteer in Greenwich and helped run the Rummage Room for the First Congregational Church of Old Greenwich. She loved her home and friends at Edgehill in Stamford, where she resided since 1997.

Fifty-eight years ago, Charlotte married Alexander H. Schmidt-Fellner. They remained married until his death in 1995. They resided in Riverside, Conn., and had 3 sons: Peter A. of Darien, Conn., F. Blair of Atlanta, Ga., and Mark C. of Old Greenwich, Conn.; and 7 grandchildren, all of whom will miss her very much.

Charlotte is survived by a brother, Charles Auten of Cass City; a sister-in-law, Jeanne Auten of Parrish, Fla.; as well as 5 nieces and nephews and their extended families.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Carolyn Auten; a brother, Frederick Auten.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Feb. 23, at The First Congregational Church, Old Greenwich, Conn.

In lieu of flowers, she requested that donations be made to the church.

Family and friends may share condolences at www.leopgallagher-greenwich.com.

Arrangements were made by Leo P. Gallagher & Son Funeral Home, Greenwich, Conn.

Bernard Wutzke

Bernard Lawrence Wutzke, 76, of Cass City, died following a short illness Thursday, Feb. 14, 2013 in his home with his family by his side.

He was born June 25, 1936 in Detroit, the son of Bernhard and Evelyn (Bretzloff) Wutzke.

He married Patricia Ann Rafalski July 17, 1959 in Warren. She died June 5, 2001.

Bernie served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. He was a member of the Cass City VFW Post #3644. He worked for General Cable for over 25 years until his retirement in 2001. Bernie enjoyed deer hunting and fishing with his brother and his children at Joes Lake near Detroit. He was a member of the hunter's association. Bernie was a very giving person who had a generous heart. He volunteered at the Soup Kitchen in Saginaw. Bernie was a member of Novesta Church of Christ, enjoyed singing in church and was the head of the prayer ministry. He always helped with 5th quarter.

Bernie is survived by his children: John Wutzke of Cass City, Bonnie (Raymond) Cuddington of Caro, Jim (Sherie Powell) Wutzke of Mayville, Kim Wutzke of Melvin, and Debbie (Kevin) Frank of Cass City; grandchildren: Guy (Sabrina Prather) Nanney II, Nicholas Nanney, Ryan Wutzke, Justin (Mary) Wutzke, Joshua Wutzke, Casey Wutzke, Grant (Sally) Frank, Cassady (Jeremy Verran) Frank, Breanna Frank, and Seth Frank; great grandchildren: Willow, Wyatt, Oliver, Gabriel, Ayden, Mason, Gavin and Kroy; a sister, Sandy (Lloyd) Phillips of Converse, Texas; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by 2 sisters: Carol Crognal and Diane Szparaga; and a brother, Dennis Wutzke.

Funeral services were held Monday, Feb. 18, at the Novesta Church of Christ, Cass City, with Brad Speirs officiating.

Interment was in the Novesta Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Pallbearers for Mr. Wutzke were Matt Wutzke, Grant Frank, Kevin Frank, Seth Frank, John Wutzke, Jim Wutzke, and Guy Nanney II.

Memorials may be made to Novesta Church of Christ or Heartland Hospice.

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.

Novesta Township Budget Public Hearing Notice

The Novesta Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed Township budget for fiscal year April 1, 2013 – March 31, 2014 at Cass City Gun Club on March 4, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

A copy of the budget is available for public inspection, Please contact Valerie Peters, Treasurer
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kenneth Strain, a married man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, its successors and/or assigns., Mortgagee, dated May 30, 2007 and recorded June 14, 2007 in Liber 1122, 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 Eighty-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Six and 14/100 Dollars (\$88,426.14) including interest at 7% per annum.

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

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

Commencing 50 rods 13 links South and 16 rods East of the quarter post on the West side of Section 3, Town 12 North, Range 9 East; thence South 10 rods 9 links; thence West 66 feet; thence North 10 rods, 9 links; thence East 66 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: February 13, 2013

Orlans Associates, PC,
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
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File No. 12-513680

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by MELINDA S. VANKIRK, SINGLE WOMAN, to FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION AS RECEIVER OF WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, F/K/A WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, F.A., Mortgagee, dated January 31, 2006, and recorded on August 20, 2008, in Liber 1156, on Page 470, and assigned by said mortgagee to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifteen Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Seven Dollars and Nineteen Cents (\$15,267.19), including interest at 5.875% 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 March 14, 2013.

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

COMMENCING AT A POINT 48 RODS 8 1 / 2 FEET SOUTH OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 13 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, AND RUNNING THENCE EAST 9 RODS, THENCE SOUTH 4 RODS, THENCE WEST 9 RODS, THENCE NORTH 4 RODS TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

The redemption period shall be 12 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
National Association
Mortgagee/Assignee

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
54TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
440 N. State Street
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ORDER FOR SERVICE BY
PUBLICATION/POSTING AND NOTICE OF
ACTION

CASE NO. 12-27370-CH

Plaintiffs:
CITY OF VASSAR
287 E. Huron Avenue
Vassar, MI 48768

DUANE E. BURGESS (P30248)
121 W. Grant Street, Suite 2
Caro, MI 48723
(989) 673-1990

v

Defendant:
DAVID DUANE ZIMMERMAN
l/k/a 3213 Wyoming Avenue
Flint, MI 48506

203 N. Cass Avenue
Vassar, MI 48768

TO: DAVID DUANE ZIMMERMAN

IT IS ORDERED:
You are being sued in this court by the plaintiff to

demolish the premises located at 203 N. Cass Avenue, Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and be charged costs of removal against said premises. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before 02/28/2013. 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.

S/Amy Grace Gierhart (P51305)
Judge

2-13-3

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

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lisa Hubbard, a married woman joined by her spouse, Ronald Hubbard, A/K/A Ronald W. Hubbard, original mortgagors, to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Mortgagee, dated April 8, 2009 and recorded on April 14, 2009 in Liber 1172 on Page 71 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Eight and 00/100 Dollars (\$80,678.00).

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 March 21, 2013.

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

Commencing at a point 33 feet South from the Northeast corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 17, Town 10 North, Range 8 East; thence running South 277 feet; thence West 120 feet, parallel with the North Section line; thence North 277 feet; thence East 120 feet, parallel with the North Section line, to the point of beginning.

Together with an easement for ingress and egress, described as follows:

The East 33 feet of the North 310 feet adjoining Millington Road of the following described property: Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 17, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Michigan Meridian; thence East 1098.28 feet along the Section line and the centerline of the Millington Road to the Point of Beginning; thence East 113.00 feet on said Section line; thence South 0 Degrees 4 Minutes East 310.00 feet; thence East 120.00 feet; thence South 0 Degrees 4 Minutes East 990.00 feet along the East side of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4, Section 17; thence West 245.00 feet; thence North 0 Degrees 27 Minutes East 1300.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; all being a part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 Section 17, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan

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: February 20, 2013

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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 March 21, 2013.

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

Parcel 1: Lot 11 and that part of Lot 12 lying East of the P.M. Railroad, all in Block 4 of William Turner's Second Addition to The Village of Mayville according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 29, now being Page 30A.

Parcel 2: Lot 9, Block 4 of Williams Turner's Second Addition to The Village of Mayville, excepting 1 Rod off the North side thereof, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 29, now being Page 30A.

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.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mark Forbush, a/k/a Mark A. Forbush, A Single Man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for People's Choice Home Loan, Inc., its successors or assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 17, 2006 and recorded March 3, 2006 in Liber 1073, Page 294, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by U.S. Bank National Association as Trustee for RASC 2006-KS4 by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Eight and 85/100 Dollars (\$126,558.85) including interest at 7.99% 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 MARCH 21, 2013.

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

Lots 5, 6 and 7 of Block 3, Merritts Addition to the City of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 22A of 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: February 20, 2013

Orlans Associates, PC,
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
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File No. 12-513862

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jessica J. Eskelson and Chrise E. Eskelson, Husband and Wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Polaris Home Funding Corp., its successors or assigns, Mortgagee, dated December 7, 2007 and recorded December 18, 2007 in Liber 1137, Page 465, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Five Thousand Four Hundred Seventy and 7/100 Dollars (\$95,470.07) including interest at 5.25% 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 MARCH 21, 2013.

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

Lot(s) 2, Block 3, Joseph Gamble's Addition to the Village of Centerville (now Caro), according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 21, Page 352, 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.

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North, Range 8 East, described as: Beginning distant West (assumed bearing) 358.00 feet along the North section line from the North quarter corner of said Section 27; thence, from said place of beginning, South perpendicular to said section line, 224.00 feet; thence West 222.00 feet; thence North 224.00 feet to said section line; thence East along said North section line to the place of beginning. Commonly known as 4289 Cass City Rd., Akron, MI 48701.

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: 2/20/2013

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Assignee of Mortgagee

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Federal funds boost outdoor activities

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A recent announcement that the 2013-2014 Executive Budget for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) includes a proposal to raise the cost of hunting and fishing license fees has grabbed the attention of many outdoor enthusiasts from around the Thumb, as well as the entire state.

The additional revenue raised through the license hikes will reportedly go to fish and game habitat improvements and the hiring of additional conservation officers.

Most citizens realize the money raised through hunting and fishing license sales helps provide the hunting and fishing opportunities that so many enjoy – only about 5 percent of the DNR’s monetary resources come from general fund (tax) dollars.

What often comes as a surprise to many Michigan residents is there are 2 other major funding sources that allow hunters, trappers and anglers to financially support the nature they love; the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act and Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act. Both

pieces of federal legislation provide additional natural resources money to Michigan.

In 1939, congressmen Key Pittman of Nevada and Absalom Robertson of Virginia sponsored a federal bill that added an 11-percent excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition. The tax isn’t a sales tax charged at the register; instead it is paid by the manufacturer of the arms and ammunition.

The act has been amended over the past 75 years to expand funding sources to bow and arrows, as well as their parts and accessories. Changes over the years have also allowed an excise tax that benefits wildlife to be placed on pistols, revolvers and crossbows.

States throughout the country benefit from Pittman-Robertson (P-R) funding.

The money raised is allocated to states through a formula that is based on the total land area in the state and the number of licensed hunters. State conservation agencies receive the money, so the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is the recipient for the state of Michigan.

The funds aren’t just handed over to

the state without accountability. The money is made available to the DNR through grants for specific projects. The grants operate on a 3 to one matching basis. That means the DNR must come up with \$1 for every \$3 they receive in P-R funds. The most common form of matching money in Michigan is generated by the sales of hunting and fishing licenses. The P-R Act mandates that license fees be used for conservation.

There are many Michigan conservation success stories that, at least in some part, owe a big thank you to the P-R Act.

Many decades ago, wild turkeys were nowhere to be found in the state even though they are native to the Great Lakes region. With the use of P-R money, as well as other sources, turkeys are now a booming game bird open to sustainable hunting in both the spring and fall seasons. Another beneficiary of P-R money is the majority of Michigan’s Managed Waterfowl Hunt Areas. Those who live in the Thumb are fortunate to have a managed waterfowl hunt area located at Fish Point. These waterfowling paradises were purchased many decades ago with money pro-

vided by the P-R Act and matched by the sale of duck stamps which are required by Michigan hunters pursuing waterfowl.

Hunters aren’t the only ones to benefit from the act’s financial support.

Restoration and conservation efforts for any bird or mammal species, not just game animals, can be eligible for P-R grants. Money has helped bring back the bald eagle and preserve wild lands that are enjoyed by all outdoor enthusiasts such as bird watchers, hikers, mushroom hunters and berry pickers, to name a few.

Beginning in 1939 and continuing until the fiscal year in 2012, P-R funding has provided the states with \$7.2 billion for conservation, restoration and hunter education. Michigan ranks fourth in amount of funding dollars received with \$261 million since 1939. In 2012, the excise tax raised \$12.3 million for Michigan’s outdoor enthusiasts and wildlife.

Building on the early success of the Pittman-Robertson Act, Colorado senator Edwin Johnson and

Michigan representative John Dingell Sr. co-sponsored the Sport Fish Restoration Act in 1950. The distribution formula for sport fish funds was based 40 percent on a state’s size in square miles, including land and water, in proportion to other states. The other 60 percent was based on annual license fees also in proportion to license sales in other states. In 1984, the Sport Fish Restoration Act expanded to include the “Wallop-Breaux” amendment, which added a portion of the sale of fishing equipment, an import duty on recreation boats and a portion of marine fuel tax to the revenue calculation.

Currently, Michigan ranks seventh in the United States for the amount of Dingell-Johnson funds it receives. Since 1950, the state of Michigan has received 255 million dollars to benefit sport fish restoration and management, public access for recreational boating and aquatic education. The state has accepted roughly \$11 million to \$13.3 million each year during the last 5 years in Dingell-Johnson funds.



A PAIR OF CANADA geese are pictured above at Fish Point, a popular destination for area sportsmen, whose hunting opportunities in the Thumb were recently expanded with the addition of the 140-acre Petroglyph Tract in Sanilac County. Both are examples of how Pittman-Robertson money can improve habitat and provide outdoor opportunities.

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