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## Troopers investigate fatal crash

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

A Huron County woman died in a 2-vehicle traffic accident last week on M-53 north of Richards Road, according to troopers at the Michigan State Police post in Caro.

Troopers identified the victim as Paula Lynn Eckstein, 49, of Bad Axe, formerly of Lennon.

According to reports, the crash occurred Tuesday at about 6:30 p.m. A 2010 Freightliner Art Van Furniture delivery van was headed south on M-53 when the driver, Gerald H. Pelch Jr., 38, of Flint, lost control and struck Eckstein's north-bound 2003 Chevy Trailblazer. Both vehicles came to rest in a ditch on the east side of the highway.

Fire fighters used the Jaws of Life to remove Eckstein from her vehicle. Troopers reported she was pronounced dead at the scene.

Marlette EMS personnel transported Pelch to Marlette Regional Hospital for treatment of minor injuries. His passenger, Phillip L. Rose, 29, of Burton, was not hurt.

Troopers, who noted there was heavy snow falling at the time of the accident and the roadway was covered with snow, reported all of the occupants were wearing seatbelts.

The Marlette and Lamotte Township fire departments assisted troopers at the scene along with the Sanilac County Sheriff's Department and a Michigan State Police 3rd District crash reconstruction expert.

## Bedell faces lengthy term behind bars for break-ins

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

A Sanilac County man with a lengthy criminal record was sentenced last week to 12 to 40 years in prison in connection with a year-long midnight burglary spree in the Kingston area in 2011-12.

The defendant, Brian D. Bedell, 45, Snover, previously pled no contest in Tuscola County Circuit Court to one count of conducting a criminal enterprise between June 2011 and May 2012 in Kingston and Wells townships.

Conducting a criminal enterprise is a felony punishable by up to 20 years in prison and/or a \$100,000 fine. However, Bedell faced enhanced sentencing guidelines because he was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

More than 40 other counts in the case were dismissed as part of a plea agreement. Those charges included breaking and entering, larceny in a building, larceny of firearms, possession of a firearm by a felon, unlawfully driving away an automobile, and conspiracy.

In addition, Bedell pleaded guilty to 2 counts of breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny between February and April 2012 in Kingston Township, one count of breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny April 6

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Brian Bedell



PAUL DIETZEL (ABOVE), a Cass City native and now pastor of the Faith Family Church in Corunna, enlisted the help of his 6-year-old daughter, Lilly, in presenting an object lesson during Saturday's Children's Fun Fair at Cass City Elementary School. The annual event, sponsored by Revive Ministries of Cass City, drew dozens of area families. Organizers reported they registered 160 youngsters during this year's fair, with a total estimated attendance of more than 250 area residents.



## Man takes own life in Caro area

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

A routine unknown accident investigation ended in a man taking his own life last Wednesday night in Tuscola County's Indianfields Township.

Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro were dispatched to investigate a reported vehicle in a ditch in the Caro area at about 10:12 p.m., according to reports, which state that upon their arrival, the officers spoke with ambulance personnel and were advised the driver had walked away from the scene.

Troopers followed footprints in the snow to a home/trailer, and EMS personnel followed. Reports state a trooper knocked on the trailer door and announced his presence, and a female responded, telling him to enter the trailer, according to reports.

The trooper entered the residence and, as he was talking to the female, a naked man exited a rear bedroom while holding his hand to his chin, according to reports, which state the man began to walk towards the trooper, who saw that the suspect was holding a gun to his chin. The trooper drew his service weapon and told the suspect to drop the gun. The female then walked to the suspect, meeting him in the kitchen. Reports state the suspect suddenly grabbed her and then shot himself under the chin. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

The trooper did not fire any shots, according to reports, which did not release the name of the victim or specify an address.

The incident remains under investigation.

## Following second failed millage vote

# O-G officials pondering the future

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

For the second time in less than a year, voters in the Owen-Gage School District have failed to pass a proposed bond issue to pay for nearly \$3 million worth of capital improvement projects.

Residents narrowly rejected last week's 2.95-mill request by a 9-vote margin, 184 to 175. Last May, voters defeated a similar proposal — asking for 3.3 mills — by just 7 votes.

"The board (of education) is — well, we're all very disappointed. We're disappointed in the lack of pride and support," Owen-Gage School Supt. Jim Wencel commented after the vote, which saw about 32 percent of the district's 1,100 voters cast ballots, compared to a turnout of nearly 25 percent in the May 2012 election. "Our committee did a good job (of promoting the bond issue)," Wencel said. "Unfortunately, not everyone came to vote."

Wencel said he believes one of the biggest factors behind the defeat is the number of residents who didn't participate, either because they believe there's no point in investing money in a school district that they figure is doomed to close anyway, or simply because they weren't registered to vote.

"Many of our parents are not registered voters. Also, many of our former graduates are not registered voters," he said. "It's a shame these people aren't voting."

The Owen-Gage Board of Education met a day after the election to discuss its next move, but Wencel indicated there is no clear

plan of action at this point. "The board is kind of in a wait-and-see pattern," he said, adding it's likely district residents will have to be the ones to decide whether there will be a third vote.

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**--O-G Superintendent Jim Wencel**

"We want to hear from the public. Really, there needs to be a group of people come to us and say, 'We're going to support you'. Without that, I'm not sure we're going to be able to move forward."

"It's not about the amount of money; it's about what you do for the kids," added Wencel, who has been involved in roughly 20 millage election campaigns during his 36-year career in education. Of those campaigns, only 3 of them — 2 in the Owen-Gage district — have ended in defeat. "The whole premise is what are you going to do for the kids, and are you going to keep a school here for the kids."

Had the millage passed, the levy would have cost the owner of a \$60,000 home about \$89 more in taxes annually, although school officials projected that amount would fall quickly once a new wind farm development is added to the tax rolls in a year or 2.

The bond issue would have raised roughly \$2.9 million and paid for a variety of long-overdue improvement/replacement projects, including a new roof, a new heating sys-

tem, new lighting fixtures and electrical service upgrades, a new school bus, and replacement of an outdated telephone system, classroom fixtures and other items.

"We could have spent \$4 or \$5 mil-

lion. We just pared it (request) down to what we really needed," Wencel said.

For now, school officials are focusing on business as usual and cutting corners where they can.

The need for a third, spare school

bus is an example. Currently, the district runs 2 bus routes and utilizes a school van and Thumb Transit. "We cross our fingers and hope everything's going to pass inspection. If that (spare 1993 model bus) doesn't pass inspection, we'd have to buy the cheapest bus possible," Wencel said.

And, school officials will be looking to further reduce spending in order to offset unexpected repairs and other expenses in the coming months.

"Can we make it another year or 2? Yes. We aren't giving up," Wencel said. "But what are you supposed to do? We're going to have to make some cuts next year. The needs are not going to go away, and we can't take it out of our fund balance."

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# Jamieson named O-G's "Student of the Month"

Jeremy Jamieson was named Owendale-Gagetown School's "Senior Student of the Month" for February.



Jeremy Jamieson

Jamieson has been a member of the Owen-Gage Band all 4 years and plays the trombone. He also was a member of the golf team in his junior year. Academically, he has been on the honor roll and a member of the 3.0 Honors Club throughout high school. As a sophomore, Jamieson was inducted into the Owen-Gage

Chapter of the National Honor Society and currently serves as the chapter's president. He also has been his class representative for the student council each year and, as a senior, is also serving as his class president. Jamieson was a freshman class representative for snowball and was nominated as a king candidate for homecoming and snowball this year. As a sophomore, he participated in a fundraiser and was an informant for the Progeria Organization. He also was a member of the prom committee in his junior year. He has attended the Huron Area Technical Center since his junior year and is a member of the law enforcement program. Jamieson has been an active member of the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Linkville, has helped in the fall clean-up at Owen-Gage School, volunteered at blood drives sponsored by the National Honor Society, and

has volunteered at a number of Lions' Club benefits throughout high school. His hobbies include hunting, reading, golfing, working and hanging out with friends. Jamieson is the son of David and Mary Jamieson of Owendale. He plans to attend Central Michigan University in the fall to pursue a career in criminal psychology.

## It's a girl!



Elizabeth Blackstock

Bryan Blackstock and Christina Lawrence of Cass City announce the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Amelia Blackstock. Elizabeth was born Oct. 3, 2012 at Huron Medical Center in Bad Axe. She weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. Elizabeth was welcomed home by her big brothers Keagan Voss (age 8) and Devin Voss (age 6) and her big sisters Mckenzie Blackstock (age 7) and Zoey Blackstock (age 5). Elizabeth's grandparents are Tom and Deb Montgomery of Cass City and Phyllis Tinsey of Bad Axe.

## It's a girl!



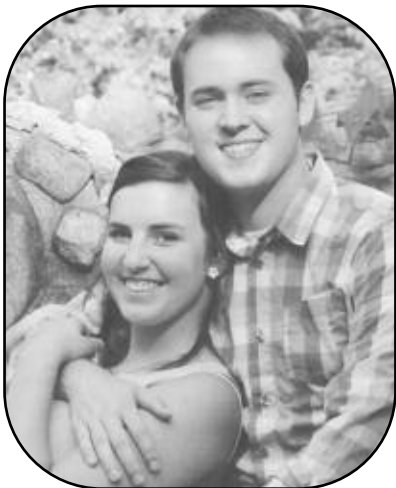
Aubrey Boyce

James Boyce Jr. and Jennifer Hinkle of Cass City announce the birth of their daughter Aubrey Kay Boyce. Aubrey was born Jan. 23, 2013 Huron Medical Center in Bad Axe. She weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces and was 21 inches long. Aubrey was welcomed home by her older siblings Tyler (age 8), Leah (age 7), Austin (age 4) and Ethan Hinkle (age 3). Aubrey's grandparents are Tom and Deb Montgomery of Cass City and Jim and Judy Boyce of Cass City.

## Area residents make honors list at Spring Arbor Univ.

Two area residents were recently named to the fall academic honors list at Spring Arbor University, Jackson. They are Bryan Burk of Cass City, the son of Donna Satterly and a senior majoring in health and exercise science; and Joshua Cloyd of Kingston, the son of Bryan and Aimee Cloyd and a junior majoring in drama. Students must earn a minimum grade point average of 3.7 to be named to the honors list. School officials noted that Cloyd earned a perfect 4.0 grade point average during the fall semester.

## Engaged



Sarah Checkley and Bradley Hanby

Sarah Nicole Checkley and Bradley Ryan Hanby, together with their parents, announce their engagement. Sarah is the daughter of Jim and Amy Checkley of Elkhart, Ind. She is a 2009 graduate of Jimtown High School, and is pursuing a career in photography. Brad is the son of Jim and Rita Hanby of Cass City. He is a 2009 graduate of Cass City High School, and will graduate from Bethel College of Indiana in May with a bachelor's degree in exercise science. He will be continuing his education in the fall. The couple is currently planning a May 25, 2013 wedding at Redeemer Missionary Church in South Bend, Ind.

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# In Our OPINION...

Clarke Haire  
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## O-G board has earned respect

*The Owen-Gage Board of Education faces a difficult road ahead following voters’ recent rejection of a proposed bond issue to pay for a host of major capital improvement projects in the district.*

*We just hope the election results don’t take away from the fact that school officials have done their job by working to do everything in their power to ensure a safe and positive learning environment for students.*

*Theories abound regarding why a majority of residents have now said “no” twice to a tax increase over the past year when residents have historically rallied around such requests.*

*Some believe it was a matter of simple economics; times are (and have been) very difficult for folks in terms of employment, fuel prices, etc. Others believe too many voters simply didn’t take the time to cast a ballot.*

*Still others have suggested that too many citizens in the tiny school district have simply given up hope, figuring it’s only a matter of time anyway before school officials are forced to close the doors and store away their beloved Bulldog mascot, in spite of assurances from school officials to the contrary.*

*In the end, the reasons for the failed millage campaign don’t really matter. The school board must now make some decisions and deal with the harsh reality of what to do if it can’t get a millage passed.*

*While school officials deserve credit for righting Owen-Gage’s financial ship in recent years, their accomplishment of banking about 20 percent of a \$1.5 million general fund budget is doomed to fade quickly as repair costs mount and state funding dwindles.*

*After all, how long will it be before another leak develops in the school’s 20-plus year-old-roof? Likewise, boilers that were manufactured 40 and 50 years ago are going to fail again (and again), and the district’s meager bus fleet is going to continue to age. That’s a fact, plain and simple.*

*We’re confident the school board will continue to make the district’s children its number one priority. But, as we said, it isn’t going to be easy.*

*At some point — without money to repair buildings and replace equipment — the board is going to have to look at some unpleasant options, including closing the doors via annexation or consolidation.*

*We laud Owen-Gage School Supt. Jim Wencel’s suggestion that the district’s future should be left in the hands of voters. In other words, if the citizens want another vote, they should ask for one. If not, let the chips fall.*

*Regardless of what happens, school officials have done their job. We hope residents will remember that.*

# Slices of Life

by Jill Pertler

## Warriors give all for the team



The warrior enters the arena prepared for battle, or at least an extensive period of intense physical, mental and vocal workout. She has marched to a similar beat on previous occasions and knows the drill as well as any sergeant. This is no rookie, but a seasoned veteran, ready to hit the bleachers with her backside and scream her lungs out for the team.

She is a sports mom, serving on the front lines as her offspring’s number one fan.

Every warrior understands victory begins with a thorough study of one’s enemy – or in this case, a group of 9-year-olds who make up the opposing team. They may look innocent off the ice or basketball court, but these kids have winning on the brain and while all moms wish everyone could win, a smart warrior knows that ain’t going to happen.

A true warrior dresses the part; at least three-quarters

of her wardrobe has been purchased in school colors. Her closet houses the motherload of team spirit. There is no mistaking who she is rooting for, but just in case she brings a homemade poster board sign with her to every game.

A warrior withstands wind, rain, sun, snow and fluorescent lighting. She is a fan for all seasons and whatever sport her kid is currently playing is her favorite one at the moment. She braves the elements and, like a good Boy Scout, always comes prepared. During the summer, when the noonday temperatures are packing heat, a baseball mom is packing sunscreen. In the cold winter months, hockey moms make like a smart, money-saving phone plan – and bundle.

While cheering is her chief method of support, she often carries weapons – in the form of cowbells, pom poms and, on occasion, a blow horn. Knowledge serves as her armor. This warrior is equally schooled in the intricacies of the game, the importance of hydration and concussion safety tips. She carries a rulebook and first aid kit in her purse, just in case. She is loudly disbelieving and cries foul when a referee makes a questionable call.

A warrior must use strategy in the field. Although cheering is her mainstay, she’s learned from experience if you yell too much during the beginning of the game, you won’t have a voice left after the seventh inning stretch. One must conserve warrior energy, strength and vocal chords in accordance with the duration of the competition.

Sometimes, our brave soldier is called on to be a week-end warrior, serving in the trenches 24-7 for an entire three-day stretch at a tournament in a distant town. Oh, sure, she spends time sitting by the hotel pool, sipping cool drinks and staying up late with the other warrior moms, but the sacrifice is all for the kids.

A mom warrior masters patience, psychology and Mother Nature. She knows never to leave an ongoing game to visit the bathroom because the other team is sure to tie the score, or even pull ahead. Warriors do not abandon the battle because doing so triggers bad mojo.

When the final buzzer rings, the warrior understands the game is more than the numbers on the scoreboard. She values sports for the lessons they teach about teamwork, determination, courage, stamina, resilience, endurance and a couple other qualities she and the other moms learn from the game. She tells her child to have fun and be safe and that winning isn’t everything – but it’s definitely something, and in all honesty, is a lot more fun than losing.

The warrior gives her all for the team. She attempts to show good sportswomanship – taking her place on the side of the field, ice and court, always cheering for the W (as in warrior). Although she embodies the aspects of a true warrior, she does not really perceive herself as such, and, at the end of the game, is simply proud to call herself an athletic supporter.

## Letter to the Editor

### Do not overlook president’s lies

Benghazi!! Impeach Obama.

Have you heard of Benghazi? Perhaps briefly on the liberal news stations — all 3 of them (CB, ABC and NBC). They are so liberal and they will do anything to protect Dictator Obama and cover up so Obama could be reelected. Do you know 4 Americans died in a terrorist attack? Ambassador Chris Stevens, 2 ex-Navy Seals and another American who were working security died in Benghazi, Libya.

They were doing their job in Libya. Just 2 hours later the White House, per Reuters, knew of the attack. Yet they did nothing. Perhaps “if” Obama had done his job, the 4 Americans would still be alive today.

Time wise, 2 weeks later our so-called government was blaming the Muslim video. Two weeks! Can you believe that? Check Fox News; they have been telling the truth for 13 years. Fox News is number one. CNN is more liberal, but much better than the 3 networks. They tell the truth just like it is.

It is simply amazing. Many years ago, 1972 to be exact, we had Watergate. At 2:30 a.m. the Republicans broke into the Democratic National Committee Office. The plan was to bug their offices. When the truth was known, President Nixon was forced to resign. No one was killed in that incident. President Nixon was forced to resign, and now so should Dictator Obama be forced out of office.

We have a dictator in the White House. He can do anything he wants and gets away with it. He has refused to answer questions regarding Benghazi. How he ever got reelected is beyond comprehension. Now 4 Americans are murdered and Obama’s White House failed them.

How? Most or all the embassies, except for the United States, had closed due to the turmoil in Libya. Not our country. We stayed even though Ambassador Stevens asked for additional security. Did he get it? No! Matter of fact, the security

was cut even though the anniversary date of 9-11 was right around the corner.

For 2 weeks our government was investigating the terrorist attack. What a joke. They still have not given answers to Congress or the families of those 4 Americans who were murdered. It was and still is a blatant cover-up. Why? To get Obama reelected in 2012. He can say anything and then blame the Republicans. He makes promises he does not keep.

Obama should be impeached and thrown out of office. Do Americans care? Do Americans even know? What if one of those dead Americans belonged to your family? Then would you? Our country is no longer a just country. Life is cheap. So is talk, in Obama’s case, even in the abortion issue.

Remember there is a God and maybe we are now getting what we deserve. We have become an immoral country. Anything goes. Murder is rampant even in Chicago — Obama territory. Background checks might work for honest citizens, but remember this: When guns are outlawed, only outlaws will have guns. Do support the NRA and let your elected officials know how you feel. Make a phone call to Washington.

I am an independent and obviously not an Obama supporter. He lies a lot. In 2008 he said he would cut the national debt in half by the end of his first term. Another blatant lie. It was \$10 trillion when the dictator was first elected. In 4 years he has increased the debt by \$6 trillion, yet people reelected him.

Pray for our country and find time to pay attention to what is happening in the White House. How long can we survive when we keep spending more than we take in? We cannot!

Many Americans feel we are repeating history and will do just as the Roman Empire. Yet we still have hope. Do pray daily for our country. Do not be brain washed. Use common sense. The good Lord gave us a brain. We should use it.

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## Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Dan Fenner, @MIPrepZone, writes: There’s long been a perception that Farmington Hills Harrison is, first and foremost, a football school. The Hawks have piled up 13 state titles on the gridiron in 40-plus years since the school opened, but had never won so much as a single district title in basketball — until Friday.

On the heels of a sparkling 19-1 regular season that concluded last week with an OAA White division title, the Harrison girls’ basketball team checked off another one of its goals by capturing its elusive first district title ever with a 47-42 win over Walled Lake Western.

In charge at Farmington Hills is Coach Tim Micklash. He played for the Red Hawks, under Coach Jeff Hartel, from 1996 until 1998 along side of Heath Zawilinski, Craig Emmert, Dave Murphy and Ryan Brinkman to name a few of his fellow teammates.

Attention smugglers of empty soda cans: Stay out of Michigan, or you could face jail time.

It’s big business, claims Angela Madden of the Michigan Beer and Wine Association. She estimates the Great Lakes State loses up to \$13 million a year from out-of-state cans.

Lawmakers are taking aim at recycling refund violators with proposed penalties of up to 93 days in jail or \$1,000 in fines, or both.

The Department of Natural Resources is reminding Michigan resident disabled veteran hunters and anglers that they can obtain free hunting and fishing licenses at their favorite retail agent or online at [www.mdnr-elicense.com](http://www.mdnr-elicense.com) after March 1.

House Bill 5292, signed into law by Gov. Rick Snyder, allows a disabled veteran to obtain any resident hunting or fishing license for which a lottery is not required, free of charge. The veteran will be required to provide proof of eligibility at the time of purchase and carry this proof when using any license obtained under this legislation.

For more information about Michigan hunting and fishing licenses, visit [www.mdnr-elicense.com](http://www.mdnr-elicense.com).

Here’s more from our DNR friends: Remember hunters to check for your spring turkey drawing results and the availability of leftover licenses, now online at [www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings](http://www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings).

Leftover spring turkey licenses go on sale to unsuccessful license applicants on Monday, March 11, at 10 a.m. Licenses will go on sale to all other hunters, including those who did not participate in the application process, on Monday, March 18, at 10 a.m. Leftover licenses will be sold until quotas are met.

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

## Wednesday, March 6

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, March 7

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

## Friday, March 8

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

## Saturday, March 9

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, March 11

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.

Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.

VFW monthly meeting, 7:30 p.m., VFW Hall, Cass City.

## Tuesday, March 12

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.

Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7 p.m., fire hall in Gagetown.

Tuscola County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, 1:30 p.m., HDC Generations Building, 430 Montague Ave., Caro. For more information, contact Kim at (989) 673-4121.

Kedron OES #33 of Caro meeting, 7 p.m.

# Suspect in state car thefts dies in gun fight with El Paso police

Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro say a suspect they had sought in Sanilac County in January in connection with a pair of stolen vehicles was killed last week in a gun fight with police officers in Texas.

Troopers were initially dispatched to investigate the stolen vehicle Jan. 17, when they were directed to an apartment in Sanilac County's Argyle Township. When the officers attempted to make contact with the fugitive, identified as parole absconder Daniel J. Meyers, 48, Charlotte, he fled on foot before evading troopers in a stolen vehicle.

That vehicle was later located on the edge of the Minden Swamp. It appeared the vehicle had gotten stuck in the mud, and the suspect fled into the swamp, according to reports, which state the Michigan State Police Aviation Unit then joined the search but was unable to locate Meyers.

Troopers in Caro were later contacted by the state police post in Hastings, Mich., and informed that Meyers was also a suspect in a recent armed robbery in that area.

Through additional investigation, the suspect was believed to be in Texas or Mexico, according to troopers, who spoke with the suspect via telephone Thursday and tried to convince him to turn himself in. He refused and commented that he was not going back to prison.

The Thumb post contacted the El Paso Police Department in Texas and officers there were able to locate Meyers. Reports state he fled on foot before initiating a gun fight with El Paso police and border patrol agents, resulting in Meyers suffering fatal injuries.

The case remains under investigation by the El Paso Police Department and the FBI.

## Circuit court news

# Several charged with felonies

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






- Christopher J. Sweatland, 31, Caro, was sentenced to 365 days in the county jail and 60 months probation following his pleas of guilty to 2 counts of delivery/manufacture of marijuana, subsequent offense, July 3 in Fremont Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).
- In addition to jail time, he was ordered to complete 200 hours of community service and pay court costs and fines totaling \$4,866.
- Kenneth G. Snyder, 30, Fostoria, pleaded no contest to a charge of interfering with electronic communications Oct. 8 in Juniata Township.
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$3,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
- William N. Churcott, 71, Vassar, pleaded no contest to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Dec. 11 in Vassar. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$4,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
- Juanita J. Huizar, 28, Caro, pleaded no contest to a charge of retail fraud Aug. 3, 2011, in Vassar, and no contest to one count of larceny in a building Aug. 3, 2011, in Vassar Township. She was also convicted of being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
- Timothy S. Carroll, 46, Columbiaville, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Nov. 22 in Watertown Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$10,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
- Dennis M. Briolat, 43, Unionville, pleaded guilty to charges of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor and possession of a loaded firearm in a motor vehicle June 29 in Elmwood Township.
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$5,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
- Michael D. Filkins, 33, Fairgrove, was sentenced to 365 days in jail, with worksite privileges, following his plea of no contest to one count of assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer Oct. 2 in Fairgrove. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).
- In addition to jail time, he was placed on 60 months probation and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$2,198.
- Jason T. Walker, 30, Prescott, was sentenced to 120 days to 15 years in prison following his plea of guilty to a charge of larceny in a building July 18 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).
- In addition to prison time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$398.
- Timothy J. Ziegler, 56, Vassar, was sentenced to 330 days in jail following his pleas of guilty to 3 counts of possession of a firearm by a felon Aug. 27 in Vassar Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).
- In addition to jail time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,466.
- Darrell A. Stallard, 32, Muskegon Heights, was sentenced to 2 to 7 1/2 years in prison following his pleas of guilty to 2 counts of prison escape May 8 at the former Tuscola Residential Re-Entry Program in Indianfields Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).
- In addition to prison time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$266.


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Reporter’s notebook

Honey Boo Boo? You can have her

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Although there’s virtually no limit to the number of ways I irritate my (now grown) kids, I’d have to say my tendency to watch old television shows and movies repeatedly has to be among their top 10 of complaints.

Seriously, though, can you blame me? I mean, have you taken a look at what American television programming offers adults these days?

Start with all of the so-called “reality shows”. The first one that comes to mind — and I dismiss it as quickly as I can — is Honey Boo Boo. I simply have no clue why people are so drawn to this sideshow.

On the other hand, maybe it’s so entertaining to some because a number of today’s celebrities are basically walking reality shows. Let’s see....Lindsey Lohan, Chris Brown, Justin Bieber, Charlie Sheen, Lady Gaga, Snooki, etc.

Maybe it’s a California thing, but I’m under the impression that if you’re “famous”, you’re evidently not going to be held to the same legal standard as “regular people” like you and me. How else do you explain why Lohan, Brown and Sheen aren’t doing lengthy prison terms? Last time I checked, behavior involving illicit drugs, stealing, vandalism and assault were still crimes, right?

At the very least, they can be deadly. How many wonderful, true talents have we lost to drugs and alcohol in recent years?

I’ve long given up trying to understand why so many folks think Brown, Bieber and Gaga are talented, and it really doesn’t matter anyway. What bothers me is the thought that members of our younger generation actually look up to these individuals. My education is limited to a bachelor’s degree, but I can’t for the life of me fathom how this society can idolize some of these kooks over, say, a serviceman, police officer or a fire fighter injured in the line of duty.

Maybe the years have just caught up with me and I’m turning into one of those grumpy old men I used to snicker at as a kid. Maybe not. Perhaps it’s like a saying I once saw on facebook that stated: “I’m not old. You’re music really is stupid.”

Come to think of it, it probably is age, because as I sit here and tap out this column, I suddenly realize I have no idea what a bunch of spoiled prima donnas in L.A. has to do with watching old television shows or movies.

Oh well, in the end, I suppose there will always be a boatload of Kardashians and Nicki Manajes, along with a boatload of regular people who love to follow their exploits,

They can have them. I’ll take an episode of Gilligan’s Island or MASH anytime.

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Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



**5 YEARS AGO (2008)**

Mason Erla, 10, of Cass City, recently earned the right to advance to state competition in an annual Knights of Columbus free-throw contest. Erla was among 7 area youth who advanced to regional competition held Feb. 23 at the Bay City Boys and Girls Club. The other local youth who advanced to regionals are Logan Schenk, 9, Bradley Thornton, 11, Lukas Schenk, 12, Anthony House, 13, Jennifer Kelly, 13, and Kyle Hanby, 14.

Of the many wounds the Unionville-Sebewaing Patriots have inflicted on the Cass City Red Hawk sports teams in recent years, none were more painful than Tim Holland’s buzzer beater Friday during the Class C district boys’ basketball championship game. With just 9 tenths of one second remaining in regulation play, the host Patriots spotted Holland open on an in-bounds play from half court. And when the 6’2” center’s turnaround jumper hit nothing but net from 25-feet away, lifting the Patriots to an unlikely 50-47 decision, USA fans stormed the court in celebration of the schools’ 7th district title in 8 years. “I guess it just wasn’t meant to be,” Red Hawk Coach Aaron Fernald said. “I think we may be jinxed, we are sort of like the Chicago Cubs.”

The 2008 Greater Thumb West all-conference boys’ basketball selections included 4 Cass City Red Hawks, topped by junior Austin Babich, chosen as a dream team pick. Named to the second team were Chris Summersett and Chris Childs and selected for honorable mention was Shane McFarland.

**10 YEARS AGO (2003)**

Ten families completed the “Snowy Days” 2003 Family Reading Program at Rawson Memorial Library, reading a combined 676 books. The Zdrojewski family and the Kus family won gift certificates for reading 144 books and 154 books respectively.

Cass City’s Dustin Mallory, 16, recently completed a leadership project focusing on improving the village’s walking trail. The project was the final step in Mallory’s quest to earn Boy Scouting’s highest rank, the Eagle.

Ubly musicians recently competed in the district solo and ensemble festival. Students earning Division I ratings were: Jason Rutkowski, trumpet solo; Carrie Pichla, clarinet solo; Meghan Kubacki, clarinet solo; Lisa Rutkowski, baritone solo; and Jason

Rutkowski and Greg Gliniecki, brass duet. Receiving Division II ratings were: Greg Gliniecki, trombone solo; Jaimie Bolda, trumpet solo; Eric Rutkowski, trumpet solo; Paul Longuski and Kayla Stomack, saxophone duet; Eric Pichla and Eric Rutkowski, trumpet duet; Corey Messing, Paul Longuski and Kayla Stomack, saxophone trio; and Greg Gliniecki, Jason Rutkowski, Corey Messing and Eric Rutkowski, brass quartet.

**25 YEARS AGO (1988)**

Cass City High School senior Ray K. Stachura knows what it feels like to reach a long awaited personal goal. The 18-year-old, who 10 years ago joined a Cub Scout troop in Deford with the intention of eventually becoming an Eagle Scout, the highest award available in scouting, has realized that goal. Stachura, the first scout in Cass City to earn the rank of Eagle in 4 years, was honored at an awards assembly Saturday evening at Cass City High School.

Seven Cass City Intermediate School pupils have been named “motivated students” for March by school officials. Those receiving the honor are fifth graders Leana Edwards, Bobby Davis and Tracy Boerner, and sixth graders Stephanie Mohr, Steve Sattleburg, Jodi Schember and Sarah Lovejoy.

The Cass City Red Hawk wrestling team is the 1988 Class C District champ. Team members are Casey Howe, Larry Curtis, Randy Peasley, John Milligan, Henry Smith, Bob Leffler, John Kritzman, Gary Pyle, Roger Root, Bill Kappen, Randy Johnson, Peter Kappen, Brian Guinther, Pat Shagena, Ted Peasley, Garold Peasley, Chuck Merchant, Joe Santos, Mike Mikolon, Barry Brown, Jeff Reed, Pat McDonald and Bill Kinney.

**50 YEARS AGO (1963)**

Michael Root, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Root of Cass City, is one of a fast growing group of numismatists in the area. For, collecting coins is the fastest growing hobby in the United States today and local residents have been caught in its allure....making money by having fun. Young Mike is probably typical of the horde of newcomers to the field as he proudly boasts that his collection of 250 coins, representing an investment of \$31.73, is now worth (in his estimation) some \$250.

Sp. Fred J. MacKay of Cass City, stationed at Fort Belvoir, Va., was named soldier of the year for 1962 in February. The award was presented

by Major Gen. Paul A. Gavan, commanding general of MDW. Serving in the Third Transport Company (light helicopter), MacKay was previously named soldier of the month three times. He is the son of Mrs. Evelyn MacKay.

Two Gagetown men were named to top offices in one of Huron County’s three Dairy Herd Improvement Associations in elections held recently. Elected to County DHIA No. 1 were: Ronald Good, Gagetown, president, and Richard Ziehm, Gagetown, vice-president. Other officers named to the same unit include: Kenneth Voelker, Owendale, secretary-treasurer, and Henry Hewitt, Elkton, Robert McCrea, Bad Axe, and Wallace Hagen and Max McKenzie, both of Ubly, all directors.

**100 YEARS AGO (1913)**

Between the halves of the girls’ game, high school boys treated the spectators to a farce game between the “Wimmen Folks” or Suffragettes and the “Men Folks” or Antis which resulted in an overwhelming victory for the “Wimmen.” Numerous fouls were called on the “Wimmen” for rough playing and Miss Brown became so enraged that she tried to climb the post in the center. And to think that Miss Schmaus, the wee coy bit of humanity, would be guilty of making eyes at the referee. Miss Cooke was fouled for attempting to stand on her head and Misses Duncanson and Higgins were also fouled for being implicated in the latter offence. The men folks conducted themselves in a gentlemanly way and took their defeat sportsman-like which goes to show that the “antis” are willing to take what comes. The Referee-Escaped. Scorers-Too numerous to mention.


“All a Mistake” is the title of a three-act comedy which is being prepared by several young people of Cass City for production in the opera house the latter part of March. Misses Gladys Parker, Cora Schwaderer, Hazel Mead and Leone Kile and Norris Winslow, Arthur Atwell, Leo Tyo and Wm. Deming are included in the cast of characters. These young people have appeared in former local talent plays at Cass City and “All a Mistake” promises to be as big a success as their former productions.

The Cass Literary society are to be congratulated, being winners of a ten dollar prize on the mock trial of the late “Jennie Brice case” in Everybody’s Magazine.

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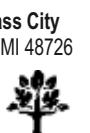
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THE 2012-13 Cass City varsity boys' basketball team members are: (front, l-r) Jacob Hacker, Shane Rasmussen, Curtis Dickinson, Jacob Perry, Collin Hartwick, Cody Orban (back) Lukas Schenk, Tristan Kuntz, Cole Israelson, Cody Ross and Eric Churchill. They finished 12-1 in the GTW, 17-3 overall.

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# GTW CHAMPIONS!

## How does this year's squad stack up against these past Red Hawk champs?

The 2000-01 Red Hawk Basketball Team. Under Coach Jim Green this Greater Thumb West championship team finished 13-1 in conference play and 19-3 overall, bowing in the district final to USA. Craig Emmert and Joel Brinkman were both first team all-conference performers in their senior seasons, while Ryan Holmgren and Jeff Storm both earned honorable mention recognition on the Saginaw News Class C All Area team.

The 1993-94 Red Hawk Basketball Team. Coach Jeff Hartel's cagers earned the Blue Bay Conference crown with a record of 12-1. Paul Ulfig and Jason Morgan gave this team an abundance of inside scoring power, while Kevin Storm and Paul Murphy provided scoring punch from the perimeter. They advanced to the Class C quarterfinal round and finished 23-3 overall.

The 1986-87 Red Hawk Basketball Team. This Coach Ron Nurnberger bunch finished undefeated in the Thumb B Association with a perfect 14-0 mark. However, they suffered a triple overtime loss in the first game of district tournament play to Sandusky. Still, behind a cast of players that included Dave Miller, Kurt Bliss and Mike Kelly, the Red Hawks finished 18-3 overall. The team's 3 losses were by a total of 8 points. Steve Ross - who has a son, Cody, on this year's team - Virgil Peters and Mike Randall provided Nurnberger with plenty of depth.

The 1979-80 Red Hawk Basketball Team. After losing their season opener, this team won 23 straight games before bowing to Ecorse in a quarterfinal match-up. Ken Martin, Craig Toni, Tim Fahrner, and Todd Comment helped to grab the Thumb B banner with a 13-1 mark, 23-2 overall. Toni and Comment also played on the 1980-81 team, alongside Tim Sontag. That squad shared the Thumb B Association's best record with Caro at 12-2, finishing 20-4 overall.

The 1976-77 Red Hawk Basketball Team. Clarke Haire, Paul Battel, Jeff Hartel, Chuck Hendrick and Scott Richards helped Cass City to its first Thumb B Association crown in 18 years with an exciting 65-64 win over Frankenmuth in a showdown contest to end the regular season. This group also added a district title with a 62-60 victory over previously undefeated, and number one ranked in the state, USA. The Red Hawks advanced to the regional final and lost 61-59 to Stockbridge. The school's first team to win 20-games entered marks of 12-2 in the Thumb B Association, and 20-5 overall, into the record books.

The 1958-59 Red Hawk Basketball Team. Coach Irv Claseman squad won a Class B district crown on their own floor to complement a perfect 14-0 record in the Thumb B Conference. Clare Comment averaged a team-best 18 points, but got plenty of help from Don Simmons, Dick Donahue and Bill Tuckey en route to an overall record of 17-3.

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A 6' 3" junior. The team's best leaper. Dickinson was second on the team in blocked shots with 11. He shot 49-percent from the floor and scored 64 points. Dickinson has all the tools to dominate the game at either end of the court. He could be the difference maker for the Red Hawks in tournament play going forward.





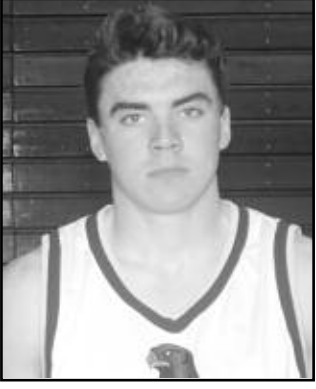
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A 6' 1" junior. He was on the squad for the love of the game. A strong interior player that saw limited playing time due to an abundance of talent in the low post for the champs. Churchill is no stranger to the weight room and should see plenty of playing time in his senior season.



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# Young entrepreneur “schools” students via Skype

**by Ryan Walker  
Freelance Writer**

Modern technology has drawn the world’s inhabitants close together through a number of different avenues; email, blogs, websites, Facebook and other sites can all be used to disseminate incalculable amounts of information.

Not only does this technology allow friends, family and acquaintances to maintain long-distance relationships, it also gives students of all ages first-hand opportunities to learn from a variety of sources. One such world-wide connection that is used by students is Skype, a software that enables individuals or groups, such as classrooms, to make videos and voice calls, send instant messages and share files with others that are on Skype.

Recently, Linda Volz’s Cass City High School economics classes were able to use Skype’s advanced technology to interact with Elliot

Hoppins, a budding entrepreneur from Greensborough, N.C. In addition to learning the fundamentals to becoming an entrepreneur, the Cass City students witnessed how one person, through caring and compassion for others, can make a positive impact on the world around them.

Prior to the Skype sessions, each student in Volz’s economic classes drafted questions to ask Hoppins. The questions mainly focused on the business aspects of Hoppins’s creation: Elliot’s Ninjas: Helping the Homeless One Ninja at a Time. Students were provided with the young entrepreneur’s background before the interviews took place.

What amazed many students was the fact that Hoppins is only 8 years old. The son of Richard and Jennifer Hoppins first came to Volz’s attention through another Cass City Junior/Senior High School teacher, Mary Keroson. Jennifer Hoppins is Keroson’s first cousin, and Keroson introduced Elliot’s blog to Volz, who

immediately recognized the connection to her economics curriculum.

The heart of Hoppins’ business is paintings he creates and then sells via Esty.com. He explained that 50 percent of the money he makes goes to benefit the homeless. He purchases tents, sleeping bags, nonperishable food items and other essentials that are given to those in need. Another 25 percent is used to purchase more materials in order to create new pieces of art. Hoppins keeps the remaining 25 percent.

On his blog, [www.kneesandpaws.blogspot.com](http://www.kneesandpaws.blogspot.com), the steps Hoppins utilized to create his charitable small business are chronicled.

His business venture began when he displayed a strong sense of awareness for his surroundings by noticing the plight of the homeless in his hometown. Hoppins told the Cass City economic students about a homeless man named Gary that

served as inspiration for Elliot’s Ninjas. Gary was a homeless man that, while living on the streets, was hit by a train. Despite losing his legs, Gary survived the incident and pulled himself up to the point where he was no longer homeless.

The next step was Hoppins’ strong desire to actively help address the situation of the homeless. The third step that brought him to his business entailed the satisfaction of creating something with his own 2 hands that enabled him to create the paintings to sell. A fourth consideration was the knowledge necessary to find an outlet to sell his artwork.

After creating his online Etsy shop, [www.etsy.com/shop/elliotsninjas](http://www.etsy.com/shop/elliotsninjas), Hoppins expressed his gratitude by sending a hand-written letter with each painting he sold, a practice he still continues today.

The final step in the building of his business was to reach out to other organizations and to make connections that would aid in his goal of helping the homeless.

After the Skype experience with Hoppins, the students were able to identify some of the risks and rewards associated with being an entrepreneur. The students also realized some key characteristics an entrepreneur needs to be successful. Volz’s students followed up the interactive interview with Hoppins by researching other established entrepreneurs.

Cass City sophomore Ethan Monte described his experience, saying, “I thought it was pretty cool that he has his own business. It’s really nice he’s helping the homeless. I learned entrepreneurs need to be determined to reach their goals.”

Volz indicated the experience was a great teaching tool. “It showed the students you don’t have to be 50 to be an entrepreneur,” she said, adding many students were impressed with the young businessman’s approach to helping society. “I kept hearing how compassionate Elliot was, and how young he was to consider the homeless situation,” she said.



CASS CITY Junior-Senior High School economics teacher Linda Volz (above) recently invited young entrepreneur Elliot Hoppins of Greensborough, N.C., to talk about his business with her students via Skype.

## Bedell faces prison time for midnight crime spree

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in Kingston Township, one count of breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny Feb. 24, 2012, in Kingston Township, and one count of second degree home invasion March 2-3, 2012, in Wells Township.

In addition to prison time, he was ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,058. Restitution in the combined cases is to be determined.

Bedell and his girlfriend, Lorrie A. Bickel, 42, were partners in crime, according to law enforcement officers in both Tuscola and Sanilac counties, who put an abrupt halt to the couple’s crimes last May.

Bickel recently pleaded no contest to 6 felony charges — 4 counts of breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny, one count of second degree home invasion and one count of larceny in a building. She is currently awaiting sentencing, also in Tuscola County Circuit Court.

Investigators from the Sanilac County Drug Task Force, Tuscola County and Sanilac County sheriff’s departments, and the Kingston Police Department conducted a search of the couple’s home in the 1400 block of Center Street in Snover last spring. There, police recovered 5 truckloads of stolen property worth several thousand dollars.

The Tuscola County law enforcement agencies had been investigating the burglaries for several months when Bedell and Bickel moved from

a residence in the 4500 block of Phillips Road, Kingston, to the Snover area.

“The burglaries were primarily taking place near midnight in Tuscola County at unoccupied vacation homes, hunting properties or recently foreclosed homes,” said then-Sanilac County Drug Task Force Director Bill Gray. “Due to the suspects’ move into Sanilac County...the Tuscola County detectives sought the assistance of the Sanilac County Drug Task Force for surveillance of the suspects.”

During a 3-week surveillance operation, investigators confirmed the couple was going to multiple unoccupied homes that were later determined to have been burglarized.

When officers converged on the suspects’ residence, they found a huge amount of stolen property, including a .22 caliber rifle, 2 log splitters, a Suzuki 4-wheeler, stove, refrigerator, 2 microwave ovens, television, 2 stereos, wood stove, grill, bed, VCR and tapes, a large industrial air compressor, large amounts of hunting clothing and equipment, lawn furniture, an air conditioning unit and an LP gas furnace.

According to court records, the break-ins were not Bedell’s first brush with the law. In fact, his criminal history includes at least 12 prior felony convictions in Tuscola, Saginaw, Genesee, Bay, Saginaw and Lapeer counties on charges ranging from writing a no account check and domestic violence to home invasion, larceny, and receiving and concealing stolen property.

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### Young 4's & GSRP

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# Harbor Beach, Cass City advance to semis



UBLY’S Brandon Sweeney, left, and Jeffery Wright celebrate after Sweeney hit from 3-point range late in Monday’s district opener against Harbor Beach.

As expected, heavy weights Cass City and Harbor Beach both advanced Monday from opening night play in the Class C boys basketball district tournament at Unionville-Sebewaing High School. Both schools beat their opponent for the third time this season. The Greater Thumb East co-champion Pirates downed Ubly 75-64 to move into tonight’s (Wednesday) semifinal match-up against Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port, while the Greater Thumb West champion Red Hawks disposed of Bad Axe 46-43 and will now face host USA in Wednesday’s late semifinal game. Action begins at 6 pm, with the semifinal winners meeting on Friday for district bragging rights. Both schools will need a better effort in their semifinal outings if they hope to survive, especially Cass City.

The Red Hawks played solid ball for 3 quarters, before the wheels fell

off down the stretch. Cass City led 15-6 early after back-to-back steals and lay-ups from Cody Orban helped to produce the Red Hawks’ 22-9 halftime advantage. After the break, Cole Israelson threw down conservative dunks and with 2:18 left in the third period Cass City was in front 31-19, before settling for a 34-24 gap entering the final 8 minutes. There James Knarian caught fire from the perimeter and 3 straight deep corner treys and an offensive put-back by Tanner Krug knotted the score at 37-all with just over 4 minutes remaining. Free throws by Red Hawks Curtis Dickinson, Collin Hartwick, and Orban regained the lead for the Red Hawks at 42-38, but Knarian’s 4th triple on the night had Bad Axe within 42-41 in the final minute. Forced to foul, the Hatchets sent Hartwick to the line in the closing

seconds. The junior guard calmly converted his final 4 tosses at the stripe to seal victory. For Cass City, Israelson recorded a game-high 15 points, while Orban added 13. Knarian and Ben Braden finished in double figures for Bad Axe with 12 and 10 points, respectfully. In the opening game, Harbor Beach outscored Bad Axe in each of the first 3 frames and held on for a double digit decision. The Pirates led 12-9 after one, 35-30 after 2, and 57-42 after 3. Ubly climbed to within 61-54 on 3 free throw tosses by Nick Sweeney, but would get no closer on the night. Sweeney led Ubly with a game-high 31 points, while Gabe Messing and Kurt Kubacki split 16 markers.

For Harbor Beach, Aaron Ginther recorded 24 points and Andrew Siemen chipped in 23 and Colin Cook 12.

# Cass City outright champs

## Red Hawks earn first conference crown in 12 years

The Cass City boys’ basketball team wasn’t in the mood for sharing



COACH Aaron Fernald makes sure his Red Hawk cagers are completely aware of the situation following a late timeout in Tuesday’s contest in Reese. Cass City earned the outright GTW title with a 45-41 decision.

## Cardinals shocked in Class D district final

The third time proved to be the charm for Deckerville. Behind a defensive effort for the ages, the Lady Eagles captured their own Class D district title Friday with a 27-19 win over Kingston. The Cardinals defeated Deckerville twice during the regular season. Kingston couldn’t buy a bucket in the opening half and trailed 8-4 after one and 16-6 after 2. But in the third, the Cardinals used a 9-2 run to end the period trailing just 22-17. Then in the fourth, Kingston’s Crystal Shafor, who scored a team-high 8 points, opened the scoring in the final stanza to get her team within 22-19. However, Deckerville held the North Central Thumb League Stars Division champions scoreless for the final 6 minutes to earn victory. Deckerville’s Tiffany Rich recorded game scoring honors with 9 points.

last Tuesday in Reese. And the result led to the Red Hawks’ first conference championship since 2001. While a win in either of the team’s finale 2 regular season games ensured Cass City a piece of the Greater Thumb West crown, Coach Aaron Fernald’s squad used a nail biting win over the Rockets to snag undisputed league honors. With the 45-41 victory, champs Cass City improved to 10-1 in the GTW, while runner-up Reese slips to 7-3. For much of the season Cass City has relied on its big 3 – Cody Orban, Cole Israelson, and Collin Hartwick – to pave the way on the offensive end of the court. At Reese, however, it was junior Jacob Perry who paced the winners scoring a game-high 14 points before being lifted up onto the shoulders of the Red Hawk student body in celebration of the school’s first league championship in over a decade. Reese trailed 19-18 at the halfway point, but used a 13-8 scoring advantage after the intermission to merge in front 31-27. The Rockets then increased their margin to 8 points in the final quarter before the champions came roaring back. Hartwick sandwiched a pair of treys around a Perry offensive put-back and suddenly the game was even at 35-35. The winners then used an old-fashion 3-point play from Orban and a bucket in the paint from Israelson, who was on a receiving end of a fast break pass from Perry, to go on top 40-37. Still, a pair of free throws by Cody Peyok had Reese within a point, 42-41, with 36 seconds showing on the clock. But Reese fouled Cass City’s best foul shooter and Hartwick made both ends of a one-and-one situation to extend the gap to 44-41, before Curtis Dickinson’s added to the game’s final tally and Cass City fans rushed onto the court.

For Cass City, joining Perry in double figures, were Orban with 13 points and Israelson with 10. Peyok’s 11 points were tops for Reese.

VASSAR
Cass City ran its win streak to 9 games Thursday with a 42-33 victory over guests Vassar in the regular season finale for both schools. A fast start had Cass City leading 13-5, only to see the Vulcans hold their hosts to an Orban trey in period 2, which ended in a 16-16 tie. Both teams added 10 points in the third period, before Cass City tightened the screws on its zone defense machine in the final 8 minutes to outscore Vassar 16-7 to the final whistle. Orban and Israelson finished in double figures for the winners, netting 13 and 11 points, respectively. Stephen Bragg scored 11 points in vain for Vassar.
CASS CITY – Orban 2-2 (3-3) 13; Hartwick 0-1 (2-2) 5; Perry 6-0 (2-2) 14; Ross 1-0 (0-0) 2; Dickinson 0-0 (1-1) 1; Israelson 5-0 (0-0) 10. TOTALS – 14-3 (8-8) 45.
REESE – Frost 2-0 (0-0) 4; Fuerst 2-1 (1-1) 8; Janson 1-1 (3-4) 8; Van Petten 1-0 (1-1) 3; Peyok 2-2 (1-4) 11; Naert 3-0 (1-2) 7. TOTALS – 11-4 (7-12) 41.
CASS CITY – Orban 1-3 (2-2) 13; Hartwick 1-0 (2-2) 4; Perry 1-1 (1-2) 6; Ross 2-0 (0-0) 4; Dickinson 2-0 (0-0) 4; Israelson 3-0 (5-7) 11. TOTALS- 10-4 (10-13) 42.
VASSAR- Greaves 1-0 (2-4) 4; Bassett 4-0 (1-4) 9; Bragg 1-3 (0-0) 11; Palmer 0-0 (2-2) 2; Morrison 1-0 (4-5) 6; Humpert 1-0 (4-5) 6; Humpert 0-0 (1-2) 1. TOTALS – 7-3 (10-17) 33.



RED HAWK Shania Chambers takes aim on 2 of her team-high 13 points during the Class C district semifinal in Harbor Beach. Defending is EPBP’s Brooke Chaplinski.

# Lady Hawks bow in district semifinal

If ever a team looked ripe-for-the-picking, it was Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port in their Class C district semifinal game against Cass City. First off, the Lady Lakers entered Wednesday’s affair in Harbor Beach without starter Cassi Goglin. And when leading scorer Kayla Deering went down on a drive to the basket midway through the third quarter with an ankle injury, things couldn’t have looked much worse for Coach Jeff Etzel. That is until Laker Brittany Hatfield was sent to the bench moments later after collecting her fourth foul. That left the Lakers with just 6 players available for service. Cass City, however, couldn’t capitalize on the Lakers’ misfortunes and were unable to rebound from a 26-14 halftime deficit and entered the final 8 minutes trailing 40-18. Both teams traded punches down the stretch to make the final score 48-26. The Red Hawks stayed close throughout the opening half. They trailed just 6-3, before Tyonna Fahl’s first of 4 treys on the night had the Lakers up 6 entering the second quarter. The Lakers continued to use the 3-ball to pad their advantage at the halfway point. Mariah Cook and Fahl each hit twice from beyond the arc in the second, to offset the antics of Red Hawk junior guard Shania Chambers in the period. Chambers hit 2 long jump shots that put her team within 6 points, 20-14,

but Cass City would get no closer on the night. “Shania got into a nice rhythm on offense and was all over the place defensively, too,” Coach Haire said. Chambers recorded 13 points and 4 steals to pace Cass City, while Gracy Hollis added 8. For the Lakers, Fahl led all scorers with 14 points and Deering chipped in 10. Cass City loses 4 seniors in Hollis, Jocelynn Venema, Erica Kolacz and Nicole Boland. “I can’t say enough about our seniors. We didn’t have a lot of success on the court, but you would never know it by how hard all those girls worked this season,” said Haire. Adding, “They will all be missed going forward. We’ve got a lot of work ahead of us to turn things around. I knew going into the season we would have to pay our dues. Hopefully, better days are ahead for the Lady Red Hawks.” Cass City finishes with a record of 1-20.

CASS CITY – Chambers 5-1 (0-0) 13; Martin 0-0 (2-4) 2; Kolacz 0-0 (0-6) 0; Venema 1-0 (0-0) 2; Hollis 4-0 (0-2) 8; Milligan 0-0 (1-2) 1. TOTALS – 10-11 (3-14) 26.

EPBP – Chaplinski 3-0 (4-7) 10; Sweeney 0-0 (1-3) 1; Cook 1-2 (1-2) 9; Fahl 1-4 (0-2) 14; Hatfield 1-0 (2-6) 4; Deering 5-0 (0-2) 10. TOTALS – 11-6 (8-22) 48.



KINGSTON’S Elissa Chambers is hands-on defending Deckerville’s Karlee Shagena in Friday’s Class D district play.





THE 2013 CASS City girls’ bowling team members included, from the left, Taylor Spencer, Katie Hudson, Erin Moore, Kassie LaPonsie, Alexina Somerville and Coach Dora Potrykus.



THE 2013 CASS City boys’ bowling team members included: (front, l-r) Kyle Potrykus, Roy Vinson Jr. Chandler Cryderman, Robert Haley (back) Brock Thane, Zach Deitering, Coach Todd Potrykus, Sam Bootz. Missing are Zac Priestly, Tommy Lang, Alex Robertson, Watson Moore, Jean Luc Mathewson.

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## PALLAS

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Last Week's Results	12-1	11-2	10-3	7-6
Season's Results	179-74 (71%)	188-65 (74%)	163-90 (64%)	186-67 (74%)



CASS CITY had 4 gymnasts in regional action Saturday at Troy Anthes High School. Competing were Red Hawks, from the left, Miranda Spry, Dakota Wilson, Katie Hacker and Kendra Kerkau. Hacker earned a score of 8.825 with her floor exercise to place 8th and now advances to the state final meet at Plymouth-Canton High School. She is the first Lady Red Hawk since Caitlyn Sorenson in 2008 to advance out of regional play.

# BOWLING

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Team High Game & Series: Thumb Octagon Barn 575 (1632).  
Team High HDCP Game & Series: Thumb Octagon Barn 789 (2274).  
Splits: Marlene Sieradzki 2-7; Denise Guinther 2-7-8.  
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THE LATEST recipients of the Cass City Public School District’s coveted Red Hawk Award of Excellence are high school junior Anna Bagnall (left) and fourth grade student Abigail Phillips. The Cass City Board of Education honored both students during its regular monthly meeting in February.

# Bagnall, Phillips the latest Red Hawk award recipients

The Cass City Board of Education recently honored the latest recipients of the school district’s coveted Red Hawk Award of Excellence.

During the months of October, December, February and April, each school building staff is asked to nominate students for the award, which recognizes students for leadership, service, outstanding behavior, excellent academic performance, being most improved or other accomplishments in or outside of school.

The nominees and their families are invited to attend a regular meeting of the school board, when each recipient is presented with a maroon ribbon and certificate, and is congratulated personally by each member of the board of education.

The latest award winner from Cass City Junior-Senior High School is junior Anna Bagnall, the daughter of Jennifer and George Bagnall.

“Anna certainly demonstrates the 5 pillars of pride. She always comes to class prepared for the day’s activities. She is extremely respectful to her peers and elders. Even when she has been placed in difficult group situations, she maintains her composure,” teacher Linda Volz stated in her nomination letter.

“I know that I can always trust Anna to do the right thing,” Volz added. “In fact, she is one of the students listed on my sub material as a ‘go-to’ person. She is disciplined. Whenever she is absent, she makes sure to come in and get her missing assignments. Anna is also enthusiastic about her school work and her role as a Cass City Red Hawk.”

Receiving the award from Cass City Elementary School is fourth grade student Abigail Phillips, the daughter of John and Emily Phillips.

“Abby is an outstanding individual that I am grateful to have in my class this year. I have seen her work extremely hard to earn all A’s so far this year,” said teacher Robin Beckrow, who nominated Phillips for the honor.

“Not everything is always easy for her, but I have never seen her give up and quit,” Beckrow said. “She has a great inner strength that helps her to achieve outstanding accomplishments. Abby will be representing our class in this year’s Tuscola County Spelling Bee on March 7. I know she will put forth her best effort and I am extremely proud of her.

Beckrow added, “In the classroom, Abby always treats her classmates and me with respect and kindness. She is a very quiet person, but that doesn’t take away from the fact that she is thoughtful and full of great ideas. Any work that I receive from Abby is always beautifully done. She impresses me daily with her work ethic, kindness, motivation and responsibility.”

# Celebrating Tuscola’s Stars Committee still seeking names

The Celebrating Tuscola’s Stars Committee is observing 10 years of recognizing citizens who have contributed to their communities in small and large ways in an effort to make life better for others.

And they need your help.

Committee members are urging area residents to nominate individuals, businesses and organizations for this year’s honors.

“You may have noticed someone shoveling snow for their neighbor, driving someone to a doctor’s appointment, cooking a meal or visiting a nursing home. These are just a few simple examples,” explained committee member Rose Putnam.

“In addition, we will be honoring an employed individual that has consistently gone above and beyond the call of duty, (and) let’s not leave out our area businesses who help support our communities.

“We strongly believe in the value of volunteerism and will honor these ‘stars’ at a celebration that will be held Thursday, April 19. The annual breakfast, sponsored by the Tuscola County Community Foundation, the Tuscola County Human Services Coordinating Council, and Tuscola 2020 Inc., will begin at 7:30 a.m. at the Tuscola Technology Center in Caro.

All nominees will be honored at that time with certificates and lapel pins. The finalist in each category will be announced and presented with “Celebrating Tuscola’s Stars” awards.

More information about submitting a nomination is available by contacting Susan Walker at (989) 550-8283 or (989) 673-8283, or by emailing her at [susanwalker@yahoo.com](mailto:susanwalker@yahoo.com), or by emailing Lila Dereen at [ldereen@tuscolaisd.org](mailto:ldereen@tuscolaisd.org).

# Gallery set to feature Marilyn Biefer’s work

Artistic Endeavors Gallery in Cass City will feature the work of area artist Marilyn Biefer Friday, March 8. The event will include a reception from 6 to 8 p.m. with music provided by The Eclectic Junction.

Every second Friday of the month the Cass City gallery will feature the artistic talents of one of its own members. The schedule includes the work of Mimi Nicol, Friday, April 12; Judy Hoelzle, Friday, May 10; and Jessi Severance, Friday, June 14.

A collection of food items including a bag of chips, a carton of milk, and a bag of Mr. Goodenough cereal.

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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, Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00AM on March 21, 2013.

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

Part of the Northwest quarter of Section 27, Town 14 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.

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Dated: 2/20/2013

Flagstar Bank, FSB  
Assignee of Mortgagee

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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 28, 2013.

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

Commencing at the Northeast corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 31, Town 13 North, Range 10 East, thence South 40 rods, thence West 8 rods, thence North 40 rods, thence East 8 rods to the place of beginning.

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

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

Dated: February 27, 2013

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gary L. Cryderman Jr. and Jodi L. Cryderman, His Wife, original mortgagors, to Flagstar Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated August 28, 1997, and recorded on August 29, 1997 in Liber 718 on Page 1452, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Eight and 82/100 Dollars (\$48,478.82).

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 28, 2013.  
Said premises are situated in Township of Wells, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 7 of Foster Dam Subdivision, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 32. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of

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

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00AM on April 4, 2013.

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

Part of the South half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 4, Town 12 North, Range 7 East, described as: Beginning distant South 200.00 feet along the East line of said Section 4 from the Northeast corner of the South half of the said Southeast Quarter; (said Place of Beginning situated South 1518.29 feet along said East Section line from the East Quarter corner of said Section 4); thence, from said Place of Beginning, South 185.00 feet along said East Section line; thence West 185.00 feet; thence North 74.00 feet; thence East 34.00 feet; thence North 111.00 feet; thence East 151.00 feet to the place of beginning. Commonly known as 1398 Bradford Road, Reese, MI 48757.

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: 3/06/2013

CitiMortgage, Inc.  
Assignee of Mortgagee

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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, Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00AM on April 4, 2013.

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

The East 10 Acres of the Southwest one quarter Northeast one quarter of Section 10, Town 12 North, Range 10 East, Wells Township, Tuscola County Michigan. Commonly known as 3855 Frankford Rd., Caro, MI 48723.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 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: 3/06/2013

Flagstar Bank, FSB  
Assignee of Mortgagee

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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 in said Tuscola County, where the premises to be sold or some part of them are situated, at 10:00 AM on April 4, 2013.

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

Lots 5 and 6, block 12, Blackman's plat to the Village of Reese, a cording to the plat thereof recorded in liber 29, page 188 of plats, Tuscola County records. Commonly known as: 1938 Hudson St.

If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 6.00 months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later.

If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year.

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

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

Dated: March 6, 2013

Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C.  
Attorneys for U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for the registered holders of Aegis Asset Backed Securities Trust, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-5  
43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180  
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302  
248-335-9200  
Case No. 130MI00065-1

3-6-4

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

TO ALL CREDITORS: Please take notice that WAYNE D. CREASON and BERTHA J. CREASON, Trustees of the CREASON LIVING TRUST dated November 11, 2003, of 138 E. Darbee Road, Caro, Michigan 48723, passed away on August 5, 2011 and May 11, 2011, respectively.

Creditors of the decedents are notified that all claims against the Trust of the decedents as Trustees will be forever barred unless presented to Diana L. Creason and Randy S. Creason, Successor Trustees, c/o Duane E. Burgess, Attorney at Law, 121 W. Grant Street, Suite 2, Caro, Michigan 48723, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Notice is further given that the Trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled according to the terms of the Trust.

Dated: February 27, 2013

DIANA L. CREASON and RANDY S. CREASON  
Successor Trustees  
138 E. Darbee Road  
Caro, MI 48723

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

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Christopher Kidd and Jennifer Kidd  
9044 Birch Run Road  
Millington, MI 48746  
TUSCOLA COUNTY

You are informed as follows:

You have the right to request a meeting with DORT FEDERAL CREDIT UNION. The contact person is GEORGE RASHID 810-244-6636.

You may contact a housing counselor by visiting the

Michigan state housing development authority's website, www.michigan.gov/mshda, or by calling the Michigan state housing development authority at 313-456-3540.

You have the right to contact an attorney. The state bar of Michigan lawyer referral service phone number is 1-800-968-0738.

DATED: 3-6-13

Butler, Butler & Rowse-Oberle, P.L.L.C.  
Kenneth C. Butler II (P 28477)  
24525 Harper St.  
Clair Shores, MI 48080  
586-777-0770

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*Notice of*  
**BOARD OF REVIEW**  
*For*  
**Elkland Township**  
Will Be Held  
**March 11, 2013** 9 a.m.-12 & 1-4 p.m.  
**March 12, 2013** 1-4 & 6-9 p.m.  
**at 6691 Church St., Cass City**  
**Dan Erla, Supervisor**

*Notice of*  
**BOARD OF REVIEW**  
*for* **Ellington Township**  
*will be held*  
**March 11, 2013** 1:30-4:30 p.m. & 6-9 p.m.  
**March 12, 2013** 8:30-11:30 a.m. & 1-4:30 p.m.  
*Tentative Equalization Factor:*

	Multiplier	Ratio
Agricultural	1.1743	42.58
Commercial	1.0081	49.60
Residential	1.1628	43.00
Personal	1.0000	50.00

**Ellington Township Hall, corner of M-81 & Dutcher roads**  
**Duane Lockwood, Supervisor**

*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
Personal	1.0000	50.00

**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**

**BUDGET MEETING**  
*for*  
**ELKLAND TOWNSHIP**  
*will be held before the Regular Meeting*  
**Monday, March 11th at 6:30 p.m.**  
*at the Elkland Township Fire Hall*  
*6691 Church St., Cass City*  
  
*Ed LaBelle*  
*Elkland Township Clerk*



# Legal Notices

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE IN THE MILITARY, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER LISTED BELOW.

MORTGAGE SALE – Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by John M. Anger and Jennifer Anger, Husband and Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Flagstar Bank, FSB its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 30, 2008 and recorded October 2, 2008 in Liber 1159 Page 237 Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to Flagstar Bank, FSB, by assignment dated January 18, 2013 and recorded January 29, 2013 in Liber 1270, Page 1005, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Dollars and Twenty-Four Cents (\$68,670.24) including interest 7.75% per annum.

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

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

Lots 14 and 15, Block 3 of Charles Montague's Subdivision to the Village of Caro, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1, Page 11 A. Commonly known as 146 Alexander St., Caro MI 48723.

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 600.3241(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: 2/13/2013

Flagstar Bank, FSB  
Assignee of Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.  
811 South Blvd., Suite 100  
Rochester Hills, MI 48307  
(248) 844-5123  
Our File No: 13-75492

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

MORTGAGE SALE – Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by JOEL ANGLE and TRISTA ANGLE, HUSBAND AND WIFE, ALSO KNOWN AS JOEL R. ANGLE AND TRISTA K. ANGLE, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 18, 2006, and recorded on November 3, 2006, in Liber 1101, on Page 209, and assigned by said mortgagee to FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Six Dollars and Forty-Two Cents (\$57,766.42), including interest at 7.000% 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 THAT IS NORTH 90 DEGREES EAST 507.13 FEET FROM THE NORTH 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 34, TOWN 11 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST; THENCE SOUTH 15 DEGREES 25 MINUTES EAST 164.93 FEET; THENCE NORTH 90 DEGREES WEST 172.51 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES EAST 150 FEET; THENCE NORTH 90 DEGREES EAST 180 FEET; THENCE NORTH 09 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 55 SECONDS EAST 124.78 FEET; THENCE NORTH 15 DEGREES 25 MINUTES WEST 192.75 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 90 DEGREES WEST 20 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 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.

FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB  
Mortgagee/Assignee

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.  
23938 Research Drive, Suite 300  
Farmington Hills, MI 48335  
FSB.005059 USDA

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Gary Knapp and Marsha Knapp, A Married Man, Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Mortgagee, dated the 19th day of February, 2004 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 11th day of March, 2004 in Liber 983 of Tuscola County Records, page 1318, said Mortgage having been assigned to BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP, f/k/a Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Seventy Six Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Two & 77/100 (\$76,682.77), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 14th day of March, 2013 at 10:00 AM o'clock Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance of the

Courthouse in Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 5.750% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

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

THE NORTH 10 ACRES OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 1, TOWN 10 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST, ARBELA TOWNSHIP, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale. Pursuant to MCLA 600.3278, the mortgagor(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: 2/13/2013

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.  
Successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP, f/k/a Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP  
Mortgagee

FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C.  
Attorney for BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP, f/k/a Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP  
888 W. Big Beaver, Suite 800  
Troy, MI 48084  
248-362-2600  
BOA FHA KnappGa

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MORTGAGE SALE – Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by BOB W. REDMOND, A SINGLE MAN AND DEBRA J. KIDD, AS JOINT TENANTS, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 27, 2001, and recorded on August 3, 2001, in Liber 840, on Page 205, and assigned by said mortgagee to JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SBM TO CHASE HOME FINANCE, LLC, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Four Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars and Eighty-Eight Cents (\$54,348.88), including interest at 7.500% per annum.

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

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

Commencing at a point 260 feet North of the Southeast corner of the North half of the Southeast quarter, Section 10, Town 12 North, Range 11 East, thence West 400 feet; thence North 400 feet; thence East 400 feet; thence South 400 feet to the point of beginning. Right of Way for Englehart Road over the Easterly side thereof. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 600 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SBM TO CHASE HOME FINANCE, LLC  
Mortgagee/Assignee

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.  
23938 Research Drive, Suite 300  
Farmington Hills, MI 48335  
JPMC.001270 FNMA

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Danny L. Steinmann and Mishelle J. Steinmann, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 16, 2006 and recorded July 14, 2006 in Liber 1088, Page 193, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee for Structured Asset Investment Loan Trust Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-BNC3 by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventeen Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-One and 50/100 Dollars (\$117,391.50) 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 a.m. on 03/14/2013.

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

Lot 11, Foster Dam Subdivision, Wells Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 32, 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 mort-

gage 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, P.C.  
Attorneys for Servicer  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007-5041  
File No. 306.4182

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

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  
Troy, MI 48007  
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

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.  
23938 Research Drive, Suite 300  
Farmington Hills, MI 48335  
JPMC.000779 FNMA

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lisa Hubbard, a married woman joined by her spouse, Ronald Hubbard, A/K/A Ronald W. Hubbard, original mort-

gagors, 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

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:  
FC S (248) 593-1304  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200  
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525  
File #419566F01

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John M. Novak, a single person, original mortgagor, to Standard Federal Bank, Mortgagee, dated January 25, 1999 and recorded on February 11, 1999 in Liber 762 on Page 1185, and assigned by said Mortgagee to CitMortgage, Inc. as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-One Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-One and 45/100 Dollars (\$61,221.45).

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 odd of the North side thereof, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 29, now being Page 30A.

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# Homecoming

## Former exchange student from Germany visiting Smith

**by Tom Montgomery  
Editor**

Lars Weigmann calls Eastern Germany home, but he looks — and sounds — every bit the American, sitting with Cass City’s Gail Smith at a local restaurant and enjoying a bite to eat on a Thursday afternoon.

That’s no surprise, considering Weigmann has returned to the Thumb a number of times since his days as an exchange student in Cass City back in 2009. At the time, he

was supposed to spend a year living with Smith and attending classes at Cass City High School, but his age — he was just 15 — in combination with a severe case of homesickness, prompted him to head back home after 6 months.

“Now, I can’t get rid of him,” joked Smith, a veteran host mom who has been active in the ASSE foreign exchange student program for years.

Weigmann speaks flawless English without even a hint of German accent, partly the result of having

studied the language since the first grade. He also speaks some Russian. The 19-year-old hails from Hohenthurm, a village of about 2,500 people near the city of Halle. He’s currently in his freshman year at the University of Leipzig, where he’s majoring in American studies.

“This is a field trip,” Smith said, chuckling. She noted Weigmann is spending a week with her and will spend another week with her son, Ryan Carron-Smith, at his Clawson area home.

“It’s fun (having him back). Of course, Lars has been here many times. His room is ready. He knows the ropes,” she said.

“I just wanted to be back” in Cass City, Weigmann said of his decision to return to the Thumb for a visit. “Actually, my whole family visited in 2011, and I didn’t have a chance to get back last year, so I decided it was time to come back.”

Weigmann indicated his first impressions of America as a teen have stuck with him over the years. “Obviously I like it here a lot. It’s like my second home, so to speak,” he said, adding Americans tend to be more friendly — culturally more open to welcoming strangers — than in his native Germany.

And he still recalls the many “firsts” he experienced while sharing Smith’s home — his first American Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas, and the local high school’s homecoming celebration.

Weigmann has also been enjoying some firsts back home in Germany, including getting his driver’s license after he turned 18. The process is more drawn out and expensive in Germany, where he was required to attend a series of night classes. “I started in March and finished in May,” he recalled, noting driving privileges come with a hefty price

tag — 1,400 Euros, or about \$1,700.

Weigmann enjoys sharing what’s going on in his life with Smith. They both have plenty in common, including a shared believe that student exchange programs benefit both the participating students and their American hosts.

“Of course, you become more independent. You’re away from home, you’re on your own, you know you can do it,” Weigmann said. “You also learn more from negative experiences like homesickness.”

“The one thing I think Lars had going for him is he wanted to come” to the United States, Smith said.

Weigmann clearly has an attachment to his home away from home, and Smith wouldn’t have it any other way.

“He’s my buddy. Our whole family feels like he’s another member,” commented Smith, whose interaction with a number of foreign students over the years has reinforced, for her, the value of getting to know young people from other countries without focusing on their nationalities.

It’s a lot more difficult to bear any sort of ill-will towards someone from another culture when you’ve had the opportunity to get to know them as a person, she added. “That’s really what the foreign exchange student program is all about.”



CASS CITY’S GAIL Smith enjoys lunch Thursday afternoon with one of her former foreign exchange students, Lars Weigmann of Hohenthurm, Germany, who is spending a couple of weeks in Michigan visiting with Smith and her family.

# Obituaries

### Douglas Howell

Douglas James Howell, 73, of Cass City, died following a long illness, Friday, March 1, 2013 in his home.

He was born Dec. 1, 1939 in Cass City, the son of Grant and Jessie (Allison) Howell.

He married Nancy Lou McComb Oct. 10, 1959 in Caro.

Doug attended Cass City Public Schools. He joined the Air Force in 1957 where he was an airplane mechanic. He later worked as a well driller, a business he inherited from his father. In 2009, Doug retired from the DNR after 21 years of service. While employed by the DNR, he worked in the wildlife division tracking wildlife, census counting and planting wildlife vegetation. He also helped build boxes for wood ducks with local boy scouts. Doug loved the outdoors, especially walking in the woods, picking morels, fishing, hunting with his friend Steve and tinkering in his shop. Doug loved a good Western movie, especially those featuring John Wayne. All of his grandchildren were special to him, but he loved spending time with his great grandson and buddy, Joey.

Doug is survived by his wife, Nancy; children: Louise Ponder of

Cass City, Grant Howell of Cass City, Robert (Mary) Howell of Caro, Becky Dibble of Cass City, Doug Howell, Jr. of Caro, and Mike Howell of St. Charles; 19 grandchildren; 24 great grandchildren; a brother, Robert Howell of Niceville, Fla.; sisters: Mona (Keith) Emerson of Livonia, Judy (Bill) Bryden of Falls Church, Va., and Janice Swenny of Vacaville, Calif.; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers: William and John; and a sister, Peg.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 5, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Bishop James Fader of New Hope Ministries officiating.

Interment was in the Ellington Township Cemetery.

Military honors were under the direction of the Cass City VFW Post #3644.

Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at [www.kranzfuneralhome.com](http://www.kranzfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

### Jane Wass

Jane Marie Wass, 57, of Cass City, died unexpectedly Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2013 in her home.

She was born July 7, 1955 in Cass City, the daughter of Frank and Mae (Karr) White.

Jane graduated from Cass City High School in 1973. At one time Jane worked for Gilligan’s Restaurant as a bartender. She later worked for Parkway party store and Shell Gas Station and party store as a clerk. Jane’s last job was with Deckerville Die-Form Company. Jane enjoyed sewing. She would often help neighbors and family with alterations. She enjoyed cross stitch embroidery and needlepoint. Jane also enjoyed keeping in touch with family and friends on Facebook. But one of Jane’s greatest loves was baking and cooking. She made the best peanut butter cookies. Many neighbors and friends reaped the benefits of sharing her treats.

Jane is survived by her daughter, Rebecca Wass of Cass City; brothers: Kenneth (Marie) White of Elkton, Thomas White of Las Vegas, Nev., Robert (Barb) White of Cass City, and Duane (Sally) White of Birch Run; sisters: Joann (Roger) Martindale of Gagetown, Lisa Mester of Cass City, and Fran Sampson of Bay City; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, March 9, in the Owen-Gage High School Cafeteria, Owendale, with the Rev. Kyle Boils of Gagetown Nazarene Church officiating.

Interment was in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to Family Discretionary Fund.

Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at [www.kranzfuneralhome.com](http://www.kranzfuneralhome.com).

Visitation is scheduled for 10 to 11 a.m., Saturday, March 9, in the Owen-Gage High School Cafeteria, Owendale.

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