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Feds reward state police, sheriff with forfeiture \$

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Federal officials offered more than lip service when they gathered at the Michigan State Police post in Caro Thursday to congratulate troopers and representatives of the Huron County Sheriff's Department for a job well done.

They also came bearing gifts in the form of checks totaling more than a quarter million dollars, representing a share of forfeiture proceeds stemming from the prosecution of the owners of a large Huron County dairy farm who employed dozens of illegal aliens in 2007.

Acting Special Agent in Charge William Hayes, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Detroit, presented the checks

— \$250,652 to the Caro post and \$35,807 to the Huron County Sheriff's Department — during a press conference, saying federal investigators appreciate and recognize the important contribution state and local law enforcement agencies made in the investigation and successful prosecution of Aquila Farms near Bad Axe, which was staffed almost exclusively with illegal aliens.

"HSI is proud to recognize the key role that our equally important county and state law enforcement partners played in bringing this significant worksite enforcement investigation to a successful resolution," Hayes said. "These funds will allow the Michigan State Police and the Huron County Sheriff's Office to continue the excellent work they do

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WILLIAM HAYES, special agent in charge of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), Detroit, presents checks for \$250,652 and \$35,807, respectively, to First Lt. Mitch Krugielki, commander of the Michigan State Police Post in Caro (on the right in photo at left) and Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson (top, right).

Sanilac man arrested for attempted murder

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A Sanilac County man was scheduled to appear in court early this week on a charge of attempted murder after firing shots at a Marion Township residence over the weekend.

According to Sanilac County Sheriff Garry Biniecki, the Marion Township suspect was taken into custody during the early morning hours Sunday at the home, located in the 2500 block of Mills Road.

"Central dispatch received a domestic disturbance call...at approximately 1:50 a.m.," Biniecki reported, noting the caller stated the domestic dispute involved use of a firearm and that shots had been fired.

Deputies arrived to find what they described as an intoxicated 52-year-old male attempting to flee the scene in a vehicle after firing a shotgun at his wife and her ex-husband.

"Deputies performed a felony traffic stop on the suspect vehicle near the driveway of the residence, and the suspect was taken into custody without incident," Biniecki said. "The shotgun was recovered at the scene and it was determined that shots had been fired but no one was struck.

The suspect was transported to the Sanilac County Jail, where he was being held on multiple charges, including attempted murder, assault with intent to commit murder, possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony, and possession of a firearm while intoxicated.

Bond was set at \$500,000 cash for the suspect, whose name was not released pending his formal arraignment in Sanilac County District Court.

With Supplier of Excellence Award

Polaris honors Walbro team

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Walbro Engine Management employees in Cass City should take a bow, according to officials at Polaris Industries, who recently presented Walbro with its award of excellence.

"Polaris is thrilled to president Walbro with the Supplier of

Excellence Award for Outstanding Performance in 2012. Walbro has demonstrated outstanding performance in terms of quality, cost competitiveness, on-time delivery and flexibility," commented Mark McGeary, purchasing manager for Polaris Industries Inc. "We greatly appreciate the hard work and dedication of the entire Walbro team members who have contributed to this achievement."

The award was given in recognition of Walbro Engine Management's superior performance as a supplier of fuel storage and delivery systems manufactured for Polaris ATV, Side

x Side, and snowmobile vehicles at its Cass City facility.

"We are honored to have the opportunity to work with Polaris and proud to be recipients of this prestigious award of excellence," said Chris Quick, general manager of Global Recreation Marine/Fuel Systems, Walbro Engine Management.

"Our team is extremely customer-focused and strives to be the best at design, development and ongoing delivery of quality fuel systems," Quick added. "The team has worked hard at developing efficient, flexible

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Practice makes perfect...

CASS CITY JUNIOR-Senior High School all-school play senior cast members take some time out to discuss the script for their upcoming performances of "Peter Panic", Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 15-17. Pictured above are (back row, from left), Jacob Kittle, Heiko Thuum (exchange student), Mishelle Powell, Katie Spencer, Theron Bogart, (sitting, from left) Misha Clark, Stacey McArthur and Rianna McConnell. (See story, page 9)

Huron man fires gun, wounded by trooper

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A Huron County man suffered a gunshot wound during a confrontation with village, county and state police last week in the village of Sebewaing.

Troopers at the Michigan State Police post in Caro reported the incident unfolded Tuesday at about 7:30 p.m. when Huron County Central Dispatch received a 911 call regarding a "shots fired" call near the 100 block of Fyng Street.

The Sebewaing Police Department along with Huron County Sheriff's deputies and troopers from the Caro post responded to the call. "The victim from the initial call ran to safety without injury. As law enforcement officials were establishing a perimeter of the area, the suspect exited the residence and fired several times.

Officers returned fire, striking the suspect," said First Lt. Mitch Krugielki, commander of the Caro post.

Krugielki said it was believed the suspect's injuries were not life threatening. No law enforcement officers were injured during the incident.

The Sebewaing Police Department is investigating a felonious assault report that occurred when the initial call came in to central dispatch, according to Krugielki, who noted the Caro post is investigating the shooting involving the suspect and law enforcement officers. The state police Crime Lab is also involved in the investigation of both incidents.

"In compliance with department policy, the trooper involved in the shooting was placed on administrative leave while the incident remains under investigation," Krugielki said.



Meg's Peg



by
Melva E. Guinther

I wish I had printed the picture and caption our son Mark posted on Facebook, but I don't know how and Mark's gone home to California.

Anyway, it showed one of the many trash cans he hauled out to the curb while helping us clear out the "stuff" that's filled our house over the past 46 years. Sticking out of the barrel was a pair of legs, complete with pants, socks and shoes. It looked like an over-eager dumpster diver.

The caption read "Grandma should have been more specific when she told the movers to toss out any old thing that's been lying around the house for years. We're going to miss Grandpa."

The legs were remnants of a "Little Stanley" skit we did many years ago when we were more energetic.

I also came across the props we used in another humorous "Bigger and Better" skit. Since we aren't likely to be repeating that one either, I guess it's time to toss them (except for the very biggest and best, Baby Doll Al Hutchinson. We'll leave him hanging around.)

We discovered a whole lot of interesting things in preparing for our move to Ohio. Some of them were probably here before we were. Among them were a Mac & Scotty bottle containing some petrified red substance and a bottle of Gambles machine oil.

We also came across a 3-cent postcard and a 5-cent first class postage stamp.

Among my dad's papers we found his draft notice and his army discharge papers from 1919. Interesting stuff.

I was all set to discard a 4-quart pressure cooker that I used before we were married when I lived at Severns' rooming house with a hot plate for cooking. Then I recalled how tender a roast cooked in that pot turned out. (One time I even invited my fellow roomies to dinner.)

Well, I decided to find out if it was possible to get a new sealing ring for it. Even as a frugal individual, I realized that a rubber ring would probably not be effective after 55 years of disuse. Surprisingly, it wasn't hard to find one, so I popped a comparatively cheap cut of meat into the pressure cooker and it turned out fine.

Another interesting item found was a collection of mimeographed (Yes, I believe they were mimeographed) silly songs set to the tunes of well-known melodies. Having no idea where they came from originally, I can't give due credit.

Here's an example (to the tune of "Stouthearted Men")

Give me some men who are fat-bellied men who will fight for their right to be slim.
Large, hulking slobs who will work off their blobs in a pool, on a track, in a gym – ugh!
Grunting and huffing and wheezing and puffing, they run and they jump and they swim!
When – they've taken off 2 pounds and shout how good they feel,
Then – fat-bellied men go home and eat a 6-course meal.

Man! I'm glad I didn't lose that treasure!

The greatest deterrent to sorting and packing is getting sidetracked by the old things you haven't seen in a long time and diverted from the task at hand. Unfortunately, I'm easily distracted, so the progress is pretty slow. Nevertheless, we're hoping to be done and ready to leave by early April.



Lauren and Jeremy Jurgess

Ruthko and Jurgess exchange marriage vows in Bad Axe

Lauren Beth Ruthko and Jeremy Allen Jurgess were united in marriage Nov. 3, 2012 at the First Presbyterian Church, Bad Axe, with the Rev. Kenneth Dietzel performing the double ring ceremony.

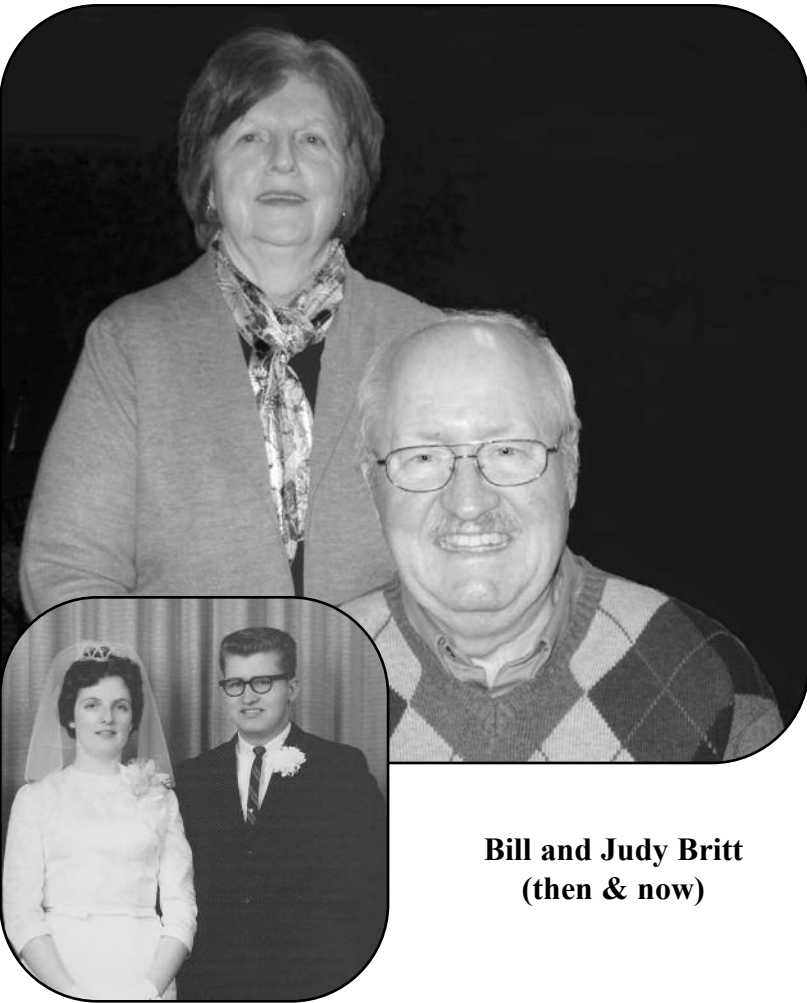
Lauren is the daughter of Janice Sageman of Ubly, and Paul and Crystal Ruthko of Bad Axe. She is a graduate of Ubly High School and is a fifth grade teacher at Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Elementary School.

Jeremy is the son of Terry and Jeffrey Jurgess of Harbor Beach. He is a graduate of Harbor Beach High School and is self-employed as a farmer in the Verona area.

The matron of honor was Megan Lamke, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Justine Shields, Heather Briolat, Erica Helewski, Danielle Blaine, Linda Pike and Michelle Depcinski, all friends of the bride. The flower girl was Ciara Krohn, friend of the bride.

The best man was Daniel Behnke, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Josh and Jared Jurgess, brothers of the groom; Chad Maurer, Keith Wolschleger, Matt Stanke, Nathan Schock, Joel Kiehl, all friends of the groom; and David Lamke, brother-in-law of the groom. Ushers were Rob Behnke and Andrew Wood, both friends of the groom. Ring bearers were Drew Wood and Jackson Wolschleger, both friends of the groom.

A reception was held at The Verona Hills Golf Club following the ceremony. The couple enjoyed a honeymoon trip to Sedona, Ariz.



Bill and Judy Britt
(then & now)

Britts celebrate 50th wedding anniversary

Bill and Judy Britt recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, enjoying dinner together with their family. The former Judy Ann McIntosh and her husband, William Howard Britt, were married Feb. 22, 1963 at the Grant United Methodist Church. The couple began dating in 1959 after meeting at a mutual friend's birthday party.

Bill is a 1961 graduate and Judy is a 1962 graduate, both of Cass City High School. After receiving his education degree from Central Michigan University in 1965, Bill began to teach in the Owendale-Gagetown School District. He soon moved into administration within the district, spending most of his career as principal at the elementary school, and later became the K-12 principal, until he retired in 2002.

Judy spent many years providing childcare for numerous families, while being at home to raise her 4 daughters. She also worked at Kritzman's Clothing Store for many years, and later began at Kranz Funeral Home, where she is currently working.

Bill and Judy's daughters are Catherine (Jeff) Healy of Cass City, Christine (Martin) Boote of Manchester, Caren (James) Guc of Cass City, and Cori (Brad) Gniewek of Cass City. They are also blessed with 14 grandchildren, with another one on the way: Steven and Lauren Walther, Caitlyn and Ethan Healy; Logan, Landon, Dalton and Jocelyn Boote; Kirsten Guc and her sibling expected in September; Madilyn, Mason, Evelyn, Easton and Caralyn Gniewek.

The grandchildren wrote poems and a song, and made a video of special thoughts to honor their grandparents at the celebration.

Braun named to dean's list



Angela Braun

Angela Braun has been named to the dean's list for the 2012 fall term at Northwestern Michigan University.

She is a freshman majoring in business.

Braun is a 2012 graduate of Cass City High School. She is the daughter of Nancy Braun of Cass City.

Engaged



Ashley Jo Hendrick
and Jonathan Horton

Chuck and Kelli Hendrick of Decker announce the engagement of their daughter, Ashley Jo, to Jonathan Derek Horton, son of Steve and Sheila Kimball of Houston, Texas, and the late John Horton.

Ashley received her Master of Science Degree in occupational therapy from Saginaw Valley State University. Jonathan received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in sociology from Saginaw Valley State University.

A June 2013 wedding is currently being planned.

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In Our OPINION...

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Cancer screening may save your life

Probably few folks are interested in engaging in a conversation about colorectal cancer, but if more Michigan residents did broach the subject of screening for this silent killer, the state might not be ranked seventh in the nation in colorectal cancer deaths.

March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, and health officials are urging residents, especially those at high risk, to schedule a screening.

In a nutshell, most colorectal cancers can be traced back to “polyps”, mushroom-like growths in the inner walls of the colon and rectum. The longer a polyp goes undetected, the greater chance that it will become cancerous.

Risk factors include a personal or family history of colon cancer or pre-cancerous colon polyps, age (90 percent of cases involve adults ages 50 and older), an Eastern European (Ashkenazi) Jewish background, a diet high in animal fats and low in fiber, not being physically active, obesity, diabetes, smoking and heavy consumption of alcohol.

Early colorectal cancer often has no symptoms, which is why screening is so important. Advanced disease may cause symptoms such as blood in or on your stool, dark or black stool, stomach pain, a change in bowel habits, onset of constipation or diarrhea that lasts for more than a few days, and unexplained weight loss. Anyone who experiences such symptoms is urged to see their personal physician as soon as possible.

Don’t become a statistic. According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), in 2009 there were 405 diagnosed cases of colorectal cancer and 159 documented deaths in the Thumb area (Tuscola, Sanilac, Huron, Bay, Saginaw, and St. Clair counties).

Before you dismiss the idea of screening due to cost, we’d like to point out there is a free colorectal cancer screening program available to both men and women in the Thumb. Eligible candidates are 50 to 64 years of age, are at average or increased risk for colorectal cancer, are low income and/or have inadequate or no health insurance.

More information is available by calling the Huron County Health Department at (989) 269-9721 (ext.182).

While we’re at it, we’d like to note that the Huron County Health Department (serving residents with clinics throughout the Thumb area), also offers free breast and cervical cancer screening.

Officials project that more than 234,500 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed and more than 40,000 people will die from the disease in Michigan this year. New cervical cancer cases are projected at 12,340 for 2013, with more than 4,000 patients expected to die.

Those are sobering figures, but a diagnosis doesn’t have to mean a death sentence. For example, if breast cancer is diagnosed and treated early, the 5-year survival rate is more than 90 percent.

Those are the sort of numbers we can all live with.

Slices of Life

by Jill Pertler

Being left is all right

“Two wrongs don’t make a right, but three lefts do.” – Eric Parslow

Whether you’re turning a corner or signing your name, being left is hardly ever right. That’s because lefties are in the minority. Only about 10 percent of the population is left-handed.

At my house that computes to one out of six. Some of the time. More on that later.

Left-handedness tends to run in families, but not ours. At least not in the traditional, legalistic sense. I am a righty, through and through. We all are. My husband, his parents and siblings, my parents and siblings, our children – all northpaws, except for one son who writes with his non-right hand.

Various theories involving techniques of caveman hunters, left-brain, right-brain thinking and ancient artwork all hypothesize why the hand usage thing is so skewed. Even the majority of chimpanzees are right-handed, so it’s not a uniquely human mystery.

My son is in good company. There are lots of smart and successful left-handers – outside of baseball, even. Three of the last four U.S. presidents have been lefties. Albert Einstein and Leonardo (da Vinci, not DiCaprio) were southpaws. Even Bart Simpson is left-handed. At least he’s drawn that way.

Fame and fortune aside, left-handedness has not always been an accepted trait. In days gone by, back when the schoolmarm slapped students’ hands with a wooden ruler, left-handed children were taught (sometimes forced) to use their right hand. (They don’t call them the good old days for nothing.)

While we no longer coerce left-handed children to follow the right-handed path and instead accept their journey on the road less traveled, the intricacies of our language make one wonder. If you describe something as out in left field, it is strange, or off course. A person can be left for dead, in the lurch, out in the cold, holding the bag and in the dark – none of them desirable. And we all understand no child wants to be left behind. Ever.

Yet, a person who is right on the mark, or makes all the right moves is doing things... well, the right way. When all is right with the world, it is a good day. Righteous, even.

Some might write off these observations as insignificant, but I’m a true believer in the power of words. I’m not advocating for substantial changes in the way we speak; I simply want to make sure my southpaw son realizes how leftastic and leftraordinary he is.

Or isn’t.

True lefties do everything left-handed. My son writes with his left hand, but he completes a number of other tasks with his right. He holds a hockey stick and golf club like a right-hander. He throws left, bats right and holds a fork and spoon with his left hand.

This mishmash of right-left preference is called mixed-handedness or cross-dominance. In reality, my son is neither left nor right-handed, but a little of both.

No one is sure what makes a person left or mixed-handed. One line of thought, called the vanishing twin theory, suggests left-handed people were originally half of a mirror-image set of twins with the right-handed fetus failing to develop sometime during early pregnancy. The fact that twins have nearly twice the frequency of left-handedness helps bolster this idea. So, we always wondered whether our left-handed son originated as half of a set of twins. It was something we’d never know for sure.

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Until we tried finding a hockey stick for his younger, right-handed brother. We naturally gravitated to the right-handed hockey sticks. They didn’t work, because our youngest son uses a left-handed hockey stick. The same goes for golf, where he swings left. When throwing a ball, however, he is a righty.

In essence, wherever the older brother is left-handed, the younger brother is right, and vice versa. They are mirror images of one another, born six years apart – like twins who share everything, except a birthday. I find the coincidence intriguing and fascinating, or perhaps better put, leftriguing and leftcinating.

Some say it is a mixed up world. At our house, it is a mixed-handed world. We may be a little left of center, but for us it just feels right.

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Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Sunday’s prayer vigil at the Cass City Lions Club pavilion was attended by roughly 50 people, reports organizer Shelley deBeaubien.

“We prayed. Several people spoke about their experiences the last couple of months. One person said she was happy to live in this community, where there has been such an outpouring of support for her family as they have gone through a loss (recently),” deBeaubien said, noting, everyone thought it was a wonderful event and hopes the vigil becomes an annual event.

Laura Curtis, Director of Bands, reminds folks that her Cass City High School Jazz Band is putting on their annual Spaghetti Dinner and Performance later this month. The Spaghetti Dinner is Tuesday, March 26 from 5-7 p.m. with the Jazz Band performing from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Takeout is available. The cost is a donation. The fundraiser will take place in the high school cafeteria.

Northwood University, Midland, recently sent 2 Mock Trial teams to the University of Notre Dame Regional Tournament, sponsored by the American Mock Trial Association (AMTA). Both teams were successful.

One team sent to the competition by Northwood included Mandi Bartnik, a sophomore from Cass City. Her team won both ballots against Western Michigan University and the University of Wisconsin-Madison but lost their rounds against 2 separate University of Notre Dame teams.

While area residents enjoyed a taste of spring over the weekend, the Battel family was busy with another maple syrup campaign. The Cass City area clan, which has been tapping trees and boiling sap for 6 generations (131 years), posted the following note on its Facebook page Sunday: “Twelve gallons and 3 quarts canned today! The weather gave us a later-than-usual start, but forecasts say the season will run longer (this spring). We take what we get.”

Which reminds us, don’t forget about the “Maple Syrup Saturday Open House at Battel’s Sugar Bush”. The event is slated for Saturday, March 16, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Battel farm located at 7964 Daus Rd. (from the corner of M-53 and M-81, head 3 miles north, then 1 1/2 miles west).

The family has again extended an open invitation to the community: “Take a tour. Watch us boil. Walk the woods. Have a pancake. Try some fresh pure maple syrup. Dress warm. Wear your boots. Bring your family and friends. No charge; you’re our guest.”

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Wednesday, March 13

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.

Meatloaf Dinner, noon, Cass City United Methodist Church, 5100 Cemetery Rd. Cost: \$7. For takeouts, call 872-4604 and pick up between 11 a.m. & noon, or after 12:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 14

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

Caregiver Connection, 3:30 p.m., Country Gardens, Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon. For more information, call Marie at (989) 453-5222.

Friday, March 15

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

Fish Dinner, 4-7 p.m., Knights of Columbus Hall, Cass City. Adults \$8; children \$4; under 10 FREE.

Saturday, March 16

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.

Sunday, March 17

Brunch, 10 a.m.-noon, St. Agatha Catholic Church, Gagetown. \$7 or what you can afford.

Monday, March 18

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.

Tuesday, March 19

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.

Parkinson's Support Group meeting, 1:30 p.m., Holiday Inn Express, Bad Axe. For more information, call Kim at 1-800-843-6394 or Annette at (989) 864-3779.

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Circuit court news

Several charged with felonies

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

- Kenneth D. Howard 39, Clio, received a one-year delayed sentence following his plea of guilty to a charge of driving while his license was suspended or revoked, and his pleas of no contest to unlawfully driving away an automobile and conspiracy to commit unlawfully driving away an automobile July 12 in Arbela Township. He was ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,116.
- Timothy J. Wald, 50, Gagetown, was sentenced to 18 months to 4 years in prison following his plea of guilty to a charge of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Dec. 10 in Elmwood Township. He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$666.
- Elizabeth A. Webster, 32, Sturgis, pleaded no contest to one count of committing escape - aiding a prisoner charged with a felony May 8 in Indianfields Township. A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$10,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
- Tad B. Jones, 25, Mayville, pleaded no contest to charges of interfering with electronic communications and domestic violence Dec. 2 in Ellington Township. A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$10,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
- Benjamin A. Switek, 25, Saginaw, pleaded no contest to charges of second degree home invasion and conspiracy to commit larceny in a building Nov. 17 in Tuscola 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.
- Joseph A. Babcock, 18, Caro, received a one-year delayed sentence following his pleas of no contest to assault with a dangerous weapon and assault or assault and battery June 10 in Caro. He was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$968.

Federal agency shares forfeiture cash

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in the community.”

“The Michigan State Police at its core is a service organization. We have a long history of providing the highest quality of law enforcement services and public safety throughout Michigan,” said First Lt. Mitch Krugielki, commander of the Caro post.

“We recognize that this investigation was a direct result of the cooperative efforts of all agencies involved,” Krugielki added. “The Michigan State Police will continue to strive to work cooperatively with law enforcement partners in an effort to make our communities a safer place to live.”

Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson indicated his department shares the same goal, and he said the check presented Thursday is a welcome boost during a time when operating budgets are at a premium.

“The Huron County Sheriff’s Office is a small rural department with limited resources, some of which were used to assist with the HSI investigation into Aquila Farms,” Hanson said. “The asset forfeiture funds being awarded will help us to recover some of our investment by allowing us to update equipment, training facilities and community safety programs that may have not been possible due to budgetary constraints.”

The funds constitute a portion of the money obtained when the owners and the business itself, Aquila Farms LLC, were ordered to pay fines and court-ordered payments in lieu of forfeiture totaling more than \$2.7 million. The funds were distributed in accordance with HSI’s asset-forfeiture program, which applies to assets obtained as proceeds in con-

junction with criminal activity.

The case first made headlines in May 2007 when HSI special agents executed search warrants at the farm as part of an investigation that resulted in the administrative arrests of dozens of illegal aliens.

The state police’s involvement began in early 2007 when they provided the lead to HSI Detroit of suspected illegal activity at the farm. After HSI initiated an investigation, troopers and the sheriff’s department assisted in executing federal search and arrest warrants at the business owners’ home and at the farm on 3 separate occasions.

The owners were sentenced Nov. 8, 2011, to 3 years probation and ordered to pay fines totaling \$234,000 after pleading guilty to hiring illegal aliens and aiding and abetting each other to do so.

The company also pleaded guilty to harboring illegal aliens for commercial advantage or private financial gain, resulting in a sentence of probation for 5 years, a fine of \$500,000 and an order requiring the owners to make payments totaling \$2 million in lieu of forfeiture.

Hayes said the investigation revealed that the Bad Axe dairy operation employed 78 illegal aliens from 2000 through 2007, constituting nearly 75 percent of its workforce over that time period. “The company also failed to conduct the necessary inquiries to determine the employment eligibility of their workforce as required by federal immigration laws,” noted.

WORKSITE PROBES

According to Hayes, effective worksite enforcement plays an important role in the fight against illegal immigration. HSI has developed a comprehensive worksite enforcement strategy that promotes national security, protects critical infrastructure and targets employers who violate employment laws or engage in abuse or exploitation of workers, he said.

He added that an effective worksite enforcement strategy must address both employers who knowingly hire

illegal workers and the workers themselves.

In worksite cases, HSI investigators look for evidence of mistreatment of workers along with evidence of trafficking, smuggling, harboring, visa fraud, identification document fraud, money laundering and other related criminal conduct. They also obtain indictments, criminal arrests and search warrants, or a commitment from a U.S. attorney’s office to prosecute a targeted employer before arresting employees for civil immigration violations at a worksite.

Hayes said HSI also works with the private sector to educate employers about their responsibilities to hire only authorized workers, and how to accurately verify employment eligibility through tools such as the IMAGE program.

“Undocumented workers create vulnerabilities in today’s marketplace by presenting false documents to gain employment, completing applications for fraudulent benefits, and stealing identities of legal U.S. workers. To combat this, ICE initiated the IMAGE program in 2006,” Hayes explained. “As part of the IMAGE program, ICE provides employers with education and training on proper hiring procedures, including use of employment screening tools such as E-Verify. IMAGE-certified employers also undergo an audit of their I-9 forms to ensure current employees are eligible to work in the United States.”

Employers that are certified with ICE through the IMAGE program pledge to maintain a secure and stable workforce and curtail the employment of unauthorized workers through outreach and education. ICE recently revamped IMAGE, simplifying program requirements.

All IMAGE members must participate in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) E-Verify employment eligibility verification program. Through this program, employers can verify that newly-hired workers are eligible for employment in the United States. The Internet-based system is available throughout the nation and is free to employers.

Polaris honors Walbro employees

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Thumb wolverine exhibit in Lansing

Sen. Mike Green will be joined Tuesday, March 12, by special guests Sen. Phil Pavlov and Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Director Keith Creagh in unveiling “The Lone Wolverine” traveling exhibit to Michigan legislators, staff and visitors, at 9:30 a.m. in the ground floor rotunda of the Capitol.

The exhibit showcases Michigan’s last known wolverine. For more than 200 years, the last verified sighting of a wolverine in Michigan was commonly believed to be by fur traders around the turn of the 18th century. That all changed in February 2004 when the exhibited wolverine was discovered by a group of coyote hunters in Huron County.

The wolverine was tracked during its life in the Thumb by Jeff Ford, an area high school science teacher. Ford captured photos and videos of the wolverine and documented its movements until it was found deceased in 2010. Ford’s efforts are highlighted in a book, “The Lone Wolverine,” written by Elizabeth Philips Shaw.

Serving as chairman of the Senate Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee, Green worked with the DNR to showcase the wolverine in a traveling exhibit.

“I am honored to help unveil the exhibit of this impressive creature in the Capitol leg of its tour,” Green said. “Although we’re not sure of the exact origin of the wolverine, the fact that it came to the Thumb and was able to thrive in a state game area for so long is a testament to the strength of Michigan’s natural resources and the supporting programs and policies.

“This exhibit serves as a powerful educational tool about the need for conservation and proper wildlife management.”

The exhibit will be on display in the state Capitol through March 15, after which it will continue its statewide tour before returning to its permanent location at the Bay City State Recreation Area in Bay City.

For more information regarding the unveiling, visit www.statesenatormikageen.com or call Green’s office at (517) 373-1777. The 31st Senate District includes Arenac, Bay, Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola counties.

Reporter’s notebook

Average American? Politicians clueless

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

She could barely scrape up enough change to buy a gallon of gasoline. This young mom dug into her purse as she stood at the counter of a convenience store in Cass City recently, handing the clerk close to \$4 in hopes that she would have enough fuel to get her and her youngster to their destination. The clerk pitched in a few dollars of her own and told the young woman not to worry about it.

True story.

Is there anything more heartbreaking?

For the record, the clerk didn’t tell me this story, and I doubt she would have. But, I did hear it firsthand. I just happened to be standing nearby, minding my own business. Okay, so I was listening in (hey, I’m a reporter; I’m paid to be nosy).

I returned to work and, on the way, heard bits and pieces of a news story regarding how the “average American” will be affected by this country’s dreaded sequester — a group of cuts to federal spending, originally passed as part of the Budget Control Act of 2011, intended to serve as an incentive for the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction to come to a deal to cut \$1.5 million trillion (yes, trillion) over 10 years.

It always strikes me as sadly amusing when politicians in Washington, D.C., talk about how their action — or inaction, as is often the case — is going to affect the “average American”.

Now, I’ll be the first to point out I’m just a weekly newspaper editor in Small Town, USA, but I’ll go out on a limb here and suggest that Cass City, Kingston, Gagetown, Owendale, Ubyl and other area communities have more than their share of decent, hard-working, average Americans.

The problem, in my humble opinion, is that President Barack Obama and many members of Congress wouldn’t recognize an average American if they were run over by a train driven by one.

How can they? Our elected leaders enjoy pay levels and benefits — long-term security — that most average Americans couldn’t dream of, in part because the politicians aren’t doing their jobs. Ironically, they’re not doing their jobs on our dime.

The bureaucrats in Washington seem bent on wagering the well-being of the United States in an effort to win political ground. I’m not pointing my finger at Republicans or Democrats, by the way. To be honest, I have no use for either party given their track records. And things aren’t likely to change until they feel the same sort of financial pinch their constituents are facing.

How about it, Mr. President? Are your daughters ever going to wonder how they’ll come up with \$4 or \$5 to buy a little fuel so they can get to a WIC appointment only to learn their WIC benefits have been reduced by a bunch of inept politicians and their sequester in Washington?

Talk is cheap. Just ask that mom who was struggling to buy one lousy gallon of gasoline in Cass City recently.

I hope things turn around for her and her child. I also hope we never run out of folks like that store clerk. Sure, her small act of kindness might not seem like much to many folks, but it probably meant the world, if only for a few minutes, to that young woman.

I have more respect for her than I will ever have for our elected leaders until they figure out that they have a responsibility to the people who put them in office.

You know, average Americans.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2008)

Bob Battel may be the new face at the MSU Extension Office in Huron County, but he’s no stranger to the Thumb. Battel, who recently began his new job as the county’s MSU Extension agriculture educator, is a Cass City native. The son of Mark and Diane Battel, his return to the Thumb came after 12 years spent working in agriculture-related jobs in other areas of the state.

A revised scale for determining grade point averages that kicked in with this year’s graduating class resulted in last week’s announcement of one valedictorian and one salutatorian for the Cass City Class of 2008. They are Derek Weidman, who earned valedictorian honors with a grade point average of 3.954, and salutatorian Danielle Delamarter, who boasts a 3.946 grade point average.

The number of children eating breakfast in the Cass City School District soared from an average of 250 to some 600 daily last week as school officials observed National School Breakfast Week by offering the morning meal free to all.

10 YEARS AGO (2003)

Greater Thumb West Conference volleyball co-champions Cass City and Bad Axe ruled the league’s all-conference teams selected by the 7 school member coaches. For the Red Hawks, Amy Howard, Becky Hartel and Krystee Dorland are returning picks, while Mallory Powell earned her first dream team recognition. Howard and senior Hartel, both second team choices last year, join Hatchets Amy Sutherland, Shelly Guigar and Terri Walker as 2003 first team selections. Cass City’s Dorland, an honorable mention choice last year, was selected to the GTW’s all-conference second team, while Powell received honorable mention recognition. Both players are juniors.

Cass City’s seniors Chris Maharg, Matt Stoutenburg and junior Jake Brinkman were honored as choices to the Greater Thumb West Conference all-conference cage teams. Maharg, a solid rebounder, was placed on the conference’s dream team. Brinkman, an honorable mention choice as a sophomore, was placed on the conference’s second team and was the only non-senior named to either of the league’s first 2 dream teams. The leagues’ honorable mention players included Stoutenburg.

Curtis Chrysler of Cass City has again been recognized with 5-star dealer status for the third year in a row. It is the only dealer in the Thumb who can claim that. Five Star Dealership status is achieved through customer satisfaction scores for both sales and service. It also requires that all employees stay constantly educated on product and service knowledge so that Curtis

Chrysler can get it right the first time.

25 YEARS AGO (1988)

The Lawrence Institute of Technology and Detroit News recently held a regional spelling bee competition at Elkton Elementary School. Bart Hall, an 8th grade student from Cass City Intermediate School, represented Cass City. Hall finished seventh among the 23 schools represented. The 2 finalists went on to the state competition at Lawrence Institute.

The Cass City Red Hawks roared into regional competition against Unionville-Sebewaing Wednesday on the heels of a convincing victory over the Mayville Wildcats, Saturday afternoon, 85-72. Next to playing at home, Coach Ron Nurnberger’s charges probably like playing at Mayville best. The last district title that Cass City brought home was won in 1984 at the same gym that netted this year’s championship. The initial charge was spearheaded by Jeff Krol, who had by far the best night of his career with 19 points. Krol hit on drives and short jumpers. When the Wildcats stopped Krol, Jeff “Sonny” Sontag took over. He scored the next 10 points for Cass City with a pair of 3-pointers, a breakaway drive for 2 points and a pair of free throws. Paul Tuckey, who had been quiet offensively for the first 3 quarters, came to life in the last quarter with 10 points to kill whatever hopes Mayville had of making a comeback. The team included Mike Francis, Scott Dillon, Jason Robertson, Greg Hanby, Jeff Dillon, Mario Haddad, Brent Meininger, Mike Randall, Brent Beecher and manager Gary Becker.

Cass City High School’s all-school play, “New Beat on an Old Drum,” was presented March 24 and 25 at the high school. The cast includes Dean Whittaker, Connie Clayton, Caren Britt, Sally Brooks, Amiee Cooper, Brad Bishop, Mark Gracey, Dave Burnette, Jane Dickinson, Wendy Wheeler, Jeff Hrycko and Pam Nieboer.

50 YEARS AGO (1963)

Winners of Cass City High School’s intra-mural forensic contest, held Tuesday afternoon, will be eligible to attend the district contest, according to Miss Evelyn Shields, forensics director. Winners included: original oratory – Judy Quick, first, and Tom Ellis, second; extemporaneous speech – Bob Milligan, first, and Tom Craig, second, and interpretative reading- Patty Rogers, first, and Bob Rabideau, second. Other winners were: humorous reading – Richard Hartwick, first, and Bonnie Kennedy, second, and declamation – Joyce Seeley, first.

A former Cass City man coaching at Owosso High School, has been named by the Michigan High School

Coaches’ Association to membership in its Coaches’ Hall of Fame. Named for the honor was Larry A. Hutchinson, 1925 Cass City High School graduate. Hutchinson began coaching at Owosso High School in 1949 after having served at Yale, Elkton, Holly and Ypsilanti Central high schools. He carries a 60 percent victory in Saginaw Valley competition. Hutchinson is probably best known as a star in semi-pro baseball who spent a year with the St. Louis Cardinals of the National League. His Elkton baseball team won five Huron Country championships and his basketball teams racked up three district titles in Class C.

Announcement of the merger of Little’s Funeral Home and Douglas Funeral Home early this week brought to a close the 46-year history of one of Cass City’s oldest businesses. Mrs. Earl Douglas made public Monday the sale of her funeral home to Harry Little, owner of Little’s Funeral Home, effective immediately. Mrs. Douglas stated that since the death of her husband in 1960, the “continuance of the funeral home has become too great a responsibility.”

100 YEARS AGO (1913)

A new live stock firm has commenced doing business at Cass City. Elias and Andrew McKim, both well known residents, are the members and the firm name is McKim Bros.

Spafford E. Kelsey, son of Mr. and Mrs. F.E. Kelsey of this city, has been awarded what is known at the McCormick Seminary, Chicago, where he graduates in May, as “The Nettie F. McCormick Fellowship in Old Testament Hebrew.” This gives him a two years trip abroad, six months travel in the Holy Land in and about Jerusalem and a year and a half in some college in either Germany or Scotland. The Fellowship was awarded to that member of the senior class who in addition to passing the best examination upon a specified portion of Hebrew, previously assigned, wrote the best thesis upon a prescribed subject of the Old Testament Department, showing a proficiency in the Hebrew language. Spafford will preach during the summer not far from Cass City. He plans to leave direct for Jerusalem in September.

By the 21-19 defeat handed to North Branch Friday night, the Cass City “Grants” demonstrated their ability to beat the North Branch team at its own game on its own floor. Schwaderer was at his best shooting fouls and from 9 free throws, 7 went straight. The baskets are lower than Cass City has been used to and 7 out of 9 is “throwing some.” Fouls – Schwaderer 7 out of 9. North Branch: Hood 5 out of 9. Baskets – Cooke 2, Brown 2, Schwaderer, 3 North Branch: Hood 2, Pitcher 2, Baker 3. Scorer, Robt. W. Skinner. Time of halves, 20 minutes.

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Answers to Mar. 6, 2013

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872-3422
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872-5060
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Pastor: David G. Hill
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Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
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Sunday Liturgy 9:00 a.m.
Pastoral Administrator:
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Sunday Service: 11 a.m.
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Wednesday Kids' Club 7-8 p.m.
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Ubly FFA trio shine at state convention

A trio of Ubly High School Future Farmers of America (FFA) members were recently among 10 young people recognized in conjunction with Michigan Food and Agriculture Month festivities.

Michigan State University hosted its 98th Agriculture and Natural Resources Week and welcomed the 85th State FFA Convention to Lansing, where Michigan Farm Bureau (MFB) officials lent a hand with an eye on promoting the agriculture industry and helping to develop its future workforce.

Michigan FFA members gathered at the state capitol in downtown Lansing for a legislative reception. MFB helped organized the event to recognize elected officials for supporting agriculture education.

MFB also partnered with the Michigan FFA Foundation and GreenStone Farm Credit Services to recognize 10 young people honored as Michigan FFA Star finalists for their achievements in pursuing agricultural education and exploring careers in agriculture. The reception recognized the finalists in the categories of agriscience, agribusiness, production agriculture and agricultural placement.

Among the finalists were Ubly FFA members Alyssa Tyrell (Star in Agribusiness), Jenni Hagen (Star in Production Agriculture) and Christopher Stacer (Star in Agricultural Placement).

MFB board member Mike Fusilier of Manchester presented each finalist with a winter jacket with their name embroidered on it, courtesy of farm bureau.

The “Star” finalists were selected from among more than 300 students throughout the state who have excelled in their FFA supervised agricultural experience, earned and invested \$2,000, performed 25 hours of community service and received their FFA chapter degree.

“Michigan Farm Bureau’s co-sponsorship of the FFA Star reception isn’t a surprise,” said Jason Jaekel, manager of MFB’s Young Farmer Department. “Our organization is dedicated to supporting the Michigan FFA Association year-round.”

Earlier this year, the organization interviewed the “Star” candidates at the Farm Bureau Center in Lansing. MFB also sponsors Michigan students’ participation in the FFA Washington Leadership Conference, held every summer in Washington, D.C., and sponsors the Michigan FFA’s Agriculture Experience Tracker, an online tool allowing FFA members to keep accurate records of their supervised agricultural experiences.



MICHIGAN FARM Bureau District III Director Mike Fusilier presents embroidered jackets to Ubly FFA members Alyssa Tyrell (top photo), Jenni Hagen and Christopher Stacer in recognition of their hard work on their supervised agricultural experiences.



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GTW names boys’ basketball 2013 all conference selections

Five seniors and 3 juniors highlight the 2012-13 Greater Thumb West all-conference boys’ basketball selections. Topping the list is Cass City senior Cody Orban, the dream team’s only repeat choice. Orban led the conference champion



Cody Orban

Red Hawks in scoring with more than 15 points per game, while averaging 3 assists and 2 steals per contest. Orban made 45 treys and 72 free throws during the regular season, both team highs. Also from Cass City, senior Cole Israelson was voted to the GTW all-conference first team. The Red Hawk center averaged a dozen points in his final go-round, in addition to 6 rebounds and 4 blocks per game. “Those 2 had some big games for us this year,” Coach Aaron Fernald said. “They both had some really good games. We finished the regular season 17-3 and Cody and Cole had a lot to do with our success.” Rounding out the GTW first team all-conference picks are Vassar sen-

iors Nathan Greaves and Josh



Cole Israelson

Bassett, Unionville-Sebewaing Area Schools senior Dan Rieck, Reese



Collin Hartwick

juniors Cody Peyok and Archie Naert, and Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port junior Paul Zwemmer. Landing on the Greater Thumb West all-conference second team was Cass City junior Collin

Hartwick. During the regular season, Hartwick scored 197 points and made 43 of 53 free throws attempts. He’s joined on the second team by Bad Axe senior James Knairan, Bay City All Saints senior Aaron Villano, Unionville-Sebewaing junior Brendan Ballard and senior Jake Beachy, and Reese senior Matt Frost.



Jacob Perry

The Greater Thumb West honorable mention underclassmen selections for 2013 included Cass City junior Jacob Perry, Bay City All Saints freshman Trey Newsham, and Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port junior Jared Schuette. Earning honorable mention praises in their final high school season were Vassar seniors Stephen Bragg and Tanner Mackay, Bad Axe seniors Ben Braden and Matt Crammer, Reese seniors Adam Fuerst and Adam Jackson, Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port seniors Nick Post, Evan Kosinski and Kyle Binder, and Bay City All Saints senior Brian Feinauer.

2012-13 GTC East Girls’ Basketball All Conference

First Team

*Jenna Hirsch	Marlette	Senior
MacKenzie Kelly	Marlette	Soph.
Marisa Guza	Ubly	Soph.
Skye Willer	Brown City	Soph.
Miara Okie	Sandusky	Junior
Jenn Kursinsky	Sandusky	Senior
Jamie Weber	Harbor Beach	Soph.
*Unanimous		

Second Team

Shanae Woolner	Ubly	Soph.
Alexis Liebler	Brown City	Senior
Brooke Krueger	Sandusky	Soph.
Emily Pawlowski	Harbor Beach	Soph.
Ashley Guitar	Harbor Beach	Senior
Keara Wilson	Marlette	Junior

Honorable Mention

Hanna Drake	Ubly	Soph.
Kari White	Ubly	Junior
Stephanie Lerchenfeldt	Brown City	Senior
Lorin Gierman	Brown City	Soph.
Jade Wolschleger	Harbor Beach	Soph.
Mikaela Pfaff	Harbor Beach	Soph.
Abby Bowman	Marlette	Senior
Izabella McCanham	Marlette	Senior
Virginia Jahr	Memphis	Senior
Taryn Kreger	Memphis	Senior
Kara Blank	Sandusky	Senior

Final Standings

Marlette	10	0
Sandusky	6	4
Ubly	5	5
Harbor Beach	5	5
Brown City	4	6
Memphis	0	10

Trio of Lady Red Hawks included on Greater Thumb West all star picks

If a team wins 40 straight regular season girls’ basketball games, chances are strong they will have a player or 2 in the ranks.



Shania Chambers

That was the thinking of coaches in the 7-school Greater Thumb West league, apparently, as they named 3 Reese Rockets to the all-conference first team. The Rocket dream team performers are senior Drew Findlay, sophomore Reyna Frost and junior Paige Gotham. Findlay and Gotham are repeat first team selections, while Frost, who was a second team all-conference player as a freshman, completes the first team picks for the GTW and district champion Rockets. Also named to the GTW all-conference first team is Vassar senior Lydia Peplinski, Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port junior Kayla Deering and Unionville-Sebewaing Area Schools senior Miranda Fuerst. Deering and Fuerst landed on the GTW all-conference first team for a second straight year. Both ladies were forces in the paint. Deering averaged a double-double on the season, scoring 17.7 points per game and grabbing 10.6 rebounds per game. She shot 49-percent from the field and 73-percent from the line. Fuerst averaged 14.4 points, 7.2 rebounds, 3.2 assists and 1.5 steals per game. Coach Lindsay Bitzer says Miranda’s leadership and effort were much improved in her final go-around. Peplinski completes the first team picks. She was Vassar’s leading scorer and a second-team pick in 2012. The GTW all-conference second team picks include Cass City’s Shania Chambers, Bad Axe’s Alyssa Kociba and Rachel Breault, Reese’s Monica Hagen, Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port’s Mariah Cook, and Unionville-Sebewaing’s Erika Fritz and Stephanie Neuman. Chambers, a junior and 3-year varsity team member, was Cass City’s top scorer averaging nearly 8 points per game despite always drawing her opponents’ top defender. “Shania handles the ball like it’s on a string,” Coach Clarke Haire said.

“She is a terrific passer, yet her best attributes may be on defense. She’s one of the GTW’s best at the point guard position.”

Another skilled point guard in the GTW is Laker freshman Cook. She averaged 9 points and 2.7 steals per game. On the season she canned 17 treys.

Bad Axe senior Kociba and junior Breault both averaged over 8 points



Jocelynn Venema

per game for Coach Brent Wehner, while Patriot juniors Fritz and Neuman received high praises from Coach Bitzer. “Erika has played well as of late and was critical to our close contest with Reese, defending Drew Findlay throughout the course of the game. She hit 13 points against Reese and has averaged over 10 points in the last 3 games of the season. “Allie’s statistics oftentimes are overshadowed by that of her teammates, however, is a much improved point guard, limiting her turnovers to less than 3 a game. She is a great on the ball defender and it was her

defense against Jenna Hirsch, holding her to 13, that enabled us to beat Marlette on our home court,” she said.

Named honorable mention choices were seniors Gracy Hollis and Jocelynn Venema from Cass City.

“We will miss Gracy and Jo next year,” Coach Haire said. “Gracy scored 151 points and was our top rebounder. Jo was my most dedicated player. She truly loves the game. She’ll be a coach some day, I am sure.”

Joining the Red Hawk pair as honorable mention honorees are seniors Sydney MacAlpine and Stephanie Butch from Bad Axe, seniors Lizzie Gillard, Brooke Jasman, Katie Klapish, and Morgan Christensen



Gracy Hollis

from Bay City All Saints, seniors Tyonna Fahl and Cassi Goglin from Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port, junior Allie Hoppe and senior Kennedy Hicks from Unionville-Sebewaing and Vassar underclassmen Kirsten Walker, sophomore, and Becca Huizar, freshman.

STUNNED Hawks ousted in Class C district semifinal clash

Cass City’s magical season came to an abrupt end last week in Class C district action against host Unionville-Sebewaing Area Schools. The Red Hawks had defeated USA twice during the regular season, but came up short, 48-43, in the hard-fought semifinal contest Wednesday night. Still, for Coach Aaron Fernald it has been an enchanting ride. Fernald recalled he first coached this group 4 years ago, back when Cass City had a freshman program. Although only 4 members from Fernald’s freshman team remain on this year’s roster, they improved from a 9-8 record as freshmen to 18-4 as seniors. More importantly, the Red Hawks snagged the undisputed GTW championship for the first time since 2001.

After a slow start had the Patriots trailing 11-6, they were able to close out the initial half on an 11-4 run. The hosts then outscored the GTW champs 14-11 after the break, widening the gap to double digits before taking a 31-26 edge into the final 8 minutes. USA hit 9-of-13 free throws in the final frame to seal the victory, halting Cass City’s 10-game win streak in the process. Brandon Ballard was a force throughout the night and recorded game scoring honors with 16 points, despite sitting out most of the middle quarters with foul trouble. Nursing a 5-point cushion, USA Coach Steve Bohn - who was filling in for suspended Coach Mark Gainsforth – took a gamble when he put Ballard back into the game for what appeared to be the final possession on the half. The move backfired, however, when Ballard collected his 3 foul on a charging call with only 30 ticks remaining until the break. Ballard’s foul troubles had him riding the pine for most of the third, but Cass City couldn’t take advantage of his absence, namely because of the fine defensive effort inside by undersized Jake Beachy. Besides Ballard, Dan Rieck reached double figures for USA with 14 points. Cass City had a trio of players record double digits in Cody Orban, Cole Israelson and Jacob Perry. They finished with 12, 11 and 10 points respectively. Red Hawks Orban, Israelson, Cody Ross and Lukas Schenk end their high school careers with the defeat. All 4 seniors contributed mightily during the campaign that led to the school’s first league championship in a dozen years. Still, Fernald will have a solid junior class returning to build on next season, including a pair of all-conference players in Collin Hartwick and Perry. “I was surprised at how well we did this year. We won a lot of close games. Going forward we have a chance to be good again next year. It all depends on what our kids do over the summer. If they work on their games we should be able to compete, but if they don’t, we’ll struggle,” Fernald said.



CASS CITY’S Jacob Perry battles for control of a loose ball with USA’s Dan Rieck.

CASS CITY SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULE

Boys Baseball

3/25	North Branch	4:00 PM
3/27	Capac	4:00 PM
4/10	Frankenmuth	4:00 PM
4/11	Brown City	4:00 PM
4/15	Ubly	4:00 PM
4/18	Harbor Beach	4:00 PM
4/20	Tuscola Co. Toury @Vassar	TBA
4/22	Memphis	4:00 PM
4/25	Reese	4:00 PM
4/29	Bad Axe	4:00 PM
5/2	Vassar	4:00 PM
5/6	BCAS	4:00 PM
5/7	Millington	4:00 PM
5/9	Caro (JV only)	4:00 PM
5/13	USA	4:00 PM
5/16	EPB Lakers	4:00 PM
5/18	Merrill Tournament	9:00 AM
5/20	Marlette	4:00 PM
5/23	Caro (Varsity only) @SVSU	4:30 PM
5/28,31, 6/1	Districts	

Girls Softball

3/25	North Branch	4:00 PM
3/27	Capac	4:00 PM
4/10	Frankenmuth	4:00 PM
4/11	Brown City	4:00 PM
4/15	Ubly	4:00 PM
4/18	Harbor Beach (V only)	4:00 PM
4/20	Tuscola Co. Toury @Vassar	TBA
4/22	Memphis	4:00 PM
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5/2	Vassar	4:00 PM
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5/9	Caro	4:00 PM
5/13	USA	4:00 PM
5/16	EPB Lakers	4:00 PM
5/18	Imlay City Tournament	9:00 AM
5/20	Marlette (V only)	4:00 PM
5/28,31, 6/1	Districts	

Track

3/26	Ubly/Harbor Beach/Bad Axe	4:30 PM
4/9	Ubly/Mayville/Marlette	4:30 PM
4/12	Brown City Invite	4:00 PM
4/19	Marlette Invite	4:00 PM
4/22	Ubly/Brown City/Reese	4:00 PM
4/26	Vassar Invite	4:00 PM
4/30	Ubly Invite	4:00 PM
5/3	Reese Invite	4:00 PM
5/7	Laker Invite	4:00 PM
5/10	Bad Axe Invite	4:00 PM
5/14	GTW League Meet @ Vassar	4:00 PM
5/18	Regionals	
5/21	Tribune Meet of Champs @ BA	
5/28	Thumb Meet of Champs @ Caro	
6/1	State Finals	

Golf

4/12	GTC Jamboree @BCAS	4:00 pm
4/15	GTC Jamboree @Vassar	3:30 PM
4/23	Ubly Invite	4:00 PM
4/25	GTC Jamboree @ USA	4:00 pm
4/29	Millington ?? @Timbers GC	TBA
5/3	GTC Jamboree @Lakers	4:00 pm
5/6	GTC Jamboree @Bad Axe	4:00 PM
5/9	GTC Jamboree @Cass City	4:00 PM
5/17	Warner Memorial Invite	TBA
5/15	Brown City Invite	TBA
5/23	Ubly Invite	8:00 AM

Girls Soccer

4/10	Marlette	5:00 PM
4/12	Sandusky	5:00 PM
4/15	EPB Lakers	5:00 PM
4/17	Dryden	4:30 PM
4/22	USA	5:00 PM
4/24	Harbor Beach	5:00 PM
4/29	Bad Axe	5:00 PM
5/1	Memphis	5:00 PM
5/6	Dryden	5:00 PM
5/8	EPB Lakers	5:00 PM
5/10	Caro	5:00 PM
5/13	Bad Axe	5:00 PM
5/15	USA	5:00 PM
5/20	Brown City	5:00 PM
5/22	Harbor Beach	4:30 PM
5-28/6-1	Districts	

Middle School Track

4/15	Reese	4:30 PM
4/17	Mayville Invite	4:00 PM
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4/29	Brown City Invite	4:00 PM
5/2	Reese Invite	4:00 PM
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DNR reports crossbow hunting on the rise

Although the overall number of hunters in Michigan has been on a slight decline, the Department of Natural Resources reports that a recent deer hunter survey shows growth in one method of deer hunting – crossbows.

In the past, only hunters with disabilities had the option to hunt with a crossbow. Beginning in 2009, crossbows were allowed in most areas of Michigan during the archery deer season in an attempt to expand hunting opportunities, retain existing hunters and recruit new hunters. Crossbow hunters were required to obtain a free crossbow stamp to determine the number of hunters who took advantage of the new method.

In 2009, the opportunity to use a crossbow was extended only to hunters 50 years of age or older in the Upper Peninsula and northern Lower Peninsula, while hunters of any age could use crossbows in the southern Lower Peninsula. In 2010 the age restriction was eliminated statewide.

The archery deer season runs statewide on public and private land and is divided into early and late season segments (Oct. 1 through Nov. 14 and Dec. 1 through Jan. 1). In the Upper Peninsula, crossbows are only allowed to be used in the early archery season.

“We have discovered that in 2011, 25 percent of the crossbow users had not hunted in the archery season in previous years,” said DNR Deer and Elk Program Leader Brent Rudolph. “These hunters were newly recruited or drawn back to the sport of archery hunting.”

The opinion survey also revealed that hunting with a crossbow met most or all of the archers’ expectations, and nearly all crossbow hunters planned to use crossbows again in the future.

The number of hunters who obtained the free crossbow stamp by year is:

- 2009 - 45,692
- 2010 - 64,340
- 2011 - 74,120
- 2012 - 88,565

Although the expanded opportunity increased the number of archery hunters, the amount of deer harvested overall during the archery season did not increase each year. Harvest of deer over all seasons combined declined or was similar to previous years.

“With close to 800,000 hunters in Michigan annually, we know deer hunting is a strong tradition held by many,” said DNR Wildlife Division Chief Russ Mason. “The expanded crossbow regulations met all the expectations we hoped for. Our primary goal is to do a good job managing the deer herd, and if new hunting opportunities can also be made, that’s a good thing.”

To view the entire Crossbow Deer Hunter Survey report, go to www.michigan.gov/hunting and click on Wildlife Surveys and Reports in the left-hand navigation bar.

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RANDALL S. MILLER & ASSOCIATES, P.C. MAY BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICE-MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY NOW OR IN THE PRIOR NINE MONTHS, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Jeremy D. Timm, a/k/a Jeremy David Timm, a/k/a Jeremy Timm, a single man, and Tracy A. Oleniacz, a/k/a Tracy Oleniacz, to United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service or Successor Agency, Mortgagee, dated June 30, 2006, and recorded on July 10, 2006, in Liber 1087, Page 860, Tuscola County Records, , on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Eleven and 28/100 (\$76,811.28) including interest at the rate of 6.00000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the Circuit Court in said Tuscola County, where the premises to be sold or some part of them are situated, at 10:00 AM on April 11, 2013.

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

Lot 19, Block 2, Westdale Subdivision, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1, Page 24B, Tuscola County Records. Commonly known as: 802 West Sherman Street.

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 13, 2013

Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture
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Case No. 13MI00139-1

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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 Robert Wright, married man and Susan Wright, to Countrywide Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated December 17, 2007 and recorded January 31, 2008 in Liber 1140, Page 644, and , Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Federal National Mortgage Association ("FNMA") by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-One and 89/100 Dollars (\$111,881.89) including interest at 5.88% 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 APRIL 11, 2013.

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

The following described premises situated in the Township of Vassar, County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, to-wit: Part of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 12, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, Township of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the South line of said Section 12, which is North 82 degrees 49 minutes 46 seconds West, 1185.19 feet from the Southeast corner of said Section 12; thence continuing along said line, North 82 degrees 49 minutes 46 seconds West, 165.73 feet to the West line of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 12; thence along said West line, North 00 degrees 11 minutes 50 seconds East, 640.70 feet; thence South 82 degrees 49 minutes 46 seconds East, 165.73 feet; thence South 00 degrees 11 minutes 50 seconds West 640.70 feet to the South line of said Section 12 and 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: March 13, 2013

Orlans Associates, PC.
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MORTGAGE SALE – Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Jack M.

Smith, a/k/a Jack Smith, and Carrie L. Smith, a/k/a Carrie Smith, husband and wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Flagstar Bank, FSB, its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 23, 2009 and recorded October 1, 2009 in Liber 1184, Page 962, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to Flagstar Bank, FSB, by assignment dated January 9, 2013 and recorded January 16, 2013 in Liber 1269, Page 1267, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars and Sixty-Five Cents (\$147,633.65) including interest 5.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00AM on April 11, 2013.

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

Part of the Northwest fractional one-quarter of Section 18, Township 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the West line of Section 18 that is South 840 feet from the Northwest corner of said Section 18; thence South 370 feet along said West section line; thence North 88 degrees 36 minutes 04 seconds East 495 feet; thence North 370 feet; thence South 88 degrees 36 minutes 04 seconds West 495 feet to the point of beginning. Reserving therefrom that part used for Vassar Road so-called. Commonly known as 8609 Vassar Rd., Millington, MI 48746.

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

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

Dated: 3/13/2013

Flagstar Bank, FSB
Assignee of Mortgagee

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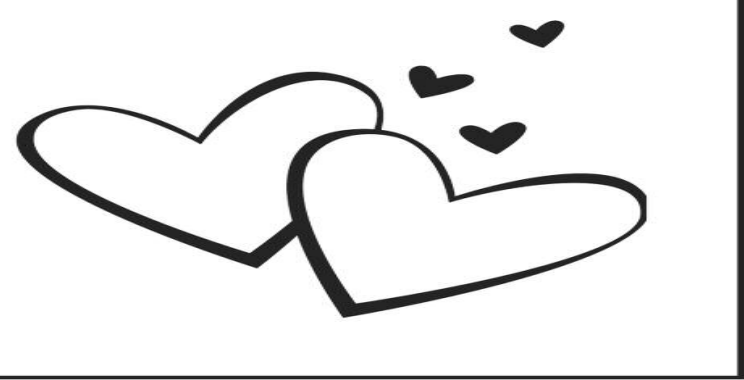
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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

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 mortgagors, to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Mortgagee, dated April 8, 2009 and recorded on April 14, 2009 in Liber 1172 on Page 71 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Eight and 00/100 Dollars (\$80,678.00).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on March 21, 2013.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: February 20, 2013

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC S (248) 593-1304
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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 CitiMortgage, 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 off the North side thereof, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 29, now being Page 30A.

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

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

Dated: February 20, 2013

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

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Tuscola Circuit Courthouse in the Village of Caro, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on MARCH 21, 2013.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: February 20, 2013

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

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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 Jessica J. Eskelson and Chrise E. Eskelson, Husband and

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

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Tuscola Circuit Courthouse in the Village of Caro, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on MARCH 21, 2013.

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

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

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

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

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

Dated: February 20, 2013

Orlans Associates, PC.
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Benjamin Freitas and Shirlee Freitas, Husband and Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Flagstar Bank, FSB its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 25, 2008 and recorded April 2, 2008 in Liber 1145 Page 421 Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to Flagstar Bank, FSB, by assignment dated October 11, 2012 and recorded October 24, 2012 in Liber 1263, Page 553, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Two Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Four Dollars and Eighty Cents (\$72,534.80) including interest 6% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, 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.

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

Dated: 2/20/2013

Flagstar Bank, FSB
Assignee of Mortgagee

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Our File No: 13-76127

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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 Jack R. Beckrow, III, a married man and Noelle K. Beckrow, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Executive Mortgage of Michigan, LLC, its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 16, 2008, and recorded on July 25, 2008 in Liber 1154 on Page 1027, and assigned by said Mortgagee to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Two Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Six and 28/100 Dollars (\$102,276.28).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on 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 Northwest 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 certain mortgage made by Randy L. Reis and Tamara D. Reis, husband and wife to Flagstar Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated November 30, 1998 and recorded December 4, 1998 in Liber 757, Page 814, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned through mesne assignments to CitiMortgage, Inc., by assignment dated April 16, 2012 and recorded April 24, 2012 in Liber 1247, Page 222, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Five Thousand Ninety-Four Dollars and Seventy-Three Cents (\$55,094.73) including interest 7.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, 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

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Daniel W. Miners and Michelle L. Miners, husband and wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Flagstar Bank, FSB its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 22, 2003 and recorded May 28, 2003 in Liber 932, Page 1398, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to Flagstar Bank, FSB, by assignment dated September 24, 2012 and recorded October 9, 2012 in Liber 1261, Page 1250, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Thirteen Dollars and Six Cents (\$55,813.06) including interest 6.125% 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 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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Our File No: 13-78416

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Joseph Oszust, A Single Man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Michigan Fidelity Acceptance Corp, d/b/a Franklin Mortgage Funding, Mortgagee, dated July 26, 2004, and recorded on August 3, 2004, in Liber 1003, Page 117, Tuscola County Records, said mortgage was assigned to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for the registered holders of Aegis Asset Backed Securities Trust, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-5 by an Assignment of Mortgage which has been submitted to the Tuscola County Register of Deeds, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Nine and 13/100 (\$62,969.13) including interest at the rate of 8.88000% per annum.

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

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

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If the property is later 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.

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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
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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 Zandy Sol Borodychuk, a single man, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Flagstar Bank, FSB its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 21, 2003, and recorded on November 26, 2003 in Liber 965 on Page 1340, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Flagstar Bank, FSB as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Six and 81/100 Dollars (\$32,436.81).

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 April 11, 2013.

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

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Dated: March 13, 2013

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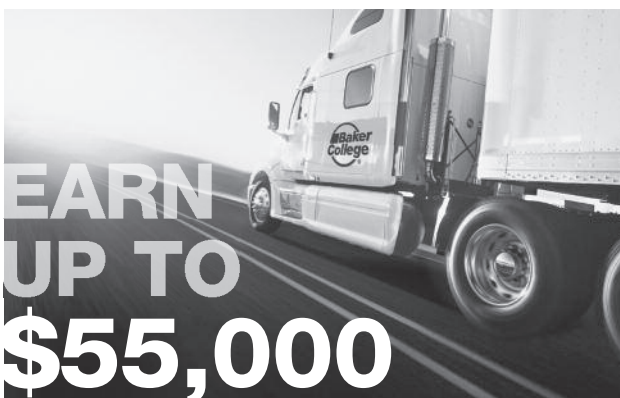
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It may not be quite as dramatic as the swallows returning to Capistrano, but Michigan will witness spring migrations in the coming weeks that will offer bird fans an opportunity to see noteworthy numbers of avian creatures returning to their summer homes – or at least passing through as they move further north.

Spring migrations aren’t always as noticeable as fall migrations – certainly the waterfowl hunters are not out in the marshes taking advantage of the ducks and geese moving through – but they are every bit as moving and can be just as enjoyable, if you know what to look for.

Need an example? Tundra swans will soon move through, winging along the state’s eastern shoreline, often settling in to rest en masse in suitable habitat. Doug Reeves, assistant chief of the Department of Natural Resources’ Wildlife Division, said the swans will often take up residence in prodigious num-

bers at Fish Point State Wildlife Area on Saginaw Bay in Tuscola County.

“There can be 7,000 to 8,000 of them at a time,” Reeves said. “It can be a spectacle. You can see them, hear them – you can almost feel them.”

Fish Point – a 3,700-acre area comprised of farm fields, floodings and coastal wetlands and prairies – has been dubbed the “Chesapeake of the Midwest” because of the abundance and variety of waterfowl that move through. What makes Fish Point special for birders is a 20-foot-tall observation tower that boasts a view of much of the management area. The tundra swans are usually visible from the tower during a 2- to 3-week period in early to mid-March.

Fish Point is one of 121 areas listed in the Michigan Wildlife Viewing Guide, which can be found on the DNR website at www.michigan.gov/wildlife by choosing Viewing Wildlife from the left-hand menu. The guide lists

viewing areas, available species and the best times to see them, maps and directions, and descriptions of the sites and facilities available at them. The guide is divided into three geographical areas (Upper Peninsula, northern Lower Peninsula and southern Lower Peninsula) for easy access to information on nearby viewing opportunities.

Michigan is probably most famous among birders as the summer home of Kirtland’s warblers, a rare species that winters in the Caribbean but nests in northern jack pine forests. Kirtland’s warblers attract thousands of viewers from all over the world who flock to the northern Lower Peninsula to get a glimpse of these endangered birds.

For those interested in a bit of help catching sight of the Kirtland’s warbler, the U.S. Forest Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Michigan Audubon Society offer (starting in mid-May) guided tours. Because of the popularity of the

tours, reservations are recommended. For more information, visit www.fws.gov/midwest/EastLansing/te/kiwa/tour.html.

In addition to the swans and warblers, far less exotic species attract crowds in other parts of Michigan, too.

Saginaw County’s annual Timberdoodle Festival at the Hartley Outdoor Education Center in St. Charles celebrates the woodcock, a game bird that is related to shorebirds but inhabits upland habitat. Woodcock return to Michigan from their wintering grounds (mostly in Louisiana) each spring to nest in early successional forests and will be seen as soon as the snow is gone.

Early successional forests are young-growth forests – often created naturally by fire or flood or by human activities like timber harvest – that offer a dense habitat of shrubs and saplings, as well as scattered openings (critical for woodcock reproduction). Woodcock, in particular, prefer aspen stands because they provide the right cover for nesting and brood-rearing and offer moist soil and plenty of earthworms.

Woodcock are known for their elaborate courtship ritual when males move into openings and begin calling, or peenting, to broadcast their presence. After calling, the birds rise 100 yards into the air, twittering with their wings, chirping and circling, and then stopping abruptly to coast back to the ground. The sky dance is a magic spectacle of spring. Best yet, woodcock can be found statewide, anywhere there is suitable habitat of thick stem density with appropriate openings.

One of the most popular birding areas in Michigan is Pointe Mouillee State Game Area on the shores of Lake Erie. The area is notable both for the number of birds that use the area, as well as for some rather unusual visitors, too.

“We get people from all over the country to look at the birds, especially when we have a rare species show up here once in a while,” said DNR

wildlife biologist Joe Robison, who oversees all of southern Michigan’s managed waterfowl areas. “A couple years ago we had a white wagtail, which is native to Asia, show up here. People came from as far away as California to see.

“We had a pair of black-necked stilts nest here a couple of years in a row. They’re common out west, but we rarely see them in the Midwest. Hundreds of people came to see them.”

Robison said word spreads quickly when an unusual species is spotted.

“When the birders see something rare, it gets posted on the Internet right away,” he said. “People are on it within an hour.”

But even when there’s nothing unusual going on, the diversity and sheer number of birds at Pointe Mouillee are noteworthy.

“We’ve got bald eagles that nest here, osprey that nest here, and we have one of the largest black-crowned night heron rookeries in the Midwest,” Robison said. “We’ve got white egrets, great blue herons, Forster’s terns, common terns, and that’s not to mention the waterfowl – thousands of canvasbacks and red-heads, bluebills and goldeneyes and mergansers. And lots of tundra swans.”

A similarly exciting birding destination is Whitefish Point, which juts out several miles into the southern side of Lake Superior. From mid-March to mid-May as many as 3,000 raptors – most notably, sharp-shinned, broad-winged and red-tailed hawks – pass by. But Whitefish Point is also noted for owls – great-horned, great gray, boreal, short-eared and long-eared – as well as bountiful and diverse waterfowl.

Truth is, the weeks ahead will offer more opportunities to see numerous and unusual birds across the state than any birder could take advantage of in one season. But bird watchers are typically long-term participants, and there’s no better time to start than spring migration in Michigan.



Photo courtesy of the Michigan DNR

THUMB RESIDENTS will soon witness spring migrations that offer bird fans throughout the state an opportunity to see noteworthy numbers of avian creatures returning to their summer homes — or at least passing through as they move further north. Above, a group of migrating tundra swans is pictured near Fish Point State Game Area in Tuscola County. A tundra swan, often called a whistling swan, can be identified by a small yellow patch at the base of its black beak.

Miller announces office hours

U.S. Rep. Candice Miller (MI-10) recently announced her staff will be hosting office hours in Tuscola County on the second Tuesday of each month from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Caro Municipal Building (council chambers), 317 State Street.

Miller’s staff will be on hand to assist constituents of Michigan’s 10th Congressional District by working on their behalf to answer questions regarding concerns with federal agencies.

Cass City Elementary School

Young 4's, 5's, Head Start and Kindergarten/Preschool Enrollment 2013



Thursday, March 21

5:00-7:00 p.m.

in the elementary cafeteria

Young 4's & GSRP

Cass City offers a half-day Young 4's Program. Latchkey Programs will also be offered for the 13-14 school year from 7 a.m.-6 p.m.

Young 5's & Kindergarten

Cass City offers an ALL DAY Kindergarten Program as well as a Young 5's Program

ENROLLMENT:

This meeting is for all young 5's and kindergarten students as well as anyone interested in the GSRP Program and Headstart Program for the 2013-2014 school year.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Child's Birth Certificate
- Complete Immunization Record

Call (989) 872-2158 with any questions after March 21.

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This meeting is for any child who will be 4 or 5 years old by Nov. 1, 2013.

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CASS CITY DDA

Since 1992, Cass City has enjoyed the strong sense of community, dedication, and commitment held by the board members of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA). Many people may be unaware of what purpose the DDA serves for Cass City. The purpose of the DDA is to prevent deterioration and promote economic growth within Cass City's downtown business district. In order to help businesses succeed, the DDA was and continues to be instrumental in obtaining grants for much needed equipment. They are, also, an active conduit for the Tuscola County and Michigan State Economic Development Corporation (EDC) departments to further enhance and promote Cass City's economic development.

The DDA is run by a twelve member board; the current co-chairpersons are Orvil Beecher and Jim Kranz. Each board member is actively committed to serving the Cass City community because they believe Cass City is a great place to live, work, and play. The next EDC/DDA meeting is Tuesday, March 12th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. If you are interested and able, you are invited to attend this meeting. While you are there, please thank the members of the board for their service and dedication to helping to make Cass City the wonderful community we all know and love.

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

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