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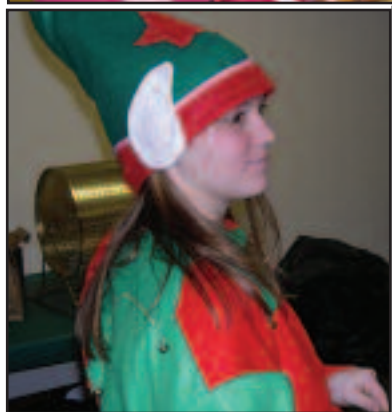
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Christmas in the Village



FRIGID WEATHER didn't keep the crowds away from Cass City's annual Christmas in the Village celebration Saturday. Above (clockwise from top left) Doug Soffa, Cass City, tastes the chili cook-off entry at Coach Light Pharmacy, served up by Leah Sanders; Cass City fourth grade students entertain during the community gathering at the Cass City VFW Hall; three-year-old Lainey Beck, daughter of Jaclyn Barton, Cass City, visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus; Cass City High School senior (and part-time elf) Kara Reif watches as youngsters share their lists with Santa; and Cindy Harrison of Cindy's Creations (left) buys a treat from Mary Mwiwa of Aunties Fresh Baked Goods at the craft show held in the high school gym. (See story, page 8)

Council approves village employee pay boost in 2014

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

For the first time in five years, village of Cass City employees will see a pay boost in January, included in the 2014 operating budget approved Monday night following a brief public hearing held prior to December's regular meeting of the village council.

Village Manager Peter Cristiano said the pay hike is not a raise in salary rates, but rather a single pay adjustment. "Each budget year, we explore the feasibility of pay increases. And at what affordable levels," he told the council. "We propose that in 2014, Please turn to page 8.

Gagetown teen may be tried as an adult

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A Gagetown teenager charged in an auto theft spree that ended in a fiery crash last summer may not be treated as a juvenile when his day in court arrives.

Huron County Prosecutor Timothy Rutkowski is seeking to have the 16-year-old tried as an adult in Huron County Circuit Court.

The defendant, whose name has not been released due to his age, allegedly committed several offenses in Sebawaing and Brookfield townships — both in Huron County — but he was initially placed in the jurisdiction of the Tuscola County Court system because he resides in Tuscola County.

However, Rutkowski's decision to prosecute the teen as an adult, based on the seriousness of the offenses involved and the number of lives put at risk while he fled from police, requires that the case be moved back to Huron County.

According to police reports, the teen allegedly stole 4 vehicles and an ATV, then attempted to ram a police car and a school bus while leading Huron County law enforcement officials on an hour-long chase. Investigators said the juvenile previously had been at a party in Please turn to page 6.



44-YEAR-OLD Harvey Kempf of Ubyly escaped with minor injuries Sunday morning when his Amish buggy was struck from behind by a northbound pickup truck driven by Michael Leavine, 50, of Port Austin. The mishap occurred at about 8:07 a.m. near M-53 and Bay City-Forestville Road, according to Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies, who said Kempf was treated at Huron Medical Center in Bad Axe and then released. The horse was also injured and was being kept by a neighbor until it could be treated. Cass City police, fire fighters and MMR personnel assisted at the scene.

Foundation grants wishes Fall awards total \$121,000 in Tuscola County

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Some area residents may not be familiar with the Tuscola County Community Foundation, but chances are good they've seen examples of the many ways the foundation has achieved its goal of making Tuscola County a better place to live.

This year's grants, for example, will boost boater safety education for county youth, pay for free children's books distributed by the local Imagination Library, provide technology equipment at Kingston Junior-Senior High School, and fund scholarships for several students.

In addition, a new foundation fund established in honor of longtime Cass City veterinarian, school board member and county commissioner the late Ed Scollon, is providing

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Pheasant Run Energy Park firm presents \$20,000 to O-G

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Development of a new wind farm in Huron County has already yielded a windfall for students in the Owen-Gage School District.

Ryan Pumford, project manager for the new Pheasant Run Energy Park, developed by the Juno Beach, Fla.-based NEXtera Energy Resources, presented school officials with a \$20,000 check for technology improvements in the classroom last

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OWEN-GAGE SCHOOL District officials, students and community members gathered last Wednesday night for a meeting with officials from NEXtera Energy Resources, developers of the new Pheasant Run Energy Park in Huron County. Company representative Ryan Pumford presented school officials with a \$20,000 check to be used for technology improvements in the classroom.

Fatally shot Sanilac boy identified

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A Sanilac County boy who was fatally shot by a friend in November has been identified.

According to published reports, the victim is 11-year-old Tyler Dunn of Marlette, a Marlette Elementary School student who died after being shot during a Nov. 23 sleepover at a residence in the 4,000 block of Howard Road. Authorities indicated a lever-action rifle was used and no adults were home at the time.

The accident remains under investigation.

Cass City announces Honor Roll

Cass City officials have announced the 1st marking period Honor Roll.

4th Grade
Laci Anthony, Quincy Creason, Justin Culbert, Kelsey Fibrantz*, Allison Fritz, Olivia Graff, Kalee Gray*, Abbey Halabis, Lauren Hartsell*, Janelle Hartwick, Connor Herford*, Kendall Hicks, Alex Hopper*, Karly Kappen*, Grace Keyser, Kyle Koepf, Matthew Kucharczyk*, Erin Laurie, Ryder Luana, Jeffrey Mathewson*, Rhett Meeker*, Jordan Mester, Keith Mika, Brent Orchard, Jacob Palmateer, Bradley Pohlod, Quentin Rick, Rees Romain, Samuel Russell, Kendra Schmotzer, Vaughn Severance, Hailey Stilson, Autumn Sutton, Alexander Swiderski, Alexandria Tilt*, Parker Vanwormer, Madison Vinokurov, Dallas Walker*, Jacob Ware, Madison Ware*, Trevor Warren, Breanna Wolschlager.

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Wiseman, Noah Zaleski
6th Grade
Kendall Anthes*, Hailey Beckrow*, Jozie Chippi, Taylor Cumper*, Sandyn Cuthrell*, Tyler Czekai*, Aaron Darr, Kevin Estrella, Hunter Hatmaker, Hadyn Horne, Alexis Hull*, Zach Jammer, Drew Markel, Kevin McArthur, Carlie McFarland, Katherine Mendrick*, Elizabeth

Morrish, Marla Muter*, Mary Muter*, Brandy Muz, Evan Neff, Kristofer Nika, Olivia Peters*, Kate Pohlod, Morgan Russell, Abbey Salcido, Landon Schenk*, Olivia Schuette, Logan Severance, Rachel Skiles, Jordan Sontag, Colby Sutton, Lucas Swiderski, Tristan Swiderski, Tasha Tageson*, Madielyn Tschirhart*, Sierra Walker*, Gracie Williams, Brayden Wilson*

It's a boy!



Hudson James Guc

James and Caren Guc of Cass City announce the birth of their son, Hudson James. Hudson was born August 25, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at Covenant Healthcare in Saginaw. He weighed 7.0 pounds and was 19

1/2 inches long. He was welcomed home by excited sister Kirsten. His grandparents are Judy and the late William Britt of Cass City, and Lucille and the late John Guc of Cass City.

Use caution during power outages

The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) is urging residents across Michigan to take proper safety precaution when they lose power.

Residents should be very careful when using gas-powered generators, kerosene heaters or other alternative heating or power sources during power outages. If not used safely, they can cause carbon monoxide poisoning.

Carbon monoxide is an invisible, tasteless, and odorless gas formed

when fuel is burned. The only way to tell if it is present is with a carbon monoxide detector. Carbon monoxide can build up to deadly levels within minutes in enclosed spaces.

Warning signs of carbon monoxide poisoning include flu-like symptoms such as headache, nausea, vomiting, dizziness, drowsiness, and confusion, but not a fever. Carbon monoxide poisoning can lead to coma and in extreme cases death. To prevent carbon monoxide poisoning when the power is out:

NEVER run a generator inside your house or in your garage, and keep it away from windows and doors. (If theft is a concern, lock it to a tree or fence.)

NEVER use charcoal or propane grills or camp stoves indoors.

Do not use portable heaters powered by propane or kerosene inside.

Always turn off your vehicle in the garage.

Place a carbon monoxide detector in the hallway, outside bedrooms, or in all sleeping areas.

If you suspect you or a family member has carbon monoxide poisoning, get fresh air immediately and call 911. Additional preventive tips residents should follow if the power is out for an extended period of time are to:

Discard any potentially hazardous food (meat, dairy, eggs, cut melons, and cooked vegetables) that has been above 41 degrees for four hours or more, reached a temperature of 45 degrees or higher for any length of time, or has an unusual color, odor, or texture.

Check with local authorities to be sure your water is safe.

Wear layers of clothing to help keep in body heat.

Avoid power lines and use electric tools and appliances safely to prevent electrical shock.

For more information about carbon monoxide poisoning and poisoning prevention, visit www.michigan.gov/carbon-monoxide. To learn more about safety precautions during a power outage, visit <http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/poweroutage/>.

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It's a girl!



Emma Lou LeValley

Mark and Andrea LeValley announce the birth of their daughter Emma Lou LeValley.

Emma Lou was born October 20. She weighed 7 lbs 1 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Marv and Carolyn Klein and the late Scott Gohsman.

Paternal grandparents are Martin and Doris LeValley.

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In Our OPINION..

Clarke Haire
Publisher

Tom Montgomery
Editor

A gift for parents with teen drivers

Michigan Secretary of State Ruth Johnson has a suggestion for parents who are still Christmas shopping for their teens: the gift of helping them to become safer drivers.

Johnson along with Ford Motor Company officials recently announced a new state initiative called the "Parent's Supervised Driving Program", which uses several different formats, such as website resources, printed materials and a mobile app, to help parents coach their teen drivers more effectively. The goal is to improve upon the 50 hours of required supervised practice driving time for teens with the Level 1 Graduated Driver License, commonly referred to as the "learner's permit".

As a part of the campaign, a new instructional booklet, the Parent's Supervised Driving Guide, and an associated "RoadReady" mobile app, which serves as an electronic log book, will be provided to parents and teens at no cost to them or to Michigan taxpayers.

"Young drivers are significantly overrepresented in fatal crashes," Johnson said. "This is primarily due to their inexperience and age. Driving is a complex task. Anything we can do to improve upon the practice time for teens can ultimately help reduce crashes due to lack of experience and poor judgment."

In 2012, drivers younger than 21 accounted for 10 percent of all fatal vehicle crashes in Michigan. And here's another statistic: roughly 116,000 Level 1 licenses were issued in the state last year.

According to Johnson, the parent's guide — paid for through a public-private partnership with Ford — provides adults with the information they need to effectively coach their Level 1 driver, including a detailed instruction plan, training tips and sample driving exercises that teens should practice.

The mobile app, meanwhile, will allow parents and teens to electronically log the required minimum 50 hours of behind-the-wheel supervised driving time. In addition to tracking the hours and number of practice sessions driven, the app will provide GPS mapped drives, a record of road conditions, driving summaries and more.

Teens will receive a copy of the program materials when they apply for their Level 1 license. The guides will also be available online at www.michigan.gov/teen/driver.


Who knows? What teens learn by utilizing this new initiative may someday pay off in stellar driving records and lower insurance premiums, or more importantly avoiding a mistake that could result in a lifetime of regret.

Talk about a gift that keeps on giving.

Slices of Life

by Jill Pertler

Kids say the darndest...




If you're ever around kids for any extended period of time — or even a not so extended period of time — you'll observe firsthand they come up with some interesting, unique, hysterical and brutally honest observations about the world as they perceive it. My own offspring are no exception. When I find myself grinning or pondering something they've said, I jot it down, to remember, reminisce and share with others, here. (And perhaps to use as leverage at a later date.)

- Four-legged friends
- Our always-appropriate son asked my husband and me, "What do you get when you breed a bulldog with a Shih Tzu?" It took a moment for our brains to leap where his had already gone, but the answer to his little "joke" amounted to a double parent sigh.
 - We watched a documentary on the origin of domesticated animals and one son asked, "If the first dogs were wolves, how in the heck did that turn into a wiener dog?"
 - As an equal petportunity household, we give plenty of brain time to cats, as one child demonstrated when he said, "I wish people were like cats, because then we'd have nine lives and we wouldn't have to worry about dying if we jumped off a bridge or high building without a parachute."
 - Beds, bedrooms, sleep and sleepovers
 - When our youngest was about 5, I found him lying awake on his bed — very still, very quiet and very uncharacteristic. When I asked him what he was doing, he was fairly succinct. "Just thinking 'bout my 'magination."
 - Another son had a big week — and weekend — with games, tests, homework and play performances. By Sunday night, he was exhausted, although he understood school awaited him on Monday morning. "It's going to be a long two days tomorrow," he said.

- Our youngest was going to his first sleepover and was excited, yet perhaps a bit trepidatious, about the event. Before leaving, he turned to me and asked, "Do you need me to call and tuck you in tonight before you go to bed?"
- Birthdays and other big events
- After a fun day: "Wouldn't it be great if the best days, like your birthday or Christmas, could last a whole weekend?"
- When a birthday party group of boys played night games in our yard, a concerned neighbor heard the noise, thought foul play might be afoot and called the police. The men in uniform showed up at our door just as we were lighting candles on the birthday cake. The boys' take on the situation: "Having the cops show up at your birthday pretty much took the party to a whole new level. It was like extra frosting on the cake, except more exciting."
- Christmas shopping is a big deal at our house and seems to start earlier each year. This year, one son wondered aloud, "So basically you're telling me that Black Friday is really on Thursday?" He paused and said, "I wonder what day Cyber Monday will be on?"
- Real and not-so-real fears
- One night, before bed, our youngest asked, "When you were a kid did you ever think being a grown-up was scary, because that's how I feel sometimes." (Memo to self: don't let the kids watch the news.)
- Two sentences later, he followed up with, "If I turned into a zombie, would you still love me?" There were quite a few comebacks tripping off my tongue (zombies aren't real, being the first), but instead I leaned over, kissed him goodnight and said, "Of course."
- I didn't add that if he did turn into a zombie, I'd be sad because according to my extensive knowledge about this particular group of the undead, they don't talk, and talking with him is one of my very favorite things to do.

Letters to the Editor

Here's an idea to cut healthcare expenses

Dear editor,

I would like to have a study done in Huron, Tuscola and Sanilac counties to see if there would be enough interest amongst the people to close down every hospital in those counties and create one big, centrally located hospital. These closed hospitals could join together in putting up a new one and would make more money than what they are making now. This new hospital would be big enough to handle every health care problem and would hire only the best of the best doctors.

For this to work, we would need to sell our own healthcare policies

only to be good at this new hospital. We could also partner with another hospital that may be more equipped to handle certain healthcare problems our hospital can't. Our healthcare policies would provide 100 percent better and cheaper healthcare than Obamacare could or anything other insurance companies had to offer.

I do know a little about auto insurance, and they are just as abusive with our premiums as the government is with our tax money. If there's any CEO out there, from any insurance company that thinks I don't know what I'm talking about, I would like to have a debate with

Please turn to page 7.

Obamacare smells a lot like socialism

Dear editor,

Lies, lies and still more lies.

Well now all of the USA should know how our president lies. Remember — "If you like your insurance, you can keep it". A lie. "If you like your doctor you can keep him."


Another lie. You know people, public figures, have said Obama is a brilliant man. What amazes me is, he never knows anything. The IRS

scandal, the fast and furious, didn't know the Obamacare system was not ready to go online, Benghazi — didn't know about that, either. On and on it goes. Don't kid yourself; Benghazi was a cover-up so the dictator would be reelected. Truthfully, he should be impeached and thrown out of office. The sooner, the better.

Ironic: the Republicans wanted to delay

Please turn to page 7.

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)

The Cass City Lion's Club reports nobody has come forward to claim the winnings from the club's 50/50 raffle held over the weekend during the Christmas in the Village gathering.

The holder of ticket number 622838 has until noon on December 19 to cash in, or another winning ticket will be drawn. He or she can do so by contacting Eric Brown at 989-872-2911.

The lucky winner of the Lion's Club raffle should take their loot and purchase a ticket for the Hills and Dales Foundation's annual Millionaire's Fundraising Event. It's planned for February 22 and your \$100 ticket could earn you \$2,000.

Even if you don't walk away with the top prize, in addition to supporting the foundation each ticket includes admission for 2, an array of hors d'oeuvres and desserts, silent auction and lots of other fun activities, including an award for the best Mardi Gras costume.

To join the fun, contact Danielle Blaine at our local hospital.

Cass City's Great Start Imagination Library team — Rachael Koepf, Marilyn Peters, Joey Kreeger and Christine Anthony — need your help.

They are looking for champions to help bring local children up to age 5 free books each month. The average cost for each child to receive monthly books is approximately \$30 each year. If you can help, contact the Great Start Tuscola's Imagination Library at 989-673-2144 ext 325.

John Hacker, Cass City softball coach, also needs your help. He's spearheading a holiday ham sale to help get his Lady Red Hawk ball team new uniforms.

For \$40, you get an 8-pound, no water added, spiral sliced ham with glaze, gift boxed for the holiday. Contact Hacker at 989-284-2275. Hurry, hams will be delivered before Christmas.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Wednesday, December 11

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.

Cass City United Methodist Church Meatloaf Dinner with all the trimmings, \$7 at 12 p.m. Call for take out between 10 a.m. to noon.

Thursday, December 12

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

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

Saturday, December 14

AA meeting, 10-11 a.m., St. Joseph Church, 4960 N. Ubyly Rd., Argyle. (Meeting will be held in the hall next to the little stone church)

Thumb Dance Club at Sandusky Maple Valley School at 6 p.m. The Natural Tones-Christmas Dance Catered Dinner, \$7. Sign up necessary call 810-657-9349.

Monday, December 16

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

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

An Evening of Christmas Music, 6:30 p.m. Rawson Memorial Library.

Tuesday, December 17

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

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

Ubyly Lions Club Potluck, 7 p.m. at T.V.O. Hall. Everyone is welcome!

Witnesses save driver's life following one-vehicle crash

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies say witnesses likely saved the life of a northern Huron County man after he lost control of the car he was driving about 4 miles east of Cass City last week.

The accident was reported Tuesday at about 5 p.m. on M-53 north of Cass City Road in Sanilac County's Evergreen Township.

According to reports, witness Michael Blunt of Gaylord called 911 to report the crash, telling dispatchers that the vehicle involved was

starting to catch fire and the driver was trapped inside.

Deputies reported that Blunt along with another, unidentified witness went to the aide of the driver to rescue him from the smoking vehicle. At the same time, deputies said, Rodney Mazure of Cass City, who was also at the scene, worked to extinguish the fire.

"The initial investigation by Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies determined that 74-year-old George Kern of Port Austin was traveling northbound on M-53 and passed a vehicle, lost control of his vehicle on the icy roadway, and hit a culvert," said Lt.

Charlene Washkevich. "The vehicle then went airborne and rolled over completely, then struck a tree and came to rest."

Kern was transported to Huron Medical Center in Bad Axe by MMR Ambulance personnel for treatment of serious injuries. Deputies said it is believed he was wearing a seat-belt.

Elkland Township Fire fighters and the Cass City Police Department assisted deputies at the scene along with troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro and the Sanilac County Road Commission.

On burglary charges

Huron Co. suspects in custody

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A pair of Huron County residents are in custody in separate investigations involving burglaries in the county, according to Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson.

Hanson said a 32-year-old former Sebawaing man was recently extradited from Texas back to Huron County, where he was formally arraigned on one felony count of second degree home invasion, stemming from an incident reported between Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, 2012, at a residence on Winters Road in Sebawaing Township. Stolen from

the home was nearly \$3,100 in cash along with several doses of the prescription drugs Zanax and Adipex.

The suspect, Cory C. Vahovick, has been arraigned in Huron County District Court on the charge, with bond set at \$20,000, according to the sheriff. "He also had two other unrelated felony charges, with one being a breaking and entering that has an additional \$10,000 cash bond, and a retail fraud charge, which also has a \$10,000 cash bond," he said. "He remains lodged in our jail pending being able to post \$40,000 cash."

Also recently, deputies arrested 23-year-old Joshua W. Monaco, formerly of Port Austin, on a felony charge

of breaking and entering stemming from an incident Feb. 8, 2009, in Port Austin.

"This was also the scene of a suspicious fire that destroyed a cottage there. It is also suspected that the fire occurred at or about the same time as the breaking and entering," Hanson noted.

Monaco was arraigned in Huron County District Court on the charge and bond was set at \$50,000 cash.

"He also had an addition non-sufficient fund check charge pending, which has a bond of \$3,500 (10 percent cash)," Hanson said. "He remains lodged in our jail pending being able to post \$50,350."

Circuit court news

Several appear on felony charges

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

*Jason M. Curl, 43, Caro, pleaded no contest to a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) Oct. 10 in Almer Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$10,000. Sentencing is

to be scheduled.

*Preston T. Berry, 24, Fostoria, pleaded no contest to domestic violence - aggravated assault Oct. 4 in Watertown Township, and to assault by strangulation Sept. 8 in Watertown Township.

Pre-sentence investigations were ordered in both cases, bond was continued at a combined \$20,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Nicholas Michael-James Osborn, 21, Lapeer, pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana, second offense, Aug. 6 in Elmwood Township.

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

*Joseph A. Frank, 61, Millington, pleaded guilty to delivery/manufacture of 5 to 45 kilograms of marijuana, second offense, and possession of marijuana, second offense, Sept. 16 in Millington Township.

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

*Gregory A. Harmon, 23, Mayville, was sentenced to 60 days in the county jail, with work release and worksite privileges, following his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, July 20 in Mayville.

He was also placed on 60 months probation and ordered to complete 480 hours of community service and pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,198 plus restitution of \$120.

*Morley A. Griffen, 52, Marlette, was placed on 60 months probation following his plea of guilty to violating the Sex Offenders Registration Act by failing to notify local law enforcement of a change in address between Sept. 12, 2012, and June 21, 2013, in Novesta Township. He was

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

In addition to probation, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$2,198 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

*Richard L. Lesoski, 33, Owendale, was sentenced to 2 to 20 years in prison following his plea of no contest to a charge of aggravated stalking between May 22 and June 30 in Novesta Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to prison time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$198.

*Sara G. Ayres, 21, Vassar, received a one-year delayed sentence following her pleas of no contest to lying to a peace officer and attempted lying to a peace officer July 19 in Indianfields Township.

She was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$448 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

*Anthony M. Allen, 54, Caro, was sentenced to 330 days in jail, with work release and worksite privileges, following his plea of guilty to aggravated indecent exposure May 6 in Indianfields Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

In addition to jail time, he was placed on 60 months probation and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$2,198 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

*Joshua L. Peters, 31, Saginaw, was sentenced to 180 days in jail, with worksite privileges, following his pleas of guilty to 2 counts of domestic violence, third offense, Aug. 18-20 in Reese.

In addition to jail time, he was placed on 36 months probation and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$667 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

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Reporter's notebook

I'll have a latte, and all your cash

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



I have a real fondness for "stupid criminal stories", so it was a no-brainer that I would "read more" when I recently saw a headline stating a Florida man had been arrested in a Dunkin' Donuts robbery.

Seriously? There are so many things wrong with this plan of action, I just don't know where to start.

I will say the suspect in this case — and others like him — offer the law enforcement community and the courts a promise of job security for many years to come (as if either really need or want it).

For starters, at the risk of being ticketed in the near future for being a smart alec, I'm going to say what everyone else is thinking: Dude, you tried to rob a store that sells coffee and donuts? Didn't you even stop to think the chances were good you might run into a police officer?

By the way, if any members of the Thumb's fine law enforcement community are reading this, I don't drive an older model white Chevy Impala.

But I digress.

According to a story published by News4jax.com, the 33-year-old suspect from Middleburg, Fla. (located about 29 miles southwest of downtown Jacksonville) walked into the store at about 7 a.m. and held employees at gunpoint while demanding money.

How much cash did he think the workers could give him first thing in the morning? And did he really need a gun? Here in Michigan, possession of a firearm in the commission of any felony buys you 2 years of prison time — that's a mandatory sentence, no early release for good behavior — before you serve time for the remainder of your convictions.

And this story gets better.

An employee opened the cash register and the suspect grabbed all of about \$150 and then fled, but not before an assistant manager threw a patio chair at his car, smashing the passenger winder and mirror.

About three hours later, the suspect called police to report the damage to his vehicle. Officers went to the home, detained the man for questioning and subsequently arrested him. They also found the gun used in the robbery in a wooded area behind the convicted felon's home.

I believe it was John Wayne who said, "Life is tough, but it's tougher if you're stupid."

I think he hit the nail on the head.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2008)

Cass City wrestlers Travis Mabe and Clarke Walsh are this week's recipients of Schneberger's Athletes of the Week honor. The Red Hawk seniors opened their final season in splendid fashion, recording a pair of victories in non-conference action against Imlay City and Capac. Mabe, 130-pound weight class, is the son of JT and Tricia Mabe. Walsh, 152-pound weight class, is the son of Nanette and Rodney Walsh.

An Eagle Court of Honor was held for Cass City Boy Scout Tommy Brinkman at the Cass City VFW Hall.

10 YEARS AGO (2003)

Area cooks looking for a great chili recipe might want to compare notes with Alan Kleco at Knight Insurance Agency in Cass City. A majority of 123 visitors to the business and 2 dozen others voted Kleco's chili the best during the Chili Cook-off, held in conjunction with the village's annual Holiday Extravaganza celebration.

Tom Kolar, 86, a retired road construction supervisor, has long enjoyed a wood crafting hobby that began with a set of patterns he ordered from California many years ago. His work has included restoring old furniture as well as holiday figures ranging from snowmen to full size reindeer, Santas and nativity scenes.

25 YEARS AGO (1988)

Cass City won't be considered for a second traffic light, despite concerns regarding congestion at the village's west end. A state Department of Transportation official early this month told village officials told village officials that a second survey at the intersection of Doerr Road and Main Street, conducted Nov. 15,

revealed little change from a similar survey done in February 1987. "Installing a traffic signal is not going to reduce the present waiting times at Doerr Road," David Van Hine, district traffic and safety engineer, stated in his report to the village. "The actual waiting is of a very short duration, well within accepted standards."

Grand prize winner Jeremy Stieler was congratulated by Hardee's manager, Penny Serour. Stieler, of Marlette, won a 21-inch color TV for his guess that 2,950 "Big Deluxe Burgers" would be served during the restaurant's grand opening. Stieler's guess was only 4 shy of the actual number of burgers served by the fast food chain.

Mike Randall spent the week trying to recover from an illness that sapped his strength in practice and the Imlay City Spartans spent the weekend trying to discover just what was the miracle cure that enabled the senior Hawk center to rise up in the second half and lead Cass City to a 71-58 decision in a key Thumb B Association game. Randall keyed a third quarter rally with 5 baskets from the low post as his teammates got him the ball in scoring position and he made the most of it. That scoring binge, coupled with 10 free throws in the last period, enabled Randall to have his best night of the year when it was needed most. He ended the game with 26 points.

50 YEARS AGO (1963)

A search for a superintendent for Cass City Public Schools got under way following the surprise report by Principal Arthur Holmberg that he did not wish to be considered for the post. Holmberg was the board of education's choice for the post when Willis Campbell, present superintendent, was retired early this year. Reading from a typewritten letter,

Holmberg announced that "I would like not to be considered as a candidate for the superintendency. I would like very much to continue in the work I am now doing and will try sincerely to work wholeheartedly with the man selected to serve as Mr. Campbell's successor."

Bob McArthur, an employee at Cass City IGA Foodliner, won first place and a \$25 savings bond for an apple display erected in the store. By winning the district contest, the display becomes eligible to compete in the national contest sponsored by apple growers. The display was erected in conjunction with national apple week.

The 34-cow herd of Fred Milligan of Cass City led all herds in Huron No. three DHIA district, Supervisor William Andrus reported this week. The herd produced 1,336 pounds of milk and 50 pounds of fat for the month.

100 YEARS AGO (1913)

Wilmot - Wilmot residents are predicting a boom for their little town. If you don't believe it, come and see what we are already doing. Old buildings have disappeared and new ones starting up and we intend to keep on doing.

Local- Jacob Anthes found a green pea vine 16-inches long in Mrs. Mary Ford's garden Friday morning, a rather unusual find in December.

Officials of the Anketell Lumber Co. were at Cass City last week completing the inventory at the local yards of that company. In reviewing the year's business, they found that Cass City yards had collections in better shape and the year's business showed up the best of any of the Anketell yards in the Thumb. This is a feather in the cap of H.D. Schiedel, the local manager, and is the result of his alert and progressive business methods.

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



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



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



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.



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
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872-3658
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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.



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



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



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. Eskilsen



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



Cass City Missionary Church

4449 Koepfgen 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



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.
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Community foundation grants wishes

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dollars to help support a new science forensics course at Cass City Junior-Senior High School.

Locally, Rawson Memorial District Library has frequently benefited from foundation grants in the past, as have area literacy, scouting and athletic groups.

Tuscola County Community Foundation officials reached a milestone of sorts a year ago, topping the \$2 million mark in funds distributed since the organization was established.

"The distribution totals in terms of monetary amounts and the number of funds that award grants continues to climb," community foundation Executive Director Ken Micklash commented in an interview last June. "The board and I are very pleased to see the strong support shown toward the foundation — our asset total is approaching \$9.5 million. The 80 funds that are now maintained by the Tuscola County Community Foundation, most of which are endowed, exist for the sole purpose of doing good throughout the county."

And the foundation is far from finished. Officials are scheduled this week to distribute a portion of more than \$121,000 in conjunction with their fall grant and scholarship cycle.

The bulk of the funding — roughly \$80,000 — was slated to be presented during a grant award session today (Wednesday) beginning at 12:15 p.m. at the Tuscola Technology Center in Caro, according to Micklash.

The following is a complete list of the funds and fall 2013 grants/scholarships scheduled to be awarded from each:

***William and Ruth Janks Fund** — \$12,600 to the Caro Area District Library (upgrade and expand interior and exterior security system); \$1,500 to the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department (fund boater safety education for county youth); \$4,000 to the Thumb Area Center for the Arts (paint interior of the historic building); \$9,000 to the Child Advocacy Center of Tuscola County (support forensic interview services provided to sexually abused children); \$3,500 to the Caro Community Schools (provide piping and filtration system for community swimming pool); \$2,500 to the Great Start Tuscola's Imagination Library (purchase books for preschool children); \$800 to the Fowler Center (purchase trail tents for campers); \$5,000 to the American Legion Theron W. Atwood Sr. Post 7 (assist with building renovation); and \$1,750 to Highland Pines School (purchase equipment to support mobility program for physically impaired students).

***Claude and Etta Andrews Fund** — \$3,700 to the Tuscola Technology Center - Welding & Fabrication Program (purchase Lincoln welder to train students to weld aluminum); \$3,500 to the Caro Community Schools (provide piping and filtration system for community swimming pool); and \$6,500 to the Child

Advocacy Center of Tuscola County (support forensic interview services provided to sexually abused children).

***Future Youth Involvement (FYI) Fund** — \$410 to the Tuscola Intermediate School District (ISD) Transitions Network (sponsor making good choices transitions for students with disabilities); \$10,000 to Reese High School (upgrade high school softball complex); \$1,000 to Kingston Junior-Senior High School (purchase five e-readers and e-textbooks for computer classes); \$1,775 to Caro Community Schools (purchase AEDs for student safety during sporting events and practices); \$1,000 to Akron-Fairgrove Schools (purchase 10 iPads for students); \$6,000 to Trinity Lutheran Church and School (purchase and construct safe age-appropriate playground); \$3,000 to Caro Youth Football (purchase helmets); \$4,500 to 54th Judicial Circuit Court (purchase replacement computer equipment for truant/juvenile education program); and \$500 to Reese High School (mini-grant to support school pride

program).

***Carl Fritz Cancer Transportation Fund** — \$500 for transportation support provided to Thumb area residents to receive cancer treatments.

***Dr. Ed & Dorothy Scollon Family Foundation Fund** — \$700 (support new course offering entitled "Science Forensics").

***Tuscola's Great Start Imagination Library (pass-through fund)** — \$21,055.61 to provide thousands of books to preschool youngsters throughout the county to enhance early reading skills).

***Patriot Pride Club Fund** — \$5,117.99 to support athletic programs of the USA School District.

***Dr. Bruce Dunn Memorial Scholarship Fund** — \$500 to support one student with tuition expenses.

***Rawson Foundation** — \$2,236 (support ChildFund international program to feed/clothe needy children); and \$4,800 (support for four Cass City students attending Central Michigan University).

Teen may be charged as adult

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Sebewaing.

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

Police learned the vehicle was stolen, according to Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson, who reported the driver fled the scene and ended up in a ditch about 1 1/2 miles east of Sebewaing. He then allegedly took an ATV from another residence and headed northbound in a field, traveling to another residence near Lange on Gremel Road.

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

He added the teen entered Gettel's garage and stole a 2009 Chevrolet pickup and, once again, drove through a garage door before fleeing the scene with Gettel in pursuit in his wife's vehicle. They ended up on Kilmanagh Road, east of Kilmanagh,

where the suspect turned into a south side field, spinning the vehicle around and ending up in a ditch.

A short time later, the boy approached another residence, taking a 2004 Dodge Stratus. He continued eastbound into the tiny community of Linkville, where Bad Axe Police Officer Shawn Webber caught sight of the stolen vehicle.

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

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

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

Company gives O-G \$20,000

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week.

The check presentation came during a community meeting in which Pumford discussed issues related to the new wind park as well as NEXtera's commitment to forming partnerships with the communities in which it operates. Pumford also answered audience members' questions related to topics such as the economic impact of the wind park both in terms of property values and increased electrical production.

NEXtera is one of the world's

largest generators of wind power. The company has 100 wind farms in 19 states and Canada, producing more than 10,000 net megawatts.

Michigan and Ontario were among NEXtera's development "hotspots" during the first half of 2013.

Michigan, just added to the company's wind portfolio with the construction of the Tuscola Bay Wind Energy Center, had two sites under development this year — the 100.3-megawatt Tuscola Wind II project in Tuscola County, and the 149.6-megawatt Pheasant Run Wind project.

Public Hearing Notice

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the Township of Elkland will hold a public hearing on the 7th day of January, 2014 at 7 p.m. at the Township Hall located at 6691 Church St. Cass City, MI 48726.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider the application by Jonas Kempf for a Special Land Permit for the purpose of establishing a bulk food store and bakery to be located at 5102 Schweigler Rd. Cass City, MI on property identified as tax parcel number 007-023-000-0920-00.

All interested persons are encouraged to attend the public hearing to ask questions or to make comments as to the application. Written comments may be submitted to the Clerk at 6691 Church St. Cass City, MI 48726 at any time prior to the public hearing.

Roger Root
Chairperson
Elkland Township Planning Commission.

Public Hearing Notice

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Township of Elkland will hold a public hearing on the 7th day of January, 2014 at 4:30 p.m. at the Township Hall located at 6691 Church St., Cass City, MI 48726.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider the application by Jonas Kempf for 2 variances: Allow rural highway commercial business in zone A-1 (Bulk Food Store & Bakery) and allow 25' side yard set back in lieu of required 35' setback on property identified as tax parcel number 007-023-000-0920-00, 5102 Schwegler Rd., Cass City, MI 48726.

All interested persons are encouraged to attend the public hearing to ask questions or to make comments as to the application. Written comments may be submitted to the Clerk at 6691 Church St. Cass City, MI 48726 at any time prior to the public hearing.

Roger Root
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Obituaries

Eugene Bock

Eugene F. Bock, 80, of Brookston, Texas, formerly of Pigeon, passed away Monday, Oct. 21, 2013, at his home.

The family will schedule a memorial service and burial of his urn in Cass City at a later date. Cremation was under the direction of Brighton-Holland Funeral Home, Paris, Texas.

Bock, the son of William and Johanna Gettel Bock, was born May 28, 1933, in Pigeon.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1955 through 1956 and was stationed in Germany.

Bock grew up on a farm and then owned and operated a dairy. When he and his wife, Phyllis, moved to Lamar County, he began working for Merico as an engineer and retired following 20 years of service to the company. During his years there, he owned and operated Bock Machinery Repair, and following retirement he continued to operate his farm and ranch near Brookston.

Bock is survived by his wife, Phyllis Vogeli Bock, whom he married Dec. 14, 1969; four children, Kathleen Mitchell and husband Daniel of Lemont, Ill., Maxine Forrest and husband Samuel of Cass City, Scotty Bock of Kenosha, Wis., and Karen Massie and husband Johnny Cook of Paris, Texas; 13 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and longtime friends, Albert and Kathy Evans.

He was preceded in death by a son, James Smith.

To leave a message for the family, visit bright-hollandfuneralhome.com.

Vickie Foust

Vickie Sue Wren Foust, 60, of Tampa, FL, died following a short illness Tuesday, December 3, 2013 in her home with her loving family by her side. She was born April 3, 1953 in Holly to Robert and Nancy (Herr) Coverdill. She married Albert Foust March 5, 2008 in Odessa, FL. At one time Vickie worked as an aid

at Tendecare Nursing Facility. Currently she had been working in the kitchen of a State Veteran's Nursing Home in Tampa, a job she truly enjoyed. Vickie was a talented crafter. She enjoyed scrapbooking, reading and working puzzles including crossword and Sudoku. Christmas was her favorite time of year.

Vickie is survived by her husband, Albert; children: Charles Johnson of Fowlerville, Michelle (Ron) Deschepper of Morrice, Scott Wren of Cass City; grandchildren: Julia, Cheyanne, Kaitlyn, Madisson; great grandson, Jacen; parents: Robert and Nancy Coverdill of Cass City; sisters: Mickie (Ralph) Braint of Webberville, Norma Adams of Cass City, Darcy (Walter) Harris of Angie, LA; brothers: Robert (Roberta) Coverdill of Deford, Bert (Debbie) Coverdill of Deckerville; many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by an infant brother, David Scott and her son, Steven Craig Wren.

Visitations will be held from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, December 11 in Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City. The funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, December 12 in Kranz Funeral Home with the Rev. Jackie Roe of Cass City United Methodist Church officiating.

Interment will be in Elkland Township Cemetery. Pallbearers for Mrs. Foust: Albert Foust, Scott Gifford, Robert Gullett, David Gullett, Sr., David Gullett, Jr., Ron Deschepper.

Memorials may be made to Family Discretionary Fund. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com. Arrangements were provided by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.

Carl Labish

Carl J. Labish, 95, of Decker, passed away Thursday, December 5, 2013 at Hills and Dales General Hospital, Cass City following a long

illness.

Carl was born November 4, 1918 in Detroit, the son of the late Frank and Elizabeth (Szczechowicz) Labish. On June 12, 1948 he married Grace Moskwa in Detroit.



He worked as a PBX Installer and Repairman for Michigan Bell Telephone for 35 years, was a member of the Cass City - Gagetown Knights of Columbus and the Michigan Bell Pioneers and loved baseball.

Carl is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Grace, children, Christine Mott of Royal Oak, Carl (Karen) Labish of Warren, Mary Labish of Westland and John (Jamie Bachmann) Labish of Macomb. 4 grandchildren and 4 great grandsons. He was predeceased by his brother, Valentine Labish.

Honoring Carl's wishes, cremation has taken place and no services are planned at this time. Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice. Please share condolences at www.thabetfuneralhome.com. Arrangements were provided by Thabet Funeral Home of Cass City.

Mac McKee

Mac J. McKee, 76, of Gagetown, passed away December 4, 2013. He was born in Owendale on September

26, 1937, a son of Earl and Ethel (Finkbeiner) McKee.

On April 17, 1982 he married Bonnie Muter.



Mac retired from Ford Motor Company in 1988 after 31 years of service. Following his retirement he held several positions as food service merchandiser with Kraft Foods, Kellogg, Wonder Bread, Frito-Lay and Little Debbie Snack Cakes. He was a member of Gagetown United Methodist Church, enjoyed coaching

baseball, playing poker and hunting. He had also been a Gagetown Village Council member since 2002.

Surviving along with Bonnie, his loving wife of 31 years, are his children Kevin (Leila), Scott (Stephanie), Steve (Angie), Earl (Becky), Cindy (Lee) Kruger, Lynn (Mike) Frantz, Mary Ellen McKee and grandchildren, Kevin, Ryan, Kylie, Brianna, Eric, Allison, Nicole, Amanda, Killian, Cassandra, Tyler, Troy, Jacob, Connor, Kiera, Josh, Ayden and Alexa. Great-grandchildren are Hunter, Aidan, Cian, Acelyn and Donovan.

Preceding him in death were a grandson, Donovan and brother and sister-in-law, Earl and Elsie, a sister, Charlotte, brother-in-law, Clayton Carr, and brother-in-law Richard Muter.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon December 7 at Gagetown United Methodist Church with the Rev. Cindy Parsons officiating.

Interment was held at Grant Township Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to the wishes of the family.

Letter to the Editor

Here's an idea to cut healthcare expenses

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you, on TV, and show the public how careless you are with our money. When one can see how much money is wasted with our auto insurance, one can only imagine how much abuse there's going on in our healthcare.

From the Government Accounting Office, the average fraud in 2012 was \$60 to \$90 billion in Medicare and Medicaid. Since we are selling our own healthcare, we would have little to no fraud and be able to use this money in fraudulent claims in a better way. We could build 60 of these hospitals across the country that would be able to take care of most, if not all, health issues.

I truly believe if this were to happen in 7 years, we would have to expand the hospital because healthcare would be so affordable. Every young man and woman in Michigan would want to buy coverage and would be able to. Since everyone in

Michigan would have insurance, it would be more affordable for the middle-age people that are paying the most (for) their healthcare now. If we don't do something like this for ourselves soon, we'll be sorry down the road.

There is no doubt in my mind that Obamacare and the insurance companies are sleeping in the same bed. They want to charge the hell out of us and we're not getting anything for it with their high deductibles. We the people have to get together to stop this \$60 to \$90 billion of fraud because Obama won't, the insurance companies won't, and when their checkbook gets low on funds, they raise our taxes and raise the premiums.

If there's anyone out there who thinks for some reason this wouldn't work, please reply.

Robert Peruski
Ubly

Obamacare smells a lot like socialism

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Obamacare a year. No way, per Dictator Obama. Now the system does not work. Now he says after the 2014 election before everyone needs insurance, or a fine. Amazing! After the election, and then you will go into shock when one finds out how expensive the insurance will be.

Do you hear any of this on CBS, NBC or ABC? Of course not! They are liberal and support the dictator. Then watch Fox or CNN and hear how Obama double-crossed us.

Have you heard the latest? Obamacare is dropping hospitals. They will not pay. Are you ready for them? The Cleveland Clinic, Seattle Children's Hospital and another one. Now the government gets to choose the hospital one has to go to. What happened to our freedom?!

Yes, the low income people need insurance. So do pre-existing conditions, but Obama goes too far — how come he alone gets to change things? What happened to our Congress? Obama supposedly taught the Constitution when he was a college professor. He is never

challenged when he does. They declare it unconstitutional, but he still stays. He writes executive orders and gets away with it.

If Obamacare is so great, then why aren't our president, Congress and all their staffs required to take his insurance? His motto is, do as I say, not as I do.

The president of the doctors' association said the best thing Americans can do is opt out of Obamacare. Yes — some who did not have it needed insurance, but being forced is un-American. Smells Like socialism to me.

There were two 80-year-old men on TV. They were protesting pregnancy coverage on their policies. Yes, most new fathers are in their 80s. It is called stupidity!

Well, we can do two things; we can let our elected officials know how we feel, and we can all pray a lot. Our country seems to be headed in the wrong direction. Not seems to be — it definitely is!

Sincerely,
Ginna Gentner
Cass City

TIM KNOBLET ESTATE AUCTION

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Ford single axle truck, 1971, steel box and hoist

70 Massey Harris self propelled combine, 1955

7000 John Deere 4-row corn planter, New Idea 3-beater self-unloading wagon, rubber tire running gear, 2 wheel field sprayer

S&H 5th wheel gooseneck cattle trailer, nice

Willmar 500 fertilizer spreader, with auger

New Holland 460 haybine, International IHC 781, 2 row chopper

Gale 2-beater self unloading wagon, rubber tire running gear.

20-Foot auger, 4 inch, with electric motor

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Gale self-loading wagon, on rubber tire running gear

Massey Ferguson grinder/mixer, 2 rubber tire flat bed hay wagons, Smoker 42-ft bale elevator with electric motor

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THE CASS City Lions Club took home top honors in a local service club chili cook-off among the Cass City Lions, Rotary and Gavel clubs. Pictured above are club representatives (from left) Melissa Matthewson, Rotary; Nick Smith, Lions; and Joe Leeson, Gavel Club.



ANDREW KAAKE (left) and Bobby Beyette were the winners in the chili cook-off gift drawing. They along with 63 other area residents qualified for the drawing by visiting all 36 participating businesses and sampling each and every chili.



CK GRAPHICS TOOK home bragging rights for the coming year following Saturday's annual Christmas in the Village Chili Cook-off in Cass City, with participants voting Kurt Russell's recipe tops (center). Also pictured above are Amy Peters of Knight Insurance (right), which took second place, and Carolyn Westerby representing Chemical Bank, which was awarded the third-place trophy.



Generous gift for kids...

LAVERN RUTKOSKI (far right) recently presented a \$400 donation to the Cass City Rotary Christmas for Kids Campaign on behalf of the local Knights of Columbus Council, which raised the money through its door-to-door pota-to-drive. Representing the Rotary Club above are Craig Bellew (far left) and Pat Curtis.

Crowds brave chill to enjoy Christmas in the Village fest

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The weather outside was frightfully cold, but that didn't deter hundreds of area residents from tasting chili, buying crafts, watching a lighted Christmas parade and welcoming Santa and Mrs. Claus to Cass City over the weekend.

The community hosted its annual Christmas in the Village celebration Saturday, and organizers say they couldn't be more pleased with the response.

"I thought it went really, really well," commented Dee Mulligan, veteran coordinator of the Cass City Chamber of Commerce, which annually organizes the event.

"The craft show had more crafters than we've had before — there were 60 that came, and Tyler (Perry) did a great job on the parade," Mulligan added, noting 36 businesses participated in this year's chili competition, and an estimated 450 area residents crowded into the Cass City VFW Hall for the community gathering Saturday night, with roughly 220 youngsters visiting with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Mulligan is quick to credit success of the celebration to many different businesses, organizations and volunteers who are faithful in donating everything from labor to gifts and food.

The folks at Independent Bank, for example, are behind the dozens of bags of popcorn given away, while a group of men always come through with hot, hearty bean soup for all, and Thumb National Bank is ready to serve up hot chocolate. The VFW post donates use of its building and heat, and DTE has faithfully provided Santa with a ride through the parade, delivering him to the VFW hall afterwards to visit with the little ones.

"People don't think about how much work goes into (the celebra-

tion) long before it happens," Mulligan said, adding it's truly a community effort.

"At that moment in time, it's all about giving back to the community, and it's amazing how much we're able to give," she said. "I think it's a real testament to our community that so many people come together."

CHILI COOK-OFF

Chili connoisseurs enjoyed a myriad of special recipes prepared, simmered and served at a host of local businesses during the annual Christmas in the Village Chili Cook-off.

Taking home bragging rights and the first-place trophy this year was CK Graphics behind the culinary talents of Kurt Russell, followed by Amy Peters at Knight Insurance in second place, and Carolyn Westerby at Chemical Bank, which captured third place.

In addition, the Cass City Rotary, Gavel and Lions clubs organized

FLOAT WINNERS

A panel of local judges awarded honors in several categories in the 8th annual Cass City Lighted Christmas Parade.

Trophies were presented to: Cass City Oil & Gas — Most Creative Use of Lights, Rawson Memorial District Library — Best Club/Organization, DTE — Best Commercial Entry, Cass City Post Office — Judges' Choice, D/S Service — Best Farm Implement, and St. Pancratius Catholic Church Youth Ministry — Best Family Entry.

Council okays pay hike

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full-time employees receive \$1,000 and part-time employees, who work in excess of 500 hours in 2013, receive \$500."

Cristiano explained that, by using a single adjustment payment, no increases would be made to the base salaries of village employees; therefore there will be no increase to fringe rates. The total cost of the one-time payments is pegged at \$20,000.

"For many years, the village staff has partnered side by side with the village council to improve the community, give excellent value to each tax dollar, present a balanced budget, and finish each fiscal year with a little left over. In 2009, the last pay increase, a one-percent (pay increase) was given to the village staff. Since that time, wages have been frozen at that 2009 rate," Cristiano said.

He added, "During 2013, and into 2014, we will expect much from the village staff in building new streets, building and maintaining water lines, sewer lines, and storm drains, managing contracts and permits, and being involved in legal and financial duties as new industry builds in Cass City."

Also included in the village's 2014 spending plan, which increased from \$3.537 to \$4.572 million in 2014, is a two-percent raise in water and sewer rates along with several capital improvement projects.

The million dollar budget increase in 2014 is the result of a Michigan Community Development Block Grant for the Dairy Farmers of America (DFA) milk plant being constructed in the village's industrial park. The monies will be used to update the 32-year-old wastewater treatment plant and improvements to Doerr Road.

According to Village Clerk/Treasurer Nanette Walsh, next year's budget will need to be reviewed every three months to reflect the work in progress at the milk plant, which is expected to benefit from MDOT and SAW grants throughout the year.

In the Motor Vehicle and

Equipment Fund, a blade truck has been purchased, replacing one that is 20 years old, while a front end loader purchase will replace a model that is 25 years old.

"We've been able to make a major equipment purchase each year," Walsh said, referring to the budget. "That practice continues in 2014. We also have planned next year to bring back Cass City's sidewalk improvement program, where property owners and the village split the cost of the repairs."

Next year's spending plan will also include capital improvements to the day camp building in the village park, including a new metal roof and structural components that will double the building's capacity.

Although revenue levels are expected to decrease by three percent, good news concerning next year's spending strategy is that property taxes will remain unchanged at 18.137 mills, meaning the owner of a house with a market value of \$80,000 will pay roughly \$725 for the year.

Cristiano feels the new budget will allow village residents to enjoy an exceptional quality of life.

"The programs and capital improvements scheduled for 2014 are a continuation of a program of excellence that is ingrained in Cass City history. The 2014 budget is balanced and meets the goals of village staff, council and residents," he said.

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Girls' basketball round-up

Cass City's depth too much for 'Cats



THE OWEN-GAGE varsity girls' basketball team: (front, l-r) Courtney Wightman, Courtney Southgate, Richelle Scharf, Andrea McCree, Hanah Cole (back) Adrianna Woodward, Rachel Mroz, Kristen Cummins, Alyson Witzke, and Coach Jessica Hope. Missing is Ashlee Woodruff.



THE CASS CITY gymnastic team:(front, l-r) Alexis Bates, Kendra Kerkau, Sophia Romain, Hope Wilson, Alexa Torres (middle) Allie Inbody, Victoria Mathewson, Becca Mulrath, Samantha Mathewson, Miranda Spry, Courtney Szczepanski, (back) Katie Hacker, Coach Kathy Bouverette, Asst. Coach Josh Waltz, Asst. Coach Lena Waltz, and Dakota Wilson. Missing is Alicia Crouch.



THE OWEN-GAGE varsity boys' basketball team: (front, l-r) Dylan Fritz, Jacob Wright, David Binder, Daniel Good (back) Bryan Hopper, Quinn Smith, Ben Good, Brett Morrish and Coach Steve Hollocker.

Cass City used an effective full court press Thursday to earn victory over host Mayville.

After taking a slim 16-13 advantage into the half, Cass City outscored their hosts 18-5 in the third quarter en route to an easy 38-22 victory.

"We used a full court diamond press to start the second half," said Coach Clarke Haire. "It's something that we hadn't practiced much, but our depth and athleticism hurt them."

Shania Chambers, who missed Cass City's opener due to the flu, returned to dominate the action in the non-conference affair. The senior playmaker led all scorers with a dozen points, highlighted by a pair of 3-point bombs during Cass City's third period run.

"Shania hit a couple of triples from the left wing and that got us going. Shania and Kara (Reif) set some good traps that upped the tempo and that was good for our athletes," said Haire. Chambers and Reif combined for 10 steals on the night.

Erika Martin added 10 points, and Reif tallied 8 for Cass City, while Macy Dickinson and Alliah Riddle split 8.

On Tuesday, it was a long bus ride home for Cass City after getting whipped 61-14 at Harbor Beach in the season opener for both teams.

The Pirates led 16-0 after one and 39-5 after two.

"They are a good team. Coach Tamlyn is going to press you the entire night regardless of the score. You better be ready. We were not," said Haire.

Cass City was guilty of 17 first half turnovers.

Martin had 4 points to top Cass City, while Lauren Scott added a triple.

KINGSTON

Kingston had no trouble with visiting Akron-Fairgrove Friday and cruised to their first win in convinc-

ing fashion, 58-29. The Cardinals' defense had the hosts in front 30-8 at the break.

"We had a well balanced scoring attack fueled by a strong fast break offense. We out-rebounded Akron-Fairgrove 55-30," said Coach Jay Green.

Sarah Savage had 11 points and 10 rebounds to pace the winners, while Elissa Chambers and Bailey Barden each chipped in 10 points. Jenna Boyl scored 6 points with 6 assists.

On Tuesday, Kingston traveled to face Croswell-Lexington and suffered a 58-33 defeat.

After Kingston jumped out to a 16-10 lead, Cros-Lex outscored their visitors 20-4 to the intermission.

"Cros-Lex was big and athletic and able to dictate the pace of play. It was a good learning experience for us to play such a high caliber team." Cros-Lex returned 4 starters from their 23-2 Class B regional finalist team.

Cardinals Jenna Boyl and Sarah Savage scored 8 points and Cassidy MacGuire had added 7. Elissa Chambers dished out 6 assists.

OWEN-GAGE

The Owen-Gage Lady Bulldogs earned a 39-20 victory over host Caseville Friday to supply first year Coach Jessica Hope with her first Bulldog victory.

Owen-Gage led from start to finish, leaping out to a 15-2 advantage and never looking back.

Richelle Scharf and Alyson Witzke split 28 points to pace the winners, while Rachel Mroz added 9.

On Tuesday, Owen-Gage came up short in their season opener with Port Hope and bowed 46-39 during a hard fought non-conference battle.

Mroz recorded game scoring honors with 17 points to lead Owen-Gage, while Scharf scored 12 and Courtney Wightman, 9.

Lady Red Hawk gymnastic squad loaded with talent

Surprise! Coach Kathy Bouverette's Cass City gymnastics team has a roster full of returnees and tested performers as the Lady Red Hawks get ready to kick-off their season next Wednesday in Vassar.

"I am so excited to get started," said Bouverette. "I think we'll have a good team this year."

Returning letter winners for the veteran coach to build around include team leaders and all-around event competitors Katie Hacker and Dakota Wilson. Also back with a year's experience under their belts are Kendra Kerkau, Sophia Romain, Allie Inbody, Victoria Mathewson, Becca Mulrath, Samantha Mathewson, Miranda Spry and Alicia Crouch.

"Allie is from Ubyl Schools. She is able to compete through a cooperative agreement between the schools," Bouverette explained.

New to the squad and expected to make immediate contributions are Alexis Bates, Hope Wilson and Alexa Torres.

Grapplers finish in middle of pack at Marlette tourney

A young Cass City Red Hawk wrestling team opened its season Saturday at the Marlette Team Tournament. There, Coach Don Markel's grapplers placed fourth in the 8-team field with a 2-3 record on the day.

Cass City advanced into the championship rounds by finishing as the runner-up in its pool. They defeated Brown City 47-30 and Marlette 42-39, while falling to Algonac 71-12.

In the championship rounds Cass City suffered similar setbacks, falling to North Branch 59-24 and Otisville-Lakeville 51-27. The complete order of finish saw Algonac come out on top, followed by North Branch, Otisville-Lakeville, Cass City, Bad Axe, Marlette, Sandusky and Brown City.

"Seven freshmen saw varsity mat action for the first time on Saturday," said Markel. "As to be expected with freshmen there were mistakes that were made during the matches. As the season progresses these freshmen will improve. Overall it was a good outing for a very young team."

Junior Ethan Monte led Cass City over the weekend with a 4-1 mark.

Fabulous Four's Fearless Forecast

Varsity Basketball	Tom Montgomery	Krysta Boyce	Geoff Morgan	Doug Hyatt
Girls' Basketball				
Thursday, Dec. 12				
USA @ Ubyl	USA	USA	USA	USA
Friday, Dec. 13				
Caro @ Cass City	Caro	Cass City	Cass City	Caro
O-Gage @ New Haven	New Haven	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage
CPS @ Kingston	CPS	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
Boys' Basketball				
Wednesday, Dec. 11				
Kingston @ Bad Axe	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
Cass City @ Sandusky	Sandusky	Cass City	Sandusky	Cass City
Ubyl @ Reese	Ubyl	Reese	Reese	Reese
Thursday, Dec. 12				
Caseville @ O-Gage	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage
Friday, Dec. 13				
Caro @ Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City
USA @ Ubyl	Ubyl	USA	USA	USA
O-Gage @ New Haven	New Haven	Owen-Gage	New Haven	Owen-Gage



THE OWEN-GAGE junior varsity boys' basketball team: (front, l-r) Luke Retford, Joseph Littlepage, Aaron Fahrner (back) Coach Brian Wright, Michael Ray, Derek Vincent, Derik Harp and Zane Schember.

Unique gift idea to support DNR

This holiday season, the Department of Natural Resources invites wildlife supporters to honor friends and loved ones by making a donation to the Michigan Nongame Fish and Wildlife Fund in their name – it makes a great holiday gift.

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A donation of \$20 or more makes a world of difference for Michigan's fish and wildlife species. Species that are endangered, threatened or considered rare in the state benefit from donations to this fund. These tax-deductible gifts will help to

restore rare species' populations and to keep common species common.

Since the Michigan Nongame Fish and Wildlife Fund was established in 1983, the program has had three main goals:

*To restore populations of endangered and threatened species through management and protection.

*To maintain present populations of animals and plants.

*To promote appreciation and awareness of Michigan's nongame wildlife and endangered species through education and first-hand opportunities to experience wildlife.

Peregrine falcons, trumpeter swans, piping plovers, Kirtland's warblers, Mitchell's satyr butterflies, lake stur-

geon and common terns are just a few of the hundreds of wildlife species that have benefited from projects supported through the Michigan Nongame Fish and Wildlife Fund.

For more information on projects that the fund has supported, visit www.michigan.gov/wildlife.

The Michigan Nongame Fish and Wildlife Fund supports a network of more than 100 watchable wildlife sites throughout the state. These sites provide a variety of opportunities to view some of Michigan's most popular wildlife species. The watchable wildlife program also promotes efforts that teach people how to responsibly photograph and view all forms of wildlife and plants.

Since its inception, the Michigan Nongame Fish and Wildlife Fund has raised more than \$9.5 million in support of critical projects for nongame species, but the fund will not continue without donations.

To make a donation in someone's honor, please make a check or money order out to: State of Michigan, Nongame Wildlife Fund and send it, along with the person of honor's name and address, to Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Division, P.O. Box 30451, Lansing, MI 48909.



PERFECTION. Terry Lutz threw his first 300 game recently while bowling for the Scheurer Hospital Team on the Wednesday Nite Trio League at Charmont Lanes in Cass City. Terry rolled his perfect game in the third game of the series after throwing a 208 and a 233 for an impressive 741 series.

Schneeberger's ATHLETE of the WEEK

Schneeberger's congratulates Kara Reif as their choice for "Athlete of the Week" award winner.

Reif's senior basketball season is off to a solid start. In the Red Hawks' 38-33 victory Thursday over Mayville, she tallied 6 first half points and finished the night with 8 points and 5 steals, while committing just 2 turnovers.

"Kara has been aggressive at both ends of the court. She is capable of having a special senior season and I would love to see it," said Coach Clarke Haire.

Cass City stands at 1-1 on the year.

Kara, a Cass City honor student, is the daughter of Jane and Kevin Reif.



Kara Reif

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12/12 Caro (JV)
12/13 Caro (V)
12/18 Harbor Beach
1/3 Brown City
1/8 Ubyly
1/10 Bad Axe
1/15 Marlette
1/17 Brown City
1/22 EPB Lakers
1/24 BCAS
1/29 Reese
1/31 Vassar
2/5 Bad Axe
2/7 USA (Snowcoming)
2/10 Lakers
2/14 BCAS
2/21 Reese
2/25 Vassar
2/27 USA

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

All games at 6 p.m.
12/3 Harbor Beach
12/5 Mayville
12/10 Sandusky
12/12 Caro (JV)
12/13 Caro (V)
12/17 Vassar
12/19 USA
1/7 Ubyly
1/9 Bad Axe
1/14 Marlette
1/16 Brown City
1/21 EPB Lakers
1/23 BCAS
1/28 Reese
1/30 Vassar
2/4 Bad Axe
2/6 USA
2/11 Brown City
2/13 BCAS
2/18 EPB Lakers
2/20 Reese
2/24,26,28 Districts

WRESTLING

12/7	Marlette Team Tourney	8:00 a.m.
12/11	Imlay City/Capac	6:00 p.m.
12/14	Cros-Lex Team Tourney	8:00 a.m.
12/19	Bad Axe/Marlette	6:00 p.m.
12/21	TBD	
12/28	Mayville Tournament	TBD
1/4	North Branch Team Tourney	9:00 a.m.
1/8	Sandusky/Mayville	6:00 p.m.
1/11	Imlay City Invite	9:00 a.m.
1/15	Vassar/Brown City	6:00 p.m.
1/18	Marysville Team Tourney	8:00 a.m.
1/22	Memphis/EPB Lakers	6:00 p.m.
1/25	Bullock Creek Team Tourney	9:00 a.m.
1/29	TBD	
2/1	GTC League Meet @Vassar	TBD
2/5	Team Districts	TBD
2/8	Individual Districts	TBD
2/12	Team Regionals	TBD
2/15	Individual Regionals	TBD
2/21-22	Team State Finals @Battle Creek	TBD
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GYMNASTICS

12/18	Vassar	6:30 p.m.
1/12	Fraser Invitational	TBA
1/14	Vassar	6:30 p.m.
1/18	Farmington Invite	TBA
1/21	Freeland	6:00 p.m.
1/23	Vassar/Freeland	6:30 p.m.
1/25	St. John Invitational	10:00 a.m.
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2/8	Vassar Invite	12:00 p.m.
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Dec. 13 ~ Caro ~ 6 p.m.

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Dec. 18 ~ Vassar ~ 6:30 p.m.

Wrestling

Jan. 22 ~ Memphis/Lakers ~ 6 p.m.

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1/15 Vassar
1/20 Marlette
1/22 USA
1/27 Harbor Beach
1/29 Reese
2/3 Memphis
2/5 Vassar
2/10 Marlette
2/12 USA
2/19 Harbor Beach
2/24 Reese



JH GIRLS' BASKETBALL

All games at 5:30 p.m.
11/4 Memphis
11/6 Vassar
11/11 Marlette
11/13 USA
11/18 Harbor Beach
11/20 Reese
11/25 Memphis
12/2 Vassar
12/4 Marlette
12/9 USA
12/11 Harbor Beach
12/16 Reese



JH WRESTLING

11/9	Mayville	9:00 a.m.
11/13	Lakers/Brown City/Vassar	5:30 p.m.
11/18	Brown City/Memphis/Sandusky	5:30 p.m.
11/26	Memphis/Vassar/Sandusky	5:30 p.m.
12/2	Memphis/Lakers/Marlette	5:30 p.m.
12/4	Mayville	5:30 p.m.
12/9	GTC League Meet @Bad Axe	5:30 p.m.



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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gerald Harrington and Joan Harrington, Husband and Wife, to Bank of America, N.A., Mortgagee, dated September 14, 2001 and recorded December 1, 2001 in Liber 850, Page 829, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Nationstar Mortgage LLC by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Five Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Six and 20/100 Dollars (\$95,396.20) including interest at 7.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on JANUARY 2, 2014.

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: Commencing at a stake 60 rods West of the Southeast corner of the South part of the West part of the Southwest 1/4 of fractional Section 7, Township 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; thence running North 80 rods; thence West 20 rods; thence South 80 rods; thence East 20 rods to the place of beginning, excepting the East 9 rods thereof

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

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

Dated: December 4, 2013
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007
File No. 13-004728

12-4-4

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Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Dustin Letts and Tamara Letts, Husband and Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as a nominee for U.S. Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated July 16, 2009, and recorded on July 21, 2009, in Liber 1179, Page 1129, Tuscola County Records, said mortgage was assigned to U.S. Bank National Association by an Assignment of Mortgage dated April 26, 2013 and recorded May 10, 2013 in Liber 1279, Page 676, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Seven Thousand Seventy-Four and 23/100 (\$97,074.23) including interest at the rate of 5.750000% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the Circuit Court in said Tuscola County, where the premises to be sold or some part of them are situated, at 10:00 AM on January 02, 2014 Said premises are situated in the Township of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the East 10 acres of the South 20 acres of the Southwest fractional quarter of the Northwest fractional quarter of Section 30, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the East-West quarter line of said Section 30 which is North 88 degrees 35 minutes 20 seconds East 1659.96 feet from the West quarter corner of said Section 30; thence continuing along said East and West quarter line North 88 degrees 35 minutes 20 seconds East, 551.70 feet to the West North and South one-eighth line; thence along said one-eighth line North 01 degrees 25 minutes 00 seconds West 394.78 feet; thence parallel with said East and West quarter line South 88 degrees 35 minutes 20 seconds West 551.70 feet; thence South 01 degrees 25 minutes 00 seconds East, 394.78 feet to said East and West quarter line and the place of beginning.

Commonly known as: 5850 HASCO RD If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 6.00 months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after

statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights.

Dated: December 04, 2013
Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for
U.S. Bank National Association
43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180,
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302,
(248) 335-9200
Case No. 13MI01464-1

12-4-4

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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 Tyler P. Malloy and Kelli J. Malloy, Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Flagstar Bank, FSB its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 26, 2003, and recorded on March 31, 2003 in Liber 923 on Page 219, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Flagstar Bank, FSB as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Seven Thousand Three Hundred Twelve and 60/100 Dollars (\$67,312.60).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on January 2, 2014.

Said premises are situated in Township of Wells, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 19, Town 12 North, Range 10 East, Wells Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, thence East 208 feet, thence South 208 feet, thence West 208 feet, thence North 208 feet to the point of beginning.

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

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

Dated: December 4, 2013
For more information, please call:
FC J (248) 593-1311
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Hwy Ste 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-5422
File #424646F02

12-4-4

FORECLOSURE NOTICE (ALL COUNTIES) AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY (248) 362-6100 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Teresa Wolf, an unmarried woman of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Independent Mortgage Company dated the 27th day of August, 2009, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 11th day of September, 2009, in Liber 1183, Page 778 and further evidenced in Affidavit of Mortgage, correcting the parcel number, dated September 24, 2009, and recorded September 30, 2009, in Liber 1184, Page 787 of Tuscola Records, which said mortgage was assigned to Independent Bank, thru mesne assignments, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$77,753.29 (seventy-seven thousand seven hundred fifty-three and 29/100) plus accrued interest at 5.75% (five point seven five) percent per annum. And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt

secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on, the 2nd day of January, 2014, at 10:00:00 AM said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI, Tuscola County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Township of Wells, in the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit: Situated in the Township of Wells, County of Tuscola and State of Michigan: Lot 2 except the North 15 feet thereof and also all of Lot 3 of Foster Dam Subdivision according to the plat recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 32. Commonly known as: 2035 Underwood Road Tax Parcel No.: 022-020-250-0200-00 If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale the borrower, pursuant to MCLA 600.3278 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. The redemption period shall be six 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.

Dated: December 4, 2013
By: Foreclosing Attorneys Attorney for Plaintiff Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.
2155 Butterfield Drive, Suite 200-S
Troy, MI 48084
WWR# 10126190

12-4-4

FORECLOSURE NOTICE RANDALL S. MILLER & ASSOCIATES, P.C. MAY BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICEMEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY NOW OR IN THE PRIOR NINE MONTHS, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE. Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Gary Nanney and Cindy K Nanney, husband & wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as a nominee for Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated August 8, 2006, and recorded on August 22, 2006, in Liber 1092, Page 710, Tuscola County Records, said mortgage was assigned to DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, ON BEHALF OF THE MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL I INC. TRUST 2007-HE3.

MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-HE3 by an Assignment of Mortgage dated February 27, 2012 and recorded March 05, 2012 in Liber 1242, Page 594, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Six Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Four and 17/100 (\$106,754.17) including interest at the rate of 8.025000% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the Circuit Court in said Tuscola County, where the premises to be sold or some part of them are situated, at 10:00 AM on January 2, 2014 Said premises are situated in the Township of Novesta, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 7, TOWN 13 NORTH, RANGE 11 EAST, DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT THE NORTH QUARTER CORNER OF SAID SECTION 7, THENCE ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 7, EAST 231.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 48 SECONDS EAST 146.00 FEET, THENCE WEST 166.00 FEET, THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 48 SECONDS WEST, 50.00 FEET, THENCE WEST 65.00 FEET TO THE NORTH AND SOUTH QUARTER LINE OF SAID SECTION 7; THENCE ALONG SAID NORTH AND SOUTH QUARTER LINE, NORTH 00 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 48 SECONDS WEST, 96.00 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, Commonly known as: 5270 KELLY ROAD If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 6.00 months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes.

If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights.

Dated: November 27, 2013
Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, ON BEHALF OF THE MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL I INC. TRUST 2007-HE3.
MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-HE3
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Case No. 12MI02033-1

11-27-4

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE SALE THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE IF YOU ARE A BORROWER ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTENTION PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the circuit court at the request of the Plaintiff. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest, as determined by the court. Tuscola County Circuit Court Case No. 13-27714-CH NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE JUDICIAL SALE IN PURSUANCE and by virtue of Judgment(s) and/or Order(s) of foreclosure in the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, made and entered on the 28th day of August, 2013, in a certain cause therein pending, wherein Household Finance Corporation III was the Plaintiff and Wilbert L. Smith and Norma J. Smith were the Defendants.

The aforementioned Judgment(s) and/or Order(s) established a debt owing to Plaintiff in the amount of \$146,426.07, plus post-judgment interest at an annual rate of 6.5900% and other amounts recoverable pursuant to said Judgment(s) and/or Order(s). NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in order to satisfy said Judgment(s) and/or Order(s), in whole or in part, the property described below shall be sold at public auction, by an authorized sheriff/deputy sheriff or county clerk/deputy county clerk, to the highest bidder, at the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola, on the 16th of January, 2014 at 10:00 am, local time. On said day at said time, the following described property shall be sold: property located in the Township of Vassar, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, particularly described as The East 500 feet of the North 455 feet of the Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 20, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, right of way over the Easterly side thereof. Tax Parcel ID: 020-020-000-1300-03. More commonly known as: 6298 Hess Rd, REDEMPTION PERIOD IS SIX MONTHS.

For more information please call 248.642.2515.
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11-27-6

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on December 26, 2013.

Said premises are situated in Village of Cass City, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 3, Block 15, Seeger's Addition to the Village of Cass City, as per Plat thereof recorded in Liber 29 of Plats, Page 145 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.

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on December 19, 2013.

Said premises are situated in Village of Fairgrove, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 5, Block 2 of First Assessor's Plat of Village of Fairgrove, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 75, now being Page 22B of Tuscola County Records.

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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: November 20, 2013
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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on DECEMBER 19, 2013.

Said premises are located in the Township of Ellington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at a point on the North line which is 116 feet East of the Northwest corner of the East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 30, Town 13 North, Range 10 East; thence East along the Section line 100 feet; thence South at right angles 200 feet; thence West parallel with the North Section line 100 feet; thence North 200 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.

Dated: November 20, 2013
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007
File No. 13-014395

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by LINNIE R. WRIGHT and JERLEDEAN M. WRIGHT, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 31, 2006, and recorded on

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on December 19, 2013 Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as:

LOT(S) 325 & 326, SHAY LAKE HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION NO. 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 2, PAGE 45, 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

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DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HSI ASSET SECURITIZATION CORPORATION TRUST 2006-HE2
Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.
23938 Research Drive, Suite 300
Farmington Hills, MI 48335
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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00AM on December 19, 2013 Said premises are situated in Township of Koylton, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Section 28, Town 11 North, Range 11 East beginning 33 rods North of Southwest corner of Southwest quarter thence East 20 rods North 16 rods West 20 rods South 16 rods to point of beginning, as recorded in Tuscola County Records. Commonly known as 5931 S Kingston Rd, Clifford MI 48727 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(17) applies.

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

Dated: 11/20/2013
Household Finance Corporation III
Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
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Our File No: 13-89167

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This 3 bedroom home features a new LP furnace. The water softener, water heater, wiring and electrical box are all newer. The stove, refrigerator and dryer are about a year old. The bathroom was remodeled about 5 years ago. Sets on an acre with a 3-car detached garage. CY2678

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Yesteryear Charm! Historic Cass City home on a corner lot, large spacious room, oak woodwork, double staircase, 2 baths, 2-car garage. TCC1654

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Hey kids! It's time to write letters to Santa

Hey kids, get busy writing those letters to Santa.

Everybody knows Santa has a subscription to the Cass City Chronicle, and he checks each issue closely this time of year in search of Christmas lists from children in the Thumb area.

All you have to do is write your letter and send it to us. The easiest way is to have mom or dad e-mail your note along with a photo of yourself

to: chronicle@ccchronicle.net. Letters can also be mailed to the paper at 6550 Main St., P.O. Box 115,

Cass City, MI 48726, or drop them off to us in person (we're located at the corner of Main and Oak streets, next to Schneeburger's).

All of the letters will be published in December - most of them in our annual Christmas edition, Wednesday, Dec. 25. But get started now because the deadline is Monday, Dec. 16.



RAWSON MEMORIAL District Library's entry in the 8th annual Cass City Lighted Christmas Parade Saturday night won Best Club/Organization honors.



Photo courtesy of Tyler Perry

A PAIR OF former Cass City Rotary exchange students accompanied area residents Geraldine Prieskorn and Katie Jackson during a visit to Rawson Memorial District Library Friday afternoon. Jane Nelson (left), from Zimbabwe, graduated with the Cass City High School Class of 1978. Her local host families include the Prieskorns and Elaine and the late Tom Proctor. Also pictured is Melanie (Hayes) Hewitson, from New Zealand, a member of the Cass City High School Class of 1981 who also stayed with the Prieskorns and Proctors.

More
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My name is Heidi Smith and I have joined the Knights Insurance Agency team. I have entered their team as a customer service representative. I am excited to become part of this agency that is dedicated to our community on many different levels, including providing excellent service for a multitude of insurance needs, and participation in many community events that are beneficial to our wonderful village. I take pride in saying that I am from Cass City and I feel fortunate to be a part of a company that is just as proud to be in this community as I am. So please feel free to stop in. I would love to meet our customers in person. Also, we are very excited to announce our new website -- knightsagency.com -- so check us out on the web.



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