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HUNDREDS OF CASS City area residents filled the village's downtown area for this year's Pinktober Finale celebration last Wednesday. With temperatures in the low 60s, the weather was perfect for events ranging from the "Pink or Treat in the Street" to a 5K "Glow" Run/Walk to a talent show at Rotary Park. The well-attended festival marked the end of the community's month-long effort to raise awareness and cash in support of breast cancer research.

Organizers: Pinktober a community achievement

by Tom Montgomery Editor

You won't offend Joey Kreeger if you call her a dreamer. In fact, she'll take it as a compliment.

It was a dream that prompted the Cass City business owner to open the VIP Salon back in 2008, in spite of the fact that the community already had its share of hair salons, and it was a dream that led her to expand earlier this year by opening a specialty coffee shop.

Kreeger also followed her dream three years ago when she spearheaded Cass City's first Pinktober celebration to raise awareness about breast cancer.

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TWINS KYLIE (right) and Brianna McKee, 6, the daughters of Becky and Earl McKee, Cass City, snack on cotton candy while taking a break from the town-wide "Pink or Treat in the Street" activity.



Just...one...more...bite

13-YEAR-OLD Curry Regnier of Cass City (foreground) forces another mouthful of pizza down on his way to winning the Pinktober Pizza Eating Contest at Maria's Pizzeria, one of a host of special activities held in conjunction with Cass City's Pinktober Finale celebration last Wednesday. Regnier won a \$20 gift card for his efforts plus \$30 in free pizza. Also receiving free pizza certificates were competitors (above, from left) Garrett Deitering, 14, and Kyle Jordan, 11, both of Cass City.

Officers subdue armed, suicidal Snover resident

by Tom Montgomery Editor

Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies subdued and arrested an armed and reportedly suicidal area resident without firing a shot over the weekend.

A tense confrontation between officers and suspect, identified only as a 21-year-old Snover man, unfolded Saturday afternoon after Sanilac County Central Dispatch received a call stating the man had told his ex-girlfriend that he was armed with a shotgun and was going to shoot himself.

The 911 call came in at about 3:30

p.m., according to Sanilac County Sheriff Garry Biniecki, who said responding deputies were acquainted with the subject from a recent incident in which the suspect was highly intoxicated and fought with police.

Deputies responded to the area in Argyle Township and began gathering information. Witnesses reported seeing him behind some buildings, walking into a field earlier," Biniecki said. "Deputies then learned that the suspect broke into a local residence, where a shotgun and handgun were missing. The suspect sent his ex-girlfriend pictures of the shotgun and

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Police foil burglary spree in the Thumb

by Tom Montgomery Editor

Law enforcement officials have arrested 2 suspects and identified others in connection with several break-ins involving the theft of thousands of dollars in cash and property from residences and vehicles in the central Thumb area.

Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson said an alert citizen's call led to the arrests of two suspects in his county last Wednesday afternoon.

The caller reported seeing two unknown young male subjects entering a residence where no one was home at 6056 Stein Rd. in Oliver Township, according to Hanson. "The complainant further advised that the same two had been seen earlier leaving that residence, carrying what appeared to be a gas can from its garage. They apparently returned a short time later, only this time they parked in a field, walked through (the) field and then entered the residence without exiting," he said.

Sheriff's department Sgt. Todd Schember and Michigan State Police Trooper Jason Berg responded to the scene and apprehended the two suspects after they exited the home and attempted to flee through a field.

"Finding stolen property in the suspects' possession eventually led to an 18-year-old male from Ohio being arrested and lodged in our jail for breaking and entering," Hanson said. "His 15-year-old male companion from the Bay

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Great Start!

Imagination library giving gift of reading to thousands of Thumb area youngsters

by Tom Montgomery Editor

A small group of Tuscola County residents has realized its dream — and then some — of establishing a local program to distribute thousands of free books to area youngsters in an effort to nurture a love of reading for a lifetime.

It was five years ago that Susan Walker called the first meeting of the Great Start Tuscola Imagination Library Advisory Council to order.

"By January 2009, our first books were being mailed. Since then, over 80,000 books have been mailed through Tuscola County," said Rachael Koepf, who along with Marilyn Peters, Joey Kreeger and Christine Anthony serve on a team charged with overseeing the project in Cass City, where some 215 children are currently enrolled in the program.

The Tuscola County chapter was formed in conjunction with a national initiative founded back in 1996 by country music legend Dolly Parton.

Through affiliation with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, all children in Tuscola County are eligible to receive a carefully selected hardcover book each month from birth to age 5 — a total of 60 books in all.

"The schools aren't directly involved because of the cut-off age (5 years)," Koepf noted. "All the local libraries are involved. Rawson Memorial District Library and VIP Cafe have registration forms and a drop box to place them in."

The cost is \$30 per child annually, "but it actually doesn't cost the fam-

ilies anything," said Walker, who has served as director of the county's Imagination Library advisory council since its inception.

Here's how it works: the community makes the program accessible to all preschool children in their area. The community pays for the books and mailing, and promotes the program, registers the children and enters information into a database.

From there, Parton's non-profit Dollywood Foundation takes over and manages the system to deliver

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Caro Center among state facilities in the spotlight

Three State of Michigan hospitals were named "Top Performers on Key Quality Measures" by The Joint Commission, the leading accreditor of health care organizations in America.

The Caro Center, Kalamazoo Psychiatric Hospital, and Walter Reuther Psychiatric Hospital, run by the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH), were recognized for exemplary performance in using evidence-based clinical processes that are shown to improve care for inpatient psychiatric services.

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Abby McCallum and Woodrow Strong

Engaged

Abby K. McCallum of Cass City and Woodrow J. Strong III of North Branch announce their engagement.

Abby is the daughter of Ross and Beth McCallum of Cass City. She is the granddaughter of Daniel and Carol Butterfield of Unionville.

Woodrow is the son of Woodrow Strong II of North Branch and Sandy Ziots of Cass City. He is the grandson of Woodrow Strong of Kingston.

Abby is an alumnus of Cass City High School class of 2009, she graduated from Delta College and is co-owner of Roscco's Rooster Resort.

Woodrow is an alumnus of Cass City High School class of 2005, he graduated from SVSU and currently works at K-Max in Lapeer.

The couple is planning their wedding for June 7, 2014.

Obituaries

Thomas Haughton

Thomas J. Haughton, 79, died Saturday, October 26, 2013 at Heritage Health Staunton, IL. He was formerly of Cass City.

Thomas was born September 13, 1934 in South Bend, IN to James and Genevieve Haughton. He served our county in the U.S. Air Force.

He married Beverly Shepler on June 29, 1957 in Gates, NY, she preceded him in death September 18, 2004.

Thomas worked as a supervisor and plant manager for Evans Products, where they constructed railroad cars. After his retirement he continued as a manager and consultant for Rail Car Specialties. He was part owner in Chicago Manufacturing and Distribution, an oil and lubrication supplier. He was also a member of the American Legion, The Optimist Club, and a former member of the DeMolay.

Thomas enjoyed traveling in his motor home, golfing, bicycle riding, and he was an avid reader.

He is survived by his son Bradley (Virginia) Haughton, of Boise, ID; daughter Brenda (Mark) Mangum, of Staunton, IL; grandchildren Kathryn Nicole Haughton, James Thomas Haughton and Bond Thomas Mangum; sister Ninalee (Robert) Caswell, of Hilton, NY; brother-in-law Harold (Edna) Shepler, of Carlyle, PA; and several nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Thomas was preceded in death by his parents, James and Genevieve Haughton and his wife Beverly Haughton.

Memorials in memory of Thomas Haughton can be made to the Rawson Memorial District Library, 6495 Pine Street, Cass City, MI 48726.

To sign a guest book or to leave a private condolence, please visit www.lesickofuneralhome.com

Funeral arrangements were provided by Lesicko Funeral Home of Livingston & New Douglas, Illinois.

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In Our OPINION..

Clarke Haire
Publisher

Tom Montgomery
Editor

Plenty of athletics offered at schools

The results of the Greater Thumb West (GTW) cross country league meet leaves us wondering if there are too many sports being offered at the high school level.

Cass City was unable to field a boys' team at the recent GTW gathering and they weren't alone. In fact, only conference members Vassar and Reese were able to compete for the boys' crown due to a lack of runners on the conference's 5 other squads.

For the Red Hawks, the lack of numbers has been a problem for the past few seasons. One reason being, several of Coach Jon Zdrowecki's distance runners also are on Coach Chuck Reed's soccer team. And when game dates overlap, one of those coaches will be short-handed.

This fall Cass City Schools offered a wide variety of sporting opportunities for their students. In addition to soccer and cross country, Red Hawk boys have chances on the gridiron field and tennis courts. For girl athletes, several schools offer volleyball, cross country, tennis and golf in the fall.

That's slicing the pie of available athletes pretty slim in small school conferences such as the GTW. So much so, that Bay City All Saints wasn't able to come up with a football team to challenge Cass City on their homecoming night, forcing the annual celebration to be rescheduled for a later date. It was a similar story over in Sandusky as the Redskins forfeited their junior varsity football contest against Cass City this year due to injuries that resulted in single digits of players on their sidelines.

Another area of concern for the health of high school sports, according to Cass City Athlete Director Don Markel, is the number of student/athletes focusing on a solo sport. Markel met with other ADs from the GTW in October and several of them stated that club volleyball teams, which play throughout the winter, are playing havoc on their district's girls' basketball program.

And let's not forget about cash. School sports are expensive. Uniforms, coaches' salaries, transportation, equipment, referees, and facilities maintenance don't come cheap.

Are too many sports programs being offered at local schools? We believe the more extra curriculum choices the better. However, sometimes more can end up being less.



Slices of Life

by Jill Pertler

Living in the moment



"You don't really appreciate what you've got until it's gone."

These wise words came out of the mouth of my 16-year-old son; surprisingly, he wasn't referring to a Snicker's bar. I've always known he is an old soul, but this particular insight was unexpected. Typically teenage boys are consumed by thoughts of driver's licenses, (girls), the Friday night football game, (girls) and food. Lots and lots of food.

Time for reflection and philosophical epiphanies are best left to old people – you know, those 30 and above. People like your mom. Or teachers. So I thought. Shows you what I (don't) know.

When I found teenage boys living in my house, I entered at my own risk, with both eyes wide open. I figured I knew what was coming: growth spurts that left them gawky and gangly and a whole lot taller than their mom. I anticipated broken windows, broken furniture and maybe even a broken heart or two. I expected big feet and even bigger appetites, a need for speed and the car keys. I understood we'd deal with missed curfews, missing homework, messy bedrooms and resigned myself to the fact that they'd stay up late and sleep in even later.

While the teenage years have brought all these gifts to our household, they've also come with a few surprises. Like when they jump up from a video game to help their mom carry in the groceries, or pull the empty garbage can up from the curb without being asked, or give an unexpected hug – in public, even.

And, most definitely when, during an ordinary five-minute car ride to school, they wax philosophical about the fleeting nature of time. When my boys became teenagers, I expected deep voices, not deep thoughts.

It took me way past 30-something to even begin to comprehend the transitory nature of life. I am embarrassingly obtuse about the most simple and obvious – it has something to do with the whole forest for the trees thing.

When our daughter was 9 months old, we took her to a photographer to have her portrait taken. Our little sweet pea was a serious baby, and refused all our outrageous and desperate attempts to make her smile. Even my husband's over-the-top Elmo impression failed to register on the laugh-o-meter. She had a somber pout in every

shot.

So I declined to purchase any photos.


Now, I think back, and wish I had. You see, she was 9 months old then, and that lasted only a moment before it was gone. Because I didn't understand that simple concept, I lost the solemn expression that would have made for a fond memory – as well as an 8 x 10 framed print.

I've since evolved. I understand our days, weeks and years are made up of moments, and moments – perfect, imperfect and everything in between – are the biggest and best that we've got.

Right now I spend quite a few of mine with teenage boys in the car on the way to school or football practice. When they talk, I listen. Sometimes what they say surprises me – in a good way, usually. But, don't tell them I told you so. I still want them to feel compelled to help carry in the groceries.

My son says you don't really appreciate what you've got until it's gone, and I realize he is probably right – most of the time. But as we arrive at school, and he exits the car and turns to say "good-bye," and then, "I love you, Mom," I think I do. I really think I do.

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



Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Visited the Muskegon River last week and enjoyed pretty good fishing.

Myself, and fishing buddy Dean Woods, used open-face reels and spinning rods to cast beads that resulted in about 13-15 hook-ups during our guided 8-hour trip.

We landed 4 beautiful chrome steelies, plus a couple of large brown trout during our time on the water.

If interested, you can catch (pun intended) some of the action on a short video clip posted on the Chronicle website.

Letters to the Editor

Artistic Endeavors a treasure in town

To the editor,

A little over a year ago, the not-for-profit cooperative art gallery, Artistic Endeavors, opened its doors at 6358 Main St., Cass City, to the public.

Seven member artists who support, maintain and run the gallery offer for sale paintings in oil, acrylic and mixed media; sculpture, photographs, drawings, and art craft objects in fabrics and glass at what can delightfully be called reasonable prices, especially when considering the years of study and hard work that go into the acquisition of the skills an artist needs for creating the accomplished works you will see at Artistic Endeavors.

Stylistically, you will find examples of abstract, representational, expressionist and impressionist styles in most media.

Perhaps the best part of browsing the work on view at the gallery is talking with the artists who have created the works on display. I have found them all to be welcoming, warm, friendly, helpful and very willing to answer any questions that you might have about the "how" and "why" of their

works.

Recently, I attended an auction of art works at the gallery which was well attended, and found it to be an interesting and fun affair.

The gallery features the works of one of their artists on the second Friday of each month. Also, there are art classes being taught at the gallery by participating member artists. Consider taking a class or two, discovering the interesting process of work and skill needed to create works of art. Take a few minutes to drop by the gallery and inquire about upcoming events and classes, to browse the works on display. Or, for a modest donation, become a patron of the gallery.

Artistic Endeavors is a true treasure for both the village of Cass City and the whole Thumb area. In addition to our support of local business, whose business is to provide us with goods and services, we now have the opportunity to support a wonderful gallery full of the work of local artists, whose works can enrich our lives.

Joseph Sweet
Cass City

Cass City native Bob Wallace was inducted into the Saginaw County Sports Hall of Fame over the weekend. Already a member of the Michigan High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame, Wallace, 78, compiled a record of 234-47-2 over a twenty year span for the Hemlock Huskies. During his time, those teams won 9 league titles, recorded 5 undefeated seasons and had a pair of 20-game winning streaks.

While Wallace is getting his dues on the gridiron field, Cass City High School student Eric Churchill is not.

The Red Hawk senior was a force on the defensive line for Coach Scott Cuthrell in his final season, but was not listed among the team's graduation losses going forward in the Chronicle's October 30th issue.

Actually, Churchill was also missing from the team roster on this season's away game programs. And, wouldn't you know it, I used the Reese game program to get the Class of 2014 team members.

From Harbor Beach to Imlay City, 229 churches in the Thumb participate in a mission to needy children around the world. Church members fill shoeboxes with small gifts for children and send them through Operation Christmas Child to children in schools and orphanages in more than 100 countries. The gifts are intended to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to suffering children. Churches and youth groups in the Thumb will collect more than 9,000 gift-filled shoeboxes this November.

For more information on how to participate in Operation Christmas Child, visit samaritanspurse.org. National Collection Week for gift-filled shoeboxes is Nov. 18-25 and the boxes can be delivered to one of seven relay centers throughout the Thumb including the Cass City Missionary Church.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Wednesday, November 6

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

Thursday, November 7

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

Flu Shot Clinic, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.

Saturday, November 9

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).

Thumb Dance Club featuring "The Natural Tones (TNT)", annual meeting (members) & election of officers - President & Treasurer. Sandusky Maple Valley School, 138 Maple Valley St., Sandusky. Dancing from 7-11 p.m. Everyone welcome- bring finger foods (for 9 p.m.) and friends! Questions call Leola (810) 657-9349 or Dorothy (810) 404-4250. Admission: \$5 (members) & \$6 (non-members).

Monday, November 11

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

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

Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.

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

Tuesday, November 12

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.

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

Man hurt in sugar plant mishap

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A Unionville man was injured early last week when he was accidentally struck by a semi truck at the Michigan Sugar Co. piling grounds in Sebawaing Township.

The incident occurred Tuesday at about 10 a.m. Huron County

Sheriff's Deputy Kelly Leavine reported the victim, Donald Albrecht, 63, was struck by a semi truck driven by Timothy Maust, 56, of Bay Port.

"The semi truck backed into the victim, pinning him between the piler and the semi," Leavine explained. "The semi was removed from off of the victim and 911 was

called. Eventually, the victim was transported to Scheurer by Sebawaing EMS for treatment of his injuries."

Albrecht was later flown out by helicopter to a Saginaw area hospital for specialized treatment. Information on his condition was not available.

The Sebawaing Police Department assisted deputies at the scene.

Deputies seeking public's help

Cattle thieves hit Greenleaf Twp.

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies are on the lookout for some cattle thieves, and they're asking for the public's help in locating the beef bandits.

Sheriff Garry Biniecki said his

department is requesting that anyone with information involving the theft of several cattle last week in the 4000 block of Cumber Road and the 5000 block of Cass City Road in Sanilac County's Greenleaf Township contact Deputy Heilig or the Sanilac County Sheriff's Department's Detective Bureau at

(810) 648-2000 (ext. 2) or 1-800-881-5911.

"The theft occurred between 5 p.m. Oct. 29 (and) 6 a.m. Oct. 30. Stolen were a total of 10 black and white Holstein cattle. The ages range from 5 to 8 weeks old," Biniecki said.

Circuit court news

Several charged with felonies

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

*Joshua M. Rosebush, 24, Vassar, was sentenced to one year and 11 months to 15 years in prison following his pleas of guilty to two counts of stealing/retaining a financial transaction device and one count of larceny from a motor vehicle May 31 in Vassar. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to prison time, he was ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$934 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

*Neil T. Gammon, 54, Mount Morris, pleaded guilty to altering with fraudulent intent a registration plate issued by the Michigan Department of State and/or know-

ingly possessing a false or counterfeit registration plate June 29 in Juniata Township.

He was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$838 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

*Larry D. Pardue, 29, Vassar, was sentenced to 365 days in the county jail, with work release, following his plea of guilty to one count of larceny in a building Nov. 4, 2012, in Juniata Township.

He was also placed on 24 months probation and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$698. Restitution in the case is to be determined.

*Richard D. Osborn, 55, Fairgrove, was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$225 following his plea of

no contest to improperly transporting medical marijuana Sept. 5, 2012, in Fairgrove.

*Chad A. Bindschatel, 27, Caro, plead innocent by reason of insanity to charges of malicious destruction of fire/police department property and assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer between July 31 and Aug. 1, 2012, and to assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer Nov. 8, 2012, in Caro. He is also charged with being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

His plea was taken under advisement by the court, which remanded him to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

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Reporter's notebook

"Cemetery walk" hardly disgusting

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



If you're an active Facebook user and kept tabs on Tyler Perry's Elkland Township Cemetery Walk page prior to the event recently held at the local cemetery, you already know how overwhelmingly positive the response was to this unique historical program.

You may also have been a bit surprised, as I was, by a single post from a lady who said she was appalled and disgusted.

"Cemeteries were meant to be holy ground...a sacred place...not an entertainment mecca, otherwise we would have just tossed the dead into the local dump!" she wrote.

In a nutshell, the cemetery walk involved a group of local residents portraying past citizens whose contributions to the community and beyond are noteworthy and then some. The actors dressed in period clothing and were stationed near the tombstones of the individuals they were portraying. Over the course of about 4 hours, two groups of 50 people were guided to each station, where the actors talked about "their" lives in Cass City of the past.

As a side note, each of the attendees paid a \$7 admission, and all of the proceeds (\$700) were donated to the American Cancer Society.

Anyway, as I read this lady's post, the first thing that came to mind is she couldn't possibly know anyone involved in this production. From organizers Tyler Perry and Kate Van Auken, to each and every actor, I couldn't imagine any of them getting behind something that even hinted at disrespecting Cass City's history.

Quite the contrary.

They saw an opportunity to celebrate some special individuals who had a very real impact on the quality of life we enjoy today. They were living examples that small towns can and do produce individuals capable of just about anything when they set their minds to it.

I can't imagine a better venue for this celebration than the Elkland Township Cemetery, where each of these former citizens (and many others) has been laid to rest. And it occurred to me that cemetery Sexton Steve Wright and his crew take such pride in maintaining the grounds for the living, as well as the dead.

Seems to me the only real death any person can experience is one in which they're not remembered in the years after their last breath.

The cemetery walk was all about preserving memories of a handful of the folks who helped to shape Cass City, and whose accomplishments should be a source of pride for our younger generations.

I can't think of a better way to celebrate our "today" than to honor their past.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2008)

Diane Miscak of the Hospice Advantage office in Cass City was named "Volunteer of the Year" by the Michigan Hospice and Palliative Care Association. Miscak holds her patients' hands throughout her volunteer visits, often getting patients that won't discuss their feelings to share them with her. She talks about her own struggles with a life-threatening illness to inspire hope and quality of life as they live with their terminal illness.

The first students to receive the coveted Cass City Schools' Red Hawk Award of Excellence for 2008-09 are Lucas Schenk, eighth grade; Elise Nicol, junior; and Logan Schenk, fourth grade.

10 YEARS AGO (2003)

Katherine Armstead, a resident of Tendercare, Cass City, was honored Saturday during a party marking her 100th birthday, with family and friends traveling from as far away as Wisconsin to wish her well. Armstead was born Oct. 19, 1903, in Deckerville. She and her husband, George, who died in a work-related accident in 1961, raised 4 children. Today, she also has 6 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

Receiving ribbons and certificates for their selection for Cass City Award of Excellence honors were the following representatives from the 3 Cass City school buildings, Krystee Dorland, high school; Brittany Karavas, middle school and Nicole Kelley, elementary school.

Cass City placed 2 players on the Greater Thumb West all conference defensive first team. The 2 are junior Nick Stoutenburg, punter, and senior Brice Stine, defensive back.

25 YEARS AGO (1988)

About 60 persons attended a dinner in honor of Cass City resident and

World War I veteran Lewis Bishop Saturday evening at the Cass City Veterans of Foreign Wars Post Hall. Post 3644 member Jack Esau surprised Bishop with a certificate from the government of France in appreciation for services rendered during WWI.

Bishop, who will be 91 in December, spent 21 months overseas as a member of the U.S. Air Corps, which was attached to the English Air Corps. He began his service in 1917, spending 6 months in England and a full year in the Argonne Forest area in France, where he served as a reconnaissance photographer.

Senior Brent Beecher, son of Keith and JoNell Beecher, was chosen student of the week for being honored by the First National Bank of Bad Axe as athlete of the week.

Cass City Village and Hardee's officials, and a large, furry California raisin gathered for Hardee's ribbon cutting ceremony Thursday at the new Cass City restaurant, which opened Oct. 31.

50 YEARS AGO (1963)

When Deford letter carrier Norman Ruggles pulls into the drive of his Kingston home Friday after completing his route he will bring to an end a 40-year service record during which he has driven enough miles to have spanned the earth 22 times. Ruggles will retire Friday after 28 years as the lone Deford mail carrier and 40 1/2 years with the postal department. Phil Retherford, substitute carrier for the past 27 years, will take his place as temporary carrier.

Dick Erla was named a member of the board of directors of the Michigan Meat Packers Association at the annual convention of the organization Friday and Saturday at East Lansing. The group attended a full-day session Friday and Saturday morning, and attended the State-Wisconsin football game in a group

in the afternoon.

Cass City Evangelical United Brethren Church women recently paid tribute to Mrs. Arthur Ricker, 80, for 62 years of service to the church as one of two living charter members of the EUB Ladies Aid. Mrs. Ricker was among approximately 20 women who originally chartered the Ladies Aid in 1901. The only other living charter member is Mrs. William Kaiser, the former Esther Striffler, currently at a Detroit convalescent home.

100 YEARS AGO (1913)

When MacInnes Neilson appears at the opera house at Cass City next Thursday evening, Nov. 13, for a lecture, one of the best Scotch lecturers in America will be here. He has scholarship, attainment and culture. He is a graduate of Glasgow University and has been a student of men and affairs ever since; his attainments are many - a good lecturer, a fine story teller, an accomplished musician with a rare tenor voice, a successful business man, he is cultured, using the word in its best sense, for he has traveled widely, has been a keen observer and has read nearly everything of importance. Such a combination means that he is eminently fitted for a career in the Lyceum and explains his success.

The lower grades who did not enjoy a vacation the latter part of last week took advantage of Halloween by having Halloween parties in their respective rooms. The curtains were drawn down, ghosts and witches appeared, and various stunts performed, after which light refreshments were served.

Miss Isabella Marshall went to Bear Lake Wednesday to visit at the home of her brother, Archie Marshall, for a short time. From there she will go to Bishop, Cal., and spend an indefinite length of time with her brother, Alex Marshall.

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Director Kelly Richmond invites you to visit the senior living community where you can choose the service that matches your "distinctive living" needs. You can reach Northwood Meadows at (989) 872-8131 or (800) 532-8063. Check them out on the web at www.northwoodmeadows.org or like them on Facebook!

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

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Cass City Area Church Directory

Anchor Cove Outreach Church
201 E. Sanilac Rd.
Caro, MI 48723
989-672-2262
Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m.
www.anchorcoveoutreachchurch.com

**Community Baptist Church
Independent Fundamental**
4446 Ale St., Cass City, MI 48726
989-872-4088
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday -
Pray/Bible Study & Youth Group 6:00 p.m.

Cass City Church of Christ
6743 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726
Contacts 872-2367 or 872-3136
Worship Service Sunday 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Bible Study -
Sunday 10:00 a.m. & Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

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

Cass City Missionary Church
4449 Koeppgen Rd., Cass City, MI 48726
989-872-2729
Worship Service 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 10:50 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service & Youth Group 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Family Night 6:30 p.m.
Pastor: Phil Burkett
www.casscitymc.org

Cass City United Methodist Church
5100 N. Cemetery Rd.,
P.O. Box 125, Cass City, MI 48726
872-3422
Worship: 11:00 a.m.
(Summer 9:30 a.m.)
Sunday School - Sept.-May 9:30 a.m.
Community Dinner - Monthly (2nd Wed. at noon)
Pastor: Rev. Jackie Roe

Evangelical Free Church of Cass City
6430 Chestnut Blvd., Cass City, MI 48726
872-5060
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Midweek Bible Studies
Biblical Counseling
Pastor: Rev. Todd R. Gould
www.casscityefc.org

**First Baptist Church
(Independent, Fundamental)
Barrier Free**
6420 Houghton St., Cass City, MI 48726
989-872-3155
Sunday School All Ages 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday -
Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
AWANA Clubs 6:45 p.m. During School Year
Thursday Teen Club 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Pastor: David G. Hill
Website: www.fbccc.us

**First Presbyterian Church
Barrier Free**
State & National Historical Registry
6505 Church St., Cass City, MI 48726
872-5400
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
Pastor: Dave Blackburn

Fraser Presbyterian Church
3006 Huron Line Rd., Cass City, MI 48726
872-5400
Sunday School - Sept.-May 10:30 a.m.
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Pastor: Dave Blackburn

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
6820 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726
872-2770
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Bible Class & Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Steve Bagnall
www.goodshepherdlutherancasscity.webs.com

Novesta Church of Christ
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2896 Cemetery Rd., Cass City, MI 48726
872-3658
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Minister: Brad Speirs
Visit our website at: www.novestachurch.org

**Potter's House
Christian Fellowship Church**
Corner of 6th and Leach, Cass City, MI 48726
872-5186
Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Pastor: F. Robert Tucker

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:
Sr. Maria Dina Puddu MC

Mizpah Missionary Church
4631 N. Van Dyke, Cass City, MI 48726
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Service: 11 a.m.
Wednesday Prayer Group 7-8 p.m.
Wednesday Kids' Club 7-8 p.m.
Pastor Dale Bullock 989-325-0736

Living Word Worship Center Church of God
6536 Houghton Street, Cass City, MI 48726
989-872-4637
Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.
Family Training Hour: Wednesday 7 p.m.
(including youth and children's services)
Pastor: Rev. Mark Karowski
Website: www.lwccog.net

Visitors always welcomed... Please join us today!

Pinktober a community success, according to organizers

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And, like her business ventures, Pinktober has blossomed, growing from a modest observance to a bona fide success story.

"It was incredible. I think every year it grows, and every year it's like a chain reaction," Kreeger commented following last Wednesday's Pinktober Finale, which drew hundreds of area youngsters and their families downtown to participate in events ranging from a pizza eating contest at Maria's Pizzeria to "Pink

or Treat in the Street" to an amateur talent show and the annual "5K Glow TaTa Trot".

More than 40 vendors, most of them local businesses, donated time and treats during the evening.

Kreeger recalled roughly 180 youngsters visiting her salon during last year's finale celebration. "But this year there was no way we could count," she said. "We had 300 of everything (treats) and everything was gone in the first hour."

The talent show also proved to be a

huge success with some pretty impressive acts on stage at Rotary Park, according to Kreeger, who noted participation in this year's 5K event exceeded that in past years by far — nearly 180 runners/walkers took part, compared to a previous high of 62 participants.

Cherished Treasures was named this year's business decorating contest winner after collecting and displaying a wide variety of homemade hats and scarves slated to be donated to cancer centers.

Kreeger is quick to credit a small army of volunteers for the success of the month-long Pinktober extravaganza. Those volunteers juggled full-time jobs and families while devoting many hours to planning and organizing this year's activities in support of breast cancer awareness and research, she said.

Organizers are still adding up the dollars raised for the American Cancer Society, but Kreeger estimated the total will exceed \$10,000.

"This is just the start. Next year I think we can have another really

great goal, and I think we can meet it," she said.

More important, Kreeger indicated, is how events such as Pinktober brings together local residents for a common cause — it's a reminder of how much can be accomplished in a small town. "We're just so lucky. I love living here, and I've found a whole lot of other people who do, too," she said.

"This is not about making Pinktober amazing; it's to make our community amazing," she added. "It's unity. It's uniting community."

NOTICE TO ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF CASS CITY OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS SECURED BY THE TAXING POWER OF THE VILLAGE AND RIGHT OF REFERENDUM THEREON

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Village Council of the Village of Cass City, County of Tuscola, Michigan, intends to issue and sell general obligation capital improvement bonds pursuant to Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, in an amount not to exceed One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000), for the purpose of paying costs to acquire and construct road and drainage improvements related to construction of a new dairy processing plant.

The Bonds may be issued in one or more series and may be combined with bonds for other purposes as shall be determined by the Village Council. Each series of the Bonds will mature in annual installments not to exceed the maximum permitted by law, with interest on the unpaid balance from time to time remaining outstanding on the Bonds to be payable at rates to be determined at sale of the Bonds but in no event to exceed such rates as may be permitted by law.

SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF BONDS

The principal and interest on the Bonds shall be payable from the general funds of the Village lawfully available for such purposes including property taxes levied within applicable statutory and constitutional limitations.

RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

THE BONDS WILL BE ISSUED WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS UNLESS A VALID PETITION REQUESTING A REFERENDUM UPON THE QUESTION OF THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS SIGNED BY NOT LESS THAN 10% OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS RESIDING WITHIN THE VILLAGE IS FILED WITH THE VILLAGE CLERK WITHIN FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. If such a petition is filed, the bonds cannot be issued until authorized by the vote of a majority of the qualified electors of the Village voting on the question of their issuance.

THIS NOTICE is given pursuant to the requirements of Section 517, Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended. Additional information regarding the improvements to be financed with bond proceeds can be obtained from the office of the Village Clerk.

*Nanette S. Walsh, Village Clerk
Village of Cass City*

NOTICE TO ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF CASS CITY AND TO USERS OF THE VILLAGE'S SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM OF INTENT TO ISSUE REVENUE BONDS AND RIGHT OF REFERENDUM THEREON

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Village Council of the Village of Cass City, County of Tuscola, Michigan, intends to issue and sell Revenue Bonds pursuant to Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended, in an amount not to exceed Eight Million Dollars (\$8,000,000), for the purpose of paying costs to acquire and construct wastewater treatment plant improvements to accommodate the requirements of a new dairy processing plant.

The Revenue Bonds may be issued in one or more series and may be combined with bonds for other purposes as shall be determined by the Village Council. Each series of the Revenue Bonds will mature in annual installments not to exceed the maximum permitted by law, with interest on the unpaid balance from time to time remaining outstanding on the Revenue Bonds to be payable at rates to be determined at sale of the Revenue Bonds but in no event to exceed such rates as may be permitted by law.

SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF REVENUE BONDS

THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE REVENUE BONDS SHALL BE PAYABLE solely from the revenues received by the Village from the operation of the Village's sewage disposal system (the "System"). These revenues will consist of rates, fees and charges billed to the users of the System. The rates, fees and charges may from time to time be revised to provide sufficient revenues to provide for the expenses of operating and maintaining the System, to pay the principal of and interest on the Revenue Bonds and any other bonds of the System, and to pay other obligations of the System.

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THE REVENUE BONDS WILL BE ISSUED WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS UNLESS A VALID PETITION REQUESTING A REFERENDUM UPON THE QUESTION OF THE ISSUANCE OF THE REVENUE BONDS, SIGNED BY NOT LESS THAN 10% OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS RESIDING WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE, IS FILED WITH THE VILLAGE CLERK WITHIN FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. If such a petition is filed, the Revenue Bonds cannot be issued until approved by the vote of a majority of the electors of the Village voting on the question of their issuance.

THIS NOTICE is given pursuant to the requirements of Section 33 of Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended. Additional information regarding the Project to be financed with bond proceeds can be obtained from the office of the Village Clerk.

*Nanette S. Walsh, Village Clerk
Village of Cass City*

Police foil break-in spree

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Port area was turned over to his parents.

"(Our) investigation further revealed that the same two had also been involved in two other breaking and entering incidents, which occurred at a residence in Winsor Township on Monday the 28th and at a shed in Pigeon on Tuesday the 29th," the sheriff reported. "A variety of items such as gas, alcohol, a small refrigerator and hunting supplies were taken in the three incidents."

Damage in the break-ins was minimal, according to Hanson, who estimated the dollar amount of property taken could range near \$500.

The investigation will be continuing. Formal charges were authorized by the Huron County Prosecutor's Office last week on the 18-year-old suspect. Devin M. Anderson of New London, Ohio, was formally arraigned on a 10-year felony charge of breaking and entering with intent to commit larceny. As of press time, he remained lodged in the Huron County Jail on a \$25,000 cash bond.

"Further charges are possible," Hanson said, adding, "A juvenile petition is being sought on the 15-year-old."

Hanson noted the latest break-ins came only 11 days after 3 other residential break-ins occurred in the southern middle portion of Huron County, between Oct. 16 and Oct. 20 at 7172 Bach Rd. and 8086 Huron Line Rd. in Brookfield Township, and at 3413 S. Maxwell Rd., in Grant Township.

"Taken in those incidents was approximately \$2,700 in cash, an estimated \$10,000 worth of jewelry and about \$1,000 in other miscellaneous items," Hanson said.

Deputies, working in conjunction with the Gagetown police and the Michigan State Police, were able to identify four suspects, he continued. "On Monday, a search warrant was served at a Gagetown residence, which led to the recovery of some of the money and property," Hanson said. "Warrant requests will be submitted to the Huron County Prosecutor's Office for review."

"Apparently, those same suspects from our county's incidents were also part of other residential and car breaking and enterings in the Gagetown area of Tuscola County," he added.

"Our office would like to remind residents to always secure their residences when not at home and to be vigilant of their neighborhood for suspicious vehicles and people. Never assume a rural community is immune from crime."

Imagination library giving gift of reading to Thumb area kids

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the books to each child's home. Parton initially developed the Imagination Library project for children in Sevier County, Tenn., where she was born. Having grown up poor in a home where books were a luxury, and firmly believing in the power of reading to stimulate a child's imagination, she wanted every preschool child to have his or her own library of books.

Although the books are free, the project is not a charity. There are no income guidelines that restrict participation — everyone is eligible.

The program is a cooperate effort, but local support and generosity are the keys to success, according to Koepf, who cited the dedication of the Great Start Tuscola Imagination Library Council and area teams throughout the county. "The council and teams know reading is very important to our children," she said.

But it isn't cheap. "We average 1,700 children a month receiving books. So, doing the math, we need to raise over \$51,000 per month," Koepf said. "We are funded by grants and donations. And every penny goes toward the books and the mailing of the books. All operational expenses are covered independently."

Sanilac deputies subdue gunman

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said he would not be found."

While searching in an area along Freiburger Road, deputies observed a male walking on the road away from them, according to the sheriff.

"As they approached they could see the male had a shotgun in his hands and matched the description of the subject. Deputies cautiously drove towards the suspect and began giving verbal commands to drop the gun. The subject refused to drop the gun and continued walking away," Biniecki reported.

As the suspect approached a residence on Freiburger Road, crossing a ditch and entering the front yard, officers continued to order him to drop the weapon, and he again refused as he approached the front door of the house.

"The residents of the house were acquaintances of the man and one of the residents ran outside the house and grabbed the shotgun away from the subject," Biniecki said. "The subject then reached into his pocket and took something out, and deputies were unable to see what was in his hands, not knowing if it was the stolen handgun. Deputies continued to give him verbal commands to drop what was in his hand and put his hands up."

Donna Emerson, a former longtime Cass City Schools librarian who served on the local Imagination Library "team" when it was first established, noted educators have long identified preschool reading and parent involvement as among the most important practices families can embrace. Reading aloud to a child even for just 30 minutes a day is one of the most important things parents and caregivers can do, she said.

"When kids come into kindergarten now, so much more is expected of them," Emerson said in an interview shortly after the county's Imagination Library program was launched. "The concept of print is expected, and if you have no books in your home, that's tough."

Reading to children has not only been shown to reduce a child's risk of struggling with reading in the future, it has also encouraged a number of adults who can't read well to improve their skills with the written word, according to Walker.

Area residents interested in learning more about the Great Start Tuscola Imagination Library are encouraged to contact Koepf at (989) 673-2144 (ext. 302), Kreeger at (989) 912-0059, or Walker at (989) 673-2144 (ext. 302).

The man continued to refuse and walked away from the residence and towards some outbuildings, Biniecki continued.

"Deputies were able to make their way into a position to deploy a Taser. The Taser successfully subdued the suspect long enough to place him into custody."

Sanilac EMS personnel transported the man to McKenzie Memorial Hospital in Sandusky to be checked out. He was then taken to the Sanilac County Jail, where he is being held without bond and awaiting arraignment on multiple felony and misdemeanor charges.

Biniecki noted Michigan State Police troopers assisted deputies.

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Caro Center recognized

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As a "Top Performer", these hospitals are among 1,099 hospitals being recognized. This represents the top 33 percent of all Joint Commission-accredited hospitals reporting accountability measure performance data for 2012. This national recognition of three State of Michigan hospitals fits closely in line with Governor Rick Snyder's commitment to improving mental health care services in Michigan through the work being done by the Mental Health and Wellness Commission and the MDCH.

"This achievement demonstrates each hospital and more specifically, the State of Michigan's commitment to assuring that evidence-based interventions are delivered in the right way and at the right time because it's the right thing to do for our patients," said James K. Haveman, Director of the MDCH. "We understand that what matters

most to patients and their families is safe, effective care, which is why we are committed to ensuring positive outcomes for patients through utilizing evidence-based practices appropriately."

Each hospital that was named as a Top Performer must achieve a cumulative performance of 95 percent or above across all reported accountability measures; achieve performance of 95 percent or above on each and every reported accountability measure where there are at least 30 denominator cases; and have at least one core measure set that has a composite rate of 95 percent or above and within that measure, set all applicable individual accountability measure have a performance rate of 95 percent or above. A 95 percent score means a hospital provided an evidence-based practice 95 times out of 100 opportunities. Each accountability measure represents an evidence-based practice.



FOR THE MICHIGAN Sugar Company and its growers throughout the Thumb and beyond, the 2013 sugar beet campaign is roughly 80 percent complete and should wrap up within the coming week. But with a total production capacity approaching four million tons, the company's four production plants — located in Caro, Croswell, Sebawaing and Bay City — will be running full tilt for the next several months.

Sweet crop, sweet harvest

Thumb sugar beet producers nearing completion of four-million-ton crop for Michigan Sugar Co.

Autumn is one of the more exciting times of the year to be in Sebawaing. Tonka-headed boys on the sidewalk gaze wide-eyed and open-mouthed at grown-up versions of themselves, careening into town at the wheel of grimy semis heaped with sugar beets just yanked from the heavy soil of Michigan's Thumb.

So much of the heavy dirt piggybacks into town on beet trucks this time of year — it clouds the air and settles everywhere — the town's street sweepers struggle to keep up.

Grit and grime aside, there's a palpable energy to this annual ritual, and an air of excitement and fun. Chat up the locals and you'll hear about natives who take vacation time from their city jobs to return home to the Thumb just to truck beets.

If you visit the area, take extra care crossing M-25 and know that those brown humps in the road — the occasional spilled beet — aren't quite as hard as rocks, but are still best avoided.

Unlike other big-acreage row crops, sugar beet harvesting sticks to a prescribed schedule set by the Michigan Sugar Company, the farmer-owned cooperative based in Bay City. Member-growers are assigned specific time frames in which to deliver the sweet product of their fields. Michigan Sugar's four production plants — Sebawaing, Caro, Croswell and Bay City — must be fed a steady flow of beets in a timely fashion to make the most efficient use of its workforce, its facilities, and the beets themselves.

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OFF TO TOWN

"Harvest conditions couldn't be better than they've been this year," said Ray VanDriessche, director of governmental and community relations for Michigan Sugar. "Field conditions are better than ever."

Tuscola County sugar beet grower Carl Bednarski recently delivered the last of his 2013 crop to the plant in Caro.

"For the year we were quite satisfied with our yields — 25 tons per acre was on target but a little less than last year when we saw 28, 29 tons," Bednarski said. "Also, the sugar content's been coming up. All in all, I think it's going to be a pretty respectable crop."

Companywide, the harvest is roughly 80 percent complete and should wrap up within the coming week. With a total production capacity approaching four million tons, all four of Michigan Sugar's production plants will continue running full tilt "until we slice the last beet," VanDriessche noted — usually in March of the following year.

OUTTA THE GROUND

Harvest begins with defoliation. With the beet itself snugly underground, the leaves above ground are lopped off with a machine called a "topper" — essentially a giant mower.

Next comes any one of several types of harvesters. In Michigan, the most common variety is pulled behind a tractor, digging deep into the soil to bring the beets to the surface. The dirt-caked roots are elevated to a conveyor via a round, spinning wheel, somewhat reminiscent of a Ferris wheel. As it spins, beets knock into each other and much of the clinging topsoil falls away as the beets hop onto the conveyor that sends them to the truck or trailer cooped up beside the harvesting rig.

When the truck is full, the driver makes a beeline for the nearest plant or piling ground as another truck pulls up alongside.

A secondary cleaning process takes place before beets enter the plant, resulting in considerably more dirt, leaves and small beets or beet pieces being removed from the primary haul. Called "tare", this scrap is promptly returned to the field to help minimize depletion of the valuable soil resource.

Another key practice to maintaining soil quality is the rotation. Any given beet field will see only lower-impact crops for the next three to five years.

"Next year you can go with corn or a dry bean," Bednarski said. "Some guys do soybeans, but it's a minimum three years before it goes back to beets."

Because of his farm's location, about midway between the Caro and Sebawaing processing plants, Bednarski trucks his beets straight to either location. Growers more distant from the plants — as far away as Montcalm County — more often take advantage of the company's network of 15 outlying piling grounds.

Scattered throughout the Thumb and Saginaw Valley growing area, the piling stations are off-site collection areas that save growers transportation costs and helps Michigan Sugar concentrate its raw commodity and moderate their flow to the four plants.

Stored beets are piled atop networks of ventilation tubes that help regulate the temperature inside the pile. The wrong weather conditions can cause beet piles to heat up and rot before they even get to the factory.

The company employs commercial truckers to maintain a steady flow of beets in to the four production facilities through late fall, winter and into the early spring when, if all's gone well, the plants shut down for months of maintenance and cleaning, then dormancy until the next campaign begins.

EFFICIENCY = PROFIT

With respectable yields just shy of last year's bumper crop, the 2013 campaign is shaping up to be very much in line with what the company is capable of — and allowed to — produce. Marketing allocations codified in the federal Farm Bill define how much sugar each processing company is allowed to make in a given year.

"That makes it difficult to expand our business much," VanDriessche said. "We can increase production within a very small margin, but if we produce more than our allocation, we have to hold that sugar over into the next marketing year."

Instead of increasing profits by expanding acreage, Michigan Sugar strives to better the bottom line by maximizing processing efficiencies, getting more from the acres they're planting, and saving energy.

Gov. Rick Snyder's recent visit to Michigan Sugar's headquarters in Bay City put a rare spotlight on this often-overlooked corner of Michigan diverse agriculture industry.

"We were very pleased Gov. Snyder took the time and had the interest to come visit us," VanDriessche said. "He's very interested in processing technology and very supportive of agriculture. We took him right to the core of our production process. He loved it and had a lot of great questions."

Michigan Sugar markets its sweet white granules under the popular Pioneer, Big Chief and Peninsular brand names. Meijer's store-brand sugar is also a Michigan Sugar Company product.

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Owendale Lions Club selects Fritz as poster contest winner

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

An Owen-Gage School student has taken the first step in becoming an internationally recognized artist by winning a local competition sponsored by the Owendale Lions Club.

Seventh grader Megan Fritz's poster was among more than 375,000 entries submitted worldwide in the 26th annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Lions Clubs International is sponsor-

ing the contest to emphasize the importance of world peace to young people everywhere.

"Peace lives in the past, present and future," said Fritz, a 12-year-old Owendale resident whose poster was selected by the entire Owendale club membership for its originality, artistic merit and portrayal of the contest theme — "Our World, Our Future". The judging was held Oct. 21 at Sherwood on the Hill in Gagetown.

Owendale Lions Club President Charles Kretzschmer said he was impressed by the expression and creativity of the students at Owen-Gage. "It is obvious that these young people have strong ideas about what peace means to them," Kretzschmer added. "I'm so proud that we were able to provide them with the opportunity to share their visions."

One grand prize winner and 23 merit winners will be selected. The grand prize includes a cash award of \$5,000 plus a trip for the winner and two family members to the awards ceremony at Lions Day with the United Nations. The 23 merit winners will each receive a certificate and a cash award of \$500.

"Our club is cheering for Megan as her poster advances in the competition, and we hope that her vision will ultimately be shared with others around the world," Kretzschmer said.

Locally, Fritz and 27 other students will be honored by the Owendale Lions Club during an annual school awards ceremony.

Lions International is the world's largest service club organization, with 1.35 million members in more than 46,000 clubs in 207 countries and geographic areas. In addition to its efforts toward conquering blindness, the organization has made a strong commitment to community service and helping youth throughout the world.



MEGAN FRITZ, a seventh grade student at Owen-Gage, displays the poster that earned her the Owendale Lions Club's nomination as the best entry to be submitted in the 26th annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest.

Thumb Ag Day coming in December

Thumb Ag Day, 2013 is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 11, at Ubyly Heights Country Club in Ubyly. The program features educational programming and a chance to visit with several agribusinesses exhibiting at this year's program.

Doors open at 8:30 a.m. and remain open until 4 p.m. for participants to view exhibits and attend educational programs, which start at 9 a.m.

This year's programs include: "Is Your Land Value and Land Rental Rate Different than a Year Ago?" with Dennis Stein, MSU Extension Farm Management Educator; "Commodity Market Update" with Dr. Jim Hilker, Professor, Michigan State University Department of Agriculture, Food and Resource Economics; "The Affordable Care Act and You: A 20,000 View at 20,000 Feet" by Dr. Adam Kantrovich, MSU Extension Farm Management Educator; and "Ag Review: Results of this Year's Field Trials" by Thumb Field Crops Extension Educators. RUP, CCA and MAEAP Phase 1 credits are pending from the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

Lunch is optional at \$10 per person, admission otherwise is free. For more information, please call your local MSU Extension office in Huron at (989) 269-9949, in Sanilac at (810) 648-2515 or Tuscola County at (989) 672-3870.

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BULLDOG Quinn Smith is helped from the ground by teammates Devon Lorenz (57) and Dan Good during Friday's playoff action in Owendale. Akron-Fairgrove's Drew Huizar is near the action.

Stimpfel, Zdrojewski shine at cross country state finals

Bransen Stimpfel capped a spectacular sophomore season Saturday with a promising showing at the Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, the site of the MHSAA Cross Country State Finals.

Better yet, the Cass City Red Hawk distance king was able to avenge last week's regional loss to Vassar's Tom Goforth en route to a top 40th finish at the season-ending affair, which included Michigan's top high school runners.

"It was a very wet course, but the rain stopped just before the races began. It was cold and windy. Not a nice day to run, especially with nearly 2,000 athletes participating across all 4 divisions," said Cass City

Coach Jon Zdrojewski, adding Bransen came in 37th place out of 236 finishers at 16:55 and beat his local rival Tom Goforth, who finished 46th.

"Bransen was runner up at regionals to Tom, so his main goal was to beat him at the State Finals. Bransen had an incredible season, finishing with First Team All-Conference honors, runner up at regionals and a great finish at MIS for the Finals," said Zdrojewski.

On the girls' side, Cass City junior Erin Zdrojewski finished 132nd out of 239 finishers at the elite gathering to the delight of her dad.

"Not quite in the top 50-percent, but her time (21:18) was on par with

how she has run all season. Erin also had a strong season with First Team All-Conference honors and qualifying for the state final meet for a third straight year."



Erin Zdrojewski

Deer populations will be on the move

Tuscola County Sheriff Lee Teschendorf reminds motorists that with fall and the hunting season in full swing, deer populations will be on the move. This activity heightens the chance of a car/deer crash occurring.

Last year nearly 49,000 accidents in Michigan involved deer. "Most often, you'll see a deer near dawn or dusk," Teschendorf said. Motorists are encouraged to look beyond the beam of their headlights for eyes of deer that may be near the path of your vehicle.

"Trying to dodge a deer is not a good idea. Deer often move errati-

cally and swerving may cause you to lose control of your vehicle, resulting in injury or even death. In 2013, 1,197 injuries and 8 deaths were reported as a result of a car-deer collision," Teschendorf noted.

The sheriff offered the following tips to help motorists avoid a deer crash:

1. Heed the warning signs. Collisions occur most often in prime deer habitat, which in Michigan could be forested areas or farmland.
2. Drive at a safe speed. Wildlife experts recommend 55 mph as a suitable speed for wildlife zones in good weather conditions. If conditions are

not ideal, slow down. When you travel too fast, you can't stop quickly enough to avoid a collision; the impact of your car/truck increases exponentially with your speed (remember $F=ma$ or Force = mass times acceleration); and your ability to take evasive action is massively reduced and you're more likely to resort to swerving instead of braking and gently responding.

3. Drive defensively. Be prepared to take evasive action, which includes being able to slow down quickly, brake suddenly or turn down blind-

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RED HAWK Bransen Stimpfel, wearing headband, started in the middle of the pack at Saturday's MHSAA Cross Country State Final meet. However, the sophomore standout recorded a top 40 finish.

Bulldogs roll in playoff opener; Warriors next

Even Mother Nature couldn't slow Quinn Smith Friday during the Owen-Gage Bulldogs' 8-man gridiron playoff opener against rival Akron-Fairgrove.

The senior Bulldog running back struck early and often in the hosts' 51-12 victory. Despite a sloppy field and constant drizzle, Smith was able to dominate the action as the Bulldog linemen ruled in the trenches.

It didn't take long for Smith to make his presence know. He sprinted 50 yards for the game's first points, and following his point after run, had Owen-Gage in front 8-0 before most

more than the Vikings could overcome.

"The field conditions were far from ideal, but it didn't slow down Quinn, he stepped up with a huge game to lead us to victory," said Coach Steve Hollocker.

Besides Smith, the Bulldogs had Adam Retford chip in 39 yards on 12 carries and David Binder added 48 yards and a touchdown on 5 carries.

Defensively, Owen-Gage had Ben Good with 13 tackles including 2 sacks and 2 tackles for losses plus a forced fumble, while Dylan Fritz was credited with 8 tackles including

"This is not our first time in the playoffs, and this is not our first playoff win."

-Coach Steve Hollocker

fans had their umbrellas adjusted.

Akron-Fairgrove wasted little time in responding and with 7:43 remaining on the clock used a 5-yard run by quarterback Kyle Aldrich to slice the margin to 8-6.

Smith, who had 30 carries for 345 yards and 6 touchdowns on the night, extended the Owen-Gage advantage before the end of the first quarter with touchdown runs of 48 and 12 yards in the period.

Trailing 24-6, Drew Huizar sprinted 65 yards to bring Akron-Fairgrove within 12 points, 24-12, early in the second quarter. However, 3 Smith markers and 20 unanswered points leading into the final frame proved

a sack, and fumble recovery and Dan Good recorded 5 stops including 2 sacks plus and a fumble recovery.

"Ben turned in another dominant performance on both sides of the ball, opening big holes for the backs on offense and keeping Aldrich in check on defense."

Aldrich went 3-for-8 passing in his final contest. He ends a brilliant career with over 7,000 passing yards and nearly 2,000 rushing yards.

"I'm very proud of our effort but there is more work to be done as we get ready for a tough match up with North Huron next Friday night," said Hollocker.

Cass City Junior High volleyball teams



THE 2013 Cass City eighth grade volleyball team finished with a perfect record of 12. The Lady Red Hawks are: (front, l-r) Katie Autry, Baylee Ross (middle) Baylee Murphy, Brooklyn Stilson, Katerina Halvorson, Sami Stern, Kelsey Priestley, Kate Stimpfel, Kelsey Bouverette (back) Konnar Warren, Brittany Stilson, Dakota Cook, Megan Graham, Katelyn Kuenzli, Riley Klein, Lauren Dickinson and Sayge Cuthrell. Missing are Lydia Monte, Brittany Swiderski and Coach Amy Cuthrell.



THE 2013 Cass City seventh grade volleyball team finished with a record of 11-1. The Lady Red Hawks are: (front, l-r) Kelly Ziegler, Brianna Mester, Kirsten Popp, Gabrielle Romain, Brittany Hamilton, Stephanie Skiles (back) Kacey Haire, Lauren Grady, Jossalyn Russell, Jalene Krol, Taryn Thornton and Coach Maddie Dooley.

Tips to avoid deer crashes

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ing headlights. Drive so that you are able to stop within the space of your headlights. Make sure you and all your passengers are wearing their seatbelts.

4. Observe your surroundings. Actively scan the sides of the roads

as you drive for any signs of wildlife. Have passengers scan too, but make sure they do not shout out causing the driver to react badly. Make sure you watch both sides of the road. There is some research that suggest drivers tend to watch the passenger side of the road more than their own.

5. Be especially alert at sunset and

sunrise. Deer tend to move at these times and they are also the hardest times for our eyes to adjust to light changes.

6. Drive carefully at night. Use your high beams where possible. Move into the center of the road IF there is no oncoming traffic. Make sure your windshield is clear and not reflecting grime. Drive below the speed limit – this has fuel economy benefits as well. Scan the sides of the road for animals' reflective eyes, which are often visible at great distance. This may be the only visible part of the animal until it is directly in your path.

7. Slow down when other cars are behaving erratically. If you see flashing lights (hazards, headlights or brake lights), hear tooting horns or see vehicles swerving, slow down and be ready to stop.

8. Be alert – even when you're approaching a town or a city. Deer wander into towns and city outskirts in search of food.

9. Know when not to swerve. If you suddenly have a deer in front of your car brake firmly. Do not swerve and leave your lane; many crashes result when a driver swerves to avoid a deer and crashes into an oncoming vehicle or obstruction at the side of the road.

If a crash is inevitable here are some steps you can take to minimize the damage and injuries:

1. Try to move to where the animal came from. This may take you away from it. Animals are more likely to keep moving forward. However, this will only work if there is only one animal. In the case of deer it is highly likely there are more coming.

2. Shift your line of eyesight to the spot you are steering – if you look at the animal you are likely to steer that way.

3. Try to skim, rather than fully impact the animal. Brake firmly.

4. Pull over if possible, put your hazard lights on and leave the headlights on the animal, if possible.

5. Check passengers for injuries and call 911 to report the accident and request medical help if necessary. Treat everyone for shock, if it is cold put on warmer clothes or wrap in a blanket. Stay in the car for warmth.

6. Avoid going near the animal; it may kick or gore you from fear and pain. If it blocks the road use road flares or triangles to warn other motorists of the hazard (if you have them). Only attempt to move the animal if you are certain that it is dead.

7. Once the accident report is filed and the animal is off the road you may leave the scene, if your vehicle is deemed drivable.



DEER HANGING. Erica Horning, 8-year-old student at Cass City Public Schools, used a crossbow to help fill the family freezer. Erica is the daughter of Shannon and Frank Horning.



CASS CITY teen Jess Nye, 15, holds the 8-point deer he harvested in the final week of October. The trophy buck was his first taken with a bow and arrow.

Schneeberger's ATHLETE of the WEEK

Schneeberger's congratulates Owen-Gage Bulldog Ben Good as their choice for "Athlete of the Week" award honors.

Good has been a dominating force for the 9-1 Bulldogs all year long and his play will be critical for Owen-Gage to get past North Huron this Friday.

"Ben turned in another dominant performance on both sides of the ball (against Akron-Fairgrove), opening big holes for the backs," said Coach Steve Hollocker.

Good helped spring Quinn Smith, Adam Retford and David Binder for over 400 rushing yards in Owen-Gage's 51-12 victory Friday.

Defensively, the Bulldog game changer recorded 13 tackles, 2 sacks, 2 tackles for losses and a forced fumble.



Ben Good

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8/29	Brown City 16, Cass City 8
9/6	EPB Lakers 24, Cass City 14
9/13	Cass City 16, Sandusky 8
9/20	Cass City 42, Bad Axe 22
9/27	Cass City 14, USA 8
10/4	Reese 32, Cass City 12
10/11	BCAS - CANCELLED
10/18	Vassar 38, Cass City 8
10/25	Cass City 48, Caro 19

TENNIS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
8/21	Caro	4:00 p.m.
9/6	Midland Bullock Cr	8:00 a.m.
9/9	Saginaw Nouvel	4:00 p.m.
9/11	Sandusky	4:00 p.m.
9/14	Yale Tourn	TBA
9/17	Cros-Lex	4:00 p.m.
9/23	Sandusky	4:00 p.m.
9/25	Saginaw Nouvel	4:00 p.m.
10/3	Lapeer East	4:30 p.m.
10/8	Yale	4:30 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
8/29	Birch Run Invite	3:00 p.m.
9/7	Bad Axe Invite	8:30 a.m.
9/11	Ubyl Invite	3:00 p.m.
9/18	Bad Axe (JH)	4:30 p.m.
9/19	Frankenmuth	4:00 p.m.
9/21	Laker Invite	8:30 a.m.
9/26	Tuscola Co.@Mayv	4:00 p.m.
Oct 5	Cass City Invite	9:00 a.m.
Oct 12	Reese Invite	8:30 a.m.
Oct 15	GTC Leag @Sand	4:30 p.m.
Oct 19	Thumb Meet @Caro	10:00 a.m.
Oct 26	Regionals	TBA

VOLLEYBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
8/23	Bad Axe (JV)	9:00 a.m.
8/24	Bad Axe (V)	9:00 a.m.
9/5	Caro	5:30 p.m.
9/7	Subway Slam (V)	8:30 a.m.
9/7	Caro Invite (JV)	8:30 a.m.
9/10	USA	6:00 p.m.
9/14	Mt. Morris (V)	8:30 a.m.
9/17	BCAS	6:00 p.m.
9/19	Lakers	6:00 p.m.
9/24	Vassar	6:00 p.m.
9/26	Bad Axe	6:00 p.m.
10/1	Reese	6:00 p.m.
10/3	USA	6:00 p.m.
10/10	BCAS	6:00 p.m.
10/15	Lakers	6:00 p.m.
10/17	Vassar	6:00 p.m.
10/19	Essex-Garber (V)	9:00 a.m.
10/22	Bad Axe	6:00 p.m.
10/24	Reese	6:00 p.m.
10/26	Laker Invite (V)	8:00 a.m.

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DATE	OPPONENT
8/28	Cass City 22, Brown City 14
9/5	EPB Lakers 26, Cass City 14
9/12	Harbor Beach 52, Cass City 12
9/19	Cass City 28, Bad Axe 26
9/26	Cass City 26, USA 22
10/3	Cass City 58, Reese 36
10/10	Cass City 68, BCAS 32
10/17	Vassar 36, Cass City 26
10/24	Cass City 50, Caro 28

JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

All games begin at 5:30 p.m. unless noted

DATE	OPPONENT
9/9	Memphis
9/11	Vassar
9/16	Reese
9/18	Ubyl
9/23	USA
9/25	EPB Lakers
9/30	Harbor Beach
10/2	Brown City
10/7	Bad Axe
10/9	Memphis
10/12	Bad Axe Invite 9:00 am
10/14	Ubyl

BOYS' SOCCER

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
8/26	Marlette 3, Cass City 0	
8/28	Cass City 2, Brown City 2	
9/5	Marlette 1, Cass City 0	
9/12	EPB Lakers 4, Cass City 0	
9/17	Bad Axe 4, Cass City 1	
9/19	Memphis 3, Cass City 0	
9/24	Harbor Beach 3, Cass City 0	
9/26	USA 2, Cass City 1 OT	
9/30	Cass City 3, USA 3 OT TIE	
10/1	EPB Lakers 8, Cass City 1	
10/3	Bad Axe 4, Cass City 1	
10/7	Montrose 3, Cass City 0	
10/8	Caro 5, Cass City 1	
10/1	Harbor Beach 5, Cass City 0	

JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL

All games begin at 6:00 p.m.

DATE	OPPONENT
9/17	USA
9/24	Ubyl
10/1	Harbor Beach
10/8	EPB Lakers
10/15	Bad Axe
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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 Benjamin Freitas and Shirlee Freitas, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated March 25, 2008, and recorded on April 2, 2008 in Liber 1145 on Page 421, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Queen's Park Oval Asset Holding Trust 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 Seventy-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Forty and 61/100 Dollars (\$79,940.61).

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 vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on November 21, 2013.

Said premises are situated in Township of Akron, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 27, Township 14 North, Range 8 East, described as: Beginning distant West (assumed bearing) 358.00 feet along the North section line from the North 1/4 corner of said Section 27; thence from said place of beginning South perpendicular to said section line, 224.0 feet; thence West 222.00 feet; thence North 224.00 feet to said section line; thence East along said North section line to the place of beginning.

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: October 23, 2013
For more information, please call:
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10-23-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kevin Hanchett, and Karen Hanchett, husband and wife, to Shelley Hamilton dba Brechtwood Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated March 29, 2001 and recorded November 17, 2001 in Liber 848, Page 1221, and Default Judgment and Order recorded 9/30/13, in liber 1292, page 1451, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by CitiMortgage, Inc., successor by merger to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc. by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Seven and 44/100 Dollars (\$130,547.44) including interest at 7.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on 11/14/2013. Said premises are located in the Township of Waterton, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Land situated in the Township of Waterton, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as: Beginning at a point which is 493 3/4 feet East from the center of road culvert under Millington Road and located near the Southwest corner of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 15, Town 10 North, Range 9 East, thence North 244 feet; thence East 255 feet; thence South 244 feet; thence West 255 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: October 16, 2013
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
File No. 671.3415

10-16-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael A. Tysick II and Tammy A. Tysick, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Homestar Mortgage Services, LLC, Mortgagee, dated October 24, 2002 and recorded November 15, 2002 in Liber 902, Page 813, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by CitiMortgage, Inc. by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Two and 77/100 Dollars (\$65,682.77) including interest at 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 vendue at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on NOVEMBER 14, 2013.

Said premises are located in the City of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Situated in the Village of Caro, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, and described as follows: Lot 5, Block 7 of W.E. Sherman's Addition to the Village of Caro, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 11 of Deeds, Page 491 of Tuscola County Records.

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

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

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Dated: October 16, 2013
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File No. 13-012712

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jason T Masker, A Married Man, to CF Bancorp Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated March 20, 2009 and recorded March 30, 2009 in Liber 1170, Page 1055, Tuscola County Records, Michigan and the current owner, Autumn L Masker. Said mortgage is now held by Cenlar FSB by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand One Hundred Sixty and 57/100 Dollars (\$133,160.57) including interest at 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 vendue at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on NOVEMBER 14, 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: Commencing at the West quarter corner of Section 25, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; Thence South 0 degrees 29 minutes 54 seconds West 669.17 feet along the West line of said Section 25 to the point of beginning; Running thence South 88 degrees 20 minutes 47 seconds East 1324.97 feet; Thence South 0 degrees 39 minutes 31 seconds West 328.73 feet along an existing fence line; Thence North 88 degrees 20 minutes 47 seconds West 1324.05 feet; Thence North 0 degrees 29 minutes 54 seconds East 328.75 feet along the West line of said Section 25 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: October 16, 2013

Orlans Associates, P.C..
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
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10-16-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by LORA J. JOBSON, A MARRIED WOMAN, to MAC-CLAIR MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Mortgagee, dated January 3, 2000, and recorded on January 6, 2000, in Liber 792, on Page 78, and assigned by said mortgagee to JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CHASE HOME FINANCE, LLC. FKA CHASE MANHATTAN MORTGAGE CORP., as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Three Dollars and Forty-Four Cents (\$46,953.44), including interest at 8.750% 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 vendue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on November 14, 2013 Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as:

THE NORTH 4 RODS OF LOTS 1 AND 2, BLOCK 20, NORTH'S ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE (NOW CITY) OF VASSAR, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT LIBER 1, PAGE 20 NOW BEING 21A, TUSCOLA COUNTY RECORDS.. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 600 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CHASE HOME FINANCE, LLC. FKA CHASE MANHATTAN MORTGAGE CORP. Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.
23938 Research Drive, Suite 300
Farmington Hills, MI 48335
JPMC.001915 USDA

10-16-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by DAVID A. REAMER and JO L. REAMER, HUSBAND AND WIFE to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns., Mortgagee, dated April 3, 2006 and recorded April 12, 2006 in Document No. 200600879582, Liber 1077, on Page 142, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by GMAC Mortgage, LLC successor by merger to GMAC Mortgage Corporation by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Six Dollars and Thirty-Eight Cents (\$159,736.38) including interest at 6.500% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on November 14, 2013. Said premises are located in the City of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Land situated in the City of Caro, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, is described as follows:

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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: October 16, 2013
GMAC Mortgage, LLC successor by merger to GMAC Mortgage Corporation Mortgagee/Assignee SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN, P.C.
23938 Research Drive, Suite 300
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48335
GMAC.010192

10-16-4

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Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Ramona L. Czykyski and Rebecca A. Czykyski to the United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture. The Mortgage is dated March 18, 1999 and was recorded on March 18, 1999 in Liber 766 on pages 602 to 607 of the Tuscola County Records. No proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt which is now Seventy-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Eight and

41/100 (\$79,968.41) Dollars.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on November 14, 2013 at 10:00 a.m., local time, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan which is the location of the Tuscola County Circuit Court. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest at the rate of 6.25% per year, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale. The property to be sold is located in Indianfields Township, Tuscola County, Michigan and is more specifically described in the Mortgage as: LOT 12, BLOCK 3 OF WILMOT AND WALKER'S ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF CARO; Also a strip of land 2 rods wide North and South bordering on and extending along the entire South end of Lot 12, Block 3 of Wilmot and Walker's addition to the Village of Caro, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 9, now being page 10A.

The redemption period will expire six (6) months from the date of the sale unless the property is deemed to be abandon pursuant to MCL 600.3241a in which case the redemption period will expire thirty (30) days from the date of the sale or until the time to provide the notice required by MCL 600.3241a (c) expires, whichever is later. Please be advised that under MCL 600.3278, if the property is actually sold at a foreclosure sale pursuant to the procedures provided in MCL 600.3200 et. seq., as is currently anticipated by this Notice of Mortgage Sale, then in such event, the borrower will be 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: October 9, 2013
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
ACTING THROUGH THE RURAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY,
F/K/A THE RURAL HOUSING SERVICE, OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
PREPARED BY: John R. Tucker, Esq. P-37348
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Just One More	35
Nuts and Bolts	34
Thumb Octagon Barn	23
No Shows	6
Team high game and (series) actual Thumb Octagon Barn 561 (1572)	
Team Hdcp game	775
Team Hdcp series	2232
Ind high game actual	183
Ind high series actual	450
Ind hdcp game	253
Ind hdcp series	645
Splits: Joan Koch 3-10, Peggy Hellwig 3-10, Marlene Sieradzki 3-10	
Cyndi Martin 5-6	
4 strikes in a row Cyndi Martin	
3 strikes in a row Brandy Jackson	

Merchanettes week 8

Just One More	40
Nuts and Bolts	36
Thumb Octagon Barn	28
No Shows	8
Team High game and (series) actual Thumb Octagon Barn 547 (1576)	
Team hdcp game	793
Team hdcp series	2218
Ind high game actual	167
Ind high series actual	419
Ind hdcp game and (series) Dawn Bergman	235 (591)
Splits: Marlene Sieradzki 2-7 Twice, Chris Little 3-7, Renee Mallory 3-10	

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It's flu season

State health officials confirm first cases in 2013-14 season

The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) has confirmed four cases of influenza, the first identified by the state laboratory during the 2013-2014 Michigan flu season. The illnesses occurred in both children and adults, from two Southeast Michigan counties. Three cases have been confirmed as influenza A(H1N1) 2009 viruses and one as an influenza A(H3N2) virus.

"Each year, we expect the first influenza cases to appear in the fall and this year has proven to be no different," said James K. Haveman, Director of the MDCH. "We continue to encourage all Michigan citizens to get vaccinated as it is the single best way to prevent the flu."

While influenza A viruses have now been confirmed in Michigan, it is too early to tell what influenza viruses will circulate during this influenza season or how severe the influenza season may be. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will report Michigan's flu activity as "sporadic," the second lowest of five influenza activity categories the federal government tracks.

Nationally, a mix of sporadic influenza viruses have been detected during the past month.

Flu activity typically peaks in late January through February, but can sometimes peak earlier or later, depending on the strain of flu and severity of the season. Because of the unpredictability of each flu season, it is important to get vaccinated early before flu activity is widespread in the community. It takes about two weeks from the time of flu vaccination to develop protection, so no one should delay getting immunized.

The flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. The flu is much more serious than the common cold but can be easily prevented. An annual flu vaccine is the single best way to protect against influenza.

For the first time there are more options for the flu vaccine available. Previously, flu vaccines only protected against three types of influenza virus but this year, some of the vaccines will protect against four strains. Health care providers should have ample supply of vaccine.

Everyone six months of age and older is recommended by the CDC to receive an annual seasonal flu vaccine. Vaccination is especially important for those at high risk for serious flu complications, including older people, pregnant women, children who are six months through 18 years of age, people with certain health conditions, as well as contacts of high risk individuals - new parents, health care professionals, household members, and caregivers.

MDCH's Vaccines for Children (VFC) program gives childhood vaccines to eligible children in families who are in need of affordable immunizations. In VFC, doctors and clinics enroll in VFC and give vaccines to children who qualify. Check with your doctor or your local health department to see if they participate in the VFC program. For more information on the VFC program, visit www.michigan.gov/vfc [<http://www.michigan.gov/vfc>].



FORMER AREA art teachers Judy Hoelzle (left) and Marilyn Biefer, both resident members of the Artistic Endeavors Art Gallery in Cass City, shared their love of art with youngsters during the village's Pinktober Finale celebration. (See story, page one)



DAVE KELLER and crew from ProGraphix in Cass City served up cotton candy to the Pinktober crowds lining Main Street.

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EVEN CASS City's youngest citizens, including Tucker Nolan Thomas, 15 weeks, were dressed up for the Pinktober Finale. He is the son of David and Pollie Thomas.

