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Drifting snow contributes to fatal accident

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Huron County Sheriff's Department investigators say blowing and drifting snow Saturday contributed to a traffic crash that claimed the life of an Owendale area man.

Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson reported deputies were dispatched to Sebewaing Road, just west of Shebeon Road in Brookfield Township, to

Deputies reported the victim, Branden Hewitt, 27, of Owendale, lost control of his vehicle after hitting a snow-drift in Huron County's Brookfield Township.

investigate a two-vehicle accident at about 1:54 p.m.

"Preliminary investigation is indicating that a westbound 2002 Honda Odyssey minivan driven by lone occupant Branden Hewitt, age 27, of Owendale, lost control at the intersection after hitting a snowdrift," Hanson said. "He then entered the path and was impacted by an eastbound 1997 Chevrolet pickup driven by its lone occupant, Sean Kramer, age 26, of Harbor Beach.

"Mr. Hewitt was fatally injured from the impact and pronounced dead at the scene by the Huron County Medical Examiner's Office," the sheriff said. "Mr. Kramer was transported by the Sebewaing Ambulance Service and treated at the Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon for minor injuries."

Accident reconstruction specialists from the sheriff's department are continuing their investigation, according to Hanson, who noted the Owendale Fire Department, Sebewaing Police Department and Huron County Road Commission all assisted deputies at the scene.

Bitter cold can be dangerous, fatal

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The same weather blamed for several traffic accidents in the area is also a major concern for anyone who goes outdoors in sub-zero weather.

The blast of bitter cold and winds gripping the Thumb has area health care professionals and law enforcement officials urging residents to take precautions — and look out for their neighbors, especially the elderly.

Although temperatures are expected to moderate somewhat over the next few days, forecasters had called for sustained sub-zero wind chills this week. Tuesday's high was predicted to reach just 5 degrees and today's (Wednesday) high was expected to be only 12 degrees, with lows of minus-one and 10 degrees, respec-

Local students, HDC officials plan to collect breakfast food

The Human Development Commission (HDC) and students at Cass City Junior-Senior High School are organizing a "Rise and Shine" food drive to celebrate Martin Luther King Day, Monday, Jan. 20.

Students will be collecting non-perishable breakfast foods such as cereal and oatmeal, pancake mix and syrup, and peanut butter and jelly during the week of Jan. 13-17. The breakfast foods will be donated to the Revive Ministries Food Pantry in Cass City.

"Many food pantries have lots of lunch and dinner-type food items such as tuna, soup, spaghetti and other casserole ingredients," said Lori K. Offenbecher, HDC executive director. "Pantries need breakfast foods for families with children, and the Rise and Shine food drive will help to feed those who are hungry."

HDC is continuing its year-long youth volunteer service by celebrating the birthday of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. It was King who once said, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"

More information on the upcoming food drive is available by contacting Steve Jias at (989) 673-4121 (ext. 1790), or 1-800-843-6394.

tively, without factoring in wind chill.

Those conditions are ideal for frostbite, which can occur in just minutes, especially to the nose, ears, cheeks, chin, fingers and toes. Frostbite can permanently damage body tissues, and severe cases can lead to amputation.

Symptoms include numbness, tingling or stinging, aching and bluish or pail, waxy skin. If you experience any of these, get into a warm area as quickly as possible. Avoid walking

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THE WEEKEND storm was going strong Sunday night, dumping up to a reported 17 inches of snow — at a rate of one to two inches an hour — in portions of the Thumb. The arctic blast was followed by plummeting temperatures in the single digits, with wind chills dipping to as low as 35 degrees below zero.

WINTER BLAST!

Storm brings heavy snow, brutal temps to Thumb

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Winter roared back into the Thumb over the weekend, dumping more than a foot of snow and bringing a stiff winds and frigid temperatures that are expected to continue through at least mid-week.

A winter storm warning issued Friday targeted southeastern Michigan, including Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties. The heavy snowfall and brutal arctic blast that followed was enough to shut down schools throughout the region, which was hit by two waves of snow Saturday night and Sunday afternoon.

During the heaviest portions of the storm late Sunday afternoon and evening, snowfall was coming down at a rate of one to two inches an hour.

In Cass City, officials at the local wastewater treatment plant measured 13 inches of snow as of Monday morning.

The Cass City Department of Publics Work crew plowed village streets twice Sunday and were back on the roads Monday at 4 a.m., according to DPW Supt. Gary Barnes, who said the crew was utilizing its entire arsenal of snow removal equipment, including 3 blade trucks, a grader, a loader and a pickup truck with a blade.

The National Weather Service also issued a wind chill warning for the region, including Tuscola, Sanilac and Huron counties, through this (Wednesday) morning.

Monday's temperatures dropped from a high of 12 degrees to a low of minus-12 and Tuesday's high and lower were forecast at 7 and minus-one. Temperatures were expected to remain in the teens and single digits through Thursday, with Friday's high and low expected to reach 35 degrees and 32 degrees, respectively.

With westerly wind speeds of 25 to 30 miles per hour, wind chills were expected to dip to minus-20 to

minus-30 Monday, bottoming out at minus-35 degrees Tuesday morning as temperatures dropped below zero.

Not surprisingly, school officials across the Thumb, including Cass City, as well as throughout southeastern Michigan called off Monday's classes over the weekend. Colleges, universities and some businesses followed suit. Locally, Rawson Memorial District Library remained closed Monday, as did several local government offices, including county courthouses in the Thumb.

Statewide, government leaders in Lansing closed their offices, and Secretary of State offices were shut down in 24 counties, including Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac.

Gov. Rick Snyder announced Sunday evening that he had partially activated the state's Emergency Operations Center. A partial activation means that key emergency management personnel from essential state agencies report to the center, bolstering the strongest, seamless coordination with local municipalities that were closing offices to assist with local storm operations and snow removal.

"The heavy snowfall and freezing temperatures have combined to create hazardous conditions in many areas of the state," Snyder said. "Public health and safety is our primary concern. Residents should heed advisories and stay off the roads if at all possible."

McCormick joins staff at the Chronicle

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The Cass City Chronicle recently welcomed a new member to its staff. Melissa McCormick, 25, Cass City, began her new duties Monday. She was hired to fill a vacancy left by the resignation of Tina Pallas, who left the Chronicle last month to pursue another career opportunity.

Pallas previously served as the Chronicle's digital media director. Originally from Bad Axe, McCormick graduated from Bad Axe High School in 2007. She attended classes at Delta College before transferring to Saginaw Valley State University.

In the summer of 2012 she studied abroad in Italy, where she took some art history classes. "I had the time of my life in Europe," McCormick recalled. "After my course was over,

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Happy birthday, baby!

CASS CITY NATIVES Josh and Adrienne Klein welcomed their first child, Lennox Rose Klein, Thursday, Jan. 2, at Huron Medical Center.

Kleins welcome baby daughter

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Josh and Adrienne Klein are among the area parents who welcomed the new year with an addition to their family.

Adrienne gave birth to a daughter, Lennox Rose Klein, at about 5:40 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 2, at

Huron Medical Center in Bad Axe. She weighed seven pounds and three ounces and measured 20 inches in length.

"Everything went great. She's as healthy as she can be," an elated Josh Klein commented, noting Lennox — the couple's first child — was born after 12 hours of labor, just three

days before her due date.

As the first area couple to report welcoming a newborn, the Kleins will receive a host of gifts donated by local businesses, ranging from gift certificates, to start-up bank accounts and a free oil change, to a free one-year subscription to the

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Melissa McCormick

Keep your pets safe

With temperatures plummeting and snow continuing to fall, Cass River Pet FriendZ has released a reminder to keep your pets safe during dangerously cold weather.

Follow these guidelines to protect you and your companion animal.

1. Keep your pets inside, both during the day and night. Just because they have fur doesn't mean they can withstand cold temperatures.

2. Make sure your companion animal has a warm place to sleep, off the floor and away from all drafts. A cozy dog or cat bed with a warm blanket or pillow is perfect.

3. During the winter, outdoor cats sometimes sleep under the hoods of cars. When the motor is started, the cat can be injured or killed by the fan belt. If there are outdoor cats in your area, bang loudly on the car hood before starting the engine to give the cat a chance to escape.

4. Never let your dog off the leash on snow or ice, especially during a snowstorm, dogs can lose their scent and easily become lost. More dogs are lost during the winter than during any other season, so make sure yours always wears ID tags.

5. Thoroughly wipe off your dog's legs and stomach when he/she comes in out of the sleet, snow or ice. He/she can ingest salt, antifreeze or other potentially dangerous chemicals while licking his paws, and his paw pads may also bleed from snow or encrusted ice. After being outside, check paws, ears and tail for frostbite. Frostbitten skin usually appears pale or gray and can be treated by wrapping the area in a dry towel to gradually warm the area. Check with your veterinarian if you suspect frostbite.

6. Never shave your dog down to the skin in winter, as a longer coat will provide more warmth. When you bathe your dog in the colder months, be sure to completely dry him before taking him/her out for a walk. Own a short-haired breed? Consider getting him/her a coat or sweater with a high collar or turtle-neck with coverage from the base of the tail to the belly. For many dogs, this is regulation winter wear.

7. Never leave your dog or cat alone in a car during cold weather. A car can act as a refrigerator in the winter, holding in the cold and causing the animal to freeze to death.

8. Puppies do not tolerate the cold as well as adult dogs, and may be difficult to housebreak during the winter. If your puppy appears to be sensitive to the weather, you may opt to paper-train him/her inside. If your dog is sensitive to the cold due to age, illness or breed type, take him outdoors only to relieve himself/herself.

9. Does your dog spend a lot of time engaged in outdoor activities? Increase his supply of food, particularly protein, to keep him/her, and his/her fur, in tip-top shape.

10. Like coolant, antifreeze is a lethal poison for dogs and cats. Be sure to thoroughly clean up any spills from your vehicle, and consider using products that contain propylene glycol rather than ethylene glycol. Signs of toxic ingestion include excessive drooling, vomiting and depression. Contact your veterinarian immediately if you suspect your pets have ingested any antifreeze!

Precautions for Outdoor Pets:
If dogs are left outside, they should have a draft-free shelter large enough to stand and turn around in, yet small enough to retain body heat. Use a layer of straw or other bedding material to help insulate them against the cold. Make sure the entrance to the shelter faces away from the direction of incoming wind and snow.

When taking your pets out for a bathroom break, stay with them. If it's too cold for you to stand outside, it is probably also too cold for your pets.

Remember that staying warm requires extra calories. Outdoor animals typically need more calories in the winter, so feed them accordingly when the temperature drops. Talk to your veterinarian for advice on proper diet.

Watch your pet's outside fresh-water bowl. If it is not heated, you may need to refresh it more often as it freezes in cold weather.



Blast from the past...

CASS CITY'S Tyler Perry found this old photo published in the Chronicle Dec. 27, 1907. "I believe it was taken at the intersection of Leach and Pine streets, facing northeast," Perry noted. "To give you an idea of where it was, the house in the background sits on the southeast corner of Leach and Pine, and the house behind it stands on the northeast corner, now the municipal parking lot by the library. According to the article, William Morris — I believe he was one of Cass City's early doctors — bought \$6,000 worth of horses over a three-month span and then sold them to people in the community. The horses are standing in the middle of Leach Street."

It's a girl!



John and Emmy Anne Dunlap

Emmy Anne was born to John and Courtney Dunlap in Reno, Nevada on December 6th at 3 p.m.

Emmy Anne is their fourth child and joins her siblings, John V, Sophie, Sadie.

John is the great, grandson of John

Dunlap, Sr., a long-time resident of Decker and is the grand-nephew of Doris and Gary Jones of Cass City and Janice and Don Smith of Decker.

The Dunlap's reside in northern Nevada, where John IV graduated from the University of Nevada and his business D4 Webdesign is based.

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Tax cut “fever”? Not in Michigan

Guest Editorial
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In the closing days of 2013, long-time Michigan political pundit Tim Skubik opined that a “disease” was affecting Lansing: “tax-cut fever”.

What about tax hike fever, Mr. Skubick? In the past year lawmakers here have talked much more about how to reach deeper into the pockets of Michigan citizens. “They’ve done some actual reaching, too — and Michigan politicians aren’t the only ones.

For example, the current-year state budget approved last spring contains \$82.6 million in new or higher fees on families and businesses. The politicians may not call these “tax hikes”, but the result is the same: more dollars are flowing from our pockets into government coffers.

Michigan lawmakers have also granted certain authorities — like “Business Improvement Zones” — expanded powers to potentially impose higher local property taxes (“special assessments”) on property owners within their zones.

On the talk side, several hike proposals are under active consideration, including House Bills 4202 and 4203 to impose sales taxes on Internet transactions. Both bills are pending on the House floor, which means they could be brought up for a vote at any time.

Then there are the potentially very large future tax hikes implicit in the most momentous action taken by the current Legislature: a \$3 billion expansion of the Medicaid medical welfare program, which is a key Obamacare component. Michigan taxpayers will be on the hook for 10 percent of that amount starting in 2020 — or more if the law’s assurance of a 90-percent federal match rate in perpetuity becomes just another broken promise.

Michigan legislators will counter that they also enacted one tax cut — on cars purchased at new car dealers when the buyer has a trade-in. Gov. Snyder signed this into law even though earlier he had reportedly disapproved of such “boutique” tax cuts. Don’t rush to the dealer yet though — the measure kicks in gradually over a 24-year period! Unless later politicians just suspend the phase-in. That has happened before and in recent memory.

In October 2007 — less than 7 years ago — Gov. Granholm, with the help of the Legislature, hiked the Michigan personal income tax by 11.5 percent: from 3.9 percent to 4.35 percent. As part of that deal, Michigan citizens were promised their tax burden would be rolled back to 3.9 percent, or basically .1 percentage point per-year at a time. That “tax-cut fever” never took hold and the Snyder Administration delayed to 2013 the first cut and then stopped the roll-back after a single .1 percentage point decrease.

And all of this is just at the state level. The year 2013 began with America heading over the so-called “Fiscal Cliff”: the expiration of temporary Bush-era tax cuts, plus higher payroll taxes due to the expiration of a temporary social security tax cut (employees’ share went from 4.2 percent to 6.2 percent). In 2012, the Tax Foundation estimated Michigan taxpayers would lose 4.36 percent of their

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Slices of Life

by Jill Pertler

Cookie baker, or eater-which are you?




There are two kinds of people in the world: those who bake homemade cookies, and those who eat them.

Sadly, I think those in the first group are in danger of extinction. Not many people take the time to bake cookies anymore.

Take me, for instance. My kids think “homemade” cookies come preformed in a plastic package in the refrigerator. Try not to judge; I make it up to them in other ways.

This morning I spent time in the kitchen with two friends who are part of the endangered species of cookie bakers. Somehow, I corralled them into teaching me the art of cookie creation. I went with the goal of gaining valuable information about baking. Plus, I was hoping to score some free cookies.

The recipe we used calls for butter at room temperature. I don’t know about you, but I store my butter in the refrigerator. I couldn’t imagine thinking ahead to take the butter out just to soften it, so I asked about heating it in the microwave. You would’ve thought I’d suggested adding cyanide. Both friends gave me a chilling stare, and I knew not to mention the microwave ever again.

I was learning already. Luckily, cookie bakers routinely think about things like taking the butter out hours before making their cookies. One of my friends had gotten up early to take the butter out of the fridge. It’s details like that that separate real cookie bakers from the rest of us.

Next, a bunch of regular baking ingredients got mixed with the butter — sugar, flour, an egg, chocolate chips. In an attempt to recover from my microwave faux pas, I tried to think of an intelligent question, and asked if the egg should be at room temperature. If looks could kill, my friends would be assassins.

Butter warm. Eggs cold. Got that. I had forewarned my friends about my complete lack of cookie baking knowledge, but I think I impressed them nonetheless. They gave each other another look when I asked if it was really necessary to preheat the oven. Apparently so. Shoot me for asking.

The morning was educational. I learned about cookies and my friends. They had tips and techniques that set them apart from ordinary folks like me. It takes a lot of patience to bake a flawless cookie, and I’m not just talking about sitting around waiting for butter to reach room temperature.

I learned that real cookie bakers are perfectionists. Not only do they preheat the oven, they count the chocolate chips to make sure that each cookie has at least five. Uniformity of size is also paramount. Both friends admitted to throwing away cookies that didn’t fit the size requirement.

This last fact stopped me dead in my tracks. The thought of cookies in the garbage made me shudder, and I realized that even if I did learn to bring butter to room temperature the right way, I’d prob-

ably never, ever be able to toss my cookies — even if they didn’t have enough chips or were unevenly browned. When it comes to baking cookies, it’s obvious that I’ll never be a member of the elite batch.

As we ended our baking session, I came back to the universal truth: There are two kinds of people on this planet. A few special and virtuous souls are born to bake cookies. The rest of us are put on this earth to eat them.


This morning, as I bit into my first perfectly round, perfectly baked, five-chip monument to the cookie world, it didn’t feel like such a bad place to be.

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)



Thumb Bean Day will be held today (Wednesday) at Ubyly Heights Golf & Country Club in Ubyly.

Registration is slated to get underway at 8:30 a.m., with the program to follow at 9 a.m.

The agenda will include the following topics and speakers: “Future Weed Management Issues in Dry Beans” by Dr. Christy Sprague, Michigan State University; “Understanding White Mold and Other Disease Issues” by Dr. Linda Hansen, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA); “Seed Treatments and the Bee Debate Plus Other Insect Issues” by Fred Springborn, MSU Extension; “PRAB Research Review” by Greg Varner, PRAB research director; and “Food Safety and Current Issues in the Dry Bean Industry” by Joe Cramer, Michigan Bean Commission, along with local bean commission members.

Two Private Restricted Use Pesticide Recertification, Commercial Core and 1A credits will be available.

Admission is \$20 at the door and includes lunch. More information is available by contacting Bob Battel, MSU Extension Huron County at (989) 269-9949 (ext. 605); Martin Nagelkirk, MSU Extension Sanilac County at (810) 648-2515; Fred Springborn, MSU Extension at (989) 831-7500; or the Michigan Bean Commission at (989) 262-8550.

The program is being sponsored by MSU Extension and the Michigan Bean Commission.

The Tuscola County chapter of Right to Life will host its annual Memorial Service for the Unborn Sunday, Jan. 19, starting at 3:30 p.m. on the steps of the Tuscola County Courthouse in Caro.

According to local Right to Life President Donella Peasley, the annual event is a time of remembrance. “This is the time for pro-life people across our county to remember all the babies destroyed by abortion in our county and all the nation,” she said.

The service, which is open to the public, will feature guest speaker Senator Mike Green (R-Mayville).

The county chapter of Right to Life meets at the Caro Area District Library on the fourth Monday of each month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Peasley at (989) 872-3259.

How much snow did we get Sunday and Monday? Lots. In Tom Montgomery’s distinguished career here at the corner of Oak and Main streets, just twice has he needed a ride to work in nearly 3 decades of service. Monday was one of those days.

It snowed so much that I wasn’t sure who was happier about getting a snow day — my kids, Parker and Kacey, or my wife Karen. Monday was her first snow day as an employee of Tuscola County’s Friend of the Court Office.

Elkland Township Fire Chief Glenn Guilds is asking for your help this winter. If you have a hydrant on or near your property, please take time to shovel a path to the hydrant and to remove the snow in its vicinity. Your cooperation could save a life.

When shoveling, please remember to take it slow.



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

Thursday, January 9

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, January 11

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)

Monday, January 13

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.

Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.

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

Tuesday, January 14

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

Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7 p.m., fire hall in Gagetown.

Tuscola County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, 1:30 p.m., HDC Generations Building, 430 Montague Ave., Caro. For more information, contact Kim at (989) 673-4121.

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



A CASS CITY woman escaped injury Saturday morning when the vehicle she was driving struck a large snowdrift on Dickerson Road, just a couple miles east of M-25. Deb Montgomery, 53, was on her way to work in Bay City when she hit the drift and lost control, causing the car to leave the roadway and flip over in a field.

Two injured in snowy crash in Sanilac County's Lamotte Twp.

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Two women were injured in a traffic accident Saturday afternoon in Sanilac County's Lamotte Township.

Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies reported the crash occurred at about 1:40 p.m. on VanDyke Road (M-53) near Adams Road.

"A Ford Escape driven by 19-year-

old Jessica Jenkins of Madison Heights and her passenger, 48-year-old Donna Jenkins-Pryon of Madison Heights, were southbound on VanDyke Road," Deputy Kevin Nowiski said. "They went to pass a vehicle and lost control on the snowy patch of roadway, causing the vehicle to run off the road and enter the east side ditch, rolling over several times."

Both women were transported by Marlette EMS personnel to Marlette Regional Hospital for what Nowiski called non-life threatening injuries.

"Both subjects were wearing seatbelts and alcohol does not appear to be a factor in the crash," he said.

Lamotte Township fire fighters and the Sanilac County Road Commission assisted deputies at the scene.

Sex offenders required to verify info by Jan. 15 or face charges

The Michigan State Police (MSP) is reminding all registered sex offend-

ers that the 15-day address verification is underway.

During this period, which started Jan. 1, state law requires all registered offenders to report in person to their local law enforcement agency, sheriff's department or nearest state police post to verify their addresses.

The Michigan Sex Offenders Registration Act requires Tier 1 offenders to verify their address annually, during the first 15 days of January. Tier 2 offenders must verify their address semi-annually, during the first 15 days of January and July. Tier 3 offenders must verify their address quarterly, during the first 15 days of January, April, July and October. Failure to do so carries a penalty of up to two years in prison.

An offender's status as a Tier 1, 2 or

3 offender is based on their specific crime/conviction.

All registered sex offenders must also report a change of name, address, employment, campus enrollment, Internet identifiers and vehicle within three days of any change. These changes must be made in person at their local law enforcement agency, sheriff's office or nearest state police post. Failure to do so is a four-year felony.

The Sex Offenders Registration Act allows for the arrest of an offender who is not in compliance with the act's reporting requirements. Violators may be arrested during a traffic stop or any other contact with law enforcement. In addition, law enforcement agencies conduct random address checks to verify offender compliance.

Mental Health Statistics and Facts



Mental illness is a disease just like cancer or heart disease. With knowledge, community members can stop the stigma attached to mental health and start the healing and recovery process.

According to the *National Institutes of Mental Health (NIMH)*, the top five most commonly

diagnosed mental health disorders in adults are as follows:

- **Anxiety disorders** (panic disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder, general anxiety disorder, phobias) *approximately 18.2% of American adults*
- **Mood disorders** (major depressive disorder, bipolar disorder) *approximately 9.5% of American adults*
- **Personality disorders** (antisocial, avoidant, and borderline personality disorders) *approximately 9.1% of American adults*
- **Eating disorders** (anorexia, bulimia, binge eating disorders) *approximately 4.4% of American adults*
- **Schizophrenia** *approximately 1.1% of American adults*

Nearly one in five American adults, or 43.7 million people, experienced a mental health issue in 2012. (SAMHSA)

What can community members do?

Take a **FREE Youth or Adult Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) course** offered by **Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems, 989.673.6191.**

The course teaches a 5-step action plan to offer initial help to **Youth or Adults** with the signs and symptoms of a mental illness or in a crisis, and connect them with the appropriate professionals. MHFA makes it OK to have the difficult conversations — it helps people open up and talk with family, friends, and coworkers. Research shows that the sooner an individual gets help for mental health disorders, the more likely they are to have positive outcomes.



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In Our OPINION...

Clarke Haire
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Tom Montgomery
Editor

Tax cut "fever"? Not in Michigan

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income as a result of expiring income and payroll tax cuts.

And, of course, there's a raft of new Obamacare taxes, not to mention increased insurance prices the law is imposing on millions of people (most of those with employer-provided coverage get socked next year).

All of which raises an important question: How much do tax hikers think is enough? Does government really deserve 50 percent of its subjects' earnings? How about 70 percent? Why not 90 percent?

Recent polls suggest that increasing numbers in the We the People class believe that government already takes too much from us to do too much to us, to paraphrase a line attributed to Margaret Thatcher. Members of the Political Class should get with a program of scaling it back so that individuals can keep more of what they earn, not to mention more of their dwindling liberties. That would be a recipe for real recovery, not an election-year gambit.

Reporter's notebook

Of stuffed fish, a jail bird and a fake parrot

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



I must be getting old, because I can't remember the last time I stayed up (or wanted to stay up) in order to officially ring in the new year. I'm usually still trying to figure out where November and December went.

You, too?
While there was no boisterous New Year's Eve partying at our place, we did enjoy plenty of visiting time with our kids and grandchildren (all ten of them) during the holidays. Told you I was old.

My favorite gift? A stuffed orange and white striped fish (now hanging prominently in my office at home) from my grandson Austin. Don't get me wrong — all the gifts were great, including the three-crock slow cooker unit given to me by my better half, but I'm told Austin really put a great deal of time and thought into each gift. I'm not sure why a stuffed fish came to mind when it was time to find something for grandpa, but I'm also not surprised. Austin has a unique, random sense of humor that never ceases to amaze me.

In any event, it was the sort of Christmas that was blessed with peace (well, until the grandkids arrived) and good will toward each other.

Speaking of peace on earth, I read with some amusement an Associated Press story detailing a heartwarming holiday encounter in North Charleston, S.C., involving a man and a woman, his failure to stock up on booze, and a ceramic squirrel.

Seems deputies found a man covered with blood when they arrived at the home to investigate the ruckus, and the woman told them the man fell and cut himself. She could not, however, explain why her hands and clothes were also bloody.

Turns out, according to the victim, the woman became angry when he returned to the house without beer (because stores were closed on Christmas Eve). So, she grabbed the ceramic squirrel and beat him on the head with it, then stabbed him in the shoulder and chest.

The story didn't say, but I'm assuming he survived. Not surprisingly, she spent the holiday in a jail cell.

Finally, speaking of cages, have you heard of the new pet bird some company is peddling on television commercials lately? Well, this one needs no cage, and even if it did, there would be no need to line the bottom with old newspaper.

Dubbed the "Perfect Polly, this "motion activated parakeet comes to life whenever you walk in the room. Only you will know it's not real!" Sure. On the other hand, in addition to not having to buy food or clean up any messes, you can shut this bird down with the flip of a switch. The Perfect Polly costs \$10 plus \$6.99 for shipping and handling (of course, they offer a second robo-bird for just \$6.99).

Wow. When did we get so lazy?
I don't know. I guess if I were that lonely, I'd just draw a smiley face on my toaster and save myself twenty bucks.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2009)

Red Hawks Dean Rabideau and Jennica Richards are this week's recipients of Schneeberger's Athletes of the Week honor. Rabideau, a junior grappler, recorded a pair of wins in recent Greater Thumb Conference action against Brown City and Vassar, sweeping the 160-weight class. Richards, a senior playmaker, scored a game-high 18 points that tells only half of her contributions while leading the Lady Red Hawks to their first win on the season over host Deckerville, 53-36, in non-conference play.

10 YEARS AGO (2004)

Eight Cass City High School wrestlers earned medals at the 10-team Cass City Invitational Saturday and the Hawks finished third with 121.5 points. Leading the Hawk medal winners was Marcell Helland, 152 pounds, who finished first. Second place honors were earned by Kyle Reif, 125 pounds, and Eric Hollis, 189 pounds. Four Hawks earned third place honors — Lee Hutchinson, 275 pounds; Steve Meeker, 215 pounds; Micah Randall, 152 pounds and Jeff Tenbusch, 160 pounds. Kyle Sieradzki, 145 pounds, finished fourth.

The first baby born to a Cass City area family arrived Thursday, Jan. 8, at 11:58 p.m. at Lapeer Regional Hospital. Trinity Marie Middaugh, daughter of Brenda and Chad Middaugh, Deford represents a fifth generation on both sides of the family. Grandparents are Tracy Middaugh, Grand Rapids, Chuck Middaugh, Deford, and Kaylene and Brian Vandernark, Deford; great-grandparents are Jerry and Connie Vandemark, Deford, Theron and Diane Middaugh, Cass City, Carl Vandiver, Tennessee, and Keith

Brown, Trenton; and great-great-grandparents are Chet and Bessie Muntz, Cass City, and Vernon and Dorothy Vandiver, Tennessee.

25 YEARS AGO (1989)

Zimba Farms, Deford, has been named the 1988 conservation "Cooperator of the Year" by Tuscola Soil Conservation District officials. The area farm operation was named recipient of the annual award, established in 1976, based on several farm methods endorsed by the Soil Conservation District, according to county district Administrator Mary Lou Earl. Among the measures was the planting of more than 75 acres of no-till corn in hay residue, corn in soybean residue, and soybeans in corn residue, she said. Brothers Jess, 30, Ed, 26, and Matt Zimba, 21, who operate the dairy farm and cash crop operation under a partnership arrangement, also completed installation of a lagoon-type animal waste system last year. They plan to spread the manure via irrigation next spring.

50 YEARS AGO (1964)

A Cass City magician lifted his face mask the day before the village began the new year and announced that after almost half a century of performing spectacular feats of metal magic, his 'magic wand' wouldn't be as busy because he was beginning what he termed "semiretirement." John West, long-time Cass City machine shop operator and salvation of bent and broken machinery, officially made his announcement that he would begin semiretirement as he put the finishing touches on a welding job with his 'magic wand.' West's 'magic wand' is, of course, his welding rod with which he has come to the aid of farmers, garages, factories and other machinery-using businesses throughout the Thumb

and surrounding area.

Roger Forster of Elkton has purchased the Kellerman Farm Service business, it "was revealed in a joint announcement Friday. The sale terminates 33 years of business in Elkton for Blythe Kellerman and marks the end of 70 years in business for the Kellerman family. The new owner is well-known in Cass City. He worked at Gross and Maier Meat Market and his wife is the former Chris Profit of Cass City.

Erla's Food Center had U.S. No. 1 Golden Yellow bananas for 10 cents a pound; U.S. No. 1 Mich. Potatoes 25 lb. bag for 59 cents; New Cabbage 8 cents a pound and U.S. No. 1 MacIntosh apples 4 pound bag for 39 cents.

100 YEARS AGO (1914)

Probably the oldest Masonic apron in existence is an heirloom in the possession of Slade Lazelle, a farmer, near Caro. The apron is of red silk and was given to Mr. Lazelle by his father, George Lazelle, who was a Thirty-second degree mason and a member of the order for 64 years. The present owner of the apron joined the order in Clinton county in 1865. His father caused its history to be printed on the white back, and the apron, though 119 years old, is still in a good state of preservation.

Noko- The neighbors here have joined together and made several bees drawing gravel upon the roads both west and north of us. It will be of great advantage to all who team produce to our new town, Decker.

Miss Carrie Hurley resumed her work at the Bird school Monday morning with an enrollment of 20 pupils. Miss Hurley is doing fine work in the school and the patrons are justly proud of her.

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Anchor Cove Outreach Church

201 E. Sanilac Rd.
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989-872-2262
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

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872-5060
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6743 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726
Contacts 872-2367 or 872-3136
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Bible Study -
Sunday 10:00 a.m. & Wednesday 7:00 p.m.



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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

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Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Pastor: F. Robert Tucker



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6538 Third St., Cass City, MI 48726
872-2604 or (989) 912-2077
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Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study -
& Children's Activities 6:00 p.m.
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Associate Pastor: Judy A. Eskilsen



First Presbyterian Church

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State & National Historical Registry
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872-5400
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
Pastor: Dave Blackburn



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872-3336
Summer
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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



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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
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Got snow?

THE WEEKEND Storm was going strong Sunday night, dumping up to a reported 17 inches of snow — at a rate of one to two inches an hour — in portions of the Thumb. The arctic blast was following by plummeting temperatures in the single digits, with wind chills dipping to as low as minus-35 degrees.



SUMMER IS IN hibernation mode in the Thumb, but Cass City Recreational Park will once again be filled with people and activity come spring. This photo, shot from atop the village's sledding hill, was submitted by John Scollon during a recent trip home to visit family and friends.

Take precautions against bitter cold

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on frostbitten feet and toes, immerse the affected area in warm (not hot) water, or warm the area using body heat (for example, an armpit can be used to warm frostbitten fingers). Do not rub or massage a frostbitten area, and don't use a heating pad, heat lamp, fire place or radiator to warm the affect areas, which are numb and may be burned.

Hypothermia is another danger and, according to experts, those over the age of 65 account for nearly half of all hypothermia deaths. As the body ages, the ability to maintain a normal internal body temperature decreases, creating an insensitivity to moderately cold temperatures. Seniors may not realize they are putting themselves at risk until symptoms appear.

Those symptoms include shivering, exhaustion, confusion, fumbling hands, memory loss, slurred speech and drowsiness. If symptoms are present, immediate medical attention is necessary.

The leading reason for hypothermia in the elderly is due to poorly heated homes, which is entirely preventable.

Here are some tips to ensure a warm household:

*Keep the thermostat at a minimum of 65 degrees. Consistently check it to make sure your home is sufficiently warm. Even as heating costs rise, your safety should be the priority.

*Make sure you have a carbon monoxide detector near sleeping areas.

*Ensure that there is adequate insulation, and check and clean fire places and furnaces regularly. Remember to also replace furnace filters monthly.

*Minimize drafts by filling old socks with sand and using them in drafty windowsills and door jams. Weather strip around windows and doors. Keep doors to unused rooms closed, and close curtains at night.

*Add an extra blanket to the bed and warm the bed in advance of sleeping with a hot water bottle.

*Dress in layers of loose-fitting clothing. If you go outside, make sure your head is covered.

Every year, more than 1.6 million seniors end up in emergency rooms because of a fall, and with snowy/icy conditions, the risk of a fall is even greater.

Experts recommend that you take a couple minutes each day to stretch your limbs in order to loosen muscles. Stay inside if possible and make arrangements for someone to shovel and salt walks and driveways, and run errands such as grocery shopping and picking up the mail.

Area residents are encouraged to check on their neighbors' well-being, especially elderly neighbors unable to get out during and after a snow storm.



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McCormick new employee

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I traveled around for two weeks and met the most amazing people. "This past August I completed my bachelor's degree in graphic design (with) a minor in art and marketing at Saginaw Valley State University," she said. "I worked in the Office of International Programs and Study Abroad as an intern. I was the lead graphic designer. I also helped other designers with their projects and coached them."

Locally, McCormick, whose sister, Heather, is a senior at Cass City High School, has also worked at CK Graphics in Cass City.

McCormick will be taking on a number of duties in her new role at the Chronicle, with a focus on computer graphic design.

"I'm really excited to be able to use my degree in the workforce," she said. "The Cass City Chronicle is just the experience I'm looking for. I can't wait to promote our local area and meet new people."

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CHRONICLE SPORTS

Cuthrell hits game winner

Cass City wins thriller

Cass City survived its Greater Thumb Conference crossover test Friday against visiting Brown City, rallying late for a 42-39 win, improving to 4-1 in non-conference action.

Curtis Dickinson and Collin Hartwick handled the scoring chores for Cass City early, and at the intermission had the home team up 21-18.

Dickinson scored from the inside and outside during the game's opening minutes. The senior forward tallied Cass City's first seven points. He got started by nailing a three-

point bomb and then converted a pair of hoops in the lane. Dickinson, however, was tagged with his second foul and with 60 ticks remaining in the frame was sent to the bench.

Brown City, meanwhile, used a balanced attack in the initial frame that saw five different players enter the score book. They held a 12-9 spread entering the second quarter, but were held to six points on shots from behind the ark by Jeffrey Randolph and Alex Bartle before the half.

Cass City capitalized on Brown City's shooting woes and ended the half on a 7-0 spurt. While the visitors went cold from the perimeter, Hartwick heated up for Cass City and hit one trey near the top of the key and followed with another trey from the corner to provide the hosts with a three-point advantage.

Both teams continued to have success during a fast pace third quarter from the outside. Brown City received a pair of three-point hoops from Randolph and another triple from Jake McLaughlin to keep pace. Cass City used three Hartwick baskets to enter the final period trailing just 29-28. Hartwick's third trey of the night and a couple of baskets in the lane, including a pretty one-handed runner, closed the scoring in the third quarter and had momentum swung to the side of the home team. Hartwick tossed in 16 points to record game scoring honors.

Hartwick's fourth trey, part of 10 straight points from the Cass City sharp shooter, had the score even at 31-31 and forced a Brown City timeout. The Green Devils returned to the court and switched to a man-to-man defense. The move paid off as Brown City gained control using three straight turnovers to build a 38-33 advantage. The five-point spread was the biggest on the night.

The Brown City advantage didn't hold up, however, thanks to a pair of unlikely heroes. Sophomores Mason Erla and Sawyer Cuthrell each had plays down the wire that proved to be the difference.

With the game on the line, Erla made a huge defensive block under the basket and, coupled with four straight free-throws, had Cass City back in front, 39-38.

Randolph added a free-throw to even the score at 39-39, leaving 25 ticks in regulation and setting the stage for a last-second hero.

Enter Cuthrell. The lightning quick point guard was held in check for most of the night, scoreless until with five second remaining he found himself free in the short corner where he rose high and found nothing but net from 14 feet out. Cuthrell then swiped an errant Brown City pass, was fouled, and split 2 charity tosses to preserve the outcome.



CASS CITY'S Sawyer Cuthrell pressures Jeffrey Randolph during Friday's Greater Thumb Conference crossover thriller. Brown City was delivered a heartbreaking 42-39 setback as the Red Hawk sophomore guard connected on the game winning jump shot.



CURTIS Dickinson and Brown City's Jake McLaughlin meet along the baseline Friday in non-conference action. Dickinson got off to a fast start on the night for the host Red Hawks and finished with 7 points.

Schneeberger's ATHLETE of the WEEK

Schneeberger's laud their "Athlete of the Week" award winner, Blake Lebioda.

The Red Hawk grappler has started his junior season in high fashion. At the North Branch Team Tournament Saturday, Lebioda posted an impressive 4-1 record in the 140-pound weight class to lead his Red Hawk teammates, while earlier in the year he was a third-place medal winner at the Mayville Team Tournament.

Lebioda is in his third varsity season. Last year, he was the Greater Thumb Conference runner-up in the 130-pound weight class.



Blake Lebioda

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This is the time of year when charities and other nonprofit organizations remind citizens that they can lower their tax bills by donating to these organizations.

The Department of Natural Resources can say the same: contributions to Michigan's Nongame Fish and Wildlife Fund are tax-deductible and the fund is what provides state officials with the money to manage the 80 percent of wildlife species in this state that are not hunted or

trapped, (game species are managed with revenue from license sales).

Celebrating its 30th anniversary this year, the Nongame Fish and Wildlife Fund has changed in several ways since its inception in 1983, though the three main goals remain the same:

To restore populations of endangered species;
To maintain healthy populations of animals and plants; and
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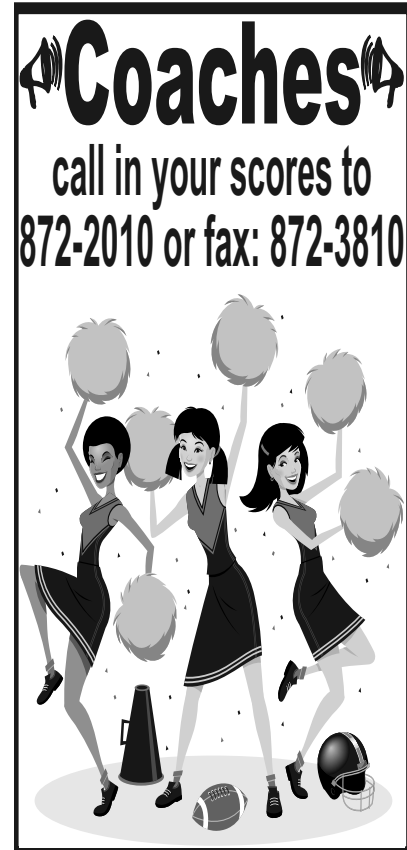
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All games at 6 p.m. unless noted
12/9 Capac at 5:30 p.m.
12/11 Sandusky at 5:30 p.m.
12/12 Caro (JV)
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12/18 Harbor Beach
1/3 Brown City
1/8 Ubyly
1/10 Bad Axe
1/15 Marlette
1/17 Brown City
1/22 EPB 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
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1/28 Reese
1/30 Vassar
2/4 Bad Axe
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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
2/27-3/1	Indiv State Finals @Auburn Hills	TBD

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.
2/1	Jackson	5:00 p.m.
2/8	Vassar Invite	12:00 p.m.
2/15	Freeland Invite	TBD



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SR. HIGH

Girls' Basketball

Jan. 9 ~ Bad Axe ~ 6 p.m.

Boys' Basketball

Jan. 3 ~ Brown City ~ 6 p.m.

Gymnastics

Jan. 21 ~ Vassar ~ 6:00 p.m.

Wrestling

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

JR. HIGH

JH Boys' Basketball

Jan. 20 ~ Marlette ~ 5:30 p.m.

Home games in bold.
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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 vendue at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on FEBRUARY 6, 2014.

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

Land situated in the Township of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as: Part of the North fractional half of the Northeast fractional quarter of Section 1, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, beginning 1098.00 feet South of the Northeast corner of Section 1, thence South 175.00 feet to the high water mark of Murphy Lake; thence South 66 degrees West 50.00 feet along said high water mark and including all land to the low water mark of said Murphy Lake, thence North 171.00 feet, thence North 62 degrees East 51.20 feet to place of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. 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: January 8, 2014
Orlans Associates, P.C..
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007
File No. 13-009853

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Samantha J. Dennis, A Single Woman to The United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor Agency, United States Department of Agriculture, Mortgagee, dated February 6, 2007 and recorded February 13, 2007 in Liber 1110 Page 1202 Tuscola County Records, Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twelve Thousand One Hundred Forty-One Dollars and Thirty-Five Cents (\$112,141.35) including interest 5.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such

case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00AM on February 6, 2014. Said premises are situated in Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 6, block 2, Fenster's Subdivision, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 87, now being page 378 Commonly known as 896 Gibbs Street, Caro MI 48723 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(17) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: 1/08/2014
The United States of America,
acting through the Rural
Development,
United States Department of
Agriculture Mortgagee
Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates,
P.C.
811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester
Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123
Our File No: 13-92997

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THE EAST 100 FEET OF LOT(S) 13, 14 AND 15, THE EAST 25 FEET OF LOTS 23, AND LOTS 24, 25 AND 26, OF BLOCK 2, S F CHASES ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE (NOW CITY) OF CARO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 1, PAGE 18B. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 1 month from the date of such sale, or as to MCL 600.3241a only, 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 600 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

JPMorgan Chase Bank,
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Uraina L. Mosack, a married woman, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated October 4, 2006, and recorded on October 5, 2006 in Liber 1097 on Page 1475, and assigned by said Mortgagee to The Bank of New York Mellon FKA The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the certificateholders of the CWABS Inc., Asset-Backed certificates, Series 2006-22 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-Six Thousand Two Hundred Five and 90/100 Dollars (\$66,205.90).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on February 6, 2014.

Said premises are situated in Village of Gageton, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 4 and 5, Block 2, Toohy's Addition to the Village of Gageton, Tuscola County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 54, now being Page 56A, except easements and rights of way record
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: January 8, 2014
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Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Scott Hall, A Married Man and Christy L. Hall, His Wife and Daniel Carver, A

Married Man to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as a nominee for Flagstar Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated January 12, 2009, and recorded on January 20, 2009, in Liber 1165, Page 708, Tuscola County Records, said mortgage was assigned to NEWBURY REO 2013, LLC by an Assignment of Mortgage which has been submitted to the Tuscola County Register of Deeds, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Five and 74/100 (\$58,345.74) including interest at the rate of 5.50000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the Circuit Court in said Tuscola County, where the premises to be sold or some part of them are situated, at 10:00 AM on January 30, 2014 Said premises are situated in the Village of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: The East 100 feet of land described as follows: Commencing 447.48 feet North and 198 feet West of the Northeast corner of Lot 4, Block 2 of Village of Millington, according to the recorded plat thereof; thence North 132 feet; thence West 290.4 feet; thence Southeast along the land owned by the Michigan Central Railroad Company to a point West of starting point; thence East to place of beginning. Being part of Southwest quarter of Southeast quarter of Section 9, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Village of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan Commonly known as:

4705 NORTH ST If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 6.00 months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year.

Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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

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

Dated: January 1, 2014
Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for NEWBURY REO 2013, LLC
43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180,
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302,
(248) 335-9200
Case No. 13MI01661-1

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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 Thursday, January 30, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. local time, the undersigned will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at the Circuit Court within Tuscola County, in Caro, Michigan, the premises described in said mortgage or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due on said mortgage, including all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: Land in the City of Fostoria, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan to-wit:

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Dated: December 26, 2013
Mortgagee CSB Bank
206 N. Main Street Capac, MI 48014
Pamela S. Ritter (P47886)
Attorney for Mortgagee CSB Bank
Strobl & Sharp, P.C.
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Larry A. Marr, A Single Man, original mortgagor(s), to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Mortgagee, dated May 11, 2009, and recorded on May 20, 2009 in Liber 1175 on Page 595, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Four and 12/100 Dollars (\$58,304.12).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on January 30, 2014.

Said premises are situated in Township of Arbel, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 29, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, described as beginning at a point on the South line of said Section 29 which is South 89 Degrees 35 Minutes 30 Seconds East 440.00 Feet from the South 1/4 corner of said Section 29, thence continuing along said South line, South 89 Degrees 35 Minutes 30 Seconds East 110.00 Feet, thence parallel to the North and South 1/4 line, North 00 Degrees 03 Minutes 30 Seconds West, 415.00 Feet, thence parallel to the South line of said Section 29, North 89 Degrees 35 Minutes 30 Seconds West, 110.00 Feet, thence South 00 Degrees 03 Minutes 30 Seconds East, 415.00 Feet to the place of beginning.

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

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Dated: January 1, 2014
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Wayne E. Helm, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to National City Mortgage Services Co., Mortgagee, dated November 19,

2001, and recorded on January 7, 2002 in Liber 855 on Page 755, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to PNC Bank, National Association as assignee as documented by an assignment dated December 5, 2013, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-One Thousand Six Hundred Forty-One and 68/100 Dollars (\$71,641.68).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on January 23, 2014.

Said premises are situated in Township of Denmark, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 13, Weber Subdivision, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Liber 2, Page 47 of Plats, 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.

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 25, 2013
For more information, please call: FC H (248) 593-1300
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Sherry J. Kerr and John R. Kerr, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Chemical Bank and Trust, Mortgagee, dated September 28, 2004, and recorded on October 1, 2004 in Liber 1010 on Page 814, and assigned by mesne assignments to PNC Bank, National Association, successor in interest to National City Real Estate Services, LLC, successor by merger to National City Mortgage, Inc., formerly known as National City Mortgage Co. 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 Fifty-Four Thousand Two Hundred One and 20/100 Dollars (\$54,201.20).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on January 23, 2014. 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.

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 25, 2013
For more information, please call: FC H (248) 593-1300
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by SARA REZA, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 28, 2012, and recorded on October 15, 2012, in Liber 1262, on Page 426, and assigned by said mortgagee to

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Two Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-One Dollars and Forty-Seven Cents (\$72,371.47), including interest at 3.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on January 16, 2014 Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as: Commencing at the East 1 / 4 corner of Section 14, Township 11 North, Range 8 East: thence South 88 degrees 46 minutes 13 seconds West 660.00 feet along the East-West 1/4 line to the point of beginning: thence South 88 degrees 46 minutes 13 seconds West, 77.00 feet along the East-West 1 / 4 line; thence South 0 degrees 35 minutes 47 seconds East, 289.00 feet, parallel to the East section line: thence North 88 degrees 46 minutes 13 seconds East, 304.00 feet, parallel to the East-West 1 / 4 line: thence North 0 degrees 35 minutes 47 seconds West, 157.00 feet, parallel to the East section line: thence South 88 degrees 46 minutes 13 seconds West, 227.00 feet, parallel to the East-West 1 / 4 line: thence North 0 degrees 35 minutes 47 seconds West, 132.00 feet, parallel to the East section line to the point of beginning. Subject to reservations, restrictions and easements of record or in common use, including a right-of-way, across and upon the following described real property:

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

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Obituaries

Sharon Guinther

Sharon Elizabeth Guinther, 76, of Caro, died Tuesday, December 31, 2013 in Marlette Regional Hospital Extended Care Unit. She was born March 17, 1937 in Pontiac to Charles and Elizabeth (Aune) Wright. She married Roger Duane Guinther March 26, 1955. He died October 2, 1985.

Sharon worked for a short time for Evans Products in Gagetown. She had her own business of processing poultry for six years and was a talented seamstress for many years. Sharon also enjoyed many types of crafts including quilting and painting lawn ornaments.

Sharon is survived by her children: Diane (Donald) Begeman of Caro; Jeffrey (Chris) Guinther of Crosswell, Dennis Guinther of Caro, Daniel (Kathy) Guinther of Mayville; grandchildren: Gary (Tammy) Begeman, Jason Begeman, Kevin Begeman, Tammy Begeman, Ashley Guinther; great grandchildren: Elijah, Alexander and Evelyn; brothers: Dalbert (Nancy) Wright of Cass City, Phillip (Shirley) Wright of Arizona; sisters: Kathy (Robert) McPhail of Cass City, Carol (Bill) Benjamin of Tennessee; many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Teresa; brothers: James Wright, Charles Wright, Richard Wright, John Wright, Robert Wright; sisters: Laura Manerino, Gladys Jones, Darlene Peters.

Funeral services were held Saturday, January 4 in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Brad Speirs of Novesta Church of Christ officiating.

Interment will be in Elkland Township Cemetery. 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 made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.

Joe Pentowski

Joseph E. Pentowski was born July 17, 1924, to John and Cunegunda Pentowski in Caro. He grew up on a farm, where he plowed and worked the fields with a team of horses as early as age twelve.



The youngest out of six siblings and the only boy, he was pulled out of school after sixth grade to help on the farm. He married his sweetheart, Wanda A. Woidan, March 1, 1949. They had three children, John, Mark and Mary.

Joe entered the Army in early 1944 and fought in Europe with the 3rd Armored Division Tank infantry. When he told of his exploits during the war, you could not forget them. Joe fought in the Battle of the Bulge, winning a Bronze Star. His son, John, once asked him what he did to win that medal. Humbly he replied, "I didn't do anything special that anyone else was doing, but somebody saw it and wrote it down." Then he added, "Other guys deserved it more."

In Belgium, while pushing on toward Germany, his division stopped at a small town. After checking out an old church building for enemy troops, Joe along with four or five other GI's came outside and immediately they heard an artillery shell coming in their direction. They all froze. The shell landed three feet in front of them and put a hole in the cobblestone street the

size of a softball.

Later he found out that the Jews working in Nazi ammunition factories were sabotaging the German war effort by not placing explosives in the shell heads. He always said, "Those Jews saved my life." He never forgot it. So after the movie, "Schindler's List," came out, his son John took him to see it. And when asked how did he like the movie, he nodded his head and quietly said, "Pretty Good." He didn't speak much on the way going home.

When Joe helped liberate Mauthausen Concentration Camp, he described the inmates as walking skeletons. When they were released from the camp they fell upon dead horses that pulled Nazi artillery wagons. Even though the carcasses were dead for two or three weeks and were bloated, rotting and smelling, those poor souls grabbed chunks of that horse meat and devoured it whole.

At the war's end, he was among some U.S. troops ready to meet the Russian Army at the Elbe River. All they saw was a half-dead horse pulling a hay wagon with eight or nine soldiers on it. Some GI's asked, "Who's that?" and the reply was, "That's the Russians." Joe and most of the GIs returned to town. The big photo blow up came later.

Joe told his son that the Americans victory morale was saddened by the tragic car accident that Gen. George S. Patton was in, less than a mile away. Joe vividly remembers after the war's end that the U.S. troops were put on "alert" three times. "Get ready, we're going against Russia," was the order. He then thought to himself, "Gee, I'm never going to go home now!"

A strong opponent against war, Joe could always be found every Monday in Ferndale at 9 mile and Woodward with the "Mothers in Black," protesting the war in the Middle East.

After returning to civilian life, he went back to farming, but later relocated to Detroit where he worked and raised his family. Mr. Pentowski owned "Penn Furnace Cleaning and Repair Company, which specialized in coal-fired furnaces. Years later, he worked as a fuel oil broker for 25 years at Koenig Fuel and Supply Company. Folks who knew my dad always said, "He was one heck of a guy," John recalls.

"Yes he was!"

He was a loving husband of the late Wanda. A dear father of John (Diana) Pentowski, Mark (Debbie) Pentowski, and Mary Mayle.

Mr. Pentowski was a beloved grandfather of five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was a brother to Pauline Melynchenko and Stella Bushong.

Mr. Pentowski was predeceased by his son-in-law, Stevie Mayle.

Thomas Richards

Mr. Thomas L. Richards, 57, of Owendale and Rogers City, passed away after a 3-year battle with cancer, Saturday, Jan. 4, 2014, at St. Marys of Michigan, Saginaw.

He was born June 30, 1956, in Rogers City, the son of the late Ernest and Violet (Metko) Richards. On Dec. 24, 1976, he married Michelle Schultz in Rogers City. When he was younger he worked in the family logging business, was a licensed mechanic and worked on cars doing transmission work, raced cars at Silver Bullet (Owendale) Speedway, and was a military contractor since 2003, working in the Middle East. He loved anything outdoors, especially hunting and fishing.

Tom is survived by his wife, Michelle; sons, Timothy (Monica) Richards of Lake Ann and Ryan (Colleen) Richards of Bay City, two grandchildren, Emily and Samuel Richards of Lake Ann. He was predeceased by a sister, Betty Preba.

Honoring his wishes, cremation has taken place. A celebration of life will be held Saturday, Jan. 11, 2014, at 1 p.m. at the Alice Township Hall, 20018 638 Hwy., Onaway. Memorial visitation will begin at the township hall at noon.

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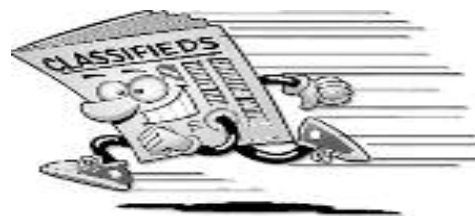


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WONDERFUL HOME - This home is sure to make a wonderful home for any family. Beautifully decorated and landscaped. Lots of room to grow. 2 fireplaces to warm up. A must see to appreciate. Seller moving out of state. Ready to move on. TCC1673

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OLD MAN WINTER has been serving up plenty of brutally cold weather throughout the Midwest, including Michigan's Thumb, but the subzero temperatures have also created some of Mother's Nature's most intricate artwork, such as this ice pattern on a pane of glass.

Kleins welcome New Year's baby

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The Kleins, both Cass City natives and Cass City High School graduates (Josh in 2002 and Adrienne in 2006), currently reside in the Deford area, but have purchased a home in Lapeer and are in the process of making the move down there, according to Josh. Thumb National Bank customers are probably familiar with Adrienne, who recently left the bank after working as a teller there for 5 years.

Warju of Caro and Mike and Merry Gebauer of Cass City. Her grandparents are Jacqueline Warju of Cass City, Ron and Mary Ann Warju of Caro, and Donald and Jackie Conat of Cass City.

Josh is the son of Marv and Carolyn Klein, Cass City, and Bob and Lezlie Zielinski of Caseville. His grandparents are Bruce and Betsy Farver of Elkton and Ralph "Bud" and Geraldine "Gerry" Klein of Atlanta.

Adrienne is the daughter of Bob

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- Clear a path to the meter free from snow and ice for easy access.
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