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## School okays lean spending plan for 2014

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

There was little fanfare as the Cass City Board of Education adopted a budget for the 2013-14 school year Monday night.

And that suited board members and school Supt. Jeff Hartel just fine after struggling with making cuts totaling up to \$1 million on more than one occasion over the past few years.

That's not to say the district is rolling in cash. In fact, the new spending plan now in place and slated to take effect Monday, July 1, is lean, with general fund revenues

estimated at \$9.078 million, just \$5,255 more than planned expenditures, which are expected to total \$9.073 million in 2013-14.

"The good news is, we're in the black again this year," commented Mike Klosowski, the Cass City Public Schools' chief financial officer.

Klosowski presented the board with an amended 2012-13 budget totaling \$9.427 million. The spending plan ends with a fund balance of nearly \$787,000, or an amount equal to 8.3 percent of the budget. That figure is expected to grow slightly, to just over \$792,000 (8.7 percent of the budget). Please turn to page 7.

## Audit shows budget forecasts on target for village of Cass City

by Clarke Haire  
Publisher

Certified public accountants from Anderson, Tuckey, Bernhardt & Doran presented the 2012 Village of Cass City audit during Monday's regular meeting of the village council.

CPA Angela Burnett reported the village's financial statements received an "unmodified opinion" — the highest level of assurance that acceptable accounting practices have been followed — and that "no material weaknesses" were discovered in the village's internal controls, and there were no "material instances of noncompliance."

Still, despite an increase of over \$11,000 to the general fund balance in 2012, last year's financial statements revealed an overall reduction of nearly \$18,000 in the village's total government fund balances over the course of 2012.

In the general fund, revenues topped expenditures by \$64,310, leaving a healthy 2012 year-end fund balance of \$491,185.

It was a different story for the village's Major Street and Local Street

funds, however. Those fund balances dipped \$16,009 and \$60,997, respectively, as expenditures exceeded revenues in 2012. The Major Street Fund started the year with a beginning balance of \$76,392 and ended 2012 with a surplus of \$60,383. In the Local Street Fund, the fund balance dropped from \$30,201 to \$24,204 during 2012, although other financing sources provided an additional \$55,000 in working capital to the Local Street fund during the course of last year.

Looking at the village's proprietary funds, Sewer Fund revenues increased 6.6 percent from 2011, while expenditures increased 3.9 percent during the same time, resulting in a \$54,296 of fund balance money being used in 2012. In the Water Fund, a 1.9 percent reduction in revenues, coupled with a 2.7-percent reduction in expenditures, added \$28,109 to its fund balance entering the current year.

Burnett lauded village officials for their financial planning during the past year. "Budgeting is working well here", she said, noting the differences in budgeted and actual figures. Please turn to page 7.

## Owen-Gage looking at a small deficit

by Mason Doerr  
Staff Writer

The Owen-Gage Board of Education discussed and reviewed adjustments to the school's 2012-13 general fund budget and adopted a proposed 2013-14 general fund budget during its regular meeting last Wednesday.

The Owen-Gage School District's 2012-13 revenues totaled \$1,759,850, while their expenditures came in at \$1,749,924. Despite the rise in expenditures from previous years, the district is ending the fiscal year with a surplus of nearly \$10,000, boosting the general fund balance to an estimated \$189,102 at the end of this month.

"We are finishing this year with an additional \$10,000 added to our fund balance," Owen-Gage School Supt. Bob Drury noted. "This fund balance represents approximately 10 percent of our yearly budget."

"While this is a significant amount of money, it is even more significant that our district is currently in the black financially and has not had to lay off staff or reduce educational

Please turn to page 6.



Photos by Mason Doerr

**SATISFIED WITH THEIR innovative robotic milkers, Shelly Messing and Ashley Kennedy stand in the heart of their operation with their two dogs. Since the equipment's installation, the Messings and their cows have been adjusting to their new routines.**

## ROBO DAIRY

### Messings running farm of the future

by Mason Doerr  
Staff Writer

Messing Farms in Uby is a farm from the future.

The family dairy operation, run by Greg, his wife Shelly and the couple's daughter, Ashley Kennedy, recently installed 4 Lely Astronaut A4 robotic milkers. These robots give both the Messings and the cows some independence.

"The cows can go to the robots 24 hours a day, whenever they want," said Ashley. She explained the robots mimic the natural feeding of a calf. "The cows love it, they are free to do whatever they want. Each cow milks on their own schedule."

The Messings built this new area for milking in 2008 and currently milk roughly 220 cows. Greg and Shelly have been farming for 28 years, and their daughter has been

helping out full-time for the past 2 1/2 years.

Ashley said the family used to have a typical well-scheduled farm life, but since they've installed the robots, they have plenty of free time.

"It's been going really well and the cows have adjusted well," Ashley said. "It's nice to not have to get up at 4 a.m. and work until 9 p.m. We're much happier people."

Please turn to page 6.

### In auto theft spree

## Prosecutors still mulling over charges against area teenager

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Prosecutors in Huron and Tuscola counties are waiting for law enforcement officials to complete their investigations before finalizing the

criminal case against a Gagetown teen charged in an auto theft spree earlier this month.

Huron County Prosecutor Timothy Rutkowski has already authorized charges of unlawfully driving away an automobile, fleeing and eluding a

police officer and reckless driving. However, additional charges may be brought.

The teen's case has been turned over to authorities in Tuscola County, where Prosecutor Mark Reene explained that, because the suspect is a minor, the law requires that the proceedings revert back to his home county.

Reene said he is in the process of reviewing reports and compiling. Please turn to page 7.

## Motorcycle hits deer, driver hurt

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro are continuing their investigation into a motorcycle crash Thursday night that left the driver seriously injured.

Officers were dispatched to Bevens Road, east of Burmon Road in Kingston Township, at about 10:20 p.m.

Troopers reported the lone male motorcycle driver was traveling westbound on Bevens Road when he struck a deer. The 36-year-old Kingston Township resident, whose name has not been released, was ejected from the motorcycle.

The driver sustained multiple injuries and was airlifted to St. Mary's Medical Center in Saginaw.

Troopers, who were assisted at the scene by Fairgrove MMR personnel, the Kingston Fire Department and FlightCare, stated alcohol is believed to be involved in the accident.



Photo by Mason Doerr

**THE FIRST ANNUAL Cass City Carry-Yer-Woman contest, held Saturday behind the Charmont, was deemed a success. Area couples competed, making their way through an obstacle course in hopes of winning her weight in beverages of their choice. Above, Nick Moyer and Dallas Leal begin the second hurdle portion of the competition after making their way over the hill. (Related photos, page 8)**



**FORMER LONGTIME** Elkland Township Clerk Norma Wallace of Cass City was recently honored during the Huron County-Tuscola County Lincoln Day Dinner, held at the Thumb Octagon Barn near Gagetown. Left, Tuscola County Republican Chairman Mike Slocum presents Wallace with an award in recognition of her service to the Tuscola County Republican Party and the Thumb TEA Party.

## Avery and Hoffman married

Mia Leigh Avery and Travis Mark Hoffman were united in marriage on June 1, 2013.

Pastor Michael Peaterson of Midland officiated at the ceremony, which took place at The Gardens at Grice's in Caro.

Parents of the bride are Darrell

Avery and Dana and Greg Hover, all of Caro. Parents of the groom are Mark and Deb Hoffman of Ubyly.

Chelsea Paladi, longtime friend of the bride and groom, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Jenna Hoffman, sister of the groom, Morgan Avery, sister of the bride and

Heather Avery, cousin of the bride.

Good friend of the groom, Cody Goodwin, was best man, Groomsmen were Cooper Osbron and Matthew Ensing, both friends of the groom, and Nick Hoffman, brother of the groom.

Musicians for the wedding ceremony were Emilee Major, longtime friend of the bride, Robbie Upleger, friend of the bride, and Hannah Romain, cousin of the bride, who also was the reception hostess.

Avery and Hoffman greeter 150 guests at The Garden's at Grice's for an evening of dining, dancing, reminiscing and laughter. Avery's grandpa, Gary Avery, headed a campfire for all to sit around for fond memories and s'more making.

The couple left June 3, for their honeymoon to Oahu, Hawaii.

The Hoffman's are making their home in Saginaw, where they are both continuing their college educations and working full time.



Mia and Travis Hoffman

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# In Our OPINION...

Clarke Haire  
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## Trying to quit? Ask your physician how

*There's little debate when it comes to the serious health risks attached to smoking cigarettes, but tobacco is powerfully addictive, making it a difficult habit to break.*

*Which is why we support a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) initiative that encourages smokers to talk to their doctors.*

*The initiative is part of a CDC campaign, "Tips From Former Smokers", which not only tells the story of how real people's lives were changed forever due to their smoking or exposure to secondhand smoke, but also motivates people to quit.*

*"Michigan continues to struggle with chronic diseases, many of which stem from tobacco use," says James K. Haveman, director of the MDCH. "We are committed to helping individuals make the right choices, but that also means helping physicians have the right conversations. This new initiative is a great step forward in making sure that communication is occurring between the patient and their doctor to ultimately help them change their behaviors and protect their health."*

*Nationally, about one in five U.S. adults (43.8 million) are current cigarette smokers. The good news is that more than 70 percent of smokers want to quit, and about 50 percent try to quit each year.*

*Physicians play an important role in helping motivate patients to quit. Advice from a doctor more than doubles the changes that a patient will quit successfully. Health care professionals should routinely ask patients whether they use tobacco and encourage those who do to quit, and patients should feel empowered to talk with their doctor for help.*

*In addition to talking with their physicians, smokers who want help quitting can call the toll-free Michigan Tobacco Quitline, 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669) or visit the website [www.cdc.gov/tips](http://www.cdc.gov/tips) for help quitting.*

*The objective here is simple; to encourage all smokers to take a serious look at quitting now, because it's never too late to reap the benefits of a healthier lifestyle. Even better, if you don't smoke, don't start.*

*A conversation with your doctor could be the first step in living a longer, smoke-free life.*

## Slices of Life

by Jill Pertler

*Pass the ketchup*



We were out of ketchup – or catsup, depending on your preference. You say tuh-may-toe; I say tuh-mah-toe. The word ketchup is sometimes associated with a particular brand. I buy lots of generic products, but not generic ketchup. When it comes to red condiments, my family practices purebred, pure-brand loyalty. At least we did.

Although ketchup is an American icon, the sauce originated in China in the 1600s. It was made with pickled fish and spices and didn't even contain tomatoes; the ingredient was added when the condiment came to the United States sometime in the early 1800s. By 1837, a guy named Yerks had modified and commercialized the product and marketed it nationwide. The American love affair with ketchup had begun. For most of us.

Some people don't like ketchup. They don't live at my house. We love the stuff – high fructose corn syrup and all.

What's not to like? Inside the bottle, you'll find food flexibility at its finest. Depending on your culinary needs, you can use it as an ingredient (meatloaf) or condiment (cheeseburger). While the jury is still out on nutritional legitimacy, in some circles our tomato-based friend is considered a vegetable – even though tomatoes are technically fruits, but I've never been able to keep that one straight.

I've witnessed creative ketchup use in the kitchen and beyond. My son likes it with macaroni and cheese. I enjoy dill pickles dipped in ketchup. I even know one friend who pours the sauce on his pancakes. He seems to enjoy it; I say to each his own on that one. (Please pass the syrup.)

The red wonder is more than just food and can resemble pretend blood on Halloween or other festive occasions when one wants to fake significant injury. Ketchup can get rid of chlorine build-up on hair and shine tarnished metal (but not at the same time). I've also heard rumors it enhances the flavor of French fries, but that idea sounds a little extreme – sort of like putting ketchup on pancakes.

Most ketchup consumers fit into one of two categories: dippers or squeezers.

I am a dipper. I like to squirt a round puddle of the sassy sauce on my plate and dip my burger, hot dog or baloney sandwich right into the mix. This creates ample disbursement of the condiment and the flavor it imparts.

My husband is a squeezer. He lifts the bun off his sandwich and squeezes the desired amount of ketchup onto the bread in a zigzag pattern. The idea is to create an even layer of ketchup throughout the sandwich. Squeezers enjoy consistency in their condiment distribution; it's all about control.

In order to dip or squeeze, you've got to keep a supply of the red spread in your fridge. We were plum out. At our house, running out of ketchup is serious business. Not as serious as a car wreck or broken bone; more along the lines of running out of toilet paper or losing the TV remote. Serious enough to warrant a trip to the store.

Once there, I made an appalling discovery. The shelves where my preferred brand sits were empty. This forced me to do the unthinkable. I grabbed a bottle from the company containing less than 57 varieties and put it in my cart, knowing I'd most likely regret such roguish actions in the morning.

I arrived home just in time for a lunch of brats

(sausages, not kids). I dipped. My husband squeezed. We both took a bite and lovingly caught each other's eye like a married couple does when bonding over the birth of a child, 25-year wedding anniversary or new type of ketchup. The other brand tasted – good – tangy and flavorful and completely ketchuptastic. I didn't know what to think. Every idea and hypothesis I'd formulated about ketchup (or catsup) was thrown out with the brat-water.

Maybe, just maybe, ketchup on French fries isn't such a bad idea after all. And the whole pancake thing? It definitely deserves reconsideration.

*Jill Pertler is an award-winning syndicated columnist, playwright and author of "The Do-It-Yourselfer's Guide to Self-Syndication" You can read more columns at the Slices of Life page on Facebook.*

## Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)



Come join the fun, says Undersheriff Bradley A. Roff. The Sanilac County Sheriff's Office in conjunction with the County Board of Commissioners is hosting a Jail Open House/Family Fun Day this Saturday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in honor of the opening of their new addition to the Sandusky facility.

Roff reports the event includes tours of the new jail addition, games: such as the toilet paper toss, scavenger hunt, and a display table with gear. A photo booth to get your picture taken as the "Deputy" or the "Prisoner" will also be available, as well as families and friends will have the opportunity to put one another in "jail" and then "bail" them out in our new jail cells. Popcorn and beverages will be served while a bake sale will be going on at the same time with all proceeds from the open house and bake sale going to United Hospice of Marlette and Special Olympics.

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My dad, former Publisher John Haire, always took pride in Chronicle summer interns who went on to have success in the field of journalism. One of many was Larry Werner. He went on to become the Director of News for ECM Publishers in Minnesota.

He emailed Editor Tom Montgomery recently and shared that he's about to retire from the news business after 44 years. Werner wrote, "One of my first jobs was a summer internship for the Cass City Chronicle. When I worked there, John Haire tried to talk me into working for the Chronicle rather than taking a job with a daily. After about 40 years with dailies, I have spent the last five years with a company that owns 51 weeklies. In a farewell column, I'm recalling my first job with a weekly and the advice John gave me."

Respecting Werner's wishes, we plan to run his column in next week's issue.

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We've all seen eggs with more than one yoke. However, has anyone ever seen anything like the picture below?



It's a picture of an abnormally large egg that was layed at the home of Max and Mallory Wilkins, Cass City. When it was cracked open they found an egg inside of an egg.

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The Michigan Bean Festival and Michigan Bean Commission are seeking applicants for the 65th Michigan Bean Queen contest. Applicants must be a high school graduate; and a 17-22 year old single female.

The newly crowned Michigan Bean Queen will receive a \$1,000 scholarship for college, plaque, sash, official photograph, and be required to attend a minimum of 14 events throughout the year representing the Michigan dry bean industry.

For more information or an application, visit the Michigan Bean Festival website or contact Kimberly Ross at 989-868-4489. Deadline to apply is Aug. 14.

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If you have ideas on how to improve the Thumb's economy, your presence is requested Friday for a "Think Tank" session planned for noon at Nick's County Oven in Cass City.

Cass City Village Manager Peter Cristiano says, as usual, several representatives from all over the Thumb will be in attendance.

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Congrats Kyle Reif, Cass City Class of 2007. Kyle qualified for next year's Boston Marathon over the weekend with an impressive performance in northern Michigan. Reif competed in the Charlevoix Marathon Saturday – a qualifying race for the Boston Marathon – and finished in 12th place with a time of 3:03:53. The qualifying time for the Boston Marathon is 3 hours and 5 minutes.

Chronicle readers may recall, Kyle ran 4 years of high school cross country under Coach Amy Cuthrell before heading to Spring Arbor University, where he was a member of the cross country and track teams for the next 4 years.

## Letters to the Editor Articles didn't give "rest of the story"

Editor,

I don't think the June 5 editorial, "Thanks to Hendrick the show will go on" and the front page story, "Lights, camera, action!" conveyed the complete saga or chain of events that have led to Mr. Hendrick's installation of the new digital projection equipment in the Cass Theatre.

The story began with the Oct. 10, 2012, edition of the Cass City Chronicle which featured a report that Mr. Hendrick was, like all theatre owners, faced with a difficult decision — convert to a digital projection system or close the theatre because the conversion cost was too high, in excess of \$1 million.

Please turn to page 4.

## Maybe village could buy ice cream shop

Dear editor,

We come to Cass City every week in the summer to spend time with our grandmother. We love going to the pool and stopping at the ice cream shop

afterwards.

Now that the ice cream shop is closed, we can't buy anymore ice cream that we love. This makes us feel sad and mad.

Please turn to page 4.

## Supports voluntary antler restrictions

To the editor,

I would like to commend Mason Doerr on his article, "Mandatory antler proposal up for debate" and his interview with outdoor enthusiast and columnist,

Tom Lounsbury. The article captured the essence of what Tom Lounsbury believes.

There are three points I would like to mention in reference to Mr. Iraci's Please turn to page 4.

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

## Wednesday, June 26

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.

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

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

## Thursday, June 27

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

Community Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.

Thumb TEA Party, 6:30 p.m., Evangelical Free Church, Cass City.

## Friday, June 28

Music in Rotary Park - "Muzyka!" 6:30-8:30 p.m.

## Saturday, June 29

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

## Monday, July 1

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

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

Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Movie Monday: Judy Moody & the Not Bummer Summer, 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.

## Tuesday, July 2

Al-Anon meeting, 7 p.m., St. Francis Parrish, Pigeon.

# Legislation targeting water dispute resolution in state

Legislation is on its way to the governor to reform the Groundwater Withdrawal Dispute Resolution Program, said Sens. John Moolenaar and Mike Green, both of whom supported the bill in the Senate.

"This is common sense legislation that improves a program that has already proven valuable for agricultural well users across Michigan in avoiding expensive court costs while allowing for a sharing of Michigan's waters," said Moolenaar (R-Midland). "Access to water is critical for agriculture, but as a 'reasonable use' state, Michigan ensures that all users have the right to a reasonable use of the water. The groundwater dispute resolution process is about protecting an equitable share of our water resources for everyone."

## Circuit court news

# Several charged with felonies

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

\*Cory M. Centala, 36, Fairgrove, was sentenced to one year and 4 months to 2 years in prison following his pleas of no contest to two counts of assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer Jan. 17 in Wisner Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to prison time, he was ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$667.

\*Thomas C. Inches, 24, Caro,

pleaded guilty to charges of carrying a concealed weapon and driving while his license was suspended or revoked Feb. 28 in Juniata Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$2,500. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*Brandon R. Joles, 29, Caro, pleaded guilty to violating the Sex Offender Registration Act by failing to verify his registration information with local law enforcement Jan. 16-24 in Wells Township. He was also

convicted of being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*Christopher A. Shaft, 25, Caro, pleaded no contest to one count of assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer March 9 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$8,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

# Letters to the Editor

## Articles didn't give "rest of the story"

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\$70,000. The sense the reader got from the story was that Mr. Hendrick was leaning toward the latter course of action.

The thought of losing what has become an icon or institution in Cass City struck many as unthinkable, and the report catalyzed a fundraising effort to help Mr. Hendrick with the costs should he decide to make the conversion. The Cass City Area Historical Society and Friends of the

Cass Theatre Committee partnered in raising funds. The efforts, planned and getting underway, were highlighted in the Nov. 28 Cass City Chronicle via a front page story, "Residents planning theatre fundraisers".

Current residents and former residents, like myself, began stepping up to lead fundraising efforts, solicit donors and/or pledge funds. Checks were given and cash donations were put in collection boxes located around the village. Local civic groups and organizations pledged or made donations. I'm sure Mr. Hendrick and his wife must have been overwhelmed by the show of support.

Perhaps all the fundraising efforts happened too quickly and got too far out in front of Mr. Hendrick's decision-making process on how or if to proceed. I don't live in the area so I can't say whether "signals" were being conveyed by him that the fundraising efforts shouldn't have been started or should have been slowed down once they had started, because he had questions or concerns on how or if to proceed. In any case, those leading the efforts learned in early January that he had decided to move forward and personally pay for the conversion.

This decision was obviously disheartening to those who set out in good faith and with great enthusiasm to help defray the conversion costs. Mr. Hendrick had found that he could purchase the equipment for \$40,000 to \$50,000. I can't speak for any donors or those who pledged,

but I'm confident they would have been happy that the equipment could be purchased for less and that their donations would cover a greater percentage of the cost. Their goal, after all, was to help.

All the donations were returned, except for the loose ones; they were used to host "A Nite at the Cass", which was a program focusing on the history of Cass City's playhouses and theatres. The event was free to the community and popcorn was provided to those in attendance. The remainder of the money was to be given to the Cass City Junior Citizen of the Year Scholarship Fund (about \$500).

This is the "rest of the story" as Paul Harvey used to say. I'm sure that everyone is thrilled the Cass Theatre will remain open. I sincerely hope, however, Mr. Hendrick finds a way to publicly thank all those who rallied to help.

Sincerely,

Steve Auvil  
Macungie, Penn.

*Editor's note: You're correct when you say the June 5 editorial and front page story did not convey the "complete saga" of Hendrick's decision regarding installation of digital equipment at the theatre. However, as you also noted, the Chronicle did, in fact, outline the entire chain of events via multiple stories published over the course of the past several months.*

# Maybe village could buy ice cream shop

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We are hoping the village could buy the ice cream shop, and the extra money could help pay for the pool so more children can come to swim. Then everyone can enjoy the pool and have ice cream.

If you feel this is a great idea, please

contact the village council and tell them.

Thank-you,

Grace, Emma and Aiden Freeman  
Davison

# Supports voluntary antler restrictions

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"letter to the editor" dated Wednesday, June 12:

1) Mr. Iraci was incorrect in stating that Tom Lounsbury said everyone who likes to hunt more mature bucks with a larger rack are arrogant, self-serving "shoppers" who are not up to Tom's caliber. If this was the case, he would be condemning himself and others like myself, who strongly believe in personal deer management and habitat improvement.

2) This proposal should have input from all hunters involved and not just a sample survey with about

1,000 responses.

3) I strongly believe in quality deer management but on a voluntary basis and not mandated by the state, because many hunters who do not own land — who hunt on state land or relatives' or friends' property — would be discouraged to even go hunting if they were limited on the size of buck they could legally shoot. Everyone, young and old, should have the privilege to hunt regardless of the size of the deer's rack.

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Reporter's notebook

# Shop locally? We do and here's why

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

If you don't shop locally, you're missing out on some smart buys.

No, this isn't a Cass City Chamber of Commerce advertisement; it's just my opinion.

Here's why: while my wife, Deb, and I don't do all our shopping in town (we probably never will unless Gander Mountain opens up a store here), I've always felt we all have an obligation to spend some of our income in the community that provides us with the home life we enjoy year in and year out.

I'm also acutely aware of the importance of supporting local businesses, considering my income depends on others' willingness to spend some of their advertising dollars with the Chronicle.

Anyway, we needed to replace our old clothes dryer because it was starting to shred towels, socks, shirts, etc. (not a good look for my wife, who works as an acute dialysis RN). We try to follow my late grandmother's advice to "use it up, wear it out, make it do or do without", but when the neighbors wonder if you're mixing cement every time you try to finish off a load of permanent press, it's time to replace the dryer.

Now, I'm not a comparison shopper. My technique is simple — I want, I grab, I buy. Deb, on the other hand, has turned the task of researching and comparing before buying into a science — from cars to fabric softener, she's up to speed on the best bargains around. And she's very good at it.

We ended up purchasing a heavy duty Speed Queen dryer at Schneeberger's Furniture and Appliance, not just because Schneeberger's has been doing business in Cass City for decades, but because their prices are competitive (roughly \$150 less than the models Deb had looked at elsewhere) and they offered something more — convenience. By that I mean quick service and free removal and disposal of our old dryer.

This wasn't the first time we were satisfied with our local experience. Our home is furnished with a number of appliances purchased in town, just like our cupboards are stocked with some groceries bought at Erla's. Area businesses also share in our banking, insurance and auto repair needs.

Sure, it's easy to jump at some of the flashy television commercials featuring big city merchants and "once-in-a-lifetime" bargains, but the way I figure it, those places don't have any vested interest in the community I call home.

Local businesses do.

And as long as they can offer competitive prices and service, they can count on our support.

# Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



## 5 YEARS AGO (2008)

At 5-feet 3-inches tall and 115 pounds, Michelle (Derfny) Wells probably isn't the most intimidating presence inside the Kalamazoo County Jail. But make no mistake - the Cass City native is confident in her ability to handle herself in just about any situation she might run into as a corrections deputy working the night shift among a jail population of about 390 inmates. "I try not to think about my lack of size when working, because I don't want to feel vulnerable. However, it's important to be realistic so that I don't put myself into a bad situation and get hurt," commented Wells, a 2001 Cass City High School graduate and the daughter of Linda and Dan Derfny of Cass City.

Kyle Ruggles, Justin Ruggles and Chelsea Ruggles, all of Kingston, will exhibit Angus cattle at the 2008 National Junior Angus Show at the Iowa State Fairgrounds, Des Moines, Iowa, July 13-19. All 3 area residents are junior members of the American Angus Association, headquartered in Saint Joseph, Mo. They are among 755 young Angus breeders who have entered a total of 1,595 head in the show.

## 10 YEARS AGO (2003)

The Cass City School Board quickly reorganized and breezed through a limited agenda Wednesday night. Re-elected president was Danny Haag. The board has an unofficial policy of having the president serve for 2 terms. This is Haag's second term. Other officers elected were Teresa Rabideau, vice-president, and Michelle Biddinger, secretary. Beverley Auten was reelected treasurer.

Julie Roche of Cass City has been named to the academic dean's list at Milligan College for the spring semester 2003, announced Dr. Mark Matson, academic dean. The dean's list recognizes students who earn a grade point average of 3.5 or above for the academic semester. Roche, the daughter of Ron and Ann Roche of Cass City, is a freshman biology

major at Milligan. She is studying pre-med.

## 25 YEARS AGO (1988)

Back defending the championship that it has won for several years in the annual July 4 Festival parade will be the float entered by residents at Provincial House in Cass City. Nothing's sure in this world of woe, but let me clue you. Betting that the Provincial House entry will successfully defend its title is about as close to a sure thing as you can get. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Three new Paul Harris Fellows were named at a Rotary Club meeting Tuesday night, June 21, at Rolling Hills Golf Course. Fellows are named when \$1,000 has been donated in their names for use by the Rotary Foundation. The money contributed for Don Tonti and Elaine Proctor will go towards the Polio Plus program, Rotary's battle to immunize children in underdeveloped countries. The money contributed for Nat Tuttle will be used for Rotary's college scholarship program.

## 50 YEARS AGO (1963)

Gaining a reputation as a champion bass fisherman in the area is Jim Gross of Cass City. His prestige was enhanced by a monster small mouth. It weighed 3 7/16 pounds and measured 19 9/16 inches in length. It was worth 23 points in the contest sponsored by Mort Neff on television.

Gross caught the fish at 10 in the morning, fishing off shore on Father's Day in Saginaw Bay. He used a worm harness as bait. Besides the lunker, Gross caught several other bass that morning.

Erla's are threatening to make a runaway of the race for the title in the City Softball League as they opened up a two-game lead with only three games played. Tuesday, June 18, they edged Walbro 2-0. Sunoco topped General Cable, 1-0, in the second of two well played games. Oarie Lemanski received credit for the victory in the Sunoco

win. He pitched the first six innings; Andy Kozan hurled the final frame. Each team notched four hits. Big blow was a triple by Gene Wilson to drive in Wayne "Speed" Wilson for the winning run. Clare Mellendorf wasted a triple for the winners.

Miss Patricia Hall, a former teacher in Cass City Public School and now an instructor at Wayne State University, will spend the summer living with Canadian Eskimos. Miss Hall has shipped a three month supply of food, a tent, sleeping bag and stove. Her clothes are geared to frosty days and 10-below-zero nights. When she returns to the University in the fall she will write her findings for the Canadian government. The government is concerned because Eskimos have been dying by the thousands in recent years from diseases brought by the advances of civilization.

## 100 YEARS AGO (1913)

Receiving diplomas for the class of 1913 are Ruth Benkelman, Jessie Duncanson, Marie Brooker, Ethel Englehart, Cecil Brown, Blanche Frost, Edna Colwell, Edith Hall, Irvin Cook, Belle Livingston, Mary Burt, Edith McPierson and Eugene Schwaderer.

That Cass City can produce honor students as well as some of her sister towns in the Thumb is amply shown by the record of Miss Edna Colwell of Class of 1913. From the beginning to end of her high school course, she has made a remarkable record notwithstanding the fact that she is the youngest member of her class. Graduating from high school at sixteen years of age is of itself out of the ordinary, but not content with this, Miss Colwell has carried off first honors as well. Miss Colwell is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Colwell of Cass City.

A.B. Parmalee brought a quart of strawberries to the Chronicle office Tuesday that were a delight to the eye and palate. One of the berries measured 4 1/2 inches around and the others were but a trifle smaller.

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**PUSHING AND PLOWING** is this little robot called the LELY JUNO plow. The plow runs roughly every hour in a perfect square and pushes loose food tightly up to the cows' pen. The cows seem to get excited over this machine, which also encourages them to get up and eat more frequently.



**RECEIVING A MASSAGE** is the cow featured above. The Messings have added four of these LELY LUNA brushes to entertain the cows in their free time, or while waiting to enter the milking area.



**ENJOYING SOME OATS** and preparing to be milked is the cow pictured above. Each cow should enter this area at least three times per day, but is allowed to enter and be milked up to six times.

## Messings running farm of the future

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ple now."

The Lely Astronaut A4 allows the cow to enter a closed-in area to be milked up to six times per day. Once the cow enters the area, the robot reads a special collar that collects about 200 data points about the cow, including temperature and quality of milk.

Having all of this information about each cow gives the Messings better and earlier warning signs of sickness, compared to traditional means. If there is a serious issue with a cow's milk, that milk isn't combined with the rest.

"There's nothing better than getting all of that data every day from them," Ashley said. "It really helps to check on each cow individually."

After the cow is securely in place, a robot moves in below the cow and utilizes lasers to search the udder for teats. Once the lasers have pinpointed the teats, the individual robot milkers attach to them and milk all 4 at the same time.

"In comparison to our parlor, cows will be in here about the same time," Ashley said, noting that when the cows enter the robot area, they are also fed.

The number of pellets is unique to each individual cow. That way they are receiving the perfect amount of food based on the amount of milk produced. The robot recognizes each cow by the data in its collar.

"As she's milking, she's eating oats, which is a draw for them to come. It keeps them from getting distracted," Ashley said. If a cow doesn't get milked after 8 to 10 hours, it's taken over to the milking area, where it won't be allowed to leave until it's milked.

The Messings decided to make the switch over to robots for several reasons.

"Good employees are really hard to find around here, so that's what kind of changed our mind," Ashley said, adding the family initially never expected to make the change to

robotic milking. "We started seriously researching the option in January after visiting farms with similar equipment."

The equipment was ordered and installed by Inbody Inc., Sandusky. The Messings said the company has been extremely helpful with setting things up and answering questions.

Aside from their help, if there is a malfunction with a robot, the robot has the ability to call for help by contacting Ashley or Greg's cell phone, and it lets them know what specific problem is occurring.

Despite only having the system for about a month, the Messing family is already elated with how everything is working. Ashley believes this is the future of family farming.

"I think that the robot is going to be huge for the small to medium-sized farms," she said. "I think they'll allow farms our size, or smaller, to

have a little advantage."

Although the Messings may be searching for something to do with the extra free time they now have, it was hard work getting the system set up initially.

"The first week was very intense. The first milking that we did that day, we started at 10 a.m. and didn't get them all through until 1 a.m.," said Shelly while mentioning she had a lack of sleep for the first several days.

The Messings have also been utilizing a few other pieces of technology on their farm including a Lely Luna brush, which massages the cow's heads, and Lely Juno plow that runs just about every hour and pushes the cows' feed closer to them to encourage the cows to get up and eat, which subsequently increases milk production.

## O-G looking at deficit

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programming," Drury said.

Turning to the preliminary 2013-14 general fund budget, projected revenues are \$1,737,482 and expenditures total \$1,779,700, leaving the district with a projected \$42,218 loss. The fund balance will make up the difference, giving Owen-Gage nearly \$147,000 in the bank.

Although the new budget predicts a deficit, Drury believes Owen-Gage will be in decent financial shape.

"While it is a fact that our preliminary 2013-14 general fund budget shows a deficit, we have projected revenues low and expenditures high at this point," he pointed out. "We have not received any final numbers in many of our revenue areas, and we do not know exactly how many students will enroll in the fall."

"I am confident that a significant amount of that projected deficit will be eliminated once we have better figures in September/October," Drury added.

Drury is a seasoned superintendent who has dealt with similar situations in the past, prompting him to approach Owen-Gage's spending plan conservatively.

"After too many years of building and adjusting school budgets, at this point in time we are choosing the side of caution," Drury said. "Experience tells me that we do not want to be like many other districts and spend until you run out of operating money, and then make cuts which negatively impact the education of boys and girls."

Although school officials are looking at a deficit in the coming school year, a plus is they aren't borrowing as much money as they have in the past. Drury said the board wants the district to become more financially stable without relying on as much loaned money.

"At last night's meeting, our board approved the borrowing of less money than they ever have," Drury said. "This tells me that our district is continuing to build a solid financial foundation, and demonstrates that the Owendale-Gagetown School District will be here for many years to come."

### BOND ISSUE

Also last week, the board noted the district's plan for a 2.90-mill bond proposal is moving steadily forward.

"Community members and board members turned in petitions with 114 signatures from our voters saying that they would like our board to conduct a bond issue election for improving the education in our school district," Drury said. "This is a significant number, as only 44 signatures were required."

The proposed bond totals 2.9 mills, which means property owners would pay \$2.90 for every \$1,000 of taxable valuation if the request passes. According to the State Equalized Value (SEV), which is based on 50 percent of market value, for an owner of a \$50,000 home, the tax would cost an additional \$72. The owner of a \$100,000 home would pay an additional \$145 in taxes.

This will be the third time voters

have been asked to vote on a similar bond proposal.

Despite the increase in taxes, Drury believes the high number of petition signers shows that a large number of community members are ready to get the ball rolling.

"These citizens are telling the board that our students should enjoy the advantages, like other students in neighboring schools enjoy, of modern technology, properly heated and lighted classrooms, and a school building that is safe," Drury said.

"The next step in the election process is to start gathering names of district supporters that are willing to help inform our voters of the advantages that this bond issue will afford our students today and in the future."

Similar bond issues have been passed in neighboring districts, however, this type of bond issue has yet to pass in the Owen-Gage school district.

"Our school district is the only one in the surrounding area that has not passed a bond issue for building and program improvement," Drury said. "I believe that our students here...are as deserving of a first-rate facility and exposure to up-to-date teaching and learning tools as students in neighboring districts."

Similar bond proposals were struck down by voters recently, including one earlier this year, which was a proposed 2.95-mill request that was rejected by a margin of 9 votes, 184 to 175. A previous vote was defeated by only 7 votes.

Despite the previous losses, Drury believes this is the one that will pass.

"I am confident that this bond issue will be successful this time because we have many citizens that are concerned about the future, our students' quality of education and the pride that is obvious with being a BULL-DOG."

### IN OTHER BUSINESS

In other business last week, the board:

\*Discussed the possible purchase of a credit card for certain school-related purchases. It was noted that the card would be handy in paying certain bills that are time-relevant.

\*Noted that the school applied for a food service audit asking for an addition 6 cents per lunch from the state. The audit was approved, however, the school will be making some changes in their cafeteria. The school will also have to prove they are not wasting money from food services. The audit provides the school with approximately an additional \$200 per month.

\*Noted the resignation of Kerry McClean, a kindergarten teacher, was accepted "with regret". This leaves a vacancy for a kindergarten teacher, along with the previous vacancy in a Spanish/para-professional position.

\*Noted the school is moving forward with its summer school program. The district has identified roughly 15 students at each level for the program, which will run 4 days per week and will begin at 8 a.m. and run until noon starting Monday, July 15.

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# Prosecutors mulling charges

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other information related to the investigation, and will determine what charges, if any, he will file. Before that happens, however, Reene will decide whether the teen's case will remain in family court or if he'll be tried as an adult.

The suspect, whose name has not been released because he is 16, allegedly stole 4 vehicles and an ATV, then attempted to ram a police car and a school bus while leading Huron County law enforcement officials on an hour-long chase.

The incident unfolded in the village of Sebewaing along with portions of Sebewaing and Brookfield townships after some DPW workers in Sebewaing reported witnessing a hit-and-run property damage accident.

Police learned the vehicle was stolen, according to Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson, who reported the driver fled the scene and ended up in a ditch about 1 1/2 miles

east of Sebewaing. He then allegedly took an ATV from another residence and headed northbound in a field, traveling to another residence near Lange on Gremel Road.

Once there, the suspect drove the ATV through the door of an unattached garage. "He eventually went to the attached garage and got into a 2004 Chevrolet pickup, drove through the garage door and fled the scene, ending up ditching the pickup near the Tom Gettel residence on Gettel Road north of Canboro Road," Hanson said.

He added the teen entered Gettel's garage and stole a 2009 Chevrolet pickup and, once again, drove through a garage door before fleeing the scene with Gettel in pursuit in his wife's vehicle. They ended up on Kilmanagh Road, east of Kilmanagh, where the suspect turned into a south side field, spinning the vehicle around and ending up in a ditch.

A short time later, the boy approached another residence, tak-

ing a 2004 Dodge Stratus. He continued eastbound into the tiny community of Linkville, where Bad Axe Police Officer Shawn Webber caught sight of the stolen vehicle.

"The suspect tried to drive into Officer Webber head-on, but Officer Webber avoided impact. Officer Webber then took chase and witnessed the suspect attempt to drive into an Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port school bus," Hanson said. "Fortunately, no collision occurred and the chase resumed."

The pursuit finally ended on Notter Road, just north of Sebewaing Road, when the suspect lost control, entering the west ditch. The vehicle rolled over 4 times and burst into flames, according to Hanson. "With the vehicle on its top and on fire, Officer Webber ran to it and was able to get the suspect out of the vehicle."

The teen, who suffered minor injuries, was transported to Schuerer Hospital in Pigeon for treatment.

# School board adopts lean 2013-14 budget

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budget), by the end of next June.

While school officials have a handle on what to expect in the way of state funding in the coming year, following Gov. Rick Snyder's signing of a new budget last week, there are still some key "unknowns" that could significantly impact school spending. Among those is enrollment, according to Klosowski, who told the board that the district's proposed budget is based on a projected loss of 32 kids next year.

The Cass City Public Schools receives \$7,066 per student in state funding. Hartel noted that, in spite of reports that the new state budget has more money earmarked for K-12 education, including a per-pupil hike of \$110, state officials are cutting education funding in other areas, reducing the impact of the revenue increase.

In a related matter, the board approved an annual resolution to borrow money that will be used to meet the district's cash-flow needs until state funding payments resume in the fall.

Klosowski outlined a detailed cash-flow analysis for the board and requested authorization to borrow \$1.3 million this year, down by \$100,000 borrowed last year and \$200,000 less than the year before.

The board's discussion of finances concluded with a decision to switch custodial service companies.

School officials have contracted with D.M. Burr for the past 4 years, but a number of complaints related to the quality of work prompted the board to approve a 2-year contract with a local company, Schuette Services. The business is owned and operated by Randy Schuette, a Cass City School employee who handles the district's outdoor maintenance.

Schuette's bid of \$150,000 per year is higher than the \$135,000 paid to D.M. Burr over the past year. However, school officials say the increase is due to Schuette's plan to use better quality materials. He also intends to pay his employees more than Burr does in an effort to reduce worker turnover, which he says also affects the quality of work a custodial company provides.

## IN OTHER BUSINESS

In other business during the regular monthly meeting, the board:

\*Discussed the status of the proposed lease of the west wing of the former Campbell Elementary School building to the Thumb Area Dental Clinic.

The dental group, which still plans to lease the building for 3 years at a cost of \$500 per month, is in the process of finalizing contracts with officials in Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties, and hopes to activate the lease in early October.

\*Heard a report from Athletic Director Don Markel, who told the board that a survey of school officials in the Greater Thumb West Conference has resulted in a consensus to keep athletic gate fees as they are for now. The league was considering an increase from the current \$4 (high school) and \$3 (middle school) admission charges.

\*Accepted "with regret" the resignation of high school science teacher Jim Green, who has accepted a full-time administrative position in the Kingston Community School District.

\*Heard the first installment of annual bullying reports now required by the state.

Elementary Principal Aaron

Fernald reported 55 complaints — most of them reported at the beginning of the year. Student interventions and increased parental involvement resulted in a quick drop in those numbers, he told the board.

Junior-senior high school Principal Chad Daniels reported close to 30 complaints, primarily involving name calling and rumors. He noted the numbers declined significantly after school officials began requiring students with Facebook-related complaints to produce copies of conversations demonstrating alleged bullying incidents.

\*Approved an annual resolution to continue membership in the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA).

# Audit reveals no surprises for Cass City Village officials

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of road construction projects necessary for the development of the DFA project.

## OTHER BUSINESS

Turning to other matters, the council approved the designation of an Agricultural Renaissance Zone and an additional allocation to the Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) during its 45-minute gathering.

Trustee Don Richards reported the zoning request is for land owned by the Dairy Farmers of America (DFA) in the Cass City Industrial Park and is one of many steps in the process of "Project THUMB", which is designed to help attract new business, increase economic development, and expand agricultural business and employment opportunities in the village of Cass City and surrounding communities.

In other action concerning the Dairy Farmers of America project, the council approved support for MDOT Development Financing Grants, which commits the village to provide a 20-percent match of the total costs

of road construction projects necessary for the development of the DFA project.

Also expected to assist in Cass City's economic development, Trustee Michael Kirm's motion for a \$2,500 distribution to the Tuscola EDC was unanimously passed.

Kirm noted that in April the council approved a \$5,000 payment to the EDC of the \$7,500 requested by Tuscola County EDC Director Steve Erickson. The additional funds, which will be paid by the Cass City EDC, will aid the efforts of the county's EDC, which has helped with obtaining federal and state grants in the past, as well as getting new businesses to settle in the community.

Lastly, in a Personnel and Public Safety Committee issue, the council approved the confirmation of William Hartzell, Mayville, as a hearing officer for the village.

Trustee Kevin Israelson, who presented the motion, noted, "Bill has been a part-time police officer in Cass City for over 20 years. He has also served as a code enforcement officer in the past and is well qualified to our hearing officer."

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# Troopers gearing up to host an open house

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

For many, meeting a Michigan State Police trooper doesn't bring back pleasant memories. After all, who doesn't get that funny feeling in the pit of their stomach when they see those flashing lights in the rearview mirror?

Others may have a strong sense of appreciation for the state police after a trooper has assisted them in a time of need.

Troopers at the Michigan State Police post in Caro are offering the public the chance to meet and greet them in an informal setting this week. The post, located at 1485 Cleaver Rd. (north of the intersection of M-81 and M-24 in Caro), is hosting an open house Thursday from noon to 3 p.m.

"This event is an opportunity for us to thank those in the community for their continued support," said First Lt. Mitch Krugielki, post commander.

In addition to the open house, the Caro post has partnered with the Caro Lions Club, which will have personnel at the post to provide free eye screenings for children. There will be literature available from the Tuscola Substance Abuse Council as well as the Michigan State Police.

In addition, a trooper will complete child identification packets for the kids. There also will be a Michigan State Police 1975 Plymouth on display for viewing, and state police personnel will be on hand to offer community members tours of the building and answer questions about state police services.

The Caro post, charged with providing general law enforcement services in Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties, currently is staffed by one first lieutenant, 19 troopers, 2 detective sergeants, 4 sergeants and 4 civilians.

In 2012, the post handled more than 5,300 complaints, issued more than 2,500 citations and more than 490 verbal warnings, made more than 1,300 felony and misdemeanor arrests, and investigated some 400 traffic crashes.

Photos by Mason Doerr

**THE INAUGURAL Cass City Carry-Yer-Woman contest winners were Dean Rabideau and Stephanie Leeson, who finished the course twice in an astonishing 110 seconds, thanks in part to motivational assistance from Emcee Tom Brinkman. Organizers are still tallying the event's proceeds, which will be donated to charity.**

## Holiday to close offices

All Secretary of State branch offices and the Office of the Great Seal will close on Thursday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.

The Department of State mails notices to motorists 45 days before their driver's license or license plates expire to give them ample time to renew. Licenses and plates that expire on a day when state offices are closed, such as a holiday or weekend, can be renewed the following day without penalty.

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**THE CASS CITY U12 all star softball team were crowned champions of the North Branch Slugfest on Sunday. They are: (front, l-r) Abbey Salcido, Brianna Mester, Sadie Souva, Katie Autry (middle) Kacey Haire, Savannah Walker (back) Asst. Coach Traci Souva, Brittany Hamilton, Layna Oliphant, Jalene Krol, Konnar Warren, DeeDee Haley, Hailey Beckrow and Coach Amanda Mester.**



**THE CASS CITY U10 all stars captured the North Branch Slugfest softball tournament over the weekend. They are: (front, l-r) Saylor Cuthrell, Macey White (middle) Kristin Stimpfel, Autumn Turnbull, Janelle Hartwick, Sami Souva, Abbey Halabis (back) Coach Mark Halabis, Morgan Sheridan, Raeven Periso, Madi Cumper, Abby Phillips, Dawson Klein and Asst. Coach Lori Wallace.**

## Cass City youths grab Slugfest titles

If the results of the North Branch Slugfest over the weekend are any indication, the outlook for Cass City Schools' softball program looks promising.

A pair of teams, consisting mainly of future Red Hawk prospects, grabbed championship honors in convincing fashion Sunday at the North Branch 2-day tourney.

In the 12-and-under division, Cass City's all stars compiled a perfect 5-0 record en route to the crown. On Saturday, Coach Amanda Mester's team defeated Essexville and the North Branch all stars by scores of 8-1 and 12-1, respectively. Cass City then defeated Sandusky, 13-3, on Sunday to advance into the elimination rounds as the number one seed. There, Cass City had no problem defeating the North Branch Rampage team, 10-5, before recording a 12-2 victory in the championship game in a rematch against Essexville.

In the 10-and-under division, Cass City had similar success. Although Coach Mark Halabis' all stars were defeated 6-5 by Romeo in their opener on Saturday, the Lady Red Hawks roared to the title with wins of 9-3 over Sandusky and 12-0 over North Branch, before entering the elimination bracket where they defeated USA 5-0 in the semis and Romeo 8-5 for the tournament banner.

"We beat Romeo when it mattered," said Halabis. "The championship game was one of the best 10-and-under games I've ever seen."

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# Award competition for local high school students announced

A new award competition for local high school students was announced during the Great Lakes Bay Summer Leadership Academy 2013.

The A.H. Nickless Innovation Award, presented by the Nickless Family Charitable Foundation, is an annual competition for high school students ages 13 to 18 in Bay, Midland, Saginaw and Tuscola counties.

The goal of the competition is to inspire passion for science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) among high school students in the Great Lakes Bay Region. Students will be challenged to increase their STEM skills and knowledge by working in teams to think innovatively and build solutions to solve problems impacting the world today and into the future.

The award was created in memory of the late Arthur H. Nickless of Bay City. Nickless spent more than 40 years in the communications industry as the owner of Wolverine

Telephone Company and remained passionate about innovation and technology throughout his life.

"We are excited to launch this award to honor our father's legacy," said Janet Royce, who, with her sisters, Joanie Tankersley and Judy Graham, created the award and serves on the board of the Nickless Family Charitable Foundation. "We hope to inspire young people in the area to think creatively, connect with local businesses, and spur educational advancement and economic growth."

The prizes available to students and schools will total more than \$75,000 annually. Each member of the first-, second- and third-place teams will win a scholarship, and each of the winning teams' schools will win a STEM education improvement grant.

"The awards from this competition will help improve both students' futures and the quality of STEM education in our local schools,"

Royce said. "We are hoping to shape the future business leaders of the Great Lakes Bay Region."

Registration opens in September, when interested teams of students will submit a two-page project description detailing their innovative project ideas. The top 20 projects will be chosen to continue in the competition, and those teams will each receive \$1,000 to develop their respective projects. The projects will be presented and prizes will be awarded in April 2014.

"Our father was such a generous man," Tankersley said. "He would be thrilled to know that students are being given the opportunity to expand their horizons through their own ingenuity and creative efforts."

For more information about the A.H. Nickless Innovation Award and the Nickless Family Charitable Foundation, visit [www.facebook.com/AHNicklessInnovationAward](http://www.facebook.com/AHNicklessInnovationAward).

# CHIP SHOTS



**Rolling Hills Golf Course**  
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**as of 06-19-13**

**Division 1 - Early**

Wallace/Warner	122
MacAlpine/Mosher	109
Smithson/Kelly	108
Alexander/Spencer	100
Biefer/Hoard	99
Burns/Caister	94
Hobbs/Meck	89
Craig/Knight	86
Bliss/Thompson	85
Fox/Herron	81
D. Jones/Tate	75
Mastie/Robinson	75
Hendrick/Veggian not played	74*
Berwick/Greenlee	68
Jones/Marshall played	63
Dillon/Irrer	58

**Medalists**  
 Individual: Tate 37  
 Team: D. Jones/Tate 86

**Division 2 - Late**

Ulf/Cory & Paul	121
Wallace/Brent & Scott	113
Krol/LeValley	109
Hillaker/Murphy	108
Richards/Bitzer D.	100
Osentoski/D. Wallace	99
Cotton/Israelson	96
Doerr/Haire	93
Martin/Stern	90
Lowman/Tamlyn	88
Hartel/Brown	85
Langenburg/Brad & Joe	82
Hacker/Nika	80
Weaver/Hartzell	79
Prieskorn/Repshinska	77
Bitzer/Curtis	74
Ahleman/Halasz	68

Sommerville's	68
deBeaubien/Brinkman played	46
Spencer/Pearce not played	33*

**Medalists:**  
 Individual: Tamlyn 35  
 Team: Ulfings' Corey & Paul 87  
 \*match not played

**Monday Night Golf League**  
**as of June 24**

**Division 1**

Fox, Ray	84.00
Roth, Dieter	83.00
Zdrojewski, Jon	77.00
Iwankovitsch, Daryl	73.00
Peyer, Jim	69.00
Ouvry, Don	61.00
Lowe, Mike	54.00
Lowman, Ryan	54.00
Lyons, Tim	54.00
Robinson, Larry	51.00

**Event Statistics**  
 Low Gross (39) Roth, Dieter  
 Low Net (34) Lowman, Ryan  
 High Points (18.00) Lowman, Ryan  
 Most Bogeys (8) Zdrojewski, Jon  
 Most Pars (4) Fox, Ray  
 Most Birdies (1) Roth, Dieter;  
 Ouvry, Don; Iwankovitsch, Daryl

**Season Statistics**  
 Low Gross (35) Roth, Dieter  
 Low Net (33) Roth, Dieter;  
 Iwankovitsch, Daryl; Lyons, Tim  
 High Points (19.00) Roth, Dieter  
 Most Bogeys (8) Zdrojewski, Jon  
 Most Pars (7) Roth, Dieter  
 Most Birdies (1) Ouvry, Don; Roth,  
 Dieter; Fox, Ray; Zdrojewski, Jon;  
 Lyons, Tim; Iwankovitsch, Daryl

**Division 2**

Nika, Tony	88.00
Caister, Dan	83.00

MacAlpine, Harold	82.00
LeValley, Bruce	68.00
Mosher, Dan	67.00
Allen, David	63.00
Davis, Pat	60.00
Smithson, Jim	58.00
House, David	47.00
Maurer, Noel	44.00

**Event Statistics**

Low Gross (43) Caister, Dan
Low Net (34) Caister, Dan
High Points (17.00) Allen, David
Most Bogeys (6) Caister, Dan
Most Pars (5) Nika, Tony

**Season Statistics**

Low Gross (38) Nika, Tony
Low Net (31) Nika, Tony; Davis, Pa
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# Freedom Festival Committee busy

by Mason Doerr  
Staff Writer

This year's Cass City Freedom Festival's parade will be spearheaded by a fresh face.

Tyler Perry, parade coordinator, took over the role this year and has high hopes for a successful year.

"I was asked to be the co-coordinator for the parade and then the lady who was coordinator got a different job in the village so it kind of fell to me and I took over," said Perry. "I get involved in lots of different things in town and it was just something that I wanted to do so I volunteered and that's how I got into this trouble."

So far, Perry has been working hard to gather applications for floats and groups who are interested in participating in the parade.

"I had to contact 100 or so people that we try to get into the parade, after that it's basically just waiting for them to return the applications, and pretty much on a daily basis I have to log who has returned their applications," Perry said about his daily tasks. "We usually have 80-100 (participants), right now we have about 40-45 and they usually come in last minute, so we're doing pretty good right now."

Although Perry is confident the parade coordination is going well, he has had some challenges.

"I guess getting people to get their applications in on time (is a challenge), so I can make sure they're where they need to be, and working with different groups because pretty much everybody

I've gotten applications from say they need to be towards the front," Perry said with a laugh. "And how am I going to do that?"

Aside from a few minor challenges, Perry attributes his success to his fellow committee members.

"It's pretty cool to see the community work together," Perry said. "Just seeing everyone work together is a success."

Although this is Perry's first year as head of the parade, he isn't new to this type of work.

"I did the Christmas parade this past year and that was a lot of work just because I was the only person doing it," Perry said. "This way, we have a huge committee and that makes it a lot easier. It was simpler than I thought it was."

"Basically, I just wanted to get it going and make sure it's a success and try to get people who haven't been in it before," Perry added.

Despite this being Perry's first year as coordinator of the parade, he hopes the festivities will be on par with previous years and he has a bright outlook in regards to this year's events being just as fun for all of the families in attendance.

"It's going to be pretty much the same, people are looking forward to it. A lot of Facebook people are asking questions about when it's going to be and stuff like that," Perry said. "I'm just glad that the community has let a younger person be involved with things. It can be hard for people to hand over the reins, and they've done that, so I'm thankful that they've let me do it this year."

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

Said premises are situated in Township of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at a point on the Section line of Section 14, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, 317.5 feet South of the intersection of the East Section line and the South line of the C and O Railroad; thence South on the Section line, 170 feet; thence Westerly parallel to the C and O Railroad 532 feet; thence North 170 feet; thence Easterly parallel to the Railroad, 532 feet to the point of beginning.

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Dated: June 5, 2013  
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At the date of this notice there is claimed to be due for principal and interest on the Mortgage the sum of One Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand Sixty-Four and 69/100 Dollars (\$148,064.69). No suit or proceedings at law have been instituted to recover any part of the debt secured by the Mortgage.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in the Mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, and to pay said amount with interest as provided in the Mortgage, and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including attorney fees allowed by law, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises at public venue to the highest bidder at the Courthouse located at 207 E. Grant Street, Caro, Michigan, the place of holding the Circuit Court within Tuscola

County, Michigan, on Thursday, July 11, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. local time.

Pursuant to Section 3240(8) of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, as amended, (MCLA 600.3240(8); MSA 27A.3240(8)), the redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of the foreclosure sale, unless the premises are determined to be abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a; MSA 27A.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of the sale.

The premises covered by said mortgage is commonly known as 3823 Murphy Lake Road, and is situated in the Township of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as follows:

Part of the East 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of Section 11, T10N, R8E, described as follows: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of Section 11; thence South 89°17'52" West, along the North Section line, 511.03 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 01°05'18" East, 300 feet; thence South 89°17'52" West, 200 feet; thence North 01°05'18" West, 300.00 feet to a point on the North Section line of said Section; thence North 89°17'52" East along said North line, 200.00 feet to the point of beginning.

PPN: 017-011-000-0800-08

Dated: June 5, 2013

The Lee Glindmeier Declaration of Trust, Mortgagee  
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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Tuscola Circuit Courthouse in the Village of Caro, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on JULY 11, 2013.

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

Parcel 1:Part of the North half of the South half of the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 23, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, described as:Commencing at the East quarter corner of said Section; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 1678.03 feet along the East section line to the point of beginning; thence South 89 degrees 37 minutes 36 seconds West, 280.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, 32.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 37 minutes 36 seconds East, 280.00 feet to the East Section line; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 32.00 feet along the East Section line to the point of beginning. Subject to the right of way for Sheridan Road over the Easterly side thereof.Parcel 2:Part of the South half of the South half of the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 23, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, being further described as:Commencing at the East quarter corner of said Section; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, 1589.48 feet, along the East Section line, to the point of beginning; thence South 89 degrees 37 minutes 36 seconds West, 492.00 feet, thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, 88.55 feet; thence North 89 degrees 37 minutes 36 seconds East, 492.00 feet, along the North line of the South half of the South half of the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter to the East Section line; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, 88.55 feet, along said Section line to the point of beginning. Subject to the right of way for Sheridan Road over the Easterly side thereof.

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

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

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dean G. Fuerst, A Married Man and Beth Fuerst, His Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated March 22, 2008, and recorded on April 18, 2008 in Liber 1147 on Page 508, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty and 93/100 Dollars (\$127,980.93).

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 July 11, 2013.

Said premises are situated in Village of Reese, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at a point 15.4 feet East of the Northwest corner of the East One-Half of the Northwest One-Quarter of Section 18, Town 12 North, Range 7 East, thence running East 113 Feet, thence South 197 Feet, thence West 113 Feet, thence North 197 Feet to the Point of beginning.

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

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Dated: June 12, 2013

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Tuscola Circuit Courthouse in the Village of Caro, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on JULY 11, 2013. Said premises are located in the Township of Fremont, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

All that certain parcel of land situate in the Township of Fremont, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, being known and designated as follows:Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 9, Town 11 North, Range 9 East; thence South 89 degrees 48 minutes West, 330.45 feet along the East-West 1/4 line to the Point of Beginning; running thence South 0 degrees 07 minutes 17 seconds East, 334.28 feet; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 30 seconds West, 522.25 feet; thence North 0 degrees 07 minutes 17 seconds West, 332.99 feet; thence North 89 degrees 48 minutes East, 522.25 feet along the East-West 1/4 line to the Point of Beginning. Being part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 9, Town 11 North, Range 9 East.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with

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

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Dated: June 12, 2013  
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Herman R. Smith and Elaine G. Smith, husband and wife as joint tenants with right of survivorship, to Welcome Home Mortgage Corp., Mortgagee, dated September 23, 2004 and recorded October 4, 2004 in Liber 1010, Page 1166, and , Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Wells Fargo Bank, NA by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Six and 81/100 Dollars (\$120,266.81) including interest at 6% per annum.

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

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

Land situated in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as: Lots 58, Williamsburg Estates Subdivision Number 4 according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 4, Page 15, 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.

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00 am on July 11, 2013 Said premises are situated in City of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: City of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan: Lot 17 and 35 feet of Lot 18, Block 1 of Westdale Subdivision, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page(s) 24B, Records of Tuscola county, State Of Michigan. Commonly known as 804 Allen St. 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: 06/12/2013

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Tuscola Circuit Courthouse in the Village of Caro, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on JULY 18, 2013.

Said premises are located in the Township of Watertown, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Township of Watertown, Tuscola County, Michigan: Lot 6, Block 19, Plat of the Village of Fostoria, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 440-45, now being 45A-46A, Tuscola County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

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**FORECLOSURE NOTICE 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 SERVICEMEMBER 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 ERIN M. BIDDLE, A SINGLE WOMAN to New Century Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated April 20, 2005, and recorded on August 23, 2005, in Liber 1051, Page 401, Tuscola County Records, said mortgage was assigned to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee, for Carrington Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2005-NC3 Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates by an Assignment of Mortgage dated January 09, 2008 and recorded January 22, 2008 in Liber 1139, Page 1172, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Nine Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Five and 66/100 (\$159,675.66) including interest at the rate of 5.50000% 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 July 18, 2013 Said premises are situated in the Township of Juniata, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 13, TOWN 12 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, DESCRIBED AS COMMENCING AT THE NORTH QUARTER CORNER OF SAID SECTION 13; THENCE ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 13, SOUTH 85 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 24 SECONDS EAST 648.43 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID NORTH LINE OF SECTION 13, SOUTH 85 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 24 SECONDS EAST 334.89 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 18 SECONDS WEST, 1313.42 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 13; THENCE ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 13; THENCE ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 13; THENCE 86 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 14 SECONDS WEST 334.87 FEET; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 18 SECONDS EAST 1313.89 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Commonly known as: 3181 W CARO RD 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: June 19, 2013  
Randall S. Miller & Associates,  
P.C. Attorneys for Deutsche Bank National Trust Company,  
as Trustee, for Carrington Mortgage Loan Trust,  
Series 2005-NC3 Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates  
43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180,  
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302,  
(248) 335-9200  
Case No. 13M100707-1

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**Mortgage Sale** - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by TERRY ALLEN DOWNING, AND STEPHANIE ANNE DOWNING, HUSBAND AND WIFE, SIGNING PRO-FORMA TO PERFECT LIEN ONLY to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as a nominee for America's Wholesale Lender, Mortgagee, dated February 23, 2007, and recorded on March 1, 2007, in Liber 1112, Page 223, Tuscola County Records, said mortgage was assigned to THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF CWABS, INC., A S S E T - B A C K E D CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-4 by an Assignment of Mortgage dated November 21, 2011 and recorded December 05, 2011 in Liber 1236, Page 439, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Eight and 41/100 (\$89,898.41) including interest at the rate of 9.75000% 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 July 18, 2013 Said premises are situated in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

LAND IN THE VILLAGE OF CARO, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, TO WIT: COMMENCING 8 RODS 4 FEET SOUTHEAST OF THE SOUTH CORNER OF BLOCK 3 OF GAMBLE ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF CARO, RUNNING THENCE SOUTHEAST 67 FEET; THENCE NORTHEAST 8 RODS; THENCE NORTHWEST 67 FEET; THENCE SOUTHWEST 8 RODS TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. BEING PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 3, TOWN 12 NORTH RANGE 9 EAST, TUSCOLA COUNTY RECORDS.

Commonly known as: 133 E GAMBLE ST If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 6.00 months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year.

Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights.

Dated: June 19, 2013  
Randall S. Miller & Associates,  
P.C. Attorneys for THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK,  
AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF CWABS, INC.,  
ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES,  
SERIES 2007-4  
43252 Woodward Avenue,  
Suite 180, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302,  
(248) 335-9200  
Case No. 13M100791-1

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DUTY.

**MORTGAGE SALE** – Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by DEANNA O'DELL, A SINGLE WOMAN, to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated December 10, 2007, and recorded on January 22, 2008, in Liber 1139, on Page 1200, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Dollars and Fifty-Nine Cents (\$64,860.59), including interest at 6.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on July 18, 2013 Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as:

**PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF INDIANFIELDS, COUNTY OF TUSCOLA, AND STATE OF MICHIGAN: PARCEL A: PART OF THE NORTHEAST 1 / 4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1 / 4 OF SECTION 9, TOWN 12 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST, DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION WHICH IS SOUTH 00 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 15 SECONDS WEST 881.86 FEET FROM THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 9, THENCE CONTINUING ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION SOUTH 00 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 15 SECONDS WEST 75.00 FEET THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST 198.00 FEET THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 15 SECONDS EAST 75.00 FEET THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 45 SECONDS EAST 198.00 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 9 AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING, TUSCOLA COUNTY RECORDS.**

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 600 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.  
Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.  
23938 Research Drive, Suite 300  
Farmington Hills, MI 48335  
JPMC.001686 USDA

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**MORTGAGE SALE** – Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James Gillies, a single man to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for GMAC Bank, Mortgagee, dated May 13, 2009, and recorded May 29, 2009, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment.

There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of \$92,641.41 (ninety-two thousand six hundred forty-one and 41/100) including interest at 5.50% (five point five zero) percent per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI at 10:00:00 AM on July 18, 2013. Said premises are located in the Township of Tuscola, Tuscola County Michigan, and are described as:

Land situated in the Township of Tuscola, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, is described as follows: Situated in the Township of Tuscola, County of Tuscola and State of Michigan: Lot 20 and Lot 21, of HAINES SUBDIVISION, part of Sections 11 and 12, Town 11 North, Range 7 East, Tuscola Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, Tuscola County Records. Commonly known as: 4878 Cottrell Road PPN: 019011300210001 The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

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

Dated: June 19, 2013  
By: Foreclosing Attorneys Attorney for Plaintiff Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A. Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.  
2155 Butterfield Drive Suite 200-S Troy, MI 48084  
WWR# 10116312

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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 Ricky E. Escckelson married to Amy Escckelson, signing solely for purposes of waiving homestead rights, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for EverBank its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 21, 2008, and recorded on December 9, 2008 in Liber 1163 on Page 365, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixteen Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Four and 30/100 Dollars (\$116,394.30).

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 July 25, 2013.

Said premises are situated in Township of Gilford, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Northeast corner of the North half of the Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 34, Township 13 North, Range 7 East, thence West 213 feet; thence South 120 feet, thence East 213 feet, thence North 120 feet to the place of beginning.

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

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

Dated: June 26, 2013  
For more information, please call:  
FC D (248) 593-1309  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
31440 Northwestern Hwy Ste 200  
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-5422  
File #418128F01

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John Joinville a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Franklin Bank a Division of First Place Bank, Mortgagee, dated May 4, 2007, and recorded on May 10, 2007 in Liber 1119 on Page 294, and assigned by mesne assignments to Nationstar Mortgage LLC 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 Forty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Fifteen and 57/100 Dollars (\$142,415.57).

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 July 25, 2013.

Said premises are situated in Township of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 8, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the South line of Section 8, which is East 1320.25 feet from the South 1/4 corner of said Section 8; thence continuing along said South line, East 200.00 feet; thence North 01 degrees 37 minutes 52 seconds West 233.07 feet; thence West 200.00 feet; thence along an occupied line, South 01 degrees 27 minutes 52 seconds East 233.07 feet to the South line of Section 8 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.

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: June 26, 2013  
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31440 Northwestern Hwy Ste 200  
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Michigan 48334-5422  
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**FORECLOSURE NOTICE** This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. **MORTGAGE SALE** – Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Carolyn J. Duty and Barry L. Duty, Husband and Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Homecomings Financial Network, Inc., its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 13, 2004 and recorded February 20, 2004 in Liber 980 Page 1240 Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to: Nationstar Mortgage, LLC, by assignment dated May 17, 2013 and recorded May 29, 2013 in Liber 1281, Page 316, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-One Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Two Dollars and Twenty-Two Cents (\$91,932.22) including interest 2% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00AM on July 25, 2013 Said premises are situated in Township of Watertown, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Fractional Northeast one-quarter of Section 5, Township 10 North, Range 9 East, Watertown Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the East line of said Section 5 which is North 1047.25 feet from the East one-quarter corner, thence continuing along said East line North 213.75 feet, thence parallel with the North East and West one-eighth line, South 88 degrees 41 minutes 15 seconds West, 407.58 feet, thence parallel with the said East line of said Section 5, South 213.75 feet, thence North 89 degrees 41 minutes 15 seconds East, 407.58 feet to the East line and place of beginning. Commonly known as 7164 Northlake Rd, Millington MI 48746 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, 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: 6/26/2013 Nationstar Mortgage, LLC Assignee of Mortgage Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 13-82796

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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 Kay Sandra Johnson, a single person, original mortgagor(s), to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association successor by merger to Bank One, NA, Mortgagee, dated November 10, 2004, and recorded on November 30, 2004 in Liber 1019 on Page 76, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Eight and 22/100 Dollars (\$35,348.22).

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 July 25, 2013.

Said premises are situated in Township of Koylton, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the East Quarter corner of Section 29, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, Koylton Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, thence South 89 degrees 31 minutes West 993.30 feet along the East-West Quarter line of Section 29, to the point of beginning running thence South 89 degrees 31 minutes West 330.0 feet along the East-West Quarter line to an existing fence line, thence North 0 degrees 30 minutes West 660.0 feet along said Fence line, thence North 89 degrees 31 minutes East 330.0 feet, thence South 00 degrees 30 minutes East 660.0 feet to the point of beginning, being a part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 29, Town 11 North, Range 11 East. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

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

Dated: June 26, 2013  
For more information, please call:  
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 2-4-16-tf

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SISTERS' GARAGE SALE - 4913 Linda Lane, Cass City. June 27 & 28. Light fixtures, antique wood wash machine, sofa table, remote control, Dyson vacuum, home theatre system, wool area rugs, classy clothes & so much more. 14-6-26-1

GARAGE SALE - Thursday, June 27, 8 a.m.- 6 p.m. & Friday, June 28, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Boys' clothes size 3T-10, girls' clothes sizes 5 & 6, toys, miscellaneous baby and household items. 5970 Florence Dr. 1 mile West of Cass City to Koepfgen Rd., 1/2 mile South to Florence Dr., 2nd house. Murdoch/Marshall. 14-6-26-1

**Household Sales**  
 2-FAMILY GARAGE sale - side by side, June 27 & 28, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 4270 Seeger St. NordicTrack Ski Machine, propane tank, table & chair set, clothing, tools, girls' clothing newborn - 5T & boys' newborn-2T, baby items & much more. 14-6-26-1

GARAGE SALE - 4285 Doerr Rd. Thursday & Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Boys' clothes 8 to 12, girls' clothes 10/12, ladies' clothes nice, miscellaneous, lots of stuff. 14-6-26-1

GARAGE SALE - June 27 & 28, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. 4899 Cedar Run Rd., Cass City. Girls' clothes 5T to juniors 0-1, ladies' & men's clothes, Hollister & Justice, winter coats, toys, kitchen supplies, books, too much to mention. 14-6-26-1

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GARAGE SALE - Thursday-Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Corner of Hurds Corner & Akron. Jeep stroller, kids' bike, tons of toys, household miscellaneous & lots more. Rain or shine. 14-6-26-1

GARAGE SALE - June 26 & 27, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Oak computer desk, 18" boys' bike & miscellaneous. 4770 Koepfgen Rd. 14-6-26-1

GARAGE SALE - 4299 Woodland, Cass City. Wednesday, June 26, 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., Thursday, June 27 & Friday, June 28, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Collectables, jewelry, tools, furniture, kitchen items, holiday décor and much more. LuAnn Graham 14-6-26-1

DAUGHTER'S LAST year of grad school garage sale: Playstation games, Fisher Price kitchen set, clothes many sizes, miscellaneous items. Thursday 6-27, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. 6773 Houghton St. Come one, come all. 14-6-26-1

YARD SALE - 4443 Doerr Rd., Cass City. Lots of stuff for everyone! Clothing from newborn (girl) to adults (male & female), clothes are in good to new condition. Oak breakfast nook, Home Interior pictures, toys, (2) stroller/car seat combo sets. 1 is brand new still in the boxes (neutral) and the other is used but in good condition (girl), travel swing, jump-a-roo, baby bathtub, bassinet, 4 sets of Christmas dishes. Lots more but not enough room to list. Thursday, 6/27, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday, 6/28, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 6/29, 9 a.m.-? (1/2 off). 14-6-26-1

MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE - Baby items, teen clothing, lots of miscellaneous. June 27 & 28, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. 3717 Dale Road, Gagetown, between Green Rd. and Hurds Corner Rd. 14-6-26-1

GARAGE SALE - Thursday, June 27 only. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Name brand clothes. 6360 Chestnut Blvd., Cass City. 14-6-26-1

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**READY TO ROCK** were those in attendance at this year's first Music in Rotary Park Series 2013, held Friday night in Cass City. The band Random, comprised of local musicians Don Childs, John Merz, Greg Planck and Mike Sattelberg, played a variety of classic rock on the easy side.

## Music in the park

### Summer music series kicks off in Cass City

by Mason Doerr  
Staff Writer

Tune in, Cass City.

This year's Music in Rotary Park series kicked off Friday night, featuring the band, Random. Every Friday evening this summer a new local band will be performing at the Rotary Pavilion downtown from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

According to event coordinator Carolyn Sorenson, organizers hope this year's series will be as great as last year's.

"I was real happy with last year's (concerts). Some nights were down but there were some really warm nights last year," Sorenson noted. "So that kind of hindered a few of the concerts as far as having big numbers there. But I would say on average we had 75 to 80 (in attendance).

"I think it's great. It does bring the community together. It's a good time to just relax on a Friday night after a work week," Sorenson added. "It's free, so families with kids can come and not have to worry about paying to hear some music. It gets people outside instead of staring at the TV."

Sorenson begins organizing the concerts early on, however she relies on some great help.

"About Jan. 1 I start thinking about it, about Feb. 1 I start getting a couple of calls, and then by March-April the schedule is usually full," Sorenson said. "Baker College is helping this year with some funding and the village of Cass City Parks and Recreation and the Rotary Club help. They built the band shell and they're responsible for the lot down there and the upkeep."

"Thumb National Bank is sponsoring some advertising, too," Sorenson added. "Kelli McIntyre has also shown to be real supportive of it and she's really been helpful."

Sorenson said that middle-aged residents to senior citizens usually make up a majority of the crowd, however, she's looking to change that.

"Honestly, I wish we could reach out to (teenagers) more. I encourage

the kids to come out to give them something positive to do on a Friday night," Sorenson said, adding the band Oliver and the Attack of the Lovely would be a great show for younger people. "I would really encourage young kids and families to come out that night."

Along with having a good time, Sorenson believes youngsters may be inspired to pick up an instrument themselves.

"The best part of it is to encourage the youth in music. And it might encourage them, that's one of the benefits I see," Sorenson said. "Everyone is important and everyone has something to give as a performer."

"Ben Childs (the performer on July 19) is a young guy and I've heard he's very good. For a family to bring out their kids and see him play would be an inspiration to other kids," Sorenson added.

Despite not being big-name bands, Sorenson believes the groups that play draw great crowds due to their ties to the Cass City area.

"A lot of these bands do it for the fun of it. They'd do it every night if there was an opening," Sorenson said. "I think in music, with some of the local bands, people enjoy coming to see people they know."

"It just goes to show that there is a lot of entertainment that's local that we're lucky to have," Sorenson added, while mentioning that other local bands have been interested in performing, however, due to a tight schedule, there isn't enough room to fit everyone in.

On some of the longer nights, where there may be two bands playing, Sorenson is hoping to find some entertainment during the break between bands at 7:30. The possibility of allowing children who enjoy singing to have a chance at it, may be an option in the near future.

"We appreciate everyone who supports, promotes and attends the concerts," Sorenson said.

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