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Council seeking bids for expansion

Cass City Village officials will be accepting sealed bids for construction related to an expansion of the Cass City Day Camp Building until Wednesday, March 19.

Village Manager Peter Cristiano informed Monday's audience at the regular meeting of the village council that over the past several summers, the day camp program has expanded in enrollment, outgrowing the "Rawson Facility Building" located near the Helen Stevens Memorial Pool.

"David Marr has designed an expansion of the building from 916 square feet to 1,948 square feet," Cristiano explained, adding, "The estimated cost of the expansion is \$34,000.

"A community effort has raised \$11,750 to date. The village has budgeted \$14,000 toward the project," he said. "Additional community funds are anticipated. The goal is to have the addition completed by the opening day of day camp the first part of June."

PUBLIC HEARING

Also Monday, following a brief public hearing, an Industrial

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Floyd Morrish family, friends planning benefit

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Family members and friends of Floyd Morrish are rallying around the area resident in an effort to raise money to help him with medical and other expenses stemming from hip surgery in early December.

A benefit dinner and auction is being planned for Saturday, March 1, starting at 6 p.m. at Gilligan's Bar and Restaurant, 6444 Main St. Dinner will be \$7 per person (children 3 and under free). Also planned are a silent auction and a 50/50 raffle. All proceeds will go to help with Morrish's expenses.

Anyone willing to donate items is asked to contact Amanda Wooters at



Floyd Morrish

(989) 553-5343.

Morrish underwent a total hip replacement for suspected bone cancer, according to Wooters, his daughter. "We have now found out that it's not cancer, but (we're) not sure what it was, so now further testing is needed," she commented over the weekend. "They're still trying to figure out if it's some type of muscle disease or bone disease."

Morrish, 56, of Gagetown, first sought treatment due to chronic hip pain. Doctors discovered he had fractured his hip, which prompted them to order tests to determine the severity of the fracture. A bone density test revealed a tumor, according to Wooters.

"The tumor was acting just like cancer," she said, adding her father's bones had become soft and sponge-like.

A 1976 Cass City High School graduate, Morrish has worked at Lapeer Plastics and Plating for the past dozen years or so. He doesn't

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AMONG THOSE ON hand for Friday's \$2,500 check presentation to Revive Ministries, Cass City, from America's Farmers Grow Communities on behalf of Littleton Farms, Cass City, were (from left) Janna Fritz, district sales manager, Monsanto; Micah Little, Littleton Farms; Jenny Hudson, Gail Tuckey and Rob Sangster, all of Revive Ministries; and Dave Little, Littleton Farms.

To Revive Ministries in Cass City

Littles present a \$2,500 gift

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A Cass City farming operation's luck turned out to be Revive Ministries' good fortune.

Micah Little of Littleton Farms,

was selected as a winner in America's Farmers Grow Communities program, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund. As a winner, he was given the opportunity to donate \$2,500 to the non-profit organization of his choice, and Little chose the Cass City ministry to receive the money.

Little and his father, Dave Little, who farm in partnership with Dave's dad, Keith, and his other son, Matt, attended Friday's check presentation at Revive Ministries, 6400 Main St., Cass City. Also on hand were Revive representatives and Janna Fritz, district sales manager for Monsanto.

According to Fritz, America's Farmers Grow Communities works directly with farmers to support non-profit organizations doing important

work in rural communities.

"The program encourages farmers to enter to win \$2,500, which is then directed to the farmer's non-profit of choice," she explained.

Launched nationally in 2011, the program has grown to include 1,289 eligible counties in 39 states. America's Farmers Grow Communities is part of the America's Farmers Initiative, which highlights the important contributions farmers make every day in their

communities.

Jenny Hudson of Revive Ministries indicated the recent donation was welcome news for officials at the local, independent ministry, which was initially established in 2005 through the efforts of the Cass City Missionary Church congregation.

What started out as sponsorship and organization of an annual free family program/children's fun fair quickly evolved in a host of other outreach projects, highlighted by monthly food pantries geared to serve the needs of struggling families residing in the Cass City School District.

Today, Revive is housed in its own building along Main Street in Cass City. Volunteers with the organization still host food pantries on the third Saturday of each month (10 to 11 a.m.), along with a variety of

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other special programs throughout the year — including the popular children's fun fair every spring. In addition, the ministry runs its own clothing and housewares resale shop.

Hudson said the Littles' donation will likely go towards supporting the popular food pantry. "We are in need of a (new) roof as well, so we're going to be doing that in the spring," she added. "We've been trying to set aside money since we paid off the building in the fall.

Officials: let voters decide on Campbell

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

After months of discussing the future of the former Campbell Elementary School building, the Cass City Board of Education Monday voted unanimously to place the issue in voters' hands.

Board President Craig Bellew's motion, supported by Trustee Janie Meeker, stated the decision to put the question on a future ballot is contingent on school officials getting an okay from the district's attorneys on the legality of the move. The board also indicated the vote would set a time limitation on how long the building would remain for sale, should a majority of residents approve that course of action.

It was board Treasurer Dave Osentoski who suggested a public vote during Monday's regular monthly school board meeting, saying voters — not a seven-member board — should have the final say.

"They decided to build it, they decided to put millage money into it multiple times," Osentoski said. "If they say sell it, we as a board sell it."

Local school officials earlier this month met with representatives of the Cass City Village Council and Dairy Farmers of America (DFA), which is in the process of building a \$40 million processing plant in the Cass City Industrial Park. The school board requested the meeting in hopes of determining the likelihood of the DFA project advancing to Phase II construction, resulting in an estimated 300 new jobs and, presumably, an increase in local enrollment.

"I will say that there was nothing we heard that change my mind," commented board Trustee Alice Zaleski, who has repeatedly voiced her support for selling the former school building.

Zaleski, who cited an annual utility tab of roughly \$20,000 to maintain the vacant school, suggested it would be far cheaper to build on to one of the district's other buildings than to re-open Campbell. "We have no equipment in the building because we, as a board, voted to sell that equipment," she added. "Even if they (voters) say don't sell it, what are we going to do with the building?"

Another consideration, Trustee Dan Manwell pointed out, is what it would cost to meet current state and federal codes required to re-open the school, if that became a necessity.

Zaleski and board Secretary Sloane Stimpfel indicated they doubt the DFA plant will boost Cass City's

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LITTLESON FARMS LLC, Cass City, is a family farm success story dating back more than a century. Today, the Novesta Township operation, owned and operated by Keith Little, his son, Dave, and Dave's sons, Matt and Micah, raises beef cattle and cash crops.

Tradition

Littles rely on diversity and younger generation to keep farming legacy viable well beyond the century mark

Editor's note: The Chronicle published a series of stories on Littleton Farms back in 2002, focusing on the Cass City area cash crop and hog operation from spring through fall as part of Michigan Farm Bureau's Adopt-A-Farm program. Today, the Littles are still going strong as another generation continues a family farming legacy dating back more than 100 years.

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The Little family doesn't raise chickens, but if they did, you can bet they wouldn't put all their eggs in one basket.

Maintaining a diversified and flexible farming operation, family patriarch Keith Little has said, can make all the difference between operating a viable livestock and cash crop farm and being forced to get out of agriculture altogether.

Little and his son, Dave Little, and now Dave's sons, Matt and Micah, have proven that philosophy makes for a solid business plan, one that has family members looking forward to many more years of success at Littleton Farms LLC.

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Hokey pokey senior style

Meg's Peg

 by
Melva E. Guinther

The past few weeks have been a blur.

Just after Christmas, my husband suffered a heart attack and was taken to Emergency by ambulance.

After some preliminary tests, he was transferred to another hospital in Columbus where they successfully performed 2 arterial bypasses. He came through it quite well, but has had some drastic limitations to his physical activity while healing, in addition to his prior handicaps due to a stroke 13 years ago.

He went to a skilled nursing facility for a few weeks for therapy and instruction on how to maneuver without disrupting the healing process.

Now he's home and when he needs to get up, we practice the old-timers dance they taught us at the facility.

He puts his right foot in and puts his left foot out (hokey pokey

style). I put my left foot between his and my right foot behind the chair leg, my left hand on the front and the right hand on the back of his gait belt, and bend my legs. (Sort of reminiscent of a Twister game.) He scoots to the edge of the chair and begins to rock. At the count of 3, we attempt to lift off and either we both fall down in a heap or he ends up standing.

We're both hoping the surgeon will declare him fit and remove his weight limitations soon, although I have to say we're getting pretty good at "the dance."

While all this is going on, we're in the process of selling our house in Cass City. Of course, there are innumerable details that must be taken care of, some of which involve searching through records.

Old records can be interesting, sometimes puzzling. I noticed while going over them, that we

spent some money at Danny's Restaurant a few years back, and neither Stan nor I can recall where Danny's Restaurant was or is.

Another entry in an old check register was to Stille's Shoe Repair in Caro in '03. Does anyone still repair shoes? I was reminded of Joe Riley's shoe store on the north side of Main St. in Cass City. I can't recall what occupies that space now, maybe Dan's Fireplace?

Some revelations surprised me. We all complain about the rising prices of everything. Looking through the records, however, showed that we paid more for license plates back in 2003 than this year. We also paid considerably more for supplemental health insurance. But who wants to admit that anything actually costs less now? That would be downright un-American, wouldn't it?

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Uby announces marking period honor roll

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In Our OPINION..

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Teen dating violence a very real problem

Another Valentine's Day has passed, but love is still in the air for dating couples everywhere.

Unfortunately, physical and emotional abuse is also a reality in many relationships, including those involving young people. That's why Tuscola County Health Department officials are encouraging area residents to take a look at the problem in February — Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month.

Dating abuse is a big problem, affecting youth in every community across the nation, according to health department officials, who say dating violence affects an estimated 1.5 million teens per year.

Statistics show that one in three young people experience dating abuse, and one-quarter of high school girls have been victims of physical or sexual abuse or date rape. Among women ages 15 to 25, relationship violence is the number one cause of injury, and this age group has the highest rate of intimate partner violence.

Equally disturbing is that among young women ages 14 to 17, 80 percent of all girls who have been physically abused in their relationship continue to date their abuser, and only one in five female high school students report the abuse.

Violent relationships in adolescence can have serious ramifications by putting victims at higher risk for substance abuse, eating disorders and risky sexual behavior.

The Michigan Abstinence Program, currently taught in the Cass City and Bad Axe school districts, helps to educate and inform teens about the benefits of abstinence and includes information and education on teen dating violence.

Officials say abstinence-centered education teaches vital life skills that empower teens to avoid risk, with topics such as identifying the difference between a healthy and unhealthy relationship, coping with social pressures, healthy decision-making, and rejecting unwanted sexual advances.

A big part of the problem is a general lack of parental and teen awareness regarding teen dating violence in society.

Eighty-one percent of parents believe teen dating violence is not an issue or admit they don't know it's an issue. A majority of parents — 58 percent — cannot correctly identify the warning signs of abuse their child might be experiencing. The health department offers a wealth of information on the topic, and it's accessible by calling (989) 673-8114, or logging onto the department's website at www.tchd.us.

Everyone deserves a healthy relationship and should expect to be treated with respect. Everyone deserves to be loved and cared about without having to deal with abuse or violence.

Learn to recognize the signs, raise awareness, spread the word and support prevention of teen dating violence.

Slices of Life

by Jill Pertler

Tax time




It's been said that nothing is certain except death and taxes. From now until April 15, the majority of law-abiding citizens will be compelled to pay attention to the latter.

I'm no exception. I pulled out my tax stuff last weekend and attempted to make sense of those pesky little things called numbers.

I sat at the dining room table, accompanied by a heaping pile of receipts from 2013, and scanned each slip for business expenses and other tax-deductible items. Along the way, I took a trip down memory lane.

The codes used on cash register tapes to designate individual items tell the story of my year. Some people keep a diary; I guess I keep receipts.

A slip from February 2 listing Fryer Drmstcks, Bbq Sauce, Kidney Bns, Tom Sauce and Shred Ched led to Super Bowl memories. I don't recall the teams that played, but I could describe a commercial or two.

Bx Choc, Grting Crd and Frsh Floral dated February 13 triggered thoughts of Valentine's Day. The purchase was made by my husband, and didn't contain any business related items. I tossed it in the trash — reluctantly.

March 17 — Bleach, Scrub Sponge, Ppr Towel, Wht Vngnr showed that someone in my house was getting jump on spring cleaning. This receipt did not belong to my husband. Wink.

May 3 had me buying Nail Plsh and Wht Sandals in optimistic anticipation of the show-of-toes season, which was soon to come. I hoped.

On May 5, I purchased items keyed in as Avocad, Lime, Tortilla, Refrd Bns and Med Salsa. No one had to remind us it was Cinco de Mayo. Ole!

I let out a mom sigh at the sight of May 31. Deli Trky, Deli Ham, Deli Rst Bf, Hrd Buns, Pper Plates 50Ct and 100Ct Forks reminded me of my son's high school graduation. We used up the last of the forks this weekend when he was home for his birthday (second mom sigh).

Tmto Plnt, Flwr Seed, Veg Seed, Prem Topsoil and 3Pk Gdn Glov were acquired on June 2 in preparation for summer plantings. At this point, I fought the urge to leave my tax work in exchange for perusing seed catalogs.

June 15 showed the purchase of Mrshmal, Choc Bar and Grhm Crckr and I remembered an evening bonfire topped off with sweet and gooey s'mores.

Mstard, Stadium Brat, Polish Ssg and Pot Chips on a tape dated July 3 conjured memories of fireworks and sparklers. Other summer thoughts were contained within the list from July 22 — Swm Trunk, Swm Hat, Sunscrn.

Ballp Pen 4Pk, Dual Zip Bnder and 12Ct Pencils from August 24 reminded me of the first day of school and the excited (and not so excited) preparation that comes before it.

A receipt from October 31 had just one item listed: Banana Cost. I remember making a last minute dash to the store for a teenage son who decided he had an

immediate need for a costume. At that late date, the super heroes and zombies were long gone from the shelves; I was lucky to get the banana.

Winter was looming when I purchased an Ice Scrapp, Snugadoo Socks and an Adlt Hat on November 2. Not much later, on December 13, there is a receipt for Chapstick and Ht Hand, which I remember buying before attendance at a chilly hockey game.

December 15 rounded out the year with Poinsett, Grn Lame, Glitter Bow 2Pk and Shrt Box. I don't have to explain that one.

Most receipts were run of the mill and contained everyday items like Pnut Btrr, Veg Bf Sp, Crckrs, Crm of Mshrm and Toothpas. I learned (although I already suspected) that we buy way too much Froz Pzza. My boys are fond followers. They are also fans of homemade cookies, which I made once this year after coming home with a receipt listing Btrr Qtrs, Ss Morsel and All Purp Flr.

I did find a few items worthy of a tax write-off: Copy Ppr, Print Ink — Blk, Print Ink — Col and Envelop, so my search wasn't a complete waste of time. As for my taxes, well, they are nearly done. I want to make sure I've found every possible deduction. If only I could find a way to write off all those frozen pizzas.

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Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Although high winds forced Saturday's maiden Frostbite Festival indoors, organizers say a nice turnout still enjoyed lots of fun at Cass City Elementary School.

Joining in on the activities were seven local businesses, including prize-winning float builders: R&R Cumper Concrete & Masonry (best construction), Living Word Worship Center (most creative) and Northwood Meadows (farthest distance).

Let's hope that February is the last month for large snowfalls, says Peter Cristiano.

Cass City's Village Manager reported Monday that Gary Barnes and his crew have been out 20 of the last 21 days this month dealing with snowfall issues.

Tons of snow have been moved and tons of salt have been spread, according to Cristiano.

"I cannot say enough about the great job Gary and his staff has been doing to keep our streets clean and safe," he said.

Don't forget that the Cass City Rotary Club's annual St. Patrick's Day dinner and raffle is just around the corner. Planned for Saturday, March 15, at the Cass City VFW Hall, funds raised during the event will be used to assist in community projects, including the day camp building expansion. The local civic organization has pledged \$5,000 towards the upgrade.

Kudos to Sgt. James M. Freeman of the Cass City Police Department. He was lauded at Monday's village council meeting for his handling of an employee embezzlement complaint, filed by a manufacturing company in the village.

According to Freeman's boss, Chief of Police Craig Haynes, his detailed investigation required several search warrants for banking records, along with many interviews. At the conclusion of his investigation, a felony warrant was obtained for embezzlement.



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Letters to the Editor

We don't need any more state troopers

Dear editor,

Our governor, Rick Snyder, wants to hire 200 more state troopers. He must have friends in the training academy that will be losing their jobs unless they have more state troopers to train. That or he is getting this so-called "free money" from the federal government. If that is the case, Gov. Snyder should take a look at our \$17 trillion debt. That's where this so-called "free money" is coming from.

We sure don't need any more state troopers. He's

like President Obama; creating taxpayer jobs we really don't need at this time. I drive the freeways a lot and see the state troopers lying around in the median like seals on a California beach. There is nothing wrong with having some of them, but when is it too many? Our tax money could be put to better use, and one has to think, when his policies are that bad on this issue, the rest of his policies must not be much better.

We hire people to put plywood on the already decaying bridges to keep

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Author's Right to Life opinion is misleading

In response to a recent Letter to the Editor about Right to Life:

The writer said that Right to Life is not about Life because their political allies do not support things such as continued education, raising minimum wage, or free health care.

I am not sure what these things have to do with an organization that has made its focus on helping to pre-

vent abortions. I am also not sure how raising the minimum wage will help anyway, since it will only force prices up on everything that we buy because business owners will not absorb the extra cost. They will simply pass it on to the consumer.

Or how health care can be had for free, because there is always a bill to pay after a doctor visit. Or

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Deadline for submitting items in the calendar is the Friday noon before publication. Please send calendar items to: Cass City Chronicle at P.O. Box 115, Cass City MI 48726, Fax: (989)872-3810 or chronicle@ccchronicle.net

Friday, February 28

Hills and Dales Hospital Uniform Sale, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sponsored by Hills and Dales Auxiliary

STANDING COMMUNITY CALENDAR ITEMS

First Sunday:

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

First Monday:

•Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Grief Support meetings, "Healing Together." Meadow Lane, 150 Meadow Lane, Bad Axe, 1-3 p.m. For questions or to register to attend please call the office at (989) 872-5852 or toll free (877) 872-5852. These sessions are open to anyone dealing with a grief or loss. Sponsored by Hospice Advantage, Cass City.

Second Monday:

•Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.
•VFW monthly meeting, 7:30 p.m., VFW Hall, Cass City.

Second Tuesday:

•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.

Second Thursday:

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

Third Tuesday:

•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.

Third Thursday:

•Sanilac County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, 3 p.m., HDC Adult Day Services Building, 227 N. Elk St., Sandusky. For more information, contact Kim at (989) 673-4121 or Amanda at (810) 648-4497.
Grief Support meetings, "Healing Together." Heritage Hill, 1430 Cleaver Rd., Caro, 7-8:30 p.m. For questions or to register to attend please call the office at (989) 872-5852 or toll free (877) 872-5852. These sessions are open to anyone dealing with a grief or loss. Sponsored by Hospice Advantage, Cass City.

Third Friday:

•Fish & Chicken Dinner, 4-7 p.m., Knights of Columbus Hall, Cass City. Adults \$8; children \$4; under 10 FREE.

Fourth Monday:

•Cass City School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
•Hills & Dales General Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 11:30 a.m., Gilligans (no meetings July, August, December).
•Tuscola County Right to Life meeting, 6:30-8 p.m., Caro Area District Library, 840 W. Frank St., Caro. For more information, call (989) 872-3259.

Fourth Wednesday:

•Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
•Huron County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, Huron Behavioral Health, Bad Axe. For more information, contact Rhonda Quinn at (989) 269-9293.

Fourth Thursday:

•Community Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.
•Thumb TEA Party, 6:30 p.m., Evangelical Free Church, Cass City.

Last Monday:

•Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.

Every Monday:

•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.

Every Tuesday:

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

Every Wednesday:

•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.

Every Thursday:

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

Every Saturday:

•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).

Deputies arrest Huron County women after serving warrant

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Huron County Sheriff's deputies arrested a pair of Huron County women Thursday night after serving a search warrant at a Sebewaing residence.

Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson reported that deputies had been attempting to locate Chelsea L. Howard, 27, Sebewaing, since she failed to appear in Huron County District Court stemming from a child abuse proceeding.

"Over the course of time and with information from concerned citizens,

our deputies were able to verify that she had been staying with a friend at 39 Washington St. in Sebewaing," Hanson said. "Once a search warrant had been authorized by Prosecutor Tim Rutkowski and the 73B District Court, officers entered the residence and arrested Ms. Howard on two charges of failing to appear" in court.

"Deputies then determined that the home occupant, 23-year-old Amanda S. Loncar, had been harboring Ms. Howard from arrest and therefore arrested her for the same," the sheriff added.

No bond was set on the warrants for

Howard, who remains lodged in the Huron County Jail, according to Hanson, who noted Loncar was arraigned in district court Friday afternoon. Her bond was set at \$7,500 (10 percent cash). Loncar also remained lodged in jail as of press time.

"Our office requests any information about criminal activity and encourages citizens (to) call our office during regular business hours at (989) 269-6500, or Huron Central Dispatch at (989) 269-6421," Hanson said. "Confidential callers can also use our tip line by calling (989) 269-2861.

Circuit court news

Several appear on felony charges

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

*Brent W. Geesey, 22, Millington, pleaded no contest to two counts of unlawfully driving away an automobile, Jan. 1, 2013, in Millington Township, and Oct. 31, 2012, in the village of Millington.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case, bond was continued at a combined \$27,500, and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Even C. Buhl, 25, Fostoria, pleaded no contest to two counts of malicious destruction of property valued at \$1,000 to \$20,000 (a 2006 Dodge pickup and a 2007 Jeep) Aug. 25 in Watertown Township.

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

*Jonathan T. Emery, 32, Tuscola, pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance Dec. 24 in Tuscola Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$20,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Christopher J. Ortiz, 22, Caro, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Dec. 22 in Indianfields Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$25,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Jacob Brooks-Simeon Pratt, 21, Saginaw, pleaded guilty to charges of malicious destruction of property valued at \$200 to \$1,000, subsequent offense, and domestic violence/aggravated assault Dec. 7 in Mayville.

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

*Brian J. Drayton, 34, Vassar, pleaded guilty to operating a motor

vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Dec. 22 in Vassar. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

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

*Larry R. Smith Jr., 34, Grand Blanc, was sentenced to 365 days in the county jail following his plea of guilty to receiving and concealing stolen property valued at more than \$1,000 between Feb. 19 and March 7, 2013, in Vassar Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to jail time, he was ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$698 plus restitution of \$3,850.

*Ramona K. Simons, 75, was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$878 plus restitution of \$3,730 following her plea of guilty to writing a non-sufficient fund check of \$500 or more May 30, 2008, in Gilford Township.

Sanilac Co. foundation officials gearing up for online campaign

Sanilac County Community Foundation officials recently launched the "Give Where You Live 2014" campaign, an online giving event taking place Tuesday, May 6.

According to foundation Executive Director Joan Nagelkirk, the project is designed to empower residents in Sanilac County and surrounding areas to come together and raise as much money as possible for local non-profit groups in just 24 hours.

"In partnership with the Community Foundation of St. Clair County, we have collectively committed \$70,000 to fund incentives for participating organizations," Nagelkirk said.

The campaign will kick off at 12

a.m. May 6 on the website GiveWhereYouLive2014.org, and will end at midnight the same day.

"During these hours, every donor who gives to a local non-profit through (the website) will be counted towards the organization's tally," Nagelkirk explained. "Every donation will receive matching funds from local and national sources, increasing the impact of every gift. The more donors an organization gets, the more likely that non-profit is to receive prizes and incentives awarded throughout the day.

"Our goal with Give Where You Live is to help Sanilac County non-profit organizations gain additional funds to continue all the great work

they do."

To be eligible to participate in the event, non-profit groups must register online at www.givewhereyoulive2014.org no later than Tuesday April 1, or complete a written application at one of the information and training seminars being planned by foundation officials.

The seminars have been scheduled for Tuesday, March 4, at 4 p.m. at Liberty Lanes in Sandusky, and Friday, March 7, at 4 p.m. at Marlette Regional Hospital in Marlette. A date and time have yet to be set for a third session to be held in the Crosswell/Lexington area.

Interested organization should contact Melissa Anderson at (810) 648-3634 for more information.

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Reporter's notebook



How old is grandpa?

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



I recently celebrated my 39th birthday (okay, it was my 40th birthday. Not) — and I'm crazy about my grandchildren — so I thought I'd share this gem making the rounds on the Internet.

How Old Is Grandpa?

One evening a grandson was talking to his grandfather about current events. The grandson asked his grandfather what he thought about the shootings at schools, the computer age, and just things in general.

The grandfather replied, "Well, let me think a minute. I was born before television, penicillin, polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, contact lenses, Frisbees, and 'the pill'."

"There were no: credit cards, laser beams or ball point pens.

"Man had not invented: pantyhose, air conditioners, dishwashers, clothes dryers, and the clothes were hung out to dry in the fresh air, and space travel was only in Flash Gordon books.

"Your grandmother and I got married first, and then lived together. Every family had a father and a mother.

"Until I was 25, I called every man older than me, 'Sir'. And after I turned 25, I still called policemen and every man with a title, 'Sir'."

"We were before gay rights, computer dating, dual careers, daycare centers and group therapy. Our lives were governed by the Bible, good judgment and common sense. We were taught to know the difference between right and wrong and to stand up and take responsibility for our actions.

"Serving your country was a privilege; living in this country was a bigger privilege.

"We thought fast food was eating half a biscuit while running to catch the school bus, having a meaningful relationship meant getting along with your cousins, draft dodgers were those who closed front doors as the evening breeze started.

"Time-sharing meant time the family spent together in the evenings and weekends — not purchasing condominiums.

"We never heard of FM radios, tape decks, CDs, electric typewriters, yogurt, or guys wearing earrings. We listened to Big Bands, Jack Benny, and the president's speeches on our radios. And I don't ever remember any kid blowing his brains out listening to Tommy Dorsey.

"If you saw anything with "Made in Japan" on it, it was junk. The term 'making out' referred to how you did on your school exam; Pizza Hut, McDonald's and instant coffee were unheard of; we had 5 & 10-cent stores where you could actually buy things for 5 and 10 cents. Ice cream cones, phone calls, rides on a streetcar and a Pepsi were all a nickel, and if you didn't want to splurge, you could spend your nickel on enough stamps to mail one letter and two postcards.

"You could buy a new Ford Coupe for \$600...but who could afford one? Too bad, because gas was 11 cents a gallon.

"In my day: 'grass' was mowed, 'coke' was a cold drink, 'pot' was something your mother cooked in, 'rock' music was your grandmother's lullaby, 'aids' were helpers in the principal's office, 'chip' meant a piece of wood, 'hardware' was found in a hardware store, and 'software' wasn't even a word.

"And we were the last generation to actually believe that a lady needed a husband to have a baby.

"No wonder people call us 'old and confused' and say there is a generation gap."

According to the version of this piece I read, the author is supposed to be 70 years old.

As for me, in spite of my little white lie at the beginning of this column, I wasn't born before television, although it would be a few years before I would enjoy seeing it in color.

Still, the fact that a number of these items rang a bell is bittersweet, you know? We've come so far as a society in many ways, and yet we've completely lost sight of what's important in so many others.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2009)

In the 1930s, 75 small schools in Michigan sponsored 6-man football programs, but those numbers declined in the 1950s as smaller school districts consolidated, giving way to larger teams. Today, decades later, at least 2 Thumb area school systems, including Owen-Gage, are returning to those roots. The Owen-Gage Board of Education last week approved plans to shift from traditional 11-man football to an 8-man format.

As a reward for being part of the Cass City High School basketball team, Coach Lloyd Schinnerer started the 5 seniors on the squad in the final home game of the regular season against Reese. The seniors are Jennica Richards, Megan VanVliet, Carly Rabideau, Aleigh Kappen and Sara Reed.

10 YEARS AGO (2004)

Uby High School Band students performed at a district solo and ensemble festival. The students earned a pair of Division I ratings (the highest mark possible) and 11 Division II ratings for their solos and duets. Two clarinet soloists, senior Carrie Pichla and junior Meghan Kubacki earned the Division I ratings, qualifying them for the state festival at Central Michigan University. The girls will be required to perform scales as well as solos and also sight-read a new selection.

Cass City Red Hawks ended the regular season on a positive note with a win at Bay City All Saints Friday, 58-46. Three Hawks were in double figures. Jake Brinkman netted 16, Brad Langenburg, 13, and Tyler Erla, 15.

There's nothing unlucky about number 13 for the Owen-Gage volleyball team. In fact, luck had nothing to do with the Bulldog's performance over the weekend at its own Class D district. Coach Kaye Swiastyn's Bulldogs captured the school's 13th consecutive district crown Saturday in Owendale with wins of 15-9 and 15-0 over Greater Thumb West foe Bay City All Saints. Bulldog junior Katie Swiastyn took over in the deciding game. Swiastyn recorded all 15 points in the final game, 9 coming by way of ace serves. Swiastyn led all scorers on the day with 35 points and 13 aces. She also turned in 24 assists and 14 kills.

25 YEARS AGO (1989)

Talk over the past several months about building a new track in Cass

City has turned into concrete planning. And thanks to the dedication of a handful of community leaders and businessmen, and some commitments for donations and labor, the project is expected to get underway this year.

Five Cass City High School musicians have qualified to perform at the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association (MSBOA) State Solo and Ensemble Festival at the University of Michigan-Flint. The local students and their categories are Mark Howard, trumpet solo; Pat Bouck, flute duet; Wendy Weaver, flute duet; Juli Tracy, clarinet duet; and Jennifer McNaughton, clarinet duet and solo.

The Cass City Red Hawks rolled into the semi-finals against Deckerville with an easy victory over the Reese Rockets in the opening round in the district Class C tournament at Marlette. It was a game for the first 8 minutes and after that it was simply a case of how high the score was going to be against the outmanned Rockets. The Hawks had 3 players in double figures and 8 players share in the scoring. Paul Tuckey netted 23, Jeff Krol, 17, and Mike Randall, 12. Dave Petro scored 20 for Reese with more than half of them coming when Randall was on the bench. Final score was 74-51.

50 YEARS AGO (1964)

A long career in the junk business will end next week for Manley Asher when details of the sale of Southside Auto Parts to Russell Ayres of Cass City are expected to be completed. "I think it was in 1938 when I first opened up for business at the 10¢ barn", he said. The barn was located just northwest of the Seeger-Main streets intersection. It was the start of a long career. "A few years later John Cole and I became partners at the location now owned by Cass City Auto Parts", Asher explained. We were together, he said, until I sold out to him and purchased the junk business owned by Joe Knepper at the location now housing R&M Auto Parts on Main St. In 1947 I sold the building to Brinker Lumber Co. and, a year later started at this location, he concluded.

A 27-year-old Marlette man has purchased Dr. Robert Herve's veterinary practice in Cass City and officially assumed his duties Friday, Feb. 21. The new vet is Dr. Edward Scollon. Dr. Scollon recently completed a year of veterinary service in Marlette and

before that, spent a year in the Deckerville area. A 1961 graduate of Michigan State University, Dr. Scollon has announced that he will specialize in treatment of both small and large animals. Dr. Scollon remarked that he anticipates no drastic changes in the practice which will continue to be located at 4849 N. Seeger. He is married and has two children, Teresa, two, and John, 10 months. His wife, Dorothy, is a home economics teacher and taught for two years at Corunna. She graduated from, MSU in 1959.

Lynn Atwell, Cass City's 11-year-old ski ace, focused state and national sports attention on Cass City Saturday and Sunday when she grand-slammed her way to three firsts at the Central Division, United States Ski Association, meet at Nub's Nob near Petoskey. Lynn became the only triple winner at the event by taking firsts in down-hill and giant slalom on Saturday and another first in the slalom on Sunday in her category, Class IV, girls 11 and under. The meet was the last major competition for the year for Lynn, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Atwell, Cass City.

100 YEARS AGO (1914)

The Elkton basket ball team played the Cass City teams on Cass City ground. The Elkton girls got the big end of the score of 10-9 and the Cass City boys beat Elkton to the tune of 29-20. The gate receipts were the largest ever taken in at any game and helped the condition of finances of the Athletic Association wonderfully. A large crowd of boosters were out both from town and high school for which the school is very thankful.

The chapel exercises Monday morning given by the juniors were exceptionally good. Miss Palmateer gave two readings and Miss Finkbeiner accompanied by Miss DeWitt rendered several solos, the German songs especially were well liked; also "Solomon Levi" and "America" were sung by the whole school with lusty voices.

The freshman and sophomore classes of the public schools spent a pleasant evening with Miss Vera Bardwell at her home Monday. Games and music furnished the evening's entertainment and a light luncheon was served. The classes presented Miss Bardwell with a pretty necklace as a token of remembrance. She expects to move with her parents to Elkton in a few days.

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Farmers talk shop with legislators...

STATE REP. Terry Brown (D-Pigeon), center, who represents District 84 (Tuscola and Huron counties), talks with Huron County Farm Bureau member Corey Oeschger and MFB Public Policy Director Sarah Black at MFB's 2014 Lansing Legislative Seminar.

Family, friends planning a benefit/auction for Morrish

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have insurance.

"He hasn't been able to work since October because of this, and his was the main income for him and my mom," said Wooters, who noted the couple has only received a couple of hospital bills and already the tab has

added up to roughly \$65,000.

Wooters indicated she hopes the upcoming fundraiser will help ease some of the challenges the family is facing. "We're just trying to help them with expenses right now — the medical issues and the fact that they're falling behind on their bills," she said.

More than 300 farmers from across the state, including representatives of Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties, recently converged on Lansing to counsel lawmakers on current agricultural issues.

Michigan Farm Bureau's (MFB) annual Lansing Legislative Seminar offered producers the opportunity to meet face-to-face with state senators, representatives and staffers, putting the grass roots of Michigan agriculture in direct contact with Michigan's legislators.

Among the farmers on hand for the event were Tuscola County Farm Bureau members Zack Burns, Chris Creguer, Dennis Englehard, Janna Fritz and Nathan Rupprecht.

Representing Huron County were Rite Gentner, Julia Heilig, Corey Oeschger and Darrin Siemen. Attending from Sanilac County Farm Bureau were Steve Keinath, Jason McConnachie, Michael Noll, Brittany Shephard, Brian Williams and Kenneth Wimmer.

Alongside peers representing every facet of Michigan's diverse agricultural economy, farmers discussed current ag-related issues, including workforce development, agriculture funding, transportation and infrastructure, energy and taxation.

"This event has traditionally been one of our annual milestones — a big day for our members — and this year it didn't disappoint," said Matt Smego, manager of MFB's govern-

ment department. "We were happy to welcome more young farmers to our event; almost a third of our participants were under the age of 35."

"It's always encouraging to see that our lawmakers are responsive to their constituents," Smego added. "They understand the importance of agriculture to the state of Michigan, and our members appreciate that."

Members had the opportunity to tour the Michigan Supreme Court and ask questions of justices Robert P. Young Jr., David F. Viviano and Brian K. Zahra.

Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette addressed the crowd at lunch. He was followed by an interactive presentation from Gov. Rick

Snyder, who polled members on their thoughts on current agricultural issues. Both Schuette and Snyder were presented with copies of MFB's 2014 policy book, fine-tuned by members during the organization's annual meeting in December.

Farm Bureau members also attended briefings on key issues, followed by a late afternoon reception where nearly 80 lawmakers and staffers met with constituent members from their districts.

In addition, Tuscola County Farm Bureau was honored with MFB's 2013 Excellence in Grassroots Lobbying Award, which recognized its outstanding efforts toward implementing farm bureau policy at the local, state and national levels.



DISTRICT 31 state Senator Mike Green (R-Mayville), center, discusses issues with Tuscola County Farm Bureau members Nate Rupprecht (left) and Zach Burns during the legislative seminar.

Littles rely on diversity, next generation on farm

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The Littles' farm is in northern Novesta Township, with the operation based at 5178 Kelly Rd. It's a legacy dating back more than 100 years to Keith's grandfather, William, who bought acreage south of where the family's Michigan Centennial farm stands today.

Keith and his brother, Harold, eventually farmed in a partnership with their father. Later, Keith and his sons, Dave and Dean, farmed together. Dean left the partnership several years ago, but the remaining son and father are still working the land and raising livestock with the help of Matt and Micah, who represent the fifth generation on the farm. Together, they've made the transition from partnership to LLC (limited liability corporation).

"Micah started — this will be starting his third year (with the business), and it's Matt's second year," noted Dave, who indicated he wasn't sure if his sons would one day want to continue the family's farming tradition.

"They weren't all that interested (when they were younger), and I didn't encourage them," he recalled. "For a while corn and wheat prices were cheap. We were struggling to make ends meet, and I wanted something better for them."

However, Dave's sons made the decision to make the family business their own, too, and Dave saw that interest as a way to keep the tradition alive. "I told my dad, we've got to let them buy in and work the farm or get out," he said.

In 2002, the Littles farmed 1,300 acres, growing 400 to 450 acres each of corn and soybeans along with some dry beans and wheat. They also had roughly 80 head of beef cattle and a farrow-to-finish hog operation that turned out 1,000 to 1,200 hogs a year.

Dave and Keith opted to close the books on the hog operation 9 or 10 years ago when the cost of feed soared and pork prices plummeted.

"The pigs were good to us for a lot of years, but corn was at \$5 (a bushel) and pigs were 30 cents. The buildings got to be in bad shape — it just didn't pencil out," Dave explained. "So we kept the cattle and went to cash crop farming."

"We've got 80 head (of beef cattle) now, but we've had as high as 140, 150," he said, adding the family expanded the operation by renting and purchasing more land, which now stands at a combined 1,600 to 1,700 acres.

Those purchases were sparked, in part, by neighboring farmers' decisions to leave the business, according to Dave, who can remember a time when a dozen neighbors within a 4-square-mile section surrounding his farm all made their livings from agriculture. Today, only the Littles' farm remains active in the same area.

These days, the family grows 725 to 750 acres of corn, 625 to 650 bushels of soybeans and roughly 135 acres of wheat. Another 100 acres is planted in potatoes in a land swap arrangement with Walther Farms that enables both farms to rotate crops from one year to the next.

Although Dave and Keith both still carry their share of work on the farm, Dave acknowledged it's nice to know their hard work over the years will be continued by Matt and Micah, who each have families of their own now.

"I'm glad they did it. I'm glad they've taken over and showing some interest," Dave said.

When it comes to making a living in agriculture today, he added, the start-up costs are overwhelming. "You almost have to start on a family farm," he said. "If they had to start out on their own, they wouldn't make it. Nobody would."

"Farming's been good to us," Dave added. "It's had its headaches, but for the most part, it's been a good place to raise kids."

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Obituaries

Larry Meyer

Larry M. Meyer, 72, passed away December 25, 2013 from cancer at Ross Arbor Hospice in Kalamazoo.

Larry was born and raised in Saginaw to Melvin and Lucille Meyer on September 1, 1941.

During his lifetime, his accomplishments included car mechanic, aircraft mechanic, airport manager and single engine aircraft sales and insurance sales. His hobbies included playing classical violin, model railroad building and amateur (ham) radio operator. He was a member of

Masonic Lodge of Kalamazoo.

He is survived by his wife Sally (Profit) who he married in Cass City in 1966, a granddaughter Beth Durrett of Virginia and great-grandson William.

Cremation was scheduled and memorial service is pending.

Letters to the Editor

We don't need anymore state troopers

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the concrete from falling and hitting the motorist. If this is really a safety issue, why doesn't Gov. Snyder fix our crumbling bridges instead of paying for more state troopers? For that matter, the money could be better spent by giving it to the Detroit Police Department where they have a war zone going on at the present time.

I believe we should never elect another politician. We should have a draft like the military used to have. Serve four years and you're out, and have meets once a month. We couldn't end up any worse off than with what we have now.

If Gov. Snyder thinks he is spending this kind of taxpayer's money in the best interest of the taxpayer, then either he is crazy or I am. What's

really bad is after three years, these 200 state troopers fall on the backs of the Michigan taxpayer when this "free money" has ended.

When Gov. Snyder was running for office, he said he was going to fix Michigan. I don't call this fixing Michigan with these kinds of senseless policies.

Robert Peruski
Ubly

Author's Right to Life opinion is misleading

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does "free" really just mean charge the taxpayers for it or under the new health care law, charge the young, healthy, working people for it?

But that's beside the point. The issue here is whether or not Right to Life is really about life.

If you really believe that a little baby in its mother's womb is just a lifeless blob that has no value, or that because it is small and not completely developed, that it is not a life, then I guess Right to Life is not about life.

If, perhaps, you think that because a baby is inside the womb instead of outside that it is any less human, then Right to Life is not about life.

I personally believe that the size of a person or the location of it are not good deciding factors as to whether or not a person has a right to life. But we have been told for so long that a life is not really a life until it is born, that some believe it.

According to the writer of the previous article, Right to Life is the oppressor of women. I don't see it that way. They tell women that they are strong enough to have the baby. They tell women that carrying to completion what has been created can be a blessing. They are trying to help women make a decision that will be an enrichment in their lives, not a hindrance. They try to get laws passed that help inform and protect women from the risks of abortion.

I believe organizations such as Planned Parenthood are the ones who really oppress women. They use a number of reasons to convince women that they should consider aborting their baby; they are too young or too old to have a baby, the birth of the baby may harm the mother, they can't afford to take care of a baby.

They use any reason that they can

come up with, and why wouldn't they? They are the largest abortion provider. They deceive women and rob them of one of the greatest blessings that they can experience - all for money.

And as for the women that support Right to Life, I know many, and not one of them does not appreciate their right to vote. Not one of them views

themselves as inferior to men, as the writer implied.

Please stop misleading people about Right to Life. Just because pro-lifers don't agree with liberal political views does not mean that we hate women or view them as unequal.

Matt Spencer
Cass City

TBHS now member of medicaid network

Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems (TBHS) Joins Mid-State Health Network as part of State Consolidation

Recently Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems (TBHS) became a member of the Mid-State Health Network (MSHN), which is the new Medicaid managed care organization for behavioral health services covering Tuscola County. MSHN and TBHS are responsible for assuring services are available for persons with serious and persistent mental illness, serious emotional disturbances, developmental disabilities and substance use disorders.

As a result of a State consolidation effort, MSHN was created to serve a twenty-one county area that includes the following counties: Bay, Arenac, Clinton, Eaton, Ingham, Mecosta, Isabella, Osceola, Clare, Gladwin, Midland, Gratiot, Tuscola, Huron, Ionia, Montcalm, Newaygo, Jackson, Hillsdale, Saginaw and Shiawassee.

Through a partnership with the

local community mental health agencies in this 21 county area, MSHN will work to improve access to services, reduce costs and assure the highest quality of services for individuals and families with mental health needs.

While this has been a big change for community mental health agencies, services for individuals and families in Tuscola County have not changed. Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems will continue to be the local mental health service provider.

According to Sharon Beals, Chief Executive Officer of TBHS "The Mid-State Health Network gives us the opportunity to become part of a larger network of providers while maintaining our local connections and partnerships. We look forward to working with MSHN to continue to improve the mental health and well-being of our community."

To learn more about mental health services in Tuscola County, please contact TBHS at 989.673.6191 or 1.800.462.6814 or visit us at www.tbhsonline.com.

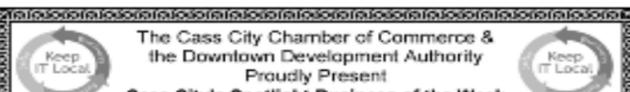
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In April, Hair Benders will be celebrating their 37th year anniversary and would like to thank the community for their support throughout the years. Please drop in, say hello, and congratulate the ladies on 37 successful years of business.

Thank you, Hair Benders, and here's to looking forward to 37 more!

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

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School board: let the voters decide on Campbell

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 enrollment enough to require re-opening Campbell. "We've lost 50 students since the time we decided to close the building," Zaleski said.
 Stimpfel said her concerns also include a public vote tying the board's hands. It was the public that elected the board to make these deci-

sions, she said, and in five years the issue could end up being dumped onto another group of board members.
 "I still feel strongly that we should put it up for sale," Stimpfel said.
 "I think our hands are tied in a sense now anyway right now," board President Craig Bellew commented,

referring to two local real estate companies indicating they aren't interested in listing the building because they don't believe it should be sold.

Other board members, however, countered that the businesses might have a change of heart should voters endorse the sale, and even if they didn't, there are other real estate companies in the area.

School officials closed Campbell Elementary two years ago as part of a consolidation effort to cut costs following a multi-year trend of declining enrollment that cost the Cass City District more than 500 kids over the span of a decade. In early 2013, the district began talks with representatives of a group of Thumb dentists who had proposed utilizing the building to house a non-profit Thumb Area Dental Clinic to serve Medicaid patients.

A one-time offer of \$95,000 for the building, offered by Gary Vollmar through a representative at a school board meeting during negotiations with the dentists, also has not been discussed further.

SCHOOL FINANCES

Turning to finances, school Supt. Jeff Hartel and Chief Executive Officer Mike Klosowski reported on the district's latest enrollment and budget figures, respectively.

Hartel told the board that Cass City's K-12 enrollment this month totaled 1,055 students, down 8 students from last fall's statewide tally. Last year at this time, the district had lost 5 students, and in the previous three winter counts the number of students was down 19 students, unchanged, and down 16 students, respectively.

Klosowski reported on an amended 2013-14 spending plan, citing significant adjustments in both expenses and revenues. The bottom line, he said, is the district has about \$65,000 more than anticipated, in spite of the loss of students and decreases in funding from various sources.

Klosowski also offered board members a look at state funding trends that show the Cass City Schools has lost some \$2.3 million in income since the 2007-08 school year.

In 2007-08, Cass City received a state foundation allowance of \$7,204 per student and its "blended enrollment" total was 1,377 students. This year, the foundation allowance totals

\$7,026 per pupil and the enrollment tally is 1,061 students. In addition, during the same time period, the district's mandated retirement fund payments have increased from 17.4 percent to 24.79 percent, with each one percentage point increase costing the local school system \$40,000.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

In other business Monday, the board:

*Received an update on snow days to be made up so far this school year.

Hartel noted the district has had a dozen snow days to-date. "The state forgives six of them," he said, adding the teachers union has agreed to making up two days, March 14 and March 21. "So, really to this date we have four days to make up."

Underclassmen are now expected to attend their final day of classes June 12 instead of June 6.

*Heard from Athletic Director Don Markel, who said officials with the Thumb Meet of Champs recognition program have decided to use schools' nominations for "Friend of Youth" from last year for the upcoming spring track event, due to the fact that last year's meet was canceled. Cass City's nomination for the honor is Jim Baker.

*Received a personal invitation from local band member and senior drum major Audrey Van Auken to attend the Cass City symphony band's festival performance Tuesday, March 11, at 6:35 p.m. in the Lakers High School auditorium.

My autobiography/memories are on hold due to hit and run accident on August 20, 2013. On M-53 in the 2 miles I adopted. In memory of Genevieve, John and Gerty Erla. Legal court matters pending.
 - Marilyn Erla

Notice of BOARD OF REVIEW for Ellington Township will be held
March 10, 2014 1:30-4:30 p.m. & 6-9 p.m.
March 11, 2014 8:30-11:30 a.m. & 1-4:30 p.m.

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**Evergreen Township Hall, 5514 Shabbona Rd., Decker
 Arthur Severance, Clerk**

Council seeking bids for expansion at Cass City Day Camp building

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Development District was re-established for Millennium Industries, paving the way for tax abatements on personal property.

The Industrial Development District is necessary to allow the Cass City manufacturer an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption of 50 percent on \$586,992 for 7 tube benders, which will add 25 jobs and increase customer base and sales for the company. The tax breaks are for 12 years.

APPOINTMENTS

Artur (Tony) Nika, owner of Nick's County Oven, was unanimously approved to fill vacancies on the Cass City Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and Economic Development Corporation (EDC) boards. Each term expires May 1, 2016.

OTHER BUSINESS

Turning to other business Monday

night, the council:

*Approved the purchase of a fiberglass door and frame from Ponder Industrial, Bay City, in the amount of \$5,198. The door and frame are built of heavy duty fiberglass and will replace the entry door into the grit room at the wastewater treatment plant.

* Accepted, approved and filed the minutes of January meetings of the Downtown Development Authority and Economic Development Corporation.

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Lakers, Cardinals advance into semis



CASS CITY'S Becca Warford works in the paint Monday against defensive pressure by Laker Taylor Schauer.

EPBP ends Cass City's cage season

As expected, Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port advanced into tonight's (Wednesday) Class C District semifinal contest in Ubly with a lopsided 64-24 victory over host Cass City.

The Lakers disposed of the Red Hawks Monday — on the opening night of district play statewide — behind a trio of double digit scorers, including Kayla Deering's game-high 26 points.

The Laker center dominated play throughout the opening half, gathering 17 markers before the break to help produce a 25-11 advantage for the visitors.

"We worked all week in practice on how to stop Deering," said Cass City Coach Clarke Haire. "And I thought we did a pretty good job on her tonight. She's just that good."

Cass City, meanwhile, entered the contest with its own star and Shania Chambers lived up to her billing. The Red Hawk playmaker recorded 16 points, including all but two of Cass City's first half total.

"Shania's final game of her outstanding 4-year varsity career was very special. She played with passion and guts. She'll be missed next year," said Haire.

The Lakers used a 23-6 run to open the final half, spearheaded by

Deering's nine third-quarter points, to remove all doubt of the game's outcome.

With the loss, Cass City finishes with a 3-16 overall record. Also playing in their final Red Hawk contest were seniors Lauren Bukoski, Kara Reif, Elisabeth Milligan and Kayla Barnes.

"On the court, these senior girls didn't collect as many wins as we would have liked. But off the court,

they are huge winners, especially in the classroom. That holds true for this entire team," says Haire, noting this year's team cumulative grade point average (GPA) is 3.2 and the senior class GPA is 3.4.

For the Lakers, Brooke Chaplinski chipped in 11 points and Brittany Hatfield 10.

For Cass City, Erika Martin, Lauren Scott, Becca Warford and Milligan all scored two points.

Kingston gals win thriller

Kingston advanced into the semifinals of its own district Monday with an exciting come-from-behind win over North Central Thumb League rival Deckerville.

Coach Jay Green's Lady Cardinals will now face Peck at 6 p.m. in Class D semifinal action on Wednesday.

After splitting tilts in the regular season, the schools battled to a 24-24 tie after two quarters. However, Deckerville was able to gain a six-point point edge with less than two minutes remaining in regulation, when the Cardinals rallied behind a

strong defensive effort that held the Eagles scoreless over the final 1:51 of the contest.

"We scored the last nine points," said Green. "Jenna Boyl hit a three off a set play with two seconds left to get the win after a steal from Cassidy MacGuire. Elissa Chambers scored eight points and had five assists. She made two big shots in the final minute to tie the score."

"This was a hard fought game between two rivals. I am proud of how the team kept fighting and willed their way to victory."



REESE'S Tanner Van Petten was able to get this shot to the basket in Friday's GTW contest with Cass City, despite defensive help from Curtis Dickinson.

Gymnasts earn regional berth

Needing just one more regional qualifying team score to advance into the post season, the Cass City gymnastic team would not be denied Thursday in Vassar at the Lady Red Hawks' final scheduled meeting of the regular season.

Despite falling 127.35 to 126.175 to the host Vulcans, Coach Kathy Bouverette's squad earned their fourth required team score of 120 or better to advance into this Saturday's regional action at Walled Lake.

"This is the first time that we have advanced (into regional) as a team in my 8 years (of coaching)," said Bouverette. "We had a hard time getting to Vassar (because of the weather) but once we got there, I told the girls it was up to them now."

They responded with the Red Hawks' second highest team score of the season.

Posting top scores for Cass City on the day were: on the vault, Katie Hacker (8.6), Dakota Wilson (8.2),

and Alexis Bates (8.1); on the uneven bars, Kendra Kerkau (7.65), Hacker (7.55) and Wilson (7.2); on the balance beam, Wilson (7.85), Hacker (7.525) and Bates (7.45); on the floor excises, Hacker (8.9), Wilson (8.35) and Miranda Spry (8.025).

"We will be taking 9 girls to regionals," said Bouverette. "There the top 3 teams and top 8 individual finishers move on to the state meet at Plymouth/Salem High School."

CC trades Greater Thumb West victories

Reese held visiting Cass City scoreless from the field in the second quarter Friday on their way to a 47-34 victory in Greater Thumb West action.

The Red Hawks actually led 13-9 after one quarter, but were held to a pair of Sawyer Cuthrell free throws

in the period before the half.

Reese extended their advantage to double digits in the final half, before a pair of buckets from Cass City's Curtis Dickinson and Tristan Kuntz helped to narrow the gap to 26-21 midway through the third stanza.

Rockets Tanner Van Petten and

Archie Naert took over in the final 8 minutes, where they combined for 14 tallies to hold off the visitors.

Naert led all scorers with 16 points, while Van Petten chipped in 14.

Dickinson paced Cass City with a dozen markers.

Earlier in the week, Cass City came up the winner in Bay City, where the Red Hawks knocked off the All Saints Cougars 55-51.

Collin Hartwick registered 19 points and Kuntz, 10, to lead Cass City.

Kingston successfully defends NCTL cage championship

The Kingston girls aren't known for sharing. And Friday the Lady Cardinals made sure they didn't have to, defending their North Central Thumb League basketball crown with a 64-35 victory at Port Hope.

With the win, Kingston finishes 13-1 in the NCTL, while Deckerville finishes as the NCTL runner-up at 11-2.

"We had good ball movement and 7

players scored at least 5 points," said Kingston Coach Jay Green. "With the victory we won the outright NCTL title for the second year in a row."

Kingston led 22-7 after one quarter and 40-14 after two.

Jenna Boyl led the winners with 13 points and 5 rebounds, while Sarah Savage added 12 points and Elissa Chambers had 6 points and 6 assists.

CASS CITY- Cuthrell 0-1 (3-6) 6; Hartwick 1-3 (0-0) 11; Perry 5-0 (4-8) 14; Dickinson 4-0 (4-8) 12; Eria 3-0 (4-8) 10; Kuntz 1-0 (0-0) 2.
Total: 14-4 (15-30) 55.

BAD AXE- Heintz 1-2 (1-2) 9; Turmell 1-0 (0-0) 2; Morneau 4-1 (1-3) 12; Geiger 0-0 (1-2) 1; Labor 4-0 (1-2) 9; Gray 1-0 (0-0) 2; Jurgess 1-0 (0-0) 2; Sutton 5-0 (1-2) 11; M. Messing 1-0 (1-2) 3.
Total: 18-3 (6-15) 50.



BAY CITY'S Thomas DeOpsomer and Cass City's Collin Hartwick battle for a spot on the floor during Greater Thumb West play. In the background is Tristan Kuntz.

Fabulous Four's Fearless Forecast

Varsity Basketball



Boys' Basketball

Tuesday, Feb. 25

Vassar @ Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Vassar	Cass City
Deckerville @ Owen-Gage	Deckerville	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage
North Huron @ Kingston	North Huron	Kingston	Kingston	North Huron
Ubly @ Marlette	Marlette	Marlette	Marlette	Marlette

Thursday, Feb. 27

Cass City @ USA	Cass City	Cass City	USA	USA
Bad Axe @ Ubly	Ubly	Bad Axe	Ubly	Bad Axe
Memphis @ Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
Owen-Gage @ Caseville	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage

Friday, March 1

Flint International @ Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage	Flint International	Flint International
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Last Week's Result	5-2	5-2	5-2	7-0
Season's Results	47-34 (65%)	55-26 (76%)	57-24 (79%)	64-16 (89%)



MEMBERS of the Cass City High School band program recently participated in solo and ensemble at Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port High School. They included: (back l-r) Anna Bagnall, Band Director Laura Curtis, Jodi Engel, Chandler Cryderman, Audrey Van Auken, Kristin Ewald, Rachel Patera, Alex Graham, Paige Bagnall (middle) Kayla Zmerski, Libby Venema, Katie House, Kara Reif, Amy Verhines and (front) Michael Mulligan. Missing from photo are Elisabeth Milligan and Mandy Czekai.

New laws designed to deter poaching

New state laws designed to deter poaching of antlered bucks, especially those with trophy-sized racks, and to reduce recreational trespass are now in effect in Michigan, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) recently announced.

The new laws make several changes to the fines and restitution payments for poaching deer, including a progressive penalty system:

*For any deer with or without antlers, the base restitution will be \$1,000;

*For any antlered deer, there will be an additional restitution of \$1,000 plus;

*For antlered deer with 8 to 10 points, an additional \$500 will be assessed for each point; and

*For antlered deer with 11 or more points, an additional \$750 will be assessed for each point.

A "point" is defined in the bill as being at least 1 inch long as measured from its tip to the nearest edge of the antler beam.

As an example, illegally killing a 10-point buck in Michigan will now result in a \$7,000 restitution plus fines and court costs.

Poachers also now face stronger penalties related to hunting privileges.

Under previous law, poachers would lose their hunting privileges in Michigan for remainder of the year of the conviction plus three years. Under the new law, poachers who kill an antlered buck will now lose their hunting privileges for an additional two years on their first offense (potentially six years in total) and an additional seven years on second and subsequent offenses (potentially 11 years in total).

In addition, the new laws address recreational trespass by increasing the civil damage award that a landowner may recover. Previously under the law, the maximum amount a landowner could recover from someone who trespasses on his or her land to hunt or engage in other recreational activity was \$250 or actual property damages. Under the new law, the civil action increases to \$750 or actual property damages. Additionally, if someone kills any protected animal, game or fish while trespassing, the new law creates a new misdemeanor with higher fines than allowed for a first violation.

"Poachers who are targeting trophy deer will commit multiple violations to do so, including trespass, unlawful shining, hunting at night and not wearing hunter orange," said Dean Molnar, assistant chief of the DNR Law Enforcement Division. "These new laws give us more tools to go after these individuals, and are designed to reduce poaching of antlered deer in particular."

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Schneeberger's ATHLETES of the WEEK



Cass City Gymnastic team

Schneeberger's congratulates the entire Cass City gymnastic team as their "Athletes of the Week" award winners.

The Lady Red Hawks turned in a gutsy performance Thursday in Vassar, where the team qualified for this Saturday's regional action at Walled Lake. While the Red Hawks have often advanced individual performers to the regional level in the past, this year's team is the first to advance as a whole in Coach Kathy Bouverette's 8-year career.

Performing for Cass City over the weekend will be Dakota Wilson, Katie Hacker, Alexis Bates, Kendra Kerkau, Hope Wilson, Alexa Torres, Victoria Mathewson, Becca Mulrath and Miranda Spry.

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BOYS' BASKETBALL

All games at 6 p.m. unless noted
 12/9 Capac 41, Cass City 46
 12/11 Sandusky 41, Cass City 48
 12/13 Caro 31, Cass City 34
 12/18 H. Beach 62, Cass City 33
 1/3 Brown City 39, Cass City 42
 1/10 Bad Axe 53, Cass City 52
 1/15 Marlette 57, Cass City 59
 1/17 Brown City 35, Cass City 52
 1/22 EPB Lakers 49, Cass City 55
 1/29 Reese 35, Cass City 28
 1/31 Vassar 39, Cass City 29
 2/4 Ubyly 43, Cass City 28
 2/7 USA 52, Cass City 38 (Snowcoming)
 2/10 Lakers 55, Cass City 62
 2/14 BCAS 42, Cass City 63
 2/17 Bad Axe 55, Cass City 50
 2/19 BCAS 51, Cass City 55
 2/21 Reese 47, Cass City 34
 2/25 Vassar
 2/27 USA

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

All games at 6 p.m.
 12/3 H. Beach 61, Cass City 14
 12/5 Mayville 22, Cass City 38
 12/10 Sandusky 68, Cass City 17
 12/13 Caro 41, Cass City 25
 12/17 Vassar 43, Cass City 31
 12/19 USA 55, Cass City 5
 1/9 Bad Axe 48, Cass City 31
 1/14 Marlette 57, Cass City 27
 1/16 Brown City 55, Cass City 23
 1/21 EPB Lakers 69, Cass City 19
 1/23 BCAS 32, Cass City 49
 1/28 Reese 73, Cass City 16
 1/30 Vassar 51, Cass City 23
 2/4 Bad Axe 37, Cass City 34
 2/6 USA 63, Cass City 30
 2/11 Brown City 63, Cass City 30
 2/13 BCAS 16, Cass City 50
 2/18 EPB Lakers 26, Cass City 57

WRESTLING

12/7 Marlette Team Tourney 8:00 a.m.
 12/11 Imlay City/Capac 6:00 p.m.
 12/14 Cross-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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Girls' Basketball Districts

Class C

District No. 84 at Ubyly
 Wednesday, Feb. 26

USA vs. EPBP - 6 p.m.
 Sandusky vs. Harbor Beach - 7:30 p.m.
 Friday, Feb. 28

FINALS - 7 p.m.

Class D

District No. 113 at Kingston
 Wednesday, Feb. 26

Peck vs. Kingston - 6 p.m.
 Carsonville-Port Sanilac vs. Port Hope - 7:30 p.m.
 Friday, Feb. 28

FINALS - 7 p.m.

Boys' Basketball District in Cass City

Mar. 3 ~ USA ~ 7:00 p.m.

Standings

Boys' Basketball

Greater Thumb West			
	W	L	W L
USA	9	1	11 4
Reese	7	3	11 5
Vassar	5	4	9 7
Cass City	5	5	11 7
EPBP	4	6	7 9
BCAS	2	7	7 10
Bad Axe	2	10	5 12
Greater Thumb East			
	W	L	W L
Marlette	7	1	15 2
Harbor Beach	7	2	11 3
Brown City	4	4	8 9
Ubyly	3	5	6 10
Sandusky	2	6	4 14
Memphis	2	7	3 14
NCTL Stripes			
	W	L	W L
North Huron	8	2	10 6
CPS	2	6	2 10
Caseville	1	9	1 13
NCTL Stars			
	W	L	W L
Peck	10	0	16 0
Kingston	7	3	9 7
Deckerville	6	6	7 8
Mayville	1	10	1 14

Girls' Basketball

Greater Thumb West			
	W	L	W L
Reese	10	0	18 1
EPBP	9	2	15 4
USA	8	4	12 6
Vassar	6	6	8 10
Bad Axe	4	8	7 12
Cass City	2	9	3 15
BCAS	0	11	1 18
Greater Thumb East			
	W	L	W L
Sandusky	10	0	17 1
Brown City	7	2	14 4
Marlette	6	4	11 7
Harbor Beach	4	6	7 10
Ubyly	3	7	8 9
Memphis	0	10	0 15
NCTL Stripes			
	W	L	W L
CPS	11	3	12 4
North Huron	6	8	7 10
Port Hope	6	8	8 9
Caseville	0	12	1 16
NCTL Stars			
	W	L	W L
Kingston	13	1	15 4
Deckerville	11	2	12 4
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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, Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00AM on March 27, 2014. Said premises are situated in Township of Arbelia, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Southwest one quarter of Section 12, Township 10 North, Range 7 East, described as the East 100 feet of the East one half of the Southwest one quarter of said Southwest one quarter Except the North 60 rods thereof; and the West 106 feet of the South 20 rods of the Southeast one quarter of said Southwest one quarter of said Section 12 Commonly known as 6388 W Millington Rd, Millington MI 48746 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 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: 2/26/2014
Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC Assignee
of Mortgagee Attorneys:
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Our File No: 14-97261

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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, Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00AM on March 27, 2014 Said premises are situated in Township of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: COMMENCING 594 FEET WEST FROM THE NORTH-

EAST CORNER OF THE NORTH-EAST ONE-QUARTER OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 10 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, SOUTH 147 FEET, WEST 297 FEET, NORTH 147 FEET; THENCE EAST TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

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Dated: 2/26/2014
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the holders of the SARM 2004-18 Trust Fund, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys:
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Our File No: 13-89121

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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, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on March 27, 2014 Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as: Part of the Southeast 1 / 4 of Section 28, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, described as commencing at the South 1 / 4 corner of said Section 28; thence along the North-South 1 / 4 line of said Section 28 North 00 degrees 09 minutes 15 seconds East 355.91 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing along said North-South 1 / 4 line of Section 28 North 00 degrees 09 minutes 15 seconds East 150 feet; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 363.32 feet; thence North 00 degrees 09 minutes 15 seconds East 205.91 feet; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 296.68 feet; thence South 00 degrees 09 minutes 15 seconds West 355.91 feet; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 660 feet to the point of beginning.

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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE DEFAULT having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by La-Mar Custom Builders, LLC, whose address is 3175 Wynns Court, Metamora, MI 48555, to CSB Bank, 206 N. Main Street, Capac, Michigan 48014, dated February 4, 2005, and recorded on February 14, 2005 in Liber 1027, Page 621, Tuscola County Records, on which there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice the sum of \$ 6,190.27 , plus interest, at a rate of 6.5 % per annum, together with any additional sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned as provided for in said mortgage, and no suit or 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 Thursday, March 27, 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 Township of Watertown, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, to-wit:

PARCEL A: PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 26, TOWN 10 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST, WATERTOWN TOWNSHIP, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE NORTH SECTION LINE THAT IS NORTH 89 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 03 SECONDS EAST 327.25 FEET FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 26; THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 89 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 03 SECONDS EAST 218.17 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 650.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 03 SECONDS WEST 218.17 FEET; THENCE NORTH 650.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Commonly known as: Vacant Lot Barnes Road, Fostoria, Michigan 48435 Tax Identification No.: 021-026-000-0600-03 (Parcel A) The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with 1948 CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty 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: February 21, 2014
Mortgagee CSB Bank 206 N. Main Street Capac, MI 48014
Pamela S. Ritter (P47886) Attorney for Mortgagee CSB Bank Strobl & Sharp, P.C.
300 E. Long Lake Road, Suite 200 Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304
(248) 540-2300

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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 Harley L. Brock, a Married Man and Helen Brock, His Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated February 7, 2006, and recorded on March 20, 2006 in Liber 1074 on Page 925, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Everbank as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-One Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Seven and 38/100 Dollars (\$81,927.38). 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 March 20, 2014.

Said premises are situated in Township of Akron, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Beginning at the Southwest corner of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 23, Town 14 North, Range 8 East, thence East on the East and West 1/4 line of said section, 208 feet; thence North at right angles to said 1/4 line 208 feet; thence West parallel with said 1/4 line, 208 feet; thence South 208 feet to the place of beginning.

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

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

Dated: February 19, 2014
For more information, please call:
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Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Hwy Ste 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-5422
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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 Ashley Lynn Zamora, a married woman and Ramon James Zamora, her husband, original mortgagor(s), to Team One Credit Union, Mortgagee, dated February 19, 2008, and recorded on February 27, 2008 in Liber 1142 on Page 638, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-One and 38/100 Dollars (\$33,891.38). 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 March 20, 2014.

Said premises are situated in City of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 4, Block 9 of Charles Montague's Subdivision, according to Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 11A, except commencing at the Northeast corner of Lot 4, Block 9 of Charles Montague's Subdivision, running thence South 40 feet, thence West 2 feet, thence North 40 feet, thence East 2 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: February 19, 2014
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Deloris F. Becker, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, a Subsidiary of IndyMac Bank, F.S.B., Mortgagee, dated July 29, 2004, and recorded on November 19, 2004 in Liber 1018 on Page 312, and assigned by mesne assignments to OneWest 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 Ninety-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Eighteen and 20/100 Dollars (\$95,818.20).

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 March 20, 2014.

Said premises are situated in Township of Akron, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 35, Town 14 North, Range 8 East, being the South 215.00 feet of the North 451.0 feet of the East 400.00 feet of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 35, Town 14 North, Range 8 East, Township of Akron, Tuscola County, Michigan.

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: February 19, 2014
For more information, please call:
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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 Lillian Miller and Louis M Tauber and Joann M Tauber, husband and wife, as joint tenants with full rights of survivorship, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated October 19, 2005, and recorded on November 15, 2005 in Liber 1061 on Page 591, and assigned by said Mortgagee to U.S. Bank N.A., as Trustee for the registered holders of BancCap Asset Securitization Issuance Corporation, Mortgage Loan Asset Backed Certificates, Series 2006-1 as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Seven Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Nine and 10/100 Dollars (\$77,379.10). 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 March 20, 2014. Said premises are situated in Township of Novesta, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

A part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 10, Town 13 North, Range 11 East, Township of Novesta, County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, described as: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Southwest 1/4, thence Easterly along the South line of said Section 10, 500 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 491 feet; thence East 267 feet; thence South 491 feet; thence West 267 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: February 19, 2014
For more information, please call:
FC S (248) 593-1304
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Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Hwy Ste 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan
48334-5422
File #202431F02

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kathleen L. Rhodes, a single woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Flagstar Bank, FSB, its successors or assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 23, 2003 and recorded August 22, 2003 in Liber 950, Page 300, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by SRMOF II 2012-1 Trust by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Five and 95/100 Dollars (\$86,225.95) including interest at 5.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on MARCH 13, 2014. Said premises are located in the Township of Watertown, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots

1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, Block 4 of Village of Fostoria, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Pages 45A and 46A of Tuscola County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

Dated: February 12, 2014
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007
File No. 13-003294

2-12-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: George L. Corrigan, III and Candice M. Corrigan, His Wife to Ameriquest Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated April 23, 2004 and recorded May 17, 2004 in Liber 992 Page 1064 Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned through mesne assignments to: PROF-2012-S1 REO I LLC, by assignment dated February 3, 2014 and subsequently recorded in Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-Five Dollars and Sixty-Seven Cents (\$138,255.67) including interest 2.125% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00AM on March 13, 2014 Said premises are situated in Township of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Part of the East one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 34, Township 10 North, Range 8 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the South line of Section 34, which is West 300 feet from the South one-quarter corner of Section 34; thence West 104 feet; thence North 416 feet at right angles to South line of Section 34; thence East 104 feet parallel with South line; thence South 416 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as 10253 E. Willard Rd, Millington MI 48746 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 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 600.3241(a), 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: 2/12/2014
PROF-2012-S1 REO I LLC,
Assignee of Mortgage Attorneys:
Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd. Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123
Our File No: 13-90748

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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 Willie George Davis, A Single Man, original mortgagor(s), to First Central Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated January 24, 1994, and recorded on January 28, 1994 in Liber 653 on Page 585, 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 Forty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-Nine and 40/100 Dollars (\$43,789.40).

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 March 13, 2014.

Said premises are situated in Township of Juniata, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of section 23, Town 12 North, Range 8 East, described as: commencing at the West 1/4 corner of Section 23, thence North 89 Degrees 34 Minutes 15 Seconds East 1317.18 Feet along the East-West quarter line to the West eighth line and the point of beginning; thence North 0 Degrees 18 Minutes 06 Seconds West 1322.25 Feet along the West eighth line to the North eighth line; thence North 89 Degrees 39 Minutes 52 Seconds East 990.80 Feet along the North eighth line; thence South 0 Degrees 10 Minutes 30 Seconds East 1320.64 Feet to the East-West quarter line; thence South 89 Degrees 34 Minutes 15 Seconds West 987.89 Feet along the East-West quarter line to point of beginning. Except part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 23, Town 12 North, Range 8 East, described as; beginning at a point on East and West 1/4 line of Section 23, which is North 89 Degrees 34 Minutes 15 Seconds East 1645.07 Feet from the West 1/4 corner of said Section 23; thence continuing along said East-West 1/4 line, North 89 Degrees 34 Minutes 15 Seconds East 330.00 Feet; thence North 00 Degrees 10 Minutes 30 Seconds West 655.00 Feet to the centerline of the Chappell Drain; thence along centerline of said drain South 89 Degrees 55 Minutes 05 Seconds West 330.00 Feet; thence South 00 Degrees 10 Minutes 30 Seconds East 657.00 Feet to the East-West 1/4 line of section 23 and the point of beginning. Subject to the right of way for Densmore Road over the Southerly side thereof.

Part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 23, Town 12 North, Range 8 East, described as beginning at a point on the East and West 1/4 line of Section 23 which is North 89 Degrees 34 Minutes 15 Seconds East 1645.07 Feet from the West quarter corner of said section 23; thence continuing along said East-West quarter line, North 89 Degrees 34 Minutes 15 Seconds East 330.00 Feet; thence North 00 Degrees 10 Minutes 30 Seconds West 660 Feet more or less to the centerline of Chappell Drain; thence along the centerline of said drain, Westerly 330 Feet more or less to a point which is North 00 Degrees 10 Minutes 30 Seconds West 660 Feet more or less from the point of beginning; thence South 00 Degrees 10 Minutes 30 Seconds East 660 Feet more or less to the East-West quarter line of Section 23 and the point of beginning. Subject to the right of way for Densmore road over the Southerly side thereof.

The redemption period shall be 12 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: February 12, 2014
For more information, please call:
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by MARCUS ABBOTT and DONNA SCHWAB-ABBOTT, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 25, 2006, and recorded on November 9, 2006, in Liber 1101, on Page 1482, and assigned by said mortgagee to FV-I, Inc. in trust for Morgan Stanley Mortgage Capital Holdings LLC, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Eleven Dollars and Eighty-Eight Cents (\$97,811.88), including interest at 2.000% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on March 6, 2014 Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 28, Town 11 North, Range 7 East, being described as:

Land bound on the North by North Street; bound on the East by land of Rush Wilcox (which is now described as: Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of said Section; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, 1775.96 feet, along the East and West 1/4 line, to the Centerline of 4th Street, if extended; thence South 09 degrees 13 minutes 08 seconds West, 676.81 feet, along said line, to a point on the Southerly line of North Street, as established; thence North 80 degrees 46 minutes 52 seconds West, 160.16 feet, along said line to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence South 09 degrees 13 minutes 08 seconds West, 244.50 feet, parallel with 4th Street, to the Northerly line of Van Cleve Street; thence North 80 degrees 46 minutes 52 seconds West, 99.56 feet, along said line; thence North 09 degrees 13 minutes 08 seconds East, 244.50 feet, to the Southerly line of North Street, as established; thence South 80 degrees 46 minutes 52 seconds East, 99.56 feet, along said line, to the POINT OF BEGINNING);

bound on the South by Center Street; and bound on the West by Elm Street. 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.

FV-I, Inc. in trust for Morgan Stanley Mortgage Capital Holdings LLC
Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.
23938 Research Drive, Suite 300
Farmington Hills, MI 48335
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CIRCUIT COURT SALE In pursuance and by virtue of a Judgment of the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, made and entered on the 4th day of November, 2013 in a certain cause therein pending, wherein 21st Mortgage Corporation, a Delaware corporation, Successor to Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc. and Associates Housing Finance, L.L.C. f/k/a Ford Consumer Finance Co., Inc., was the Plaintiff, and Robert Bunker and Marlene Bunker, jointly and severally, were the Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at public venue, at the Tuscola County Courthouse (that being the building in which the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), on the 20th day of March, 2014 at 10 o'clock in the, Eastern Standard Time, the following described property, viz: All certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Vassar, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, described as follows: The North 5 acres of the South 20 acres of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 27, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, EXCEPT an undivided 1/2 interest in and to all of the oil, gas and other minerals to L.H. Gilman as set forth in Mineral Deed recorded in Liber 211 of Deeds, page(s) 113 and any subsequent Instruments recorded pertinent thereto, and all improvements thereon including a 1997 Manufactured Housing Enterprises 28x70 Manufactured Home bearing serial number M-O-209402.

Tax Plate #020 037 000 0250 00; and, This property may be redeemed during the six (6) months following the sale.

Date: January 23, 2014
MICHAEL URBAN DEPUTY SHERIFF LAW OFFICES OF RICHARD A. GREEN
David B. Drasnin (P-45330)
Attorney for
21st Mortgage Corporation
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Ice fishing plentiful in Michigan waters

Michigan anglers didn't have a lot of choice about how they practiced their sport in early 2014. With arctic weather leaving most of the state's lakes - as well as many of its rivers - frozen, it's been fish through the ice or stay home and think about fishing.

Fortunately, getting started ice fishing is relatively simple. Anglers need just three basic pieces of equipment - something to make a hole with, something to clear the slush from the hole, and something to fish with - and they're in business.

The first two are simple. Either an auger (a corkscrew-like cutting device) or a spud (an over-sized chisel) will get you through the ice. And a simple slush scoop - something that looks like a ladle with holes in the cup - will get that job done.

That leaves a beginner short just one item: fishing tackle. Anglers can fish through the ice with either hooks and lines or spears. Ignoring the latter, the options are myriad, ranging from high-tech graphite rods and top-of-the-line spinning reels to simple fiberglass poles jammed into wooden dowel handles and outfitted with a simple plastic, spring-tension spool to hold line.

Anglers can fish through the ice virtually anywhere they can fish during soft-water season except on designated trout streams - please consult the 2013 Michigan Fishing Guide for exceptions - and can fish for virtually all species of fish except largemouth and smallmouth bass (the season on which closes Jan. 1). And in at least one case - spearing for sturgeon on Black Lake - there is fishing opportunity through the ice that is not available the rest of the season.

As with open-water season, opportunities are extensive and range from fishing for mere minnows (smelt) to muskies.

Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Fisheries Division Chief Jim Dexter prefers to fish for panfish, bluegills and perch.

"Ice fishing to me is about reducing your catch to possession, and those are the species I like to eat," Dexter said. "There aren't too many guys out practicing catch-and-release fishing through the ice."

DNR fisheries managers think most Michigan anglers are like Dexter: panfish anglers.

"I would say most guys fish for bluegills," said Todd Grischke, the Lake Huron Basin coordinator. "After that, I would think it's perch and walleye."

Bluegills are almost ubiquitous. Perch and walleye are a little less widespread.

Generally, with bluegills, the key is to "pound the bottom," said Christian LeSage, a recreational fishing specialist with the Fisheries Division. "You have to maintain contact with the bottom so you know where your bait is in the water column."

Olen Gannon, a fisheries technician out of the Plainwell office and a bluegill aficionado, said it's important not to get locked into the bottom, though.

"Pay attention to the line as your bait's dropping," Gannon said. "If the fish are active they may hit it on the fall. And if they're real active they may be just a foot or two under the ice - that happens quite a bit when you're in deeper water."

Assuming your bait makes it to the

bottom, fish there and work your way up in the water column, Gannon said.

"If the fish aren't there, move up one crank of the reel at a time," he added. "If that doesn't work, cut more holes and keep moving. Stay mobile."

Walleyes and perch are typically bottom feeders that are less likely to be found up in the water column. Jim Baker, Southern Lake Huron Fisheries Unit supervisor, likes to fish for walleyes on the Saginaw River.

"I like to fish two rods," Baker said. "One with jiggling lure like a spoon or jiggling Rapala, typically baited with the head of a minnow, and a still rod with a walleye-sized minnow hooked through the lips. Fish near the bottom; the depth can be anywhere from 10 feet to out in the middle of the shipping channel. Sometimes they'll hit the spoon or Rapala and sometimes they'll hit the minnows."

Vince Balcer, a fisheries technician out of the Bay City office who often fishes for perch on Saginaw Bay, also likes to use two rods.

"We use lightweight gear - light action rods - and I like to use one with a live minnow hooked through the back to swim around and another with a small spoon with a single hook and a bead on it to jig with," Balcer said. "When you get on a school with that spoon, you don't have to mess around with re-baiting."

Balcer said one of the keys to catching perch is finding them in the first place.

"You've got to keep moving," he said. "If you don't find fish in the first half-hour, keep moving until you find them. I'll move 12 times a day if I have to."

Chris Freiburger, a DNR habitat biologist and experienced perch angler, says anglers should be willing to experiment.

"If you're catching small fish, go with a bigger bait - it might change what you're catching," he said. "Go to a bigger spoon or a Rapala and you might start catching bigger fish."

Not all fish are as bottom-oriented as perch and walleye. Fisheries biologist Kregg Smith, who works out of Plainwell, says fish such as black crappie and smelt - two of his favorites - are often found suspended in the water column. Smith said smelt, which are typically pursued after dark, start biting as soon as the sun sets.

"Any small jig that you have baited with a spike will work," he said. "With a depth finder, you can see where the fish are and know where to fish. It's similar with crappie, too; just use a slightly larger jig, tipped with a wax worm or minnow head."

One of the toughest parts of ice fishing is enduring the elements. Good outerwear, boots, hats, etc., will help you stay out on the ice. Says fisheries biologist Scott Hanshue, "To make it enjoyable, go out when the weather's nice."

But some guys pooh-pooh the idea that ice fishing is harsh. Says DNR Fisheries Chief Dexter: "When the fish are biting, you don't even notice that it's cold."

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IN THE GRADE 7-9 Division of the Knights of Columbus Saginaw Diocese Spelling Bee, Cass City students Claire Kausch (left) and Elizabeth Hayes finished in fourth place and ninth place, respectively.



Tops in geography, bee-lieve it!

FORTY O-G students in grades six through eight recently participated in a school-level competition in conjunction with the 26th annual National Geography Bee, sponsored by Google. Above (from left), Aaron Fahrner, an eighth grade student, won the school contest and completed a written exam that will enter him in the state level competition; Cordell Clarkson, a seventh grade student, finished in second place; and Luqas Williams, seventh grade, placed third. State winners qualify for the national championship held in the spring in Washington, D.C., where students vie for the chance to win a \$25,000 college scholarship.

Stabenow lauds new Farm Bill

Congress has approved the bipartisan Farm Bill authored by U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow, chairwoman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, by a vote of 68-32.

The bill represents rare bipartisan agreement on a major jobs bill, legislation that will help grow Michigan's agriculture economy, the state's second-largest industry. The 2014 Farm Bill reduces the deficit by \$23 billion and represents the most significant reform of American agriculture policy in decades.

"This isn't your father's Farm Bill. It is a bill for our future that grows our agriculture economy, helps provide greater access to healthy Michigan-grown foods, preserves our land and water, and cuts unnecessary spending. The Farm Bill is a rare example of a major bipartisan reform of American agriculture policy in decades."

"We were also able to protect food assistance for families in need of support, while finding savings solely by focusing on fraud and misuse.

"We proved that by working together across party lines, Congress can save taxpayer money and strengthen critical investments that lay the foundation for economic growth.

"It's been a long road, with many challenges. I'm very proud that we maintained strong bipartisanship throughout this entire process. In the end, Congress came together to support 16 million American jobs, save taxpayers billions and implement the most significant reforms to agriculture programs in decades."

The bill has received widespread support and has been endorsed by a broad coalition of agriculture groups in Michigan.

The bipartisan, five-year Farm Bill, entitled the Agricultural Act of 2014, will reform agriculture programs, reduce the deficit by \$23 billion and help farmers and business owners grow Michigan's agriculture economy.

The 2014 Farm Bill:

- Eliminates unnecessary direct payment subsidies, a major reform in American agriculture policy. Direct payments are paid out every year whether or not there is a need.
- Ends programs that are no longer working and consolidates duplicative programs, eliminating 100 programs or authorizations in total.
- Strengthens crop insurance and makes it available to Michigan's specialty crop (i.e., fruit and vegetable) growers.
- Helps farmers and ranchers create jobs and provides certainty for the 16 million Americans working in agriculture.
- Includes Sen. Stabenow's "Grow it Here, Make it Here" initiative to create new jobs in biomanufacturing (manufacturing using raw agricultural products grown in America).
- Achieves savings in food assistance solely by stopping fraud and misuse while maintaining support for families in need.
- Streamlines and strengthens conservation efforts critical to Michigan, including a new Great Lakes Regional Partnership to help preserve the Great Lakes.
- Cuts \$23 billion in unnecessary spending. This is over double the amount of agriculture cuts recommended by the bipartisan Simpson-Bowles Commission. The Senate and House Agriculture Committees are the only Congressional committees to produce bipartisan legislation cutting spending in their own jurisdiction.

Ending Direct Payments

The 2014 Farm Bill saves taxpayer dollars by finally ending direct payment subsidies and other farm subsidy programs.

"The most important reform in the bill is the elimination of direct payments to farmers ... This program was one of the worst abuses in the federal budget, and negotiators in the House and Senate should be commended..."

Strengthening Responsible Risk Management

Instead of providing direct payments, which were paid every year whether they were needed or not, the 2014 Farm Bill requires farmers to take responsibility for their own risk management through tools that provide support only when there is a need - because of weather disaster or market volatility. The bill strengthens risk management tools like crop insurance to ensure farmers are not wiped out by weather disasters and protects Americans from sudden spikes in food prices. Farmers pay into crop insurance every year, shar-

ing in the cost of disaster relief. Having an effective crop insurance program in place reduces the need for Congress to pass ad hoc disaster bills.

The Farm Bill expands crop insurance protection for fruit growers who have not traditionally had access to it. The bill provides disaster relief to farmers who did not have access to crop insurance and were hit by weather disaster in recent years (such as Michigan fruit growers who saw crops wiped out by spring freezes in 2012).

The bill also creates a permanent livestock disaster assistance program, and retroactively covers producers who were affected by the recent droughts and winter storms on the northern plains.

Streamlining Programs, Strengthening Conservation

The bipartisan Farm Bill is one of the most important conservation bills passed in years. Conservation is critical for Michigan, the Great Lakes and residents' way of life. Farmers and ranchers have an important role to play in protecting our land and water, and serve as stewards of the land.

The bill consolidates 23 existing conservation programs into 13 - while maintaining existing tools to protect and conserve our land, water and wildlife, saving \$6 billion. This approach is supported by nearly 650 conservation organizations from all 50 states.

The bill also includes a landmark conservation compliance agreement, which ensures crop insurance remains strong while conserving millions of acres of vulnerable lands and resources that our farmers and ranchers will rely on for generations to come. These reforms reduce the deficit and increase resources for top priorities, like the new Great Lakes Regional Partnership - a public-private partnership that helps local farmers and conservation groups address environmental issues in their communities.

Ending Fraud and Misuse in Food Assistance Programs, Protecting Benefits for Families

It's critical that every food assistance dollar go to families in need. The bipartisan Farm Bill stops fraud and misuse to achieve savings in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, a.k.a. "food stamps") while maintaining critical assistance for families that need temporary support.

The Farm Bill stops lottery winners from continuing to receive assistance (as was seen in high-profile cases in Michigan in recent years), cracks down on benefit trafficking, and closes a loophole being used by some states to artificially inflate benefits for a small number of recipients.

The Farm Bill also provides new pilot programs to help people secure employment through job training and other services, giving them the resources necessary to earn a sustainable income. Officials estimate this section of the bill will save \$8 billion without reducing the amount of benefits anyone is intended to receive under the current rules of the program.

The Farm Bill also doubles SNAP benefits for low-income families when they buy healthy produce at farmers' markets (for funding for programs like Detroit's "Double-Up Food Bucks", increases funding for food banks, and provides financing for new grocery stores in underserved neighborhoods. The bill also reforms international food aid programs, allowing America to feed 500,000 more hungry people around the world with no additional cost.

The Farm Bill:

- Boosts export opportunities to help farmers find new global markets for their goods.
- Helps family farmers sell locally, supporting farmers' markets and spurring the creation of food hubs connecting farmers to schools and community-based organizations.
- Supports beginning farmers with training and access to capital and creates initiatives to help veterans start agriculture businesses.
- Expands bio-energy production, supporting non-food based, advanced biomass energy production and grows American biomanufacturing to help businesses create jobs.
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