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GAGETOWN'S ERIC Montreuil trains in the sand, focusing on his lines, in this photo. A veteran motocross racer at the age of 20, Montreuil is gearing up to return to "America's Motocross Track" — the RedBud MX in southwestern Michigan — for the 40th annual Red Bull RedBud National this week. The event is considered the nation's biggest motorcycle motocross competition of the year, drawing the top professional racers in the sport.

Gagetown motocross pro Montreuil gearing up for a big weekend

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Impressed by trophies? Eric Montreuil has amassed a truckload of them, 300 or more, during his years as a motocross racer, starting at the tender young age of about 4.

But the Gagetown resident said goodbye to those metal and plastic awards 4 years ago, trading them for paychecks as he continued to chase — and catch — his dream of becoming a professional motocross competitor.

These days Montreuil races side-by-side with the best the sport has to offer.

This weekend he'll be doing just that in southern Michigan on a track that has earned a reputation nationwide and beyond as being among the most challenging to tackle on the pro circuit.

Montreuil will join the world's top off-road motorcycle racers Saturday, July 6, at southwestern Michigan's RedBud MX track for the 40th running of the Red Bull RedBud National, round seven of the 2013 Lucas Oil Pro National MX Series.

The undisputed "king of extreme sports", motocross combines elite athletic ability with awe-inspiring endurance and boundless courage as the racers rip across — and, at times, high above — Michigan's rolling countryside in the ultimate test of man and machine on RedBud's rugged 1.5-mile dirt course.

Motocross is a physically and mentally demanding sport in which competitors race specially-designed motorcycles over a course consisting of

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Hospital staff reaches out to one of its own

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The staff at Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City has earned a reputation for answering the call when a need arises, so it's no surprise the local employees didn't hesitate to rally around one of their own last week.

Hospital employees organized a benefit Friday in an effort to help support a co-worker diagnosed with

cancer.

Danielle Blaine, foundation director at Hills and Dales General Hospital, explained the employee, Darlene Ganley, who has worked in the hospital's housekeeping department for the past 12 years, is undergoing chemotherapy and radiation. "She has to be off work because of the side effects of the treatment, and the employees really wanted to do something to help her," Blaine said.

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Smack down!

Heroin rearing its ugly head in the Thumb; probe targeting traffickers

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Thumb law enforcement agencies took a bite out of heroin trafficking in the region last week when they executed a pair of search warrants in Huron County's Caseville Township.

The warrants were part of an ongoing investigation into the sale and use of the street drug, which has been making a comeback in popularity in recent years in the state, especially in southeastern Michigan, according to Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) officials.

According to Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson, last week's search warrants, conducted by his department with assistance from Elkton police, included one targeting a Hillcrest Drive residence. There, officers seized heroin, multiple heroin paraphernalia (syringes, spoons, cotton swabs, containers, etc.), along with prescription drugs, an unknown white powder, and \$4,500 in cash.

Deputies arrested Jeffrey M. Hatch, 30, at the scene, and Huron County Prosecutor Tim Rutkowski subsequently charged him with the sale and delivery of heroin, a 20-year felony.

Bond in the case was set at \$100,000 cash. Hatch remains lodged in the county jail.

"The second search warrant was served at 4723 Patrick Dr. Taken from this residence was more drug paraphernalia. The residence was occupied, but no arrests were made," Hanson said.

"This investigation has gone on for several months," the sheriff noted. "Several other arrest warrants have been issued for individuals either living in our area or with ties to our area."

"One of those individuals, Brandon M. Fabyan, age 31, of Pigeon, was arrested by Tuscola authorities after the search warrants were served. He was turned over to our office and booked into our jail on 2 felony counts, which involved the sale and distribution of heroin," Hanson added. "As of press time he remains lodged in our jail on a \$20,000 (bond)."

Hanson said some of the suspects are believed to be responsible for distributing heroin throughout the Thumb. Among the agencies involved in the investigation are the Caseville City Police Department and the Sanilac County Drug Task Force.

Hanson encourages anyone with information related to drug trafficking to contact his office at (989) 269-6500 or Huron Central Dispatch at (989) 269-6421. Residents can also

call in confidential tips by calling (989) 269-2861.

Heroin use, especially among young people, has increased at an alarming rate in Michigan over the past few years, spreading beyond cities into suburban and rural areas.

Heroin's popularity is linked to a far more popular drug for abusers: opiate pain relievers such as OxyContin and Vicodin, MDCH officials say.

While prescription pain medica-

tions are legal, they're also expensive — roughly \$1 per milligram on the street. In comparison, as little as \$5 will buy enough heroin for a satisfying high.

The growing popularity of the drugs has been matched with an alarming increase in overdoses and deaths, in part because heroin users typically can't be certain of the strength of ingredients in the drugs they've purchased on the street.

Rushlow, Perry offer views

Supreme Court's rulings hit home

by Mason Doerr
Staff Writer

A big win for the gay community and a hard hit to those in opposition.

The U.S. Supreme Court recently made rulings regarding portions of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) and California's Proposition 8 initiative. The rulings deemed DOMA's denial of federal benefits to same-sex married couples unconstitutional by a 5-4 vote.

On Proposition 8, the court avoided making a decision and dismissed the case, which involved a challenge to the controversial California ballot initiative passed in 2008 that directly defined marriage being between a man and a woman, stating that the parties defending Proposition 8 did not have a right to appeal the lower court's ruling on the matter, thus paving the way for same-sex marriages to continue in the state of California.

There are currently 12 states that recognize same-sex marriages, but Michigan is not one of them.

Michigan voters approved an amendment, Michigan Proposal 04-2 in 2004, which banned same-sex marriages and civil unions in the state. Despite the illegality of same-sex marriage in the state, some recent polls show some favor in the acceptance of it.

In 2012, a Michigan State University poll found that 56 percent of Michigan residents supported gay marriage. In 2013, a Glengriff Group poll found that 57 percent of Michigan residents supported same-sex marriage.

The Supreme Court's decisions on these two matters was a big win for the gay community, as well as those who support it, including Cass City area resident Rochelle Rushlow, who considers herself to be bi-sexual.

"I believe that this is such a big win for our community because it allows those living in those states that currently allow marriage equality to have the same federal benefits that other married couples do," Rushlow said. "I believe in equal rights for everyone, regardless of sexual orientation and other factors such as race and gender expression. However, for me personally, I feel that this is important news because someday I would like to see my friends and possibly myself, if my special person ends up being a woman, have access to the same rights as everyone else. These rights include health care coverage, tax and social security benefits."

Although many people who oppose same-sex marriage base their reasoning on religious views, Rushlow doesn't think religion should play a factor in this matter.

"A religious reasoning does not change my perspective on the issue because I believe it is a social issue. Since the United States is not allowed to have an official religion, as stated in the Constitution, I do not feel that a religious reasoning should be used to justify or object to any laws," Rushlow said. "I feel that equal rights for all societal groups are a moral right because no one group should be excluded from having the rights that those other groups have, because we all exist within the same society."

Despite the fact that many states still bar same-sex marriage, Rushlow believes the illegality of it isn't going to hinder the gay community's feel-

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Missing resident deceased

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A reported "missing person" complaint ended on a tragic note last Wednesday night in Tuscola County.

Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro began investigating after family members reported that Robert J. Capling, 87, from the Vassar/Caro area, was missing. The family told troopers that June 24 was the last time they had contact with Capling, who suffered from several medical issues, including dementia.

The search ended Wednesday at about 6:38 p.m. after a Fairgrove Township resident reported finding

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MMPA conference recently held

Members and adult leaders of 4-H clubs and FFA chapters from several Michigan counties gathered at Michigan Milk Producers Association (MMPA) headquarters in Novi, June 17-18 for the 76th Annual 4-H/MMPA Milk Marketing Tour.

The two-day conference, co-sponsored by MMPA and Michigan State University Extension, is the longest running 4-H tour in existence with over 4,000 students having participated. The focus of the tour is to educate students about milk marketing principles as well as the duties and operations of a dairy cooperative.

A wide range of dairy-related topics was presented by MMPA's president, general manager and other MMPA staff members during the tour. The

students learned how milk is processed through a dairy plant and afterward visited Michigan Dairy in Livonia where they could see first-hand what happens to milk after it leaves the farm.

At the end of the tour, Melissa Elischer, state 4-H dairy educator, and Dr. Joe Domecq, MSU's Ag Tech Dairy Management Program coordinator, met with the students to discuss various career options and the many opportunities available in agriculture.

For many of the students, this was their first formal exposure to cooperatives and their vital role in milk marketing. Erica Dueling of Fremont and Whitney James of Shelby chaired the event, both participants from last year's tour.

MMPA is a member owned and operated dairy cooperative serving over 2,000 dairy farm families throughout Michigan, Wisconsin, Ohio and Indiana.

It's a girl!



Paige Irene Nowicki

Hailey Helen Nowicki is pleased to announce the arrival of her little sister Paige Irene Nowicki.

Paige Irene was born June 13, 2013 at 10:23 am at Metro Health Hospital, Wyoming, Mich. to Chad and Missy "Jewett" Nowicki. She weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Her Grandparents are Tim and Kathy Jewett of Cass City, Virginia and the late Dave Nowicki of Wyoming, Mich. Great Grandparents are Ida and the late Charles Jewett of Cass City, Florence and the late Frank Sperling of Wyoming, Mich. and the late Leonard and late Irene Nowicki of Wyoming, Mich. and the late Albert and late Helen Halasz of Gagetown.



CASS CITY area resident Libby Venema was among the youth who participated in the 76th annual Michigan Milk Producers Association (MMPA)-4-H Milk Marketing Tour. She is pictured above with Clay Galarneau, MMPA general manager.

VFW hosts blood drive

Area residents' next opportunity to give the "gift of life" will be Tuesday, July 9, from 1 to 6:45 p.m. at the VFW Post 3644 Hall in Cass City.

The Hills and Dales General Hospital Auxiliary and members of the local VFW post are sponsoring the American Red Cross event.

The American Red Cross is the nation's largest blood collection organization, providing roughly 6.5 million units of blood annually.

Blood donors play an integral role

in the delivery of modern health care. They are ordinary people with generous spirits. They are high school students, factory and office workers, business executives, parents and grandparents — people from all walks of life.

Some donate because they know that a family member or friend might need blood some day. Some believe it is simply the right thing to do. Regardless of the motivation, the need for blood is constant and every contribution is important.

It's a boy!



Jacen Cole Brooks

Richard Brooks III of Cass City and Cheyanne Hampton of Morrice announce the birth of their son, Jacen Cole Brooks, born June 9 at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing.

He was born at 7:52 p.m., weighing 6 pounds and 6 ounces and measuring 20 inches long.

Grandparents are Richard and Pamela Brooks Jr. of Cass City, Ronald and Michelle Deschepper of Morrice and Richard Hampton of Wellston.

Great-grandparents are Robert and Katherine McPhail and Richard Brooks Sr., all of Cass City, Raymond J. and Ellamae Deschepper of Laingsburg, William Wren of Otisville, Vickie Faust of Tampa, Fla. and Patricia and Chuck Reeves of New Boston.

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In Our
OPINION...

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Play it safe this July 4 weekend

Fireworks are just about as American as apple pie, baseball and backyard barbecues.

While they’re fun to ignite, however, fireworks also deserve plenty of respect — especially the higher-powered consumer grade fire crackers, rockets, mortars and other items now legal to purchase in Michigan.

According to the National Council on Fireworks Safety, thanks to testing of consumer fireworks in China, through the American Fireworks Standards laboratory and other testing programs, and rigorous enforcement of federal fireworks regulations, consumer fireworks today are safer than ever before.

But all the safety features in the world will never replace common sense.

The fireworks council urges everyone to keep these safety tips in mind:

**Closely supervise teens using fireworks, and don’t allow young children to handle or light them.*

**Only use fireworks outdoors, and be sure to leave plenty of space between your launching area and spectators.*

**Always have some water nearby just in case.*

**Familiarize yourself with your fireworks — take a moment to read the caution label.*

**If you’ve been drinking, let someone else handle and set off fireworks.*

**Wear safety glasses.*

**Never attempt to re-light a “dud”. Wait 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water.*

**Soak spent fireworks with water before placing them in an outdoor garbage receptacle.*

**Stay away from homemade and/or illegal fireworks.*

Fireworks enthusiasts are also encouraged to show their neighbors some courtesy, and to follow local ordinances.

Michigan’s new fireworks law, put to the test for the first time last summer, allows licensed vendors to sell high-powered, airborne fireworks previously illegal in the state but available for purchase in several border states.

While the law generates revenue for the state, it also generated numerous noise complaints, prompting Michigan officials last month to enact another law that gives local governments the power to restrict/regulate fireworks use during the nighttime hours on holidays and the day before and after, with violations bringing a fine of up to \$500.

Bottom line? Enjoy yourselves, but play it safe and obey the law.

Slices of Life

by Jill Pertler

Life and death in the backyard





The sky may not be falling, but in my backyard, baby birds sure are. They are tumbling from their nests like a hot pair of dice during and even hotter game of craps. My son found the first fatality in the grass near the trunk of a spruce tree, where robins inhabit a nest above. Baby bird laying orange belly up – dead on impact. We buried him in the garden so he can fertilize the soil. Rest in peace baby bird.

We found bird number two in a similar fashion: lying on his back at the base of a tree. This bird was a starling with feathers not yet formed. He, too, is resting in peace in the garden.

Happily, the third baby bird we spotted on the ground this year was not dead. He was alive and sitting in the middle of the road, which was not the safest place (ask any dead skunk). When we returned to check on him minutes later, he’d bird-hopped to the relative shelter of the grassy lawn. At least in this location a car wouldn’t run him over. Although I realize now cars were probably the least of the little guy’s worries.

Bird four was in the driveway, looking like a lost bird. He was covered in downy pre-feathers and flapped his baby wings to establish a sort of flutter fly that lifted him a few feet off the ground.

The abundance of baby birds falling and flutter flying away from the safety of their nests made me wonder about what was happening in my backyard. I did a little research, and it turns out the situation isn’t uncommon or accidental. On rare occasions, it may even involve murder, or in this case, birdicide.

Nature is a harsh, albeit practical, entity. Newborn chicks without feathers or any chance of survival – like the first two dead birds we found – do not usually fall from their nests; they are pushed. This can happen accidentally, when babies jostle for food. Other times, a bird may be born with a genetic imperfection incompatible with life. A mother bird may push the dead chick out to make room for her growing brood. Or, in some preemptive cases, she may not wait for the chick to take its last breath before giving the heave ho.

Turns out, the little-bit-older, flutter-flying baby birds we saw probably were not pushed, nor did they fall. Fledglings leave the nest voluntarily a few days before they are skilled flyers to allow their parents the ground-oriented opportunity to teach them to hunt, forage and avoid neighborhood predators.

It’s a cold cruel world in my backyard, and we haven’t even touched on the fact that I live with two cats. Baby birds and cats are not a harmonious combination. Experts advise keeping cats inside when baby birds are about. Duh. However, anyone who’s owned a cat understands no one really ever owns a cat – or tells any cat what to do.

Letters to the Editor

Washington weasels are breaking the law

When President Obama was asked what he knew about the phone call and email collection scandal, he claimed he learned about it from the news media. It seems his cabinet didn’t inform him of any of this.

In the real world when people aren’t doing their job, they get fired. In President Obama’s world they get promoted. All the

people he appointed don’t seem to know how to tell the truth. I hope if China or Russia invaded us he wouldn’t have to learn about that also from the news.

President Obama said this collecting and storing of phone calls and emails was only used to track terrorists. Collecting all this information Please turn to page 8.

Hunters, vote “no” for antler restrictions

Hunters,

Well, here we go again. Twelve years ago we issued the following statement: “The United Sportsmen’s Alliance is a grassroots, watchdog group of dedicated sportsmen and women that was formed to protect our hunting rights and heritage.”

While supporting voluntary implementation of quality deer management practices, we believe demanding mandatory

A.P.R.s on all private and public lands is a frightening loss of the right of so many honest, dedicated hunters to take what is now a legal Michigan buck.

When mandatory QDM was being pushed in our three county area, Huron, Tuscola and Sanilac counties, we were told the majority of hunters were for this and the ones that weren’t “just needed to be educated. Please turn to page 8.

Hope vandal feeling guilty

It is sad when somebody has nothing better to do than cause damage to other peoples’ property.

To the heartless person or persons who broke and mutilated the taillights of our van, we hope that you could sleep peacefully. God knows who you are

and everything you’ve done, it will all come back to haunt you. So you know it costs over five hundred dollars to get it repaired.

Scott and Beth Ackerman
Cass City

I could pretend to be perfect and promise you our cats never disturb the robins in the backyard, but in all honesty that would be a bunch of (well) bird crap. Our cats sneak out on occasion, and when they do the adult birds go on super-mega squawk and chirp alert. They swoop and dive-bomb the felines, whose aloof attitude of superiority makes them unaware they are on the receiving end of any sort of avian disrespect.

Speaking of respect, I’ve developed a new sense of it for our fine-feathered friends. It isn’t easy being a bird – in my backyard or anywhere else. Baby chicks must flutter fly through a gauntlet that includes neighborhood cats, genetics, their own siblings and even parents. According to the Audubon Society, only 30 percent of young songbirds survive the first year of life. That’s less than even odds.


Talk about a crapshoot.

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Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)



It’s always something and Bob McLachlan reports this year’s farming woes includes an unusually large amount of crop damage due to a high number of varmints roaming the fields of Thumb farms. The Crop Production Services employee remarked last week during a meeting for the Young Guns Investment Club that groundhogs are tearing up the fields.

The long running Young Guns Investment Club – a.k.a. boys’ night out – meets once monthly in most years. Members have come and gone over the years, but the core group has remained constant since the beginning a few decades back.

Among the founding members, and still active today, are Greg Biddinger, Kelly Smith, Matt Prieskorn and Dan Dickinson. Fellows, I’m sorry to say our group needs a name change.

There’s a swim-a-thon planned at the Helen Stevens Memorial Pool for Friday, July 12. Spokeswoman Barb Peters says the event at the Cass City pool is scheduled to run from 7 p.m. until 7 a.m., with the proceeds earmarked for the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life.

If you would like to get involved, or make a donation, call Peters at 989-912-9516 and she’ll be happy to answer any questions.

I’ve tried to get complete listings of the Michigan Summit League all-conference ball teams without much luck. However, Owen-Gage coaches Steve Hollocker and Brian Wright both supplied members from their own teams that received post season recognition from coaches of the 4-school alliance.

According to Wright, honored from the Bulldogs’ league championship baseball squad were first team players Eric Rievert, Jacob Wright, Andrew Fahrner, Ben Good, Dan Good and Adam Retford; second team players David Binder, Quinn Smith and Brett Morrish; and honorable mention picks Devon Lorenz and Jacob Warack.

Honored from the Bulldogs’ league championship softball squad were first team players Kayla Montreuil, Donna Hopper, Miranda Radabaugh, Richelle Scharf, Rachel Mroz, Courtney Wightman; second team players Brittany Guilfoil, Emily Cole and Annie McCreedy.

Fisherman Dean Woods reports walleyes are in the shallows near his Bay City home. Fishing near the shore in Lake Huron about 3 miles north of the Saginaw River channel, Woods caught the 9 nice “Marble Eyes” pictured here, two of which measured over 20 inches in length. Woods, who has accompanied me on fishing trips pursuing salmon and steelhead, was using crawlers as bait.

“No fight, but they sure taste good,” says Woods. He’ll find no argument from me.



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

Wednesday, July 3
Spoonfuls of Plenty FREE Community Meal, 4-6 p.m., LeeRoy Clark Building, 435 Green St., Caro. Open to anyone wanting a hot, home-style meal.

Thursday, July 4
AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.
There will be no music in the park tonight due to the 4th of July holiday at Atwood Park in Caro.

Friday, July 5
Music in Rotary Park - "Victory Stories", 6:30-7:30 p.m. & "Oliver and the Attack of the Lovely", 7:30-8:30 p.m.
Friends of the Library meeting, 10 a.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.

Saturday, July 6
Closed AA meeting, 10-11 a.m., St. Joseph Church, 4960 N. Ubly Rd., Argyle. (Meeting will be held in the hall next to the little stone church). For more information, contact Mandy at (989) 975-0544.

Sunday, July 7
Gagetown United Methodist Brunch, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., All you can eat. \$6 donation.

Monday, July 8
Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubly. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.
AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.
Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.
VFW monthly meeting, 7:30 p.m., VFW Hall, Cass City.
Movie Monday: Snow White, 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.
Lions & Red Cross blood drives at Ubly Heights, 1 p.m.-6:45 p.m., appointments available. For more information, call Lion Bob at (989) 658-2576.

Tuesday, July 9
Al-Anon meeting, 7 p.m., St. Francis Parrish, Pigeon.
Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7 p.m., fire hall in Gagetown.
Tuscola County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, 1:30 p.m., HDC Generations Building, 430 Montague Ave., Caro. For more information, contact Kim at (989) 673-4121.
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Deputies nab teen burglars

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A pair of Sanilac County teens, including a 16-year-old Decker area resident, are in hot water after alleged breaking into a Minden City home last week.

Sanilac County Sheriff Garry Biniecki said the caretaker of the vacation home, located in the 8500 block of Maple Street, reported the incident Tuesday afternoon, saying he had interrupted two individuals who had broken into the residence, and that one of them was possibly armed with a large knife.

Deputy Jim Leen stated that prior to officers arriving on location, the suspects had fled into a nearby wooded area.

"Deputies arrived on location and began a search," Biniecki said. "A short time later, two juvenile suspects, one 14 years old from the Marlette area and the other 16 years old from the Decker area, were located a block away at another residence."

The boys had been staying with a grandparent of one of the boys in Minden City, according to Biniecki, who noted the caretaker of the home targeted by the suspects is familiar with the town and was able to locate the boys by asking around.

During the investigation, deputies recovered a large bowie knife and a pry bar used during the breaking and entering.

Lt. Charlene Washkevich

Biniecki announces promotion

Sanilac County Sheriff Garry Biniecki recently announced the promotion of Charlene Washkevich to the position of uniform services lieutenant.

Lt. Washkevich is a 1984 graduate of Peck High School and went on to receive her bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Lake Superior State University in Sault Sainte Marie. She graduated from the Criminal Justice Certification Program and began her career in 1989 with the Sanilac County Sheriff's Office, assigned to the drug task force.

Lt. Washkevich, who was Sanilac County's first female deputy, Sergeant and now lieutenant, has held many positions within the sheriff's office, including special response team, drug task force, victim's services, triad, as well as being a tenured D.A.R.E. Instructor.

She resides in the Croswell area with her husband of 21 years Rich, and the couple's three children, Shelby, Zachary and Logan.

Circuit court news

Several charged with felonies

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

*Mason A. Lyons, 23, Vassar, was sentenced to 60 days in the county jail and 24 months probation following his plea of guilty to assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer April 25 in Caro.

He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$598.

*Rachel M. Thomas, 25, Kingston, pleaded no contest to a charge of vulnerable adult abuse, third degree, Nov. 4 in Almer Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$3,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Denny F. Ryan II, 41, Caro, pleaded no contest to a charge of violating the Sex Offenders Registration Act by failing to verify his registration information with local law enforcement between Jan. 1 and Jan. 15 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$2,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Randall S. Colwell II, 21, Vassar, pleaded guilty to 2 counts of forgery and one count of larceny in a building Jan. 1-30 in Tuscola County. Court records state the offenses involved checks for \$200 and \$225, both drawn on Frankenmuth Credit Union. Colwell was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$5,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Clinton L. Kish, 23, Columbiaville, was sentenced to 180 days in jail, with work release and worksite privileges, following his pleas of no contest to charges of fleeing a police officer and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor Feb. 19, 2012, in Vassar. A court order delaying the sentence was revoked.

In addition to jail time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$200.

*James R. Lane, 43, Caro, pleaded guilty to a charge of delivery/manufacture of marijuana Nov. 9 in Almer Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$5,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Michael J. Hepfer, 25, Unionville, pleaded no contest to charges of child abuse, third degree, and domestic violence Jan. 4 in Columbia Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$5,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Robert D. Warju, 52, Caro, pleaded no contest to 2 counts of assault with a dangerous weapon, and one count of selling/furnishing alcohol to a minor April 8 in Almer Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$4,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*John D. Vanderpool, 39, Akron, was sentenced to 180 days in jail and 24 months probation following his conviction on a charge of assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer Jan. 30 in Akron.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,678.

*Tina M. Cagle, 51, Unionville, pleaded no contest to a charge of possession of a marijuana, second offense, Jan. 28 in Unionville.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$1,200. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

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Also you can contact the DPW for a copy of the report at (989) 550-4052.

Reporter’s notebook

Christmas in July? Look up to the sky

by Tom Montgomery Editor

Christmas is still 5 months away, but with July 4 just hours away, I’m feeling like a kid waiting to hear Santa’s footsteps on my roof.

I’ve got a twin pack of Bic lighters at the ready, the launch tubes are securely fastened to a wooden platform, and a nice stack of 500-gram gunpowder cakes are neatly stored in the basement.

And some of my neighbors are probably a little nervous. They should be.

I’m joking, of course, but after state officials finally allowed us pyro nuts (most of the male population, I’m guessing) to legally buy real fireworks, I quickly took advantage of the opportunity to light up the sky above the Montgomery mansion.

Not long after the new law went into effect, Cass City’s Kevin Vaughn — an Elkland Township fireman whose day jobs include owning and operating Pyro Paradise — introduced me to the thrill of launching mortars and fireworks “cakes”. I’ll tell you what; my grandchildren were pretty thrilled with grandpa’s mini-fireworks extravaganza last summer.

I’ll never go back to those lame noise makers that never leave the ground, which is about all that was legal for residents to light in their back yards in past years.

I really appreciate our legislators’ efforts in legalizing use of the real thing, because unlike just about every other area resident and their brother, I just wasn’t any good at getting away with lighting illegal fireworks.

I did it anyway, but I couldn’t even sneak a few wimpy bottle rockets past the radar of a state trooper a few years ago in my back yard. Yup, folks all around town were blasting fireworks powerful enough to leave mushroom clouds, and he picks on me.

In any event, I figure Vaughn owes me a Christmas card this year after my recent trip to the Caro location of Pyro Paradise, where one of Vaughn’s fellow Elkland Township fire fighters, Nick Moyer, was on hand to help me out.

This place has shelf after shelf of everything you can imagine, from hand-thrown “snap” novelties for the kids, to rockets and mega-multishot fireworks cakes for the big kids. Wow, talk about eye candy for people like, well, me.

It’s okay if the card never comes. The wide eyes and excited squeals I’m anticipating come Thursday night will be more than worth it.

Heck, the grandkids might even have some fun.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2008)

Homecoming queen. Cass City’s Junior Citizen of the Year. Recent high school graduate. It’s been quite an exciting year for Rebecca Doerr. And this summer promises to be even sweeter for the 18-year-old Cass City resident, who was recently crowned the 2008 Michigan Sugar Queen. “It’s been amazing. There have been so many opportunities this year. Definitely,” commented Doerr, the daughter of David and Janice Doerr of Cass City. “It’s been a great year. I can’t believe all the honors I’ve been given this year.”

Mackenzie Uhl, a second grade Cass City student, was recently named this year’s Tuscola Conservation District Poster Contest winner in her age division. “This was chosen as first-place winner out of several hundred entries throughout the various school districts in the county,” said Steve Schaub, district education coordinator. “We will be entering (Uhl’s) poster in the state contest to be held in October.” Uhl, daughter of Valerie Kappen, Cass City received a Barnes and Noble Bookstore gift certificate for her effort in this year’s contest, which featured the theme, “Water is Life”.

10 YEARS AGO (2003)

When asked if he was going to the Tuscola County Fair, Kenny Spencer, 15, who is approaching his junior year at Cass City High School, said yes. “The fair is the highlight of my summer because it keeps me occupied. I will probably go to the fair 2 or 3 evenings with my friends. We like to go in the evenings when it’s cooler. I really like the rides, but the Gravitron is my favorite because it makes me woozy,” Spencer said. He said he also likes to watch the rodeo because of the anticipation of seeing whether or not the riders will fall off. Besides the rides and the rodeo,

Spencer likes to walk around and look at the booths that are set up with people selling stuff like cards and antiques, and he simply enjoys the atmosphere at the fair. “But I normally don’t buy anything because I don’t have very much money.”

25 YEARS AGO (1988)

He regrets not finding the time to go to Disneyland, but that scruple leaves Raymond Hrycko with one more reason to return to Tokyo. The Japanese copy of the California amusement park stood well within Hrycko’s reach during much of his 10-month stay in Japan. However, with such a short time to soak up the atmosphere he traveled so many miles to see, the American student kept rescheduling his visit to the popular amusement park. Before he knew it, June 14 arrived, and Hrycko found himself returning to his Green Rd., Gagetown, home where he resides with his mother, sister and 2 brothers, for a breather before beginning a summer semester at Kalamazoo College June 20. The 3rd year student arranged his Far Eastern travel through the off campus programs at Kalamazoo. Among the countries the college requires students to seriously consider exploring, students maintaining a grade point average of 3.0 or better may choose to apply to an exchange program with Waseda University in Tokyo.

50 YEARS AGO (1963)

Attracted by swimming lessons and the annual “On Wheels” parade, some 70 youngsters participated in the playground program during its first week this summer. Sixty children braved the 90 degree weather to participate in the parade Thursday. Winners were determined in three categories. Tricycle winners were: Eddie Doerr, first, Durrell Caister, second, and Mark Little, third. Bicycle winners were: David

Eberline, first, Pam Bryant, second, and Cindy Ellard, third. Wagons and floats: Lynn Atwell and Patti Doerr, first, Patty, Karen and Linda Schneider and Mary Beth Esau, second, and Barbara Ballard, and Jeanne Doerr, third.

It’s the peak season for fishing and the pike in the Cass River are proving to be no exception. Thursday at noon, Les Nicholas, 15, of Cass City landed a 29 1/2-inch, five-poundunker. Les won’t pinpoint the spot where he caught it, but says it’s in the east river near the bridge. Brent Galloway helped Nicholas catch the fish after a 20-minute fight.

100 YEARS AGO (1913)

Cass City Young Man Is Accurate in Working Mail. - Alvah J. Nash has a position as mail clerk in the Bad Axe post office and last week Mr. Durkee of Detroit, chief clerk of the railway mail service, examined Mr. Nash as to his proficiency in working mail. Mr. Nash made a record of over 99 per cent, correct.

George and William Seeger went fishing Sunday in the “Deadwaters” in Greenleaf township and succeeded in landing three big pike, so they say, but they failed to bring back the fishes and thereby hangs a tale. When the boys came home soaked to the skin and their pretty white shirts all streaked with river bottom mud, they told an astounding fish story and their friends are inclined to believe its veracity. After catching the three pike which were of good size, they hooked a “whopper” which they judged weighed about 15 pounds. He made a hard fight and the boys played him 15 minutes trying to conquer his strength. His last effort to break away proved successful however and he was some wise fish in his maneuvers. Mr. Pike made a frantic rush under the boat and drew so hard on the line that he upset the boat and sent the human and aquatic freight to the bottom of the river.

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| July 11 | 6:30 p.m. | Tom & Jerry Show and at 7:30 pm Tom & Jerry Show |
| July 18 | 6:30 p.m. | To be announced and at 7:30 pm To be announced |
| July 25 | 6:30 p.m. | Tom Krause and at 7:30 pm Southbound |
| Aug 1 | 6:30 p.m. | Random Band and at 7:30 pm Random Band |
| Aug 8 | 6:30-8:30 p.m. | 🎵 National singer and songwriter Matt Walh 🎵 |
| Aug 15 | 6:30 p.m. | Tom & Jerry Show and at 7:30 pm Tom & Jerry Show |
| Aug 22 | 6:30 p.m. | Tom Krause and at 7:30 pm SouthBound |
| Aug 29 | 6:30 p.m. | Polka Riot Band and at 7:30 pm Polka Riot Band |

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| Cass City Church of the Nazarene 6538 Third St., Cass City, MI 48726 872-2604 or (989) 912-2077 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer & Bible Study - & Children's Activities 6:00 p.m. Pastor: Jerry Harrington Associate Pastor: Judy A. Esckilsen | First Presbyterian Church Barrier Free <i>State & National Historical Registry</i> 6505 Church St., Cass City, MI 48726 872-5400 Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Pastor: Dave Blackburn | St. Pancratius Catholic Church 4292 S. Seeger St., Cass City, MI 48726 872-3336 Summer Saturday Liturgy 5:30 p.m. DST Sunday Liturgy 9:00 a.m. Winter Saturday Liturgy 4:00 p.m. EDT Sunday Liturgy 9:00 a.m. Pastoral Administrator: St. Maria Dina Puddu MC |
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A chance to put community into my journalism

Editor's note: The following is a guest column written by former Cass City Chronicle intern Larry Werner, who is retiring after a lengthy career in newspapering. The internship in Cass City back in the late 1960s was among Werner's first jobs. After working for daily papers for roughly 40 years, he has spent the past 5 years with a company that owns 51 weeklies, serving as director of news for ECM Publishers, Coon Rapids, Minn.

by Larry Werner

Let's try this again – retirement, that is.

In June of 2007, I retired from the Star Tribune after almost 24 years with that newspaper. Six months later, I accepted a position with ECM Publishers as general manager in Dakota County. After four years managing Thisweek Newspapers and the Dakota County Tribune, ECM expanded by purchasing the Sun newspapers, and I was offered a job at ECM's corporate headquarters in Coon Rapids.

On July 1, I'll pack up the family photos that decorate my corner office and "re-retire," as one friend put it.

This month marks 44 years since I graduated from Michigan State University and took my first full-time job as a reporter in Louisville, Ky. Much has changed in this business over those years, including a dramatic reduction in the number of papers and the number of people employed by those papers. Too many of you have dropped the habit of reading a paper daily, and the internet has provided competition for advertising dollars to a degree television and radio never did.

But the one thing that hasn't changed much is the relationship between community newspapers and communities. And by community newspapers I mean weeklies, like those ECM publishes – 51 of them at last count.

I was reminded of this community/newspaper connection a few weeks ago at the church I attend in south Minneapolis. A retired school superintendent told me about the trust he had in the editor of the ECM paper that served his city when he was superintendent there. They knew each other and had a personal relationship.

Weekly editors go to the city council and school board meetings, to the civic festivals and the sports events. And when those tough stories have to be written, the mayors and superintendents don't hesitate to call the editors or stop them on the street.

That relationship doesn't exist between communities and dailies. At least that was my experience, having worked for six of them all over the country since 1969.

When you work for a weekly, you meet readers. And you hear from the people about whom you write. Why? Because that newspaper is telling the story of the places where people live and play, where they send their kids to school and where, after they retire, they hang out at local coffee shops.

The daily newspaper is a powerful institution. The community weekly is a friend.

That personal relationship between newspapers and communities is one reason Elmer Andersen decided to start our company at age 67 after a career as a business owner, legislator and governor. He bought a couple weekly newspapers in Princeton, then bought others, and now ECM publishes more newspapers and delivers to more homes (650,000) than any other company in Minnesota.

One summer during college, I took a job writing for a weekly paper in Cass City, Mich. The owner of the Cass City Chronicle — John Haire — tried to talk me into working for him after graduation rather than heading for the big-city dailies.

I thanked John for the offer and then spent almost 40 years writing and editing for daily papers in Louisville, Detroit, Dallas, Minneapolis and elsewhere. But after my first retirement, I was lucky enough to land a job with weekly papers.

If John Haire were alive, I'd tell him he was right about the joys of working for the weekly newspaper and that I was able to do it on the end of my career rather than the beginning. If Elmer Andersen were alive, I'd thank him for starting a company that gave an old daily news guy a chance to experience the personal relationship that exists between community newspapers and the communities they serve.

I've told Elmer's son, Julian, our CEO, how much I appreciate the opportunity to work as a weekly editor.

In 1986, John Haire convinced a young guy named Tom Montgomery to take a job in Cass City. In an email, Montgomery said he doesn't regret the career choice he made 27 years ago.

"We raised four kids and now have eight grandchildren, and my work as the local newspaper editor is as rewarding as ever because I earn a living telling my neighbors' stories," he said.

It doesn't get any better than that.

Until July 1, Larry Werner was director of news for ECM Publishers.

Gagetown motocross pro Montreuil gearing up for big holiday weekend

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hills, huge jumps and man-made obstacles known as whoop de doos, dragons' backs, anthills, doubles and triples.

Drawing tens of thousands of fans each year and known throughout the motorcycle industry as "America's Motocross Track", RedBud has played host to the AMA Lucas Oil Motocross Championships since 1973. Its premier dirt/sand/clay/loam is a favorite of racers worldwide and features the world's biggest professional jump — LaRocco's Leap — which launches the racers skyward some 40 feet through the air and nearly half the length of a football field.

The competition will be the first pro MX event of the year for Montreuil, who has been sidelined for the past several months following a racing injury in Baltimore, Md., early this year that left the 20-year-old with a torn ligament in his left knee. He underwent surgery followed by a physical rehab program, and he's anxious to get back into the action.

"This is probably my biggest race of the year," commented Montreuil, who will be competing with the likes of Dewitt's Nick Wey, one of the top Michigan professional racers, along with Holly's Broc Tickle and Rochester's Nico Izzi.

Montreuil, a 2011 Owen-Gage High School graduate, is familiar with the RedBud, having raced and practiced on the course since he turned pro at the age of 16. "I've (been) there many times," he said, adding he considers the course to be

one of the most challenging and brutal on the pro racing circuit.

Montreuil is among the youngest competitors in professional motocross racing. It's a career he started preparing for while many of his peers were entertaining themselves with coloring books and crayons.

Montreuil's father, Don, grew up riding dirt bikes and introduced his son to a battery-operated four-wheeler at the age of one. A couple years later, Eric was getting his first taste of riding snowmobiles and gas-powered four-wheelers. Before long, he was riding his own dirt bike and asking to compete.

Montreuil proved himself willing to put the time and effort into the training required to compete, and by 2007, he was wrapping up a perfect winning season that prompted officials with the Michigan district of the American Motorcycle Association (AMA) to force him into the professional ranks at the age of 16.

Since then he's raced throughout the country, on courses in Massachusetts, Minnesota, Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York. He's also spent 2-month stints living and racing in Texas, Georgia and California.

"I've been plagued with a few injuries (in recent years)," noted Montreuil, who has undergone surgery 3 times for collarbone injuries. "I was good (healthy) all last summer. I made a good amount of money until I hurt my knee."

Montreuil noted the pay range can start at \$800 for 40th place on up to

hundreds of thousands of dollars for the top finishers.

But earning a living as an athlete isn't as simple as it may sound.

"It's a lot harder than I thought it would be," he said. "I thought I'd go out and I'd run at least in the top 10. I haven't done that outdoors, but I have indoors — I'm with the top 5 riders" in arena races.

Montreuil has proven himself to be a contender, picking up annual contracts to race with various teams. Montreuil's sponsors pick up the tab for his expenses and pay him to race.

One thing hasn't changed over the years, and that's his confidence in the man who ensures his equipment is in top-notch working order — his dad.

"My dad drives me to every race," Montreuil noted. "I love traveling to races; me, my dad and the camper for 3 days, and having someone I trust working on my bike all the time."

"I'm loving it," he added, noting he's looking forward to getting back on his bike this weekend. "I'm looking at it just to have fun this year. I'm just looking forward to having fun and racing with some old friends."

Editor's note: Organizers of the 40th annual Red Bull RedBud National event say anyone, including families, is welcome to attend Saturday's competition. Gates open at 6 a.m. and opening ceremonies are slated to get underway at noon. More information is available by logging on to the website, www.redbudmx.com.

Court's rulings hit home

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ings.

"Keeping gay marriage illegal will not change someone's personal beliefs or actions toward others because it is what they believe in and how they feel. No law is going to change how they personally feel; that law will just change what is now being allowed in our society. While societal opinion has changed over the past 20 years, those that oppose this issue will likely not change their opinions," Rushlow said.

"To those people that oppose this issue, I would say that this country has been changing for years and rights have been expanded to many groups that were once denied them, such as women, African Americans and Native Americans," she added. "Just because someone expresses themselves in a way you believe is immoral or unacceptable does not mean that their right should be repressed."

Although the Supreme Court's recent rulings represented a victory for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community, Rushlow sees them as just a stepping stone towards a greater goal.

"I believe that it will be awhile before marriage equality occurs in all 50 states. However, in the past couple of years, the number of states in which marriage equality is available has doubled," Rushlow said. "The hope is that marriage equality as well as equal rights will be avail-

able to all U.S. citizens sometime in the future."

Despite a rise in social acceptance for marriage equality, many are still opposed to it. Whether they base their decision on personal, moral or religious views differentiates among each individual in disagreement with the issue.

Tyler Perry, Cass City, a devout Christian, breaks down his reasoning against same-sex marriage with a focus on three separate institutions.

"As a Bible-believing Christian, I go back to what He (God) says and his Word, and that's what I base my decision on," Perry said. "Society is built on three main components. There are lots of other things, but there is the family, which is the most fundamental block, then there's the government and then there's religious institutions."

These three building blocks play a key role in Perry's decision making process on the matter.

"Heterosexual marriage — the beginning of the family — is the foundational block for every society that has ever been formed. It is what makes up society. There would be no society without heterosexual marriage," he said. "When you destroy the foundation, the house can't stand strong. In the 20th century, people spoke of our foundation being 'chipped away'."

"Today, that foundation is being blown up with explosives, and there will be long-lasting, unintended consequences of this decision," he added. "The government has gone beyond passing legislation that will improve our roads, guarding our borders and selling us postage stamps; they have now added the titles of 'philosopher' and 'God' to their job description, as they have changed the definition of marriage from 'one man and one woman' to 'two people who love each other'. But why should it stop there? Who are they to say that it can only be two people? Who are they to say that it can only be between people?"

"No true, Bible-believing Christian can be obedient to the Lord and pro-gay 'marriage'. Every instance of homosexuality in the Bible is condemned by God," Perry continued. "Every teaching on marriage is between one man and one woman and is intended for life. In the Book of Romans, the Apostle Paul writes to one of the most wicked cultures in history, one that endorsed homosexual activity, one much like our own."

Although discrimination against the LGBT community is well known and wide-spread, Perry also explained that religious persecution is occurring on the opposite side of the spectrum.

"Those who disagree with the agenda of homosexual activists have been bullied: 'you're a homophobe, a bigot,'" Perry said, noting that a Belgian Archbishop was attacked by a feminist group and also that wedding caterers were sued for not catering homosexual weddings.

"There is a huge movement of persecution against anyone of faith (globally). There is just this floodgate of persecution (by gays against

those who are religious) and we're told we're supposed to be tolerant, but the tolerance doesn't come the other way."

Although some argue that the Supreme Court's decisions are kind-hearted, Perry doesn't think people can see the big picture.

"I think that this law, while people may think it's a very humane and a very kind thing, and as Americans we need to do this, I don't think they're seeing the whole scope of it," Perry said. "Marriage is a sexual thing. Not strictly, but that's what it's based on. One of the benefits of marriage is procreation. If everyone was homosexual, there would be no society at all."

Perry also stated that those who are homosexual face many problems throughout their lifetime.

"I believe that when it (Bible) says the penalty of their (homosexuals) error, that is certainly STDs, (such as) HIV/AIDS, but it's also psychological problems," Perry said. "Any time you go against the way God has created you, and his Word, there is going to be guilt and there is going to be problems."

Despite Perry's strong conviction against same-sex marriage and the Supreme Court's decisions, he doesn't believe those in the LGBT community should have to change or will change.

"I don't think that the legislation should really affect their behavior at all. If two guys want to live together, they can do that. My issue is changing the definition of marriage. It's been this way for thousands of years, to change the definition of marriage and to change the definition of family, I think is outside of the realm of government (power). I don't think that's their role," Perry said.

"I love gay people. I love straight people. I love anybody," he added. "That's what Christ called us to do. It's not hatred or a homophobia; it's just simply that I disagree with this and I'm American so I have just as much right as anybody to voice my opinion."

Missing man

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Capling's 2007 Ford Explorer parked in the driveway of a vacant residence on Dutcher Road near Merry Road. Troopers arrived to find Capling deceased inside the vehicle.

The vacant residence where Capling was located is about 10 miles away from his residence, according to troopers, who stated they do not suspect foul play in Capling's disappearance or death.

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THE PINNEY Foundation recently awarded the Cass City Historical Society a grant to cover the cost of 120 copies of the new Cass City history book created especially for local students. The books were donated to the Cass City Public Schools for use in the third grade curriculum. Pictured above are (from left) Cass City third grade teachers Kris Milligan and Linda Stec; Tyler Perry, who is credited with compiling the lion’s share of the book, and Pinney Foundation representative Annette Pinney. The books will be released for sale to the public starting Saturday in conjunction with the annual Freedom Festival. They will be available for \$15 in the crafters’ area.

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Obituaries

John Broecker

John Anthony Broecker, age 56, of Langdon, ND, formerly of Decker, passed away suddenly, Thurs., June 20, 2013, at Abbott Northwestern Hospital, Minneapolis, MN.

He was born Sept. 28, 1956 in Lapeer, the son of the late Arnold and Rachel (Muir) Broecker. John enjoyed farming, growing grapes and making wine and time with family and friends.

John is survived by his mother, Rachel Broecker, 2 brothers, Carl (Loretta) Broecker and Robert Broecker, 2 sisters, Deborah (Dave Hall) Broecker and Barbara (Alan) Rogers, 2 nephews, Joe Broecker and Jason Rogers, 2 nieces, Charisia (Aaron) Loeffler and Melissa Broecker, 2 great nephews, Elijah and Ethen Loeffler, 1 great niece Alana Loeffler and many aunts, uncles and cousins. He was predeceased by his father and grandparents.

Memorial visitation will be Friday, Aug. 2, 2013 from 10 a.m. until an 11 a.m. service at Shabbona United Methodist Church, 4455 Decker Rd., Decker. Pastor Pamela Barnett will be officiating. Burial will be in Evergreen Township Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the family.

Please share condolences at www.thabetfuneralhome.com. Arrangements were provided by Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City.

Alvin is survived by Ken & Shelly Meredith (son) of Snover, Kim & Dennis Baer (daughter) of Marlette, Kelly & Ron Haag (daughter) of Minden City, Ann Powell (sister) of Troy, Ruth & Frank Klee (sister) of Minden City, 9 Grandchildren, and 11 Great Grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, brother Dale Meredith and sister Loraine Hill.

Visitation will be held at Marsh Funeral Chapel in Marlette on Tuesday from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Wednesday 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, July 3 at 11:00 a.m. at Marsh Funeral Chapel, Marlette, with John Brinker officiating.

Burial will be in the Johnson Cemetery in Snover.

Memorials may be donated to United Hospice Service, 2770 Main, P.O. Box 307, Marlette, Mich. 48453-0307

Arrangements were provided by Marsh Funeral Chapel, Marlette.

Morris Sontag

Morris T. Sontag, 72, of Cass City, passed away Thursday, June 27, 2013.

He was born in Owendale October 23, 1940, a son of Elery J. and Mary Madeline (King) Sontag.

On November 18, 1961, he married Patricia Wissner in Gagetown. Morris was a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City.

He had served with the U.S. Navy as a Staff Officer on an Aircraft Carrier from 1958 through 1961. He had been retired from General Cable Company where he had given thirty-three years of service, and was an avid sports fan.

Surviving along with Patricia, his loving wife of fifty-one years, are their sons Timothy J. (Vickie) of Silverdale, Washington, Thomas of Cass City, William S. (Colleen) of Wake Forest, Illinois, Robert J. (Shery) of Winston-Salem, North Carolina and Jeffrey A. residing in Nashville, Tennessee. Grandchildren Karissa, Jacob, Joshua, Billy and Jordan Sontag also survive, along with a sister, Marie Smith of Naples, Florida, and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding Morris in death were a brother, James and a sister, Judy Shope.

A memorial service will take place at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday afternoon, July 3 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City, with the Rev. George Bagnall officiating.

Friends may call at the church between the hours of 11 a.m. and the time of service.

The family has suggested memorials to the church or to Heartland Hospice.

Arrangements were provided by Gagetown Funeral Chapel.

Alvin J. Meredith, 75, longtime resident and farmer of Snover, died peacefully Friday, June 28, 2013 at United Hospice Residence in Marlette.

He was born March 31, 1938 in Cass City son to the late Grant & Pearl (Rockwell) Meredith.

He graduated from Cass City High School in 1957.

Alvin married Jane Ann Biglow August 30, 1959 in Caro. She preceded him in death July 19, 2009.



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Here is the link which will lead you to the online version of the survey, which is self-directed - https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Caro_Survey

If you are one of the approximately 1,000 persons who have received a paper copy of the survey in the U.S. Mail, we would ask you to complete that version and return it by mail as well.

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Deadline for completion of this survey is July 31, 2013; we will appreciate your comments and your promptness. If you have any questions about the process, you may contact Angie Emge at (517) 355-7757 or Email her at aemge@msu.edu. Thank you.

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Hospital staff reaches out to one of its own

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The benefit consisted of a silent auction, bake sale, “jeans day” (employees paid \$3 to wear jeans), general donations and a 50/50 raffle. “Each department volunteered to put together baskets for the silent auction, and we ended up having 42 baskets,” Blaine said.

“The rough estimate we had Friday for funds raised was over \$5,500, with a few more donations yet to come,” she added. “All the donations were given by hospital employees and a few of their family members. Employees also were able to give their own PTO (paid time off) to

our co-worker so that she has extra to use while she is recovering.

“In just one day we were able to raise enough money to really help our co-worker during her battle,” Blaine said.

“The employees at Hills and Dales were happy to put together a benefit for our co-worker,” she added. “We are all part of a big ‘family’ here...and when someone gets a diagnosis such as cancer, everyone rallies to help in any way possible. This benefit is just one more example of the wonderful and generous employees and doctors that work at Hills and Dales.”

Letters to the Editor

Washington weasels are breaking the law

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mation didn’t catch one terrorist. Officials claim they stopped two terrorists which is a big lie. Scotland Yard notified the American Intelligence Agency about these two so they could be apprehended. Even the Russian Intelligence Agency told the U.S. about two terrorists, but they still blew up Boston. No phone calls or emails had to be sifted through to prevent that tragedy.

The Patriot Act was put into effect by President Bush after Sept. 11, 2001, only to gather information on suspicious Middle Eastern people. But when Obama got into office, he blanketed all America, invading everyone’s privacy. He is trying to convince Americans that their information is safe. If we want to listen to anything collected, we have to get a federal judge to provide a warrant. What makes you think, just because

you have to go to a judge, that it makes things right? Eric Holder did, he went to three different judges before getting a warrant that allowed him to see private records.

Politicians are taking the American people to a point of no return. People don’t realize how serious this is.

Officials say collecting phone calls and emails is the law. The law is wrong and going against the U.S. Constitution 100 percent. It’s troubling when these same politicians take the oath of office, saying they will defend and protect the U.S. Constitution. American troops are fighting and dying overseas to protect our Constitution, while these weasels in Washington are breaking it by calling it the law. I think we have our troops fighting in the wrong country.

Robert Peruski, Sr.

Hunters, vote “no” for antler restrictions

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cated.”

So neighbors, families and friends banded together and through a great deal of work we received that much needed “education” and we defeated the mandatory QDM proposal.

The proposal change called for at least 4 points or better on one side. QDM needed 66 percent approval from the surveyed hunters as well as 66 percent from surveyed land owners to pass. What they got was 36 percent from hunters and 39 percent from land owners, far short of their goal.

From that beginning we have been very involved in all aspects of proposed antler restrictions. We have attended many NRC meetings where we spoke in opposition of these mandatory restrictions. We were also participants of A.P.R. committees and sat on deer advisory teams.

Much work has been done behind the scenes, but it never ends. This time it is the “LPDMI” (Lower Peninsula Deer Management Initiative) explaining their plan for how we need to hunt. This time they want a minimum of 4 points on one side for a buck to be legal in southern Lower Michigan.

The LPDMI group has scheduled 14 public information meetings to educate us, and then in August a questionnaire will be sent out by the DNR to at least 1,000 hunters asking them if they do or do not support these MAR’s initiatives. There will be a presentation at each meeting by the group telling you why this will be good for you, so here we will tell you why it may not be great for all of us.

1). The DNR’s official position supports the voluntary implementation of QDM practices (A.P.R.’s. included) on private lands in Michigan; the key word here is voluntary. The proposed regulations are, of course, mandatory.

2). Many of what are now legal Michigan bucks could not be taken because they would not carry enough points on one side. That means no stories, no wonderful meals; no rack on the wall, all because someone else has decided for you that it isn’t big enough.

3). Don’t make a mistake, because if you do you could face a fine of up to \$1,000, restitution of \$1,000, loss of hunting privileges for 3 years, or

even 5 to 90 days in jail.

4). The Michigan DNR has found no biological benefit to our deer herd from A.P.R.’s.

5). Clare County DMU 118 had an A.P.R. imposed on them from 1999-2004. It did not work and was thrown out.

We sat at the wildlife committee meeting after this mandatory A.P.R. was stopped and the big game specialist explained that their data and check station statistics did not show any significant increase in points (less than one) or spread (less than one inch) from pre to post MAR’s time. In 5 years of restrictions the change was not significant, but the hunting had significantly been changed for those forced to comply.

6). Hunter success is important to get folks started and hunter retention becomes solid when some success is found. Can you imagine a young hunter sitting for days on their own farm and finally seeing that big 6-point and although it would be the hunting experience of his life to take that deer, he can’t shoot, leaving him empty-handed another year?

There are so many reasons that make this MAR’s proposal wrong that we could fill pages and spend hours talking about the injustices they create. MAR’s regulations start to stink like a can of rotten worms when you have to take from so many to benefit yourselves. This is where it is wrong.

If you want to practice A.P.R.s, do it voluntarily on your hunting ground and we wish you luck.

What you as hunters can do is talk to your hunting friends and write letters to your local papers. Folks that don’t know what’s about to happen will get questionnaires and your job is to tell them the truth. As hunters we can’t just sit back and watch anymore, you folks need to help. If you as a hunter receive a survey/questionnaire around August, our hunting future and that of our children and grandchildren is in your hands. We ask you to choose wisely and vote “no” to this mandatory antler point restriction for southern Lower Michigan.

Thanks and good hunting,
United Sportsmen’s Alliance
Tom Lounsbury, president
Cass City

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MORTGAGE SALE – Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Steve Blumberg aka Steven W. Blumberg, A Single Man to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for First Securities Financial Services its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated January 26, 2009 and recorded February 18, 2009 in Liber 1167 Page 855 Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to: CitiMortgage, Inc., by assignment dated August 28, 2009 and recorded September 24, 2009 in Liber 1184, Page 348, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Four Dollars and Three Cents (\$248,774.03) including interest 4% 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 August 1, 2013. Said premises are situated in Township of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: A parcel of land in the Northeast one quarter of the Southwest one quarter of Section 36, Township 10 North, Range 8 East, described as follows: To fix the point of beginning, commence at the West one-quarter corner of Section 36; thence South 89 degrees 34 minutes 45 seconds East on the East and West one-quarter line of said Section, 2659.63 feet to the center of said Section; thence South 00 degrees 48 minutes 01 seconds West, on the North and South one-quarter line of said Section, 548.22 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 00 degrees 48 minutes 01 seconds West, on said North and South one-quarter line, 779.31 feet to the Southeast corner of said Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one quarter; thence North 89 degrees 37 minutes 49 seconds West, on the South one-eighth line of said Section, 730.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 48 minutes 01 seconds East parallel with said North and South one-quarter line, 779.96 feet; thence South 89 degrees 34 minutes 45 seconds East, parallel with said East and West one quarter line 730.00 feet to the point of beginning.

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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 August 1, 2013 Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as:

COMMENCING AT A POINT 108.9 FEET SOUTH OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST 1 / 4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1 / 4 OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 10 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, THENCE SOUTH 108.9 FEET, THENCE EAST 400 FEET, THENCE NORTH 108.9 FEET, THENCE WEST 400 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS OF RECORDS.

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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 Sixty-Seven Thousand Thirty Dollars and Seventeen Cents (\$67,030.17) including interest at 7.000% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on August 1, 2013.

Said premises are located in the Township of Fremont, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Land situated in the Township of Fremont, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, is described as follows:

PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 4, TOWN 11 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST, DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 4, WHICH IS NORTH 1327.70 FEET FROM THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 4; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 38 SECONDS EAST 1315.47 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 4; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 1 MINUTES 22 SECONDS EAST, 330.00 FEET ALONG THE AFOREMENTIONED EAST LINE; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 11 SECONDS WEST, 1315.61 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 4; THENCE NORTH 331.70 FEET ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 4 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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

abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale.

In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If the property is sold at 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: July 3, 2013
Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC
Mortgagee/Assignee
SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN, P.C.
23938 Research Drive, Suite 300
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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 Heather Germain, a Single Woman and Eric Molesworth, a Single Man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registrations Systems, Inc., as nominee for Flagstar Bank, FSB its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 6, 2004, and recorded on February 11, 2004 in Liber 979 on Page 122, and assigned by said Mortgagee to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association successor by merger to Chase Home Finance 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 Eighty-Two Thousand Eighteen and 93/100 Dollars (\$82,018.93).

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 August 1, 2013.

Said premises are situated in Township of Watertown, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 24, Town 10 North, Range 9 East, Running thence East 270.00 feet along the North Section line, thence South 267.7 feet, thence West 271.69 feet, thence North 0 degrees 26 minutes East 267.7 feet along the West Section line to the point of beginning. Being a part of the Northwest quarter.

Year 1991, Commodore Mobile Home No. 176F0720166 T, Serial No. NP31581AB 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: July 3, 2013
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Matthew J. Kostrzewa, a single man, to Victory Mortgage Inc., Mortgagee, dated May 28, 2004 and recorded October 26, 2004 in Liber 1013, Page 1306. Said mortgage is now held by Fifth Third Mortgage Company by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Three and 42/100 Dollars (\$137,433.42) including interest at 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 at the front entrance of the Tuscola Circuit Courthouse in the Village of Caro, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on AUGUST 1, 2013.

Said premises are located in the Township of Koylton, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:
Land situated in the Township of Koylton, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, described as:Part of the East one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 20, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, described as: beginning at a point on the North section line that is North 89 degrees 22 minutes 25 seconds East 1322.33 feet from the Northwest corner of said Section 20: thence continuing North 89 degrees 22 minutes 25 seconds East. 916.74 feet, thence South 1 degree 42 minutes 16 seconds West, 473.20 feet thence North 83 degrees 55 minutes 49 seconds East, 217.09 feet; thence along the Westerly line of abandoned railroad right of way, South 9 degrees 22 minutes 45 seconds West, 2228.14 feet; thence along the East-West one-quarter line, South 89 degrees 15 minutes 46 seconds West, 723.09 feet: thence along the West line of said East one-half of the Northwest one-quarter, North 00 degrees 42 minutes 00 seconds West. 2647.87 feet to the point of beginning.

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

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

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

Dated: July 3, 2013
Orlans Associates, PC.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007
File No. 13-007127

7-3-13

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jerome A. Bouverette and Christy L. Bouverette, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Quicken Loans Inc., Mortgagee, dated March 15, 2007 and recorded April 23, 2007 in Liber 1117, Page 689, and , Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Cenlar FSB by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Six and 76/100 Dollars (\$99,276.76) including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Tuscola Circuit Courthouse in the Village of Caro, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on AUGUST 1, 2013.

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

Land situated in the City of Caro in the County of Tuscola in the State of Michigan.Lot 10, Block 24, of the Plat of the Village of Centerville (now Caro) according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, on Page 56, now being Page 59A.

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

buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

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

Dated: July 3, 2013
Orlans Associates, PC.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007
File No. 13-004824

7-3-13

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by 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.

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 12, 2013

For more information, please call:
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File #424542F01

6-12-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jason A. Hartwick and Melissa S. Hartwick, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lenders successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 23, 2005 and recorded August 11, 2005 in Liber 1049, Page 724, 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 Eighty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Four and 74/100 Dollars (\$82,604.74) 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 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.

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

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

Dated: June 12, 2013
Orlans Associates, PC.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007
2485021600 File No. 13-001066

6-12-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Pamela Zwerican, a single woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lenders successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 21, 2005 and recorded December 9, 2005 in Liber 1064, Page 78, 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 Thirty-Nine Thousand Thirty-Four and 54/100 Dollars (\$139,034.54) including interest at 6.375% per annum.
Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue 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 Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Land situated in the Township of Millington, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, is described as follows:Parcel HPart of the fractional Northwest 1/4 of Section 4, Town 10 North, Range 08 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, being further described as follows:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section; thence North 89 degrees 59 minutes 40 seconds East, 225.44 feet along the North line of said Section; thence South 00 degrees 40 minutes 28 seconds West, 290.00 feet; thence South 15 degrees 39 minutes 00 seconds East, 391.13 feet; thence South 32 degrees 41 minutes 30 seconds East, 410.10 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 50 degrees 46 minutes 54 seconds East, 292.92 feet; thence 16.64 feet along a curve to the right having a radius of 290.00 feet a long chord bearing and distance of South 40 degrees 50 minutes 22 seconds East, 16.44 feet; thence South 39 degrees 11 minutes 42 seconds East, 297.44 feet; thence South 50 degrees 48 minutes 01 seconds West, 329.30 feet; thence North 32 degrees 41 minutes 30 seconds West, 316.95 feet to the point of beginning.Together with and subject toA private road easement being further described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section; thence North 89 degrees 59 minutes 40 seconds East, 673.44 feet along the North line of said Section; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 20 seconds East, 290.00 feet; thence South 43 degrees 55 minutes 22 seconds East, 1682.97 feet; thence North 78 degrees 05 minutes 47 seconds West, 517.68 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 64 degrees 43 minutes 29 seconds West 75.00 feet; thence North 39 degrees 11 minutes 42 seconds West, 161.22 feet; thence North 50 degrees 48 minutes 16 seconds East, 33.00 feet; thence South 39 degrees 11 minutes 42 seconds East, 79.76 feet; thence 23.80 feet along a curve to the left having a radius of 25.00 feet a long chord bearing and distance of South 66 degrees 28 minutes 11 seconds East, 22.91 feet; thence 89.63 feet along a curve to the right having a radius of 75.00 feet a long chord bearing and distance of South 59 degrees 30 minutes 35 seconds East, 84.39 feet to the point of beginning.

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

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

If you are a tenant in the property, please

contact our office as you may have certain rights.

Dated: June 12, 2013
Orlans Associates, PC.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007
(248) 502-1600
File No. 13-005953

6-12-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by 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.

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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Dated: June 12, 2013
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Attorneys for Servicer
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Troy, MI 48007
File No. 13-003623

6-12-4

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MORTGAGE SALE – Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Michelle Riley, A Single Woman to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Ross Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns. Mortgagee, dated April 9, 2010 and recorded April 15, 2010 in Liber 1196 Page 635 Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to: Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP fka Countrywide Home Loans Servicing LP, by assignment dated May 15, 2013 and recorded May 21, 2013 in Liber 1250, Page 356, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Four Thousand One Hundred Ninety-One

Dollars and Fifteen Cents (\$64,191.15) including interest 5.25% per annum.

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

Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP fka Countrywide Home Loans Servicing LP, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 13-82265

6-12-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jason R. Bryan and Krystal Bryan, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lenders successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 23, 2008 and recorded August 14, 2008 in Liber 1156, Page 18, 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 Eighty-Four Thousand Three Hundred Twelve and 84/100 Dollars (\$84,312.84) including interest at 6.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue 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.
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If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights.

Dated: June 19, 2013
Orlans Associates, PC.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007
(248)502-1600
File No. 13-006344

6-19-4

Additional legals on page 19.

**Notice of Board of Review for
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Taxpayers may appeal assessments by appointment at the meeting or by mail to: Lori Mazure, Clerk Greenleaf Township, 6959 Van Dyke Rd, Cass City, MI 48726



KNEE HIGH by the fourth of July is this corn located north of Cass City on Cemetary Road near Huron Line Road on land owned by the Doerr family. Pictured above area Logan Doerr, 9, on right holding Jackson Royal, 18 months old. The boys are the sons of Melissa Doerr.

Rural health effort to seek improvement through surveys

The Michigan Center for Rural Health and Caro Community Hospital have developed a community survey to identify rural health needs in areas that can be improved within five years. The information collected will be used to guide the rural health efforts in the community that will lead to measurable improvements.

“We value your opinion and viewpoints and hope you will agree to voluntarily participate in the survey. This will assist the leaders in your community in the development of strategies that can guide rural health efforts. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey; your responses will remain confidential and results from this survey will be reported in aggregate format,” said Dale J. Perz, marketing consultant, Caro Community Hospital.

The following is a link which will lead residents to the online version of the survey, which is self-directed: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Caro_Survey

If you are one of the approximately 1,000 persons who have received a paper copy of the survey in the U.S. Mail, officials ask that you to complete that version and return it by mail as well.

The Deadline for completion of this survey is July 31. More information is available by contacting Angie Emge at (517) 355-7757 or by email at aemge@msu.edu.

Clarification

In last week’s photo coverage of the inaugural Carry-Yer-Woman Contest, the information should have included the businesses Parkway and Wild John’s for supplying the winner’s beverages. Along with the Cass City Lion’s Club and the Elkland Township Fire Department for hosting the event. Hills and Dales General Hospital also provided towels for the contestants to dry off with. Recognition also needs to be given to Shagene Excavating for helping set up the course.

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