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Bovine TB is confirmed in Thumb steer

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

State agriculture officials say they expect to link a Huron County steer confirmed to have had bovine Tuberculosis (TB) to a Saginaw County dairy herd.

The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) last week announced laboratory tests on samples taken from a two-year-old Holstein steer, during slaughter surveillance, were positive for bovine TB.

The carcass was removed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety Inspection Service (USDA-FSIS) and lesion samples were sent to USDA's Animal Research Laboratory in Ames, Iowa, to confirm the strain of TB.

"There is potential that this animal may be connected to the Saginaw County bovine TB investigation that began in March 2013, but the genetic testing to confirm this can take up to eight weeks," said Dr. James Averill, state veterinarian.

The bovine TB-positive Huron County steer came from a feedlot that was part of the trace investigation for the 2013 Saginaw County dairy herd, according to officials, who noted the feedlot owner had signed an agreement to only ship to a USDA-FSIS slaughter plant.

It is common practice in Michigan to sell castrated calves, usually Holsteins, from dairy farms to businesses that raise them for beef. The cat-


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Green: bill designed to reduce CPL delays

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

State Senator Mike Green says the procedure for obtaining a concealed pistol license (CPL) will involve fewer delays under a new CPL process reform bill he introduced last week.

In fact, the proposed legislation would make Michigan's CPL process both more efficient and cost-effective, according to the Mayville Republican, who represents the 31st Senate District (Arenac, Bay, Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola counties).



"Michigan residents currently pay one of the highest CPL fees in the nation, yet they must deal with inconsistent requirements from county to county and experience some of the longest delays in receiving a license," Green said.

"We are the only state in the nation that still uses gun boards to issue CPLs. It is obsolete and needs to change. In an era of modern technology and record-keeping, we can do better and folks deserve better for their hard-earned dollars."

Senate Bill 789 would make the process more efficient by eliminating the county concealed weapons licensing boards created in 1927, according to Green, who noted the boards' authority would be delegated to county clerks, who already accept applications and issue approved licenses.

License decisions would have to be made within a strict 45-day time limit from the date fingerprints are taken. The current deadline is widely viewed

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SPRING IS STIRRING at Battel's Sugar Bush Pure Maple Syrup near Cass City. "Bob tapped all the tubed trees today (Saturday) on snowshoes — a first for us," Sue Stuever Battel said of her husband, pictured above. "Normally the tap holes are a little wet with sap as we drill them, but not this year," she added. "Normally we'd have been tapped a week ago, too. It looks like (this week) should finally yield some sap."

Battel family: time to make syrup the old fashioned way

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Like most area residents, members of the Battel family are still measuring snow on their property by the foot, but that doesn't mean spring isn't on their minds.

In fact, the Battels have been patiently waiting for signs that Old Man Winter's days in Michigan's Thumb are finally numbered, marking the start of the busiest time of the year at Battel's Sugar Bush Pure

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At Hills and Dales General Hospital

Lab, RT departments accredited

Hills and Dales General Hospital officials recently announced their Laboratory and Respiratory Therapy (RT) departments have been awarded College of American Pathologists (CAP) accreditation.

"The inspectors from CAP were very impressed with our hospital and departments," Derrick Vogel, laboratory director at Hills and Dales, commented following a recent, unannounced onsite inspection.

"With only a few suggestions for improvement, the inspection results and accreditation are a testament to the hard work we do every day to ensure the highest standards for our patients," Vogel said.

The College of American Pathologists, often referred to as the gold standard in laboratory accreditation, is a medical society serving more than 18,000 physician members and the global laboratory community. CAP is the world's largest association composed exclusively of board certified pathologists and is the worldwide leader in laboratory quality assurance. CAP is known for advocating accountability, high-quality and cost-effective patient care.

During a CAP inspection, Vogel explained, there are many items reviewed, including policies and procedures, quality control programs, reporting formats, equipment, safety records and staff credentials.

Inspectors spend a few hours with each specific department within the lab — microbiology, phlebotomy, blood bank, etc. — reviewing procedures, speaking with staff and looking at equipment, he said, adding the inspectors also pay a visit to the Respiratory Therapy (RT) Department.

Having earned accreditation, the Hills and Dales Laboratory and RT

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AARON BARRIGAR, a 1999 Cass City High School graduate who earned his Doctor of Pharmacy Degree in 2005 through Ferris State University, will serve as the lead pharmacist at the new Hospital Drive Pharmacy in town. The business, slated to open soon, is affiliated with Hills and Dales General Hospital.

Homecoming

Barrigar continues career as pharmacist a stone's throw from where he was born

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

You could say Aaron Barrigar has come a long way since collecting his diploma at Cass City High School about 15 years ago. You could also say he's right back where he started.

Barrigar, 32, headed for Ferris State University, Big Rapids, after high school. There, he spent the better part of a half-dozen years earning his credentials as a certified pharmacist.

Today, the Cass City native, who earned his Doctor of Pharmacy Degree in 2005, is gearing up for his new role as head pharmacist at the new Hospital Drive Pharmacy in town, just a stone's throw away from Hills and Dales General Hospital, where he was born back in 1981.

"I really like that I'll be able to talk to the patients more (in a small town setting) — that's the best part," Barrigar commented Friday afternoon while continuing the work involved in preparing to open the pharmacy, which is affiliated with Hills and Dales General Hospital.

Barrigar, the son of Michele Slack of Cass City and Randy Barrigar of Unionville, said his main goal will be to focus on familiarizing himself with patients in the area. "Just talk to them and develop relationships," he explained. "Just be here for them. That's what we're aiming for."

Barrigar's journey from Cass City High School, where he played baseball and football, to earning the title of "doctor", took about six years.

"At first I was kind of looking at physical therapy" as a career, recalled Barrigar, who also considered working as an accountant before settling on spending his professional future as a pharmacist. "It seemed like sciences were the way to go," he said.

Barrigar first completed the two-year pre-pharmacy program at Ferris State University. He then entered the four-year pharmacy program, spending another two years in Big Rapids before heading to Grand Rapids to finish up the remainder of his requirements, which involved a year of combining classes with work in a pharmacy, followed by another year of on-the-job experience.

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Cass City Jr./Sr. High School announces semester honor roll

7th grade
All A's
Alexandria Crase, Shane Hoppe,
Jalene Krol, Rebecca Morrish.

A/B
Jared Blattner, Emilee Bruno, Jesse
Goniwicha, Lauren Grady, Adam
Habicht, Kacey Haire, Brittany
Hamilton, Mason Hartsell, Lukas
Hayes, Kayla Koepf, Hayden
Larkin, Sidney Lintner, Layna
Mathewson, Anthony Pawloski,
Lucas Stern, Taryn Thornton.

8th grade
All A's
Travis Albrecht, Dakota Cook,

Lauren Dickinson, Megan Graham,
Katerina Halvorson, Claire Kausch,
Danielle Kopah, Katelyn Kuenzli,
Jaclyn Palmer, Nicholas Perry,
Kelsey Priestley, Samantha Stern,
CarLee Stimpfel, Savannah Walker.

A/B
Katie Autry, Jamison Biskner-
Kruse, Kelsey Bouverette, Traci
Broyles, Lacey Burdge, Sayge
Cuthrell, Lauren Fernald, Brendan
Hamilton, Kaliondra Hewitt-Miller,
Darren Hutchinson, Riley Klein,
Alexis Mazure, Baylee Murphy,
McKenna Nye, Eric Peters, Shaylee
Ponder, Seth Roggenbuck, Bailee
Ross, Alyssa Sangster, Joseph

Skiles, Brooklyn Stilson, Brittany
Stilson, Brittany Swiderski, Konnar
Warren, Rylie Weiler, Reed White,
Nicolette Younglove.

9th grade
All A's
Joel Collins, Shaede Perzanowski,
Drew Susalla.

A/B
Kelcie Autry, Paige Bagnall, Alexus
Bates, Evan Craig, Bradley Hacker,
Josephine Loomis, Zachary McCoy,
Adam Michalski, Darren Miller,
Joseph Morrish, Autumn Mowery,
Caitlyn Mowery, Seth Osentoski,
Joel Patera, Kelsey Peters, Emily
Peters, Jenna Schaufele, Amy
Verhines, Austin Walter, Chase
Winter.

10th grade
All A's
Alexander Graham, Erin Hartsell,
Jason Mikolon, Tara Nicholas,
Jessica Peters, Lauren Potter,
Michael Rader, Taylor Rasmussen,
Sophia Romain, Bransen Stimpfel.

A/B
Corinna Benz, Ilana Blattner,
Natalya Chizhova, Chandler
Cryderman, Sawyer Cuthrell, Mandy
Czekai, Kelly DeLong, Macy
Dickinson, Mason Erla, Matthew
Haas, Parker Haire, Tyler Hool,
Joseph Kampo, Shannon Kaweck,
Jordan Kittle, Maegan LeValley,
Keith Lounsbury, Victoria
Mathewson, Bryan Pinkoski, Rachel
Sigmund, Matthew Steely, Jose
Torres, Faith Windsor, Maricella
Zietz.

11th grade
All A's
Rachel Collins, Luke Koepf,
Hunter Langenburg, Rachel Miller,
Elizabeth Venema, Erin Zdrojewski.

A/B
Morgan Anderson, Rebecca Graff,
Erika Martin, Lauren Scott, Miranda
Spry, Jackson Stern, Lauren Stilson,
Daymon Tabako, Aubrei
Witherspoon, Genna Woodward,
Lucas Wright.

12th grade
All A's
Madison Brinkman, Jodi Engel,
Kristin Ewald, Jacob Hacker,
Katelyn Hacker, Ashtyn Janiske,
Elisabeth Milligan, Michael
Mulligan, Braeden Perzanowski,
Shane Rasmussen, Kara Reif,
Michaela Romain, Erin Schuette,
Audrey VanAuken, Miranda
Williams, Brennen Winter, Kayla
Zmierski.

A/B
Anna Bagnall, Garrett Fisher,
Dakota Hartel, Collin Hartwick,
Katherine Hudson, Hannah Hulburt,
Heather McCormick, Nicholas
Middaugh, Rachel Patera, Jacob
Perry



Celebrating her 87th birthday recently was Billie Mack, holding fifth generation great-great-grandson Ethan Allen Flowers, four weeks old. On hand to help celebrate the milestone were (from left) great-grandmother Sue Mack James, grandfather Jeff James and mother Alexis James Hudson.

Snover native Ruth Smith marks her 100th birthday!

Ruth Smith, of Marlette, will celebrate her 100th birthday March



Ruth Smith

24. She was born in Snover, Michigan. In 1934, she married Ralph Smith of Decker, where they lived on the family farm until his passing in 1997. They had 3 children together: Eunice (Vern) Geister, Ronald (Sharon) Smith, Russell (Janet) Smith. Ruth also has 9 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and 3 great great-grandchildren.

Ruth taught school for 30 years at Wheeler school, near Snover, Pidd school at Decker and Evergreen school at Shabbona.

Ruth resides at the Hannah Wolfe Retirement Residence; 2785 Angle St. in Marlette.

She would love to hear from her friends.

Ruth will celebrate with a family gathering.

Engaged



Josette Buerkle and Josh Horst

Ray and Deb Buerkle & Randy and Kathy Horst announce the engagement of their children Josette Buerkle and Josh Horst.

Josette is a 2005 graduate of Sandusky High School. Josh is a 2004 graduate of Sandusky High School. Both graduated from Ferris State University.

Josette is employed at Sandusky Dental Care. Josh is employed at the Sanilac County Sheriff Department.

An August 2014 wedding is planned.

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2	4	1	8	5	9	1	5
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Rewards are great for foster parents

If you think opening your home to a youngster from a troubled home is as simple and easy as it sounds, it isn't.

On the other hand, the rewards of providing that child with a warm and loving environment in the wake of what are often confusing and frightening circumstances are greater than you might expect.

We're talking about those folks who open their arms as well as their homes to youngsters placed in foster care, and the fact that Department of Human Services (DHS) officials are struggling to keep up with the demand for qualified individuals and couples willing to go through the steps required to become licensed foster parents.

The need is great in Tuscola County, according to local DHS officials, who say there are currently just 22 viable foster homes, compared to more than 100 children that have been placed in foster care from the county.

So, who is eligible to receive a foster care license in Michigan?

The basic requirements include being at least 18 years of age, having a defined source of income and passing a basic physical exam and criminal background check. Home ownership is optional, so renters may apply, and individuals are welcome along with couples — with or without children. Empty nesters are encouraged to apply as well.

The licensing process in Michigan is composed of 5 steps, starting with contacting a foster care "navigator" at 855-MICKIDS. Navigators can answer your questions and provide guidance along your journey to becoming a foster parent.

The second step is to attend an orientation session, after which you will receive a licensing application packet that must be completed and submitted along with the medical history of each person living in the home, and a finger printing clearance form.

The next step involves a DHS caseworker conducting an interview and on-site home evaluation. Finally, foster parents must complete 12 hours of PRIDE (Parent Resources for Information Development and Education) training.

The main goal of foster care is to provide a safe, nurturing environment for children until they can be returned to their own homes, if possible.

Foster parents receive financial support to ensure all the needs of the youngster(s) in their care are met, but veteran caregivers will tell you that the love and compassion provided by caregivers — and the difference that can make in a child's life — is priceless.



Slices of Life
by Jill Pertler
Things we should do more often



Live. Love. Laugh. Stop and smell the roses. See the glass as half full. Shoot for the moon. There are the familiar (cliché) activities we know we should engage in more often. But, for those of us not wanting to be cliché, there are others. Everyday things that can become elevated by how we approach them. How we think about them. Simple things that can be anything but simple. Things that we should do. More. Often. Like:

- Start. Learn – something, anything new.
- Say hello.
- Compliment. Comfort. Cultivate.
- Create something for a friend. Get messy.
- Seek perfection, but learn to be satisfied with your own personal best.
- Make mistakes. Don't be afraid.
- Let others know you are glad to see them. Go out on a limb.
- Forgive others. Forgive yourself.
- Surprise someone with a gift when it's not their birthday.
- Say, "It's no big deal," and mean it.
- Say, "I love you," and mean it.
- Act. Believe. Care.
- Dare to try.
- Read.
- Reduce. Reuse. Recycle.
- Use the fancy dishes.
- Twirl in public for no reason.
- Hop. Skip. Jump.
- Put it in first gear and coast for a while.
- Aspire. Acknowledge. Adapt.
- Ask questions.
- Ask for help.
- Ride with the windows down and the radio up.
- Pat the dog's stomach in that spot that makes his leg twitch.
- Drink water.
- Whip up a large stockpot of anything homemade - chicken noodle soup, chili or beef stew. Let it simmer on the stove all day. Freeze the leftovers to give to your dad or your mom or your brother.
- Pause. Reflect. Be still in the moment.
- Make funny faces at yourself in the mirror.
- Tell a joke.
- Shoot hoops.
- Share. Play. Listen.
- Show your soft side.
- Scratch someone's back.
- Have someone's back.
- Change the batteries in the smoke detectors.
- Change your mind.
- Let the kids have a sleep over.
- Sing. Praise. Applaud.
- Say, "Good morning," to everyone living in your house.
- Say, "Good night," to everyone living in your house.
- Stay up past bedtime. Sleep in late.
- Bake chocolate chip cookies from scratch.
- Look to the future. Forget the past.
- Shout. Whisper. Cheer for your team.
- Take a deep breath. Repeat. Again.

Letters to the Editor

Women can choose not to get pregnant

Editor,

I again agree with Mike Byron that recently your editorial page has been a pleasant surprise (CCC Board decision fair to all in community).

Mr. Sweet is correct to some extent, that this is a "representative republic". Technically, it's a constitutionally limited republic. But keep in mind that our elected representatives are

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Residents invited to share their opinions

On behalf of Tuscola County Human Service Collaborating Council (the council consists of over 45 Tuscola County Human Service Agencies) I'm writing to invite area residents to participate in an upcoming Community Conversation Tuesday, March 25, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Tuscola Technology Center in Caro.


This event is in partnership with the Center for Michigan, a non-profit and non-partisan "think-and-do" tank located in Ann Arbor. We have volunteered to convene a group of 25 to 50 people for a 90-minute discussion to set our agenda for Michigan in 2014.

During this discussion

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- Eat family meals together. Give thanks.
- Unplug.
- Pray.
- Admit your mistakes and own them.
- Apologize. Move on.
- Ride a roller coaster. Eat something deep fried on a stick. Act like a kid.
- Love others. Love yourself.
- Love people more than things.
- Give to the food shelf.
- Let your good acts be anonymous.
- Swap out an old toothbrush for a new one.
- Comb your hair. (Even before your mom pesters you about it.)
- Eat your veggies. Including the broccoli.
- Wear comfortable shoes.
- Spray paint something to make it new.
- Plant a garden.
- Grow. Stretch. Smile.
- Let someone cut in front of you in traffic. Give a friendly wave.
- Be kind.
- Look people in the eye.
- Volunteer. Do without on occasion.
- Splurge on dessert. Exercise.
- Take a nap with the dog.
- Make a new friend. Call an old friend. Keep in touch.
- Bask in the sunshine.
- Finish. Savor.
- Say the occasional goodbye. Move on.
- See endings for what they really are: beginnings in disguise.

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



Rabbit Tracks
by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

After Jason Klein told me recently ice fishermen were driving their cars and trucks 12 miles out onto the Saginaw Bay to get to their favorite hot spot, I had to look for myself.

Sunday provided that opportunity and a small group followed the shoreline from Caseville to Turnip Rock, a wave and wind created formation about 2 miles south of the Port Austin Light House.

On our return trip to Caseville, we followed other snowmobiles around the Port Austin water marker. That was venturing out on the ice further than I wanted.

Thinking spring. The Tuscola County Sheriff's Marine Department with cooperation from the Richville Conservation Club will be hosting a boater's safety class on April 12 from 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

The class is offered free of charge and will take place at 3270 W. Sanilac Road in Vassar. If you are interested in obtaining your boater's safety card, please contact Deputy Deb Mika by calling 989-673-8161 ext. 2238.

More wishful thinking. Spring is coming and with it the turkey hunting season, says the DNR, who reminds hunters to check their spring turkey drawing results and the availability of leftover licenses now online at www.michigan.gov/hunt-drawings.

Leftover spring turkey licenses go on sale to unsuccessful license applicants at 10 a.m. Monday, March 10. Licenses go on sale to all other hunters, including those who did not participate in the application process, at 10 a.m. Monday, March 17. Leftover licenses will be sold until quotas are met.

Hunting licenses can be purchased online at www.mdnr-elicense.com. Hunters may purchase only one spring turkey license in a season.

In 2013, Michigan hunters harvested more than 30,000 turkeys, making Michigan one of the top seven turkey-hunting states in the country.

Noah's Ark Park, Christian Radio 88.5 and 105.1, and The Farver Road Baptist Church will be holding another food drive this Saturday, March 15 at 4330 Farver Road in Huron County.

The distribution site is located 2 miles southwest of the intersection of Elkton and Sebewaing roads. Please bring your own boxes, stressed Pastor Plonta, who can be reached for details at 989-315-8043. Food will be distributed starting at noon.

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•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 Wednesday:
• Dorcas meal at Cass City United Methodist Church at noon. 1 1/4 mile north of Cass City. (989) 872-4604 for take outs.

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).



THE CASS CITY/Thumb Area American Association of University Women (AAUW) is gearing up to host its 18th annual Flamingo Fling, an annual fundraiser that funds college scholarships for area women returning to school. Above, event co-chairwomen Diana Williams (left) and Nancy Raythatha display a few of the items that will be auctioned this year.

AAUW gearing up to host its 18th annual “Flamingo Fling”

The Cass City/Thumb Area Chapter of the AAUW (American Association of University Women) is preparing for its 18th annual “Flamingo Fling”.

The event, slated for Thursday, April 3, at Northwood Meadows in Cass City, is designed to be a fun evening for women to socialize, enjoy appetizers and a delicious dinner, bid on silent auction items, enter a raffle for a variety of items and vie for door prizes.

“The purpose of the fundraiser is to provide money for scholarships for women beginning college after having been out of high school (for a minimum of one year, or after receiving a GED,” explained Diana Williams, who along with Nancy Raythatha serves as co-chair of the event.

Scholarship applications are currently available at Cass City High School, Baker College and Rawson Memorial District Library, or by calling Williams at (989) 673-7593, Connie Iwankovitsch at (989) 872-4667, or Janet Bryant at (989) 872-5124.

The deadline for returning the applications is Tuesday, April 1, and women receiving the scholarships will be notified sometime after Tuesday, April 15.

“In 2010-12, due to the generosity of ladies attending the function, three scholarships of \$1,000, five scholarships of \$1,000 and three scholarships of \$1,500 each have been awarded,” Williams said. “In 2013 with the money raised from the fundraiser and interest from an

account with the Tuscola County Community Foundation, the branch awarded five \$1,500 scholarships and one \$750 scholarship.”

AAUW’s purpose is “Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.”

The Cass City/Thumb Area Branch sponsors a number of activities throughout the year, including a butter braid sale, Halloween carnival, Christmas wreath sale, Fourth of July Paint-In, and distribution of books to students in first and second grades at Cass City Elementary School. The area branch donates to a number of local events.

Tickets for the Flamingo Fling are available by contacting Williams at (989) 673-7593) or Raythatha at (989) 872-9952.

For fairground improvements, 4-H Thumb farmers share \$2,500 grants

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Farmers in Huron and Sanilac counties have joined in the spirit of giving in their communities, thanks to grants funded by the America’s Farmers Grow Communities program.

Sanilac County farmer Randy Stone has directed a \$2,500 donation to the Sanilac County 4-H Fairgrounds, where the money will be utilized to restore an historical building, helping to ensure future members have a place to exhibit their projects.

In Huron County, meanwhile, farmer Adam Maurer was selected to receive \$2,500, which he opted to pass on to the Country Corners 4-H Club.

Last month, Tuscola County farmer Micah Little, representing Littleson Farms, Cass City, presented \$2,500 to Revive Ministries in Cass City, also through the America’s Farmers Grow Communities program.

America’s Farmers Grow Communities works directly with farmers to support non-profit organizations. The program offers farmers the chance to win \$2,500, which is then donated to the farmer’s non-profit of choice.

The search for funding to sustain and enhance programs is a year-round job for non-profit groups across the country. Through America’s Farmers Grow Communities, farmers have been able to support a variety of organizations, including schools, fire departments, community centers and youth programs such as 4-H and FFA.

The program, launched in 2010 and sponsored by the Monsanto Fund, is part of the American’s Farmers Initiative, which highlights and celebrates the important contributions of farmers in their own communities.

Thanks to their support, more than \$3.2 million is being directed to non-profit organizations in 1,289 counties in 39 states.

Cottage food law safety training training on tap in Caro March 24

MSU Extension and the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development will be offering a Michigan Cottage Law Food Safety Training Monday, March 24, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Tuscola County MSU Extension Office, 362 Green St., Caro.

The class will provide food safety training to those who want to operate their own cottage food business. It is designed to educate Michigan residents about the Cottage Food Law and also provide food safety training so that safe food products are sold to customers.

Cottage foods are specific types of foods that are made in home kitchens. Not all foods can be made at home and sold to the public.

The law is specific as to what kinds of foods can be sold under the Cottage Food Law. Homemade foods made and sold under the law are low risk for causing food-borne illness. However, even without the state licensing and inspection requirements, those preparing cottage foods are still responsible for providing safe products.

The cost of the training and certificate is \$10. After attending the class, participants will receive a certificate that can be displayed while selling cottage foods at farmers markets, festivals and other locations. The certificate is not required to sell cottage foods but is evidence that you have participated in food safety training.

Pre-registration for the upcoming class is requested by calling (989) 269-9949 (ext. 602).

Know the person...

Like our body, our mind can become unwell, so starting a conversation about mental health issues with loved ones is important. It can help people to recover and strengthen a relationship between friends, family and colleagues. Starting the conversation helps take the stigma out of something that affects us all.

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Reporter’s notebook



It’s certain spring’s near

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



There’s no doubt about it; spring is right around the corner. I’m not talking about the fact that we finally switched back over to Daylight Savings Time over the weekend, or that the first “official” day of spring is just 8 days away, or even the inevitable flurry of first robin sightings bound to tie up the phones at the paper any day now.

Nope, I’m referring to an unmistakable harbinger of spring in the Thumb: Mark and Diane Battel have left the warmth of Florida and returned to their place northeast of Cass City.

If you don’t know what that means, you obviously haven’t indulged in the simple but sweet pleasure of a steaming stack of pancakes smothered in pure, homemade maple syrup, boiled to perfection at Battel’s Sugar Bush each spring.

The Battel family, whose offerings include pure maple cream and maple candy, has been producing maple syrup in the same woods since 1882. Currently the fourth generation of Battles runs the sugar bush, assisted by the fifth generation.

Interestingly, the Great Fires of 1871 and 1881 that swept across the Midwest managed to miss the family’s stand of some 300 sugar maple trees, although much of the surrounding Thumb was devastated.

While some things have changed since their ancestors of the 19th century boiled sap in an open kettle (which you can still see at the family home), the basic process is still the same and nearly as quaint. Come springtime when the sun begins to warm the trees, yet winter weather still freezes them at night, family members begin to tap trees. Sap is coaxed from the sugar maples and boiled for hours over a rolling fire until nothing remains but pure syrup.

The Battels are hospitable folks, welcoming visitors throughout the spring by appointment (you can give them a call at 989-872-4794 or email them at battelsyrup.weebly.com). They also host an open house for the public each year, and the 2014 event is coming up — Saturday, March 15, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The family’s sugaring operation is located at 7964 Daus Rd. (also known as Ritter Road), 1.25 miles west of M-53. Look for the white sugar shack in the woods to the west of the brick farmhouse.

So why not shake off those winter blues and taste one of the sweetest family legacies the Thumb has to offer? Meet the Battels, tour the sugar bush and enjoy an hour or so outdoors.

And while you’re at it, pick up some of that homemade syrup and enjoy a pancake for me.

Down Memory Lane

by Melissa McCormick

5 YEARS AGO (2009)

The Friends of Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City recently presented a \$1,000 donation to the Dolly Parton Imagination Library of Tuscola County. Present were Dot Knight, Marilyn Peters and Carol Rutkoski, all members of the “friends”. Peters is also a member of the county Imagination Library board. The Imagination Library is a program in which children ages up to 5 years receive a free book each month. The goal is to promote literacy and improve educational opportunities for area youngsters.

10 YEARS AGO (2004)

Two Cass City Middle School teachers were awarded minigrants from DTE Energy Foundation. Barbara Kirm received \$310 to fund a number of math and science projects. Jenifer Green’s grant of \$321 will be used to help students study river ecosystems. 17 teachers in Tuscola County schools received minigrants totaling \$4,800 from the foundation.

At the St. Patrick’s Day party sponsored by the Cass City Rotary Club there are a series of fund-raising drawings. In the “silent auction” participants buy tickets to bid on items and place them in a can, from which one of the tickets is drawn to determine who gets the prize. Breaking all the gambling odds was Don Warner. There were 4 drawings for golf ball sets and Warner won 3 of them.

Cass City Middle School students

enjoyed a presentation by authors Charles David and David Anthony Thursday in conjunction with March is Reading Month. The students were treated to music, dress and a program engaging them in the history of the Middle Ages and the presence of Knights. The assembly was sponsored by the Cass City branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW).

25 YEARS AGO (1989)

A Thumb native and former Cass City football coach will be one of 24 inducted into the Michigan High School Hall of Fame Saturday, April 8, at Crisler Arena at the University of Michigan. Oarie Lemanski coached the Hawks from 1962 to 1964 before accepting a position as assistant coach at a Saginaw High School. Later he took the reins at Bay City Central.

50 YEARS AGO (1964)

Sometimes you lose when you win. Don Cummings, 30, won a series of bets from Howard Bacon and Lee Hartel and Friday they paid off at Martin’s Restaurant. The pair bought Don three malts and a hamburger to square accounts and insisted that they be eaten at once... and Cummings did it. At seven o’clock in the morning, too.

A sea of pulpwood stretches out over several acres at the Scott Paper Company holding yard located south of Deford. Jerry Wilson, supt., estimates the pulpwood harvest has dou-

bled in the last year, with a major portion of the wood coming from the Cass City and Tuscola county area.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Schenk of Vassar, former area residents, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, March 15, at an open house at the Farm Bureau Building in Bad Axe. The affair will be held from 2 until 5 p.m. Mrs. Schenk is the former Nellie Finkbeiner of Gagetown. She and Mr. Schenk were married March 18, 1914, at Caro. They are the parents of 10 children: Kenneth of Caro, Paul and Aletha, both of Detroit, Arny of Flint, Ruth, Gerald and Clare, all of Vassar, Harold of Memphis, Mich., Ila of Washington, Mich., and Lila of Bad Axe. They also have 34 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

100 YEARS AGO (1914)

A postoffice has been established at Decker, Sanilac county. Otto W. Nique a member of the hardware firm of Ehlers & Nique at Shabbona has been appointed postmaster.

High grade work socks, the best made, 2 for 25 cents, 4 for 50 cents, 75 cents for the box. Farrell & Townsend’s.

Misses Florence and Bessie Fischer were given a party at the school-house last Friday before leaving for their future home at Minden City where they expect to remain with their grandmother, Mrs. Livingston. They were both presented with a ring as a remembrance.

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872-3422
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Sunday School All Ages 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday-Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
AWANA Clubs 6:45 p.m. During School Year
Thursday Teen Club 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Pastor: David G. Hill
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**First Presbyterian Church**
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Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
Pastor: Michele Hile

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Sunday School - Sept.-May 10:30 a.m.
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Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Pastor: F. Robert Tucker

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Winter: Saturday Liturgy 4:00 p.m.; Sunday Liturgy 9:00 a.m. EDT
Pastoral Administrator: Sr. Maria Dina Puddu MC

**Mizpah Missionary Church**
4631 N. Van Dyke, Cass City, MI 48726
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Wednesday Prayer Group 7-8 p.m.
Wednesday Kids’ Club 7-8 p.m.
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Owendale-Gagetown Area Schools

Preschool and Kindergarten Round-Up

Thursday, March 20, 2014

4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

You will need to bring your child's original birth certificate, immunization records, and health appraisal (if available).

This meeting is for any child who will be 3, 4 or 5 on or before November 1, 2014.

Green: bill would reduce CPL delays

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as unenforceable. Of the existing \$105 license fee, the Michigan State Police (MSP) receives the largest portion at \$64, clerks \$26 and sheriffs, \$15. "Although receiving the smallest portion of the fee, sheriffs are required to conduct the time-intensive background and court records checks," Green noted. "Many sheriffs claim they lose money in the process due to the expense of assign-

ing deputies to CPLs." To address the concern, Green is proposing that the MSP take over the background checks with no additional funding and allow sheriffs to keep \$15 for fingerprinting on initial applications. Because fingerprints are now stored electronically and are not required for most renewal applicants, the renewal fee would be reduced to \$90.

"My bill will free up local law enforcement resources from bureau-

cratic tasks to focus on public safety in our local communities," Green said. "More importantly, it will create a true 'shall-issue' CPL system for law-abiding citizens while keeping licenses out of the hands of bad guys."

The proposed legislation, endorsed by the National Rifle Association and the Michigan Coalition for Responsible Gun Owners, has been referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee for consideration.

Bovine TB confirmed in Thumb steer

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tle are co-mingled from multiple farms before the steers go to market at their optimal weight, typically between 18 and 24 months of age. During FSIS inspections, any carcass with suspicious lesions is removed and samples are sent to the laboratory for testing. Bovine TB is a disease caused by the bacterium Mycobacterium bovis, which is different from the strain of mycobacterium that usually infects humans. In the United States, the disease is found primarily in cattle, captive cervidae (deer and elk), bison and goats. Humans contracting bovine TB from animals is rare, but there was one human case diagnosed in 2002 that was linked to the unique strain of M. bovis found in the cattle and deer in northern Lower Michigan. Bovine TB is a slow growing bacterium that infects the lungs and the lymph nodes of cattle. The bacterium does not grow in muscle tissue, so food is not impacted. However, as an added measure of caution, the carcass is always condemned. In March 2013, MDARD quarantined a Saginaw County dairy farm as part of the state's bovine TB response plan, and started a trace investigation into where the farm's cattle went or came from over the previous five years. More than 26,000 cattle have been tested as part

of that investigation to-date. Feedlots connected to the Saginaw County investigation remain under agreements to sell directly to slaugh-

ter until they are empty. Michigan has been testing for bovine TB in cattle and working to eradicate the disease since 1995.

Hospital's Lab, RT departments earn coveted CAP accreditation

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departments join more than 7,500 CAP-accredited laboratories worldwide. "Meeting the stringent CAP standards takes a lot of hard work from everyone. It's not just the lab or RT staff, it is all departments that work together on a daily basis," Vogel said. "The accreditation shows that Hills and Dales General Hospital is making patient safety and quality a priority every single day in every department."

Kiwanis Club gearing up to host local artists

The Kiwanis Club of the Caro area will be presenting "Back Home" this month, a concert featuring four home-grown artists for an evening of musical enjoyment. The event will highlight the talents of Megan Tibbits, recently named Female Singer/Songwriter of the year for 2013 by the LA Music Awards. Megan is originally from Caro, once named Caro's Junior Citizen of the Year, and now resides in Los Angeles, Calif., where she is pursuing a career in the music industry. The lineup of local talent will include Hannah Steele, a recent graduate of Caro High School attending Saginaw Valley State University. Steele is studying music performance and is the director of contemporary music at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Also set to appear is Madalyn McHugh a recent graduate of Caro High School and currently studying Music Performance at SVSU. Lastly, Sarah Overdier will showcase her musical talent. She is currently living in Columbus, Ohio, where she has toured both as a solo artist and as a member of the all-female band, The

Salty Caramels. In 2011 Overdier was awarded Ohio's Best Young Artist to the Ohio Arts Presenter's Network. The concert will take place Saturday, March 29, at Colwood Church, located at 1840 Colwood Rd., Caro, just two miles northeast of Caro at the corner of M-81 and Colwood Road. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. for this 7 p.m. event. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults and \$5 for anyone 17 and younger, if purchased in advance. Tickets purchased at the door will be \$12 for adults and \$6 for youth. Tickets may be purchased from any Kiwanis member. The area Kiwanis Club focuses on making a difference in the lives of children throughout Tuscola County. In 2013 alone, 9 college scholarships were awarded to seniors from around the county, bringing the total to more than 40 in the 10 years since this local chapter was chartered. Proceeds from this month's concert will go to help with scholarships and many other programs sponsored by the club.

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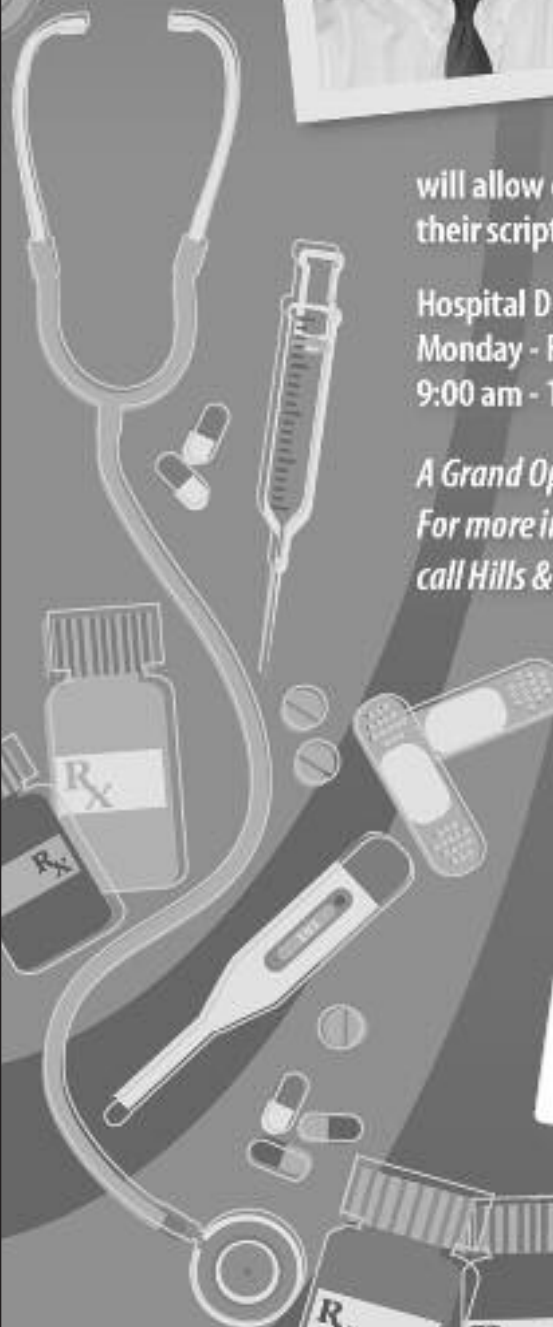



Welcome to our new Pharmacist, a Cass City native, Aaron Barrigar, Pharm.D.

Hospital Drive Pharmacy is a full service retail pharmacy with a drive through window that carries over-the-counter products as well. It will allow community members to easily and quickly fill their scripts after seeing their family physician.

Hospital Drive Pharmacy hours of operation will be Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 7:00 pm, and Saturday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.

A Grand Opening Date will be announced soon! For more information about Hospital Drive Pharmacy, call Hills & Dales General Hospital at 989-872-2121.





Hospital Drive Pharmacy

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

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"NON-STOP" (PG-13)

Notice of 2014 Board of Review for Elkland Township will be held Monday March 10, 2014 9 a.m.-12 p.m. & 1 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Thursday March 13, 2014 1-4 p.m. & 6-9 p.m. at 6691 Church Street, Cass City Dan Erla, Supervisor

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with the cheerful lads and lasses of Sherwood on the Hill in Gagetown, and enjoy a feast!

Dinner Choices: Mon., March 17
4 - 8 p.m.

Cornbeef & Cabbage **\$9.95**
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Seafood Platter **\$16.50**

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Budget Public Hearing (Truth in Budgeting) Notice

The Village of Gagetown Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed village budget for fiscal year April 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015 at 4764 State St. (Next to bank), Gagetown on Monday, March 3, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. Copies of the budget will be available the night of the meeting.

Notice complies with MCL 141.436 & MCL 211.24e

Prepared by: Joan Koch
Clerk/Treasurer
Village of Gagetown
February 27, 2014

GREENLEAF TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW MEETINGS

Tuesday, March 11, 2014	Wednesday, March 12, 2014
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Greenleaf Township Hall, on Gilbert Rd. 2 mi. north of Cass City Rd. Sanilac Co., Michigan

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real and personal property for 2013 are as follows:

Agricultural	45.82%	1.0912
Commercial	47.74%	1.0473
Industrial	49.68%	1.0064
Residential	50.20%	0.9960
Personal	50.00%	1.0000

Letters to the Editor

Women can choose not to get pregnant

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elected to represent “us” and that seems to be precisely what the school board is trying to do with a public vote. The taxpayers paid for it and they will pay for the upkeep if that’s what they decide. All too often the people we elected to various offices have a tendency to do their own thing rather than have their “hands tied” by the very people who they were elected to represent. At a federal level, “doing their own thing” has plunged this country into perpetual debt among other problems far too numerous to mention in just a few thousand pages.

Concerning Mr. Adams’ claims that RTLs (Right to Lifers) were somehow responsible for fire-bombing medical clinics and killing doctors??? I don’t recall any members of the RTL organization being charged and prosecuted for such crimes, and even if they were, we can’t condemn an entire organization for the actions of a few radicals. RTLs will fight for the rights of those abortion doctors the same as they fight for the lives of unborn children. The name of the organization is Right to LIFE.

I do appreciate Mr. Adams bringing to light that RTLs are all about controlling women, not viewing them as equal, and incapable of making their own decisions. I didn’t know that RTL was exclusively a MEN’S organization, because I’m certain that women would never make those kinds of allegations about other women and, consequently, about themselves. Now we all know, RTL is a men’s club.

We should also be grateful that Mr. Adams enlightened us to the suggestion that RTLs and Republicans want to force women to have babies against their will using intimidation and by making abortions illegal. Never in a million years would that have occurred to me because, if I’m not mistaken, the vast majority of abortions are performed on poor and/or minority women, the vast majority of whom will vote for Democrats as will their poor and/or minority children, eventually. That passion to drastically increase the population of those who politically oppose you somehow makes sense to someone, I guess.

I talked with many legal scholars over the years, and although Roe v. Wade is law, most seem to agree that it will eventually be overturned because it is a bad law. Why, from a legal standpoint, they consider it a bad law, I don’t really know, having never read it. But, in my opinion,

Roe v. Wade will be overturned by science and technology, assuming we remain a reasonably moral society.

We currently determine life by detecting a heartbeat and brainwaves. If a person on life support has both, they’re considered to be alive. To disconnect them would generally be considered murder. Could we detect a heartbeat from an unborn 150 years ago? Probably not. One-hundred years ago? Maybe in the third trimester. I really don’t know. I’m certain we could not detect a brainwave then. When and at what point during a pregnancy could we detect both? Today we can detect both at a very early stage in the pregnancy. At the rate technology is advancing, in 10 or 20 years we may be able to detect brainwaves shortly after conception and soon thereafter may even be able to detect what the unborn is thinking. For anyone who thinks that’s science fic-

tion, you haven’t been paying attention to the information on surveillance technology lately which, by the time we hear about it, is already obsolete.

Although I sometimes have my doubts, I’d like to believe we live in a moral country. When it comes to life, we should always err on the side of caution. Even death row inmates are generally given years of opportunities to reverse their sentences. I truly feel sorry for anyone who believes we should not offer that same opportunity, the opportunity of life, to the most innocent, defenseless members of our society.

And, Mr. Adams, for some unknown reason I just don’t consider 55 million abortions as being “rare”. Women do have a choice; they can choose to not get pregnant. That ain’t rocket science.

Bob Papovich
Snover

Residents invited to share their opinions

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we will learn more about many of the key issues impacting our state today, and we’ll be able to share our priorities for Michigan’s future.

In November 2014, we will choose our next governor, all 38 state Senators and all 110 members of the state House of Representatives. The Center for Michigan believes that our voices should shape the focus of this election and Michigan’s path in 2015 and beyond—and they plan to take the priorities we share in this discussion and amplify them to the candidates.

Our conversation will be one of more than 150 structured dialogues taking place from September 2013 through April 2014. Altogether, the participants will include more than

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Discussion topics will include: How you feel about Michigan today, education, economy & prosperity, quality of life and public money priorities.

To learn more about the Community Conversations and the Center for Michigan, please visit www.thecenterformichigan.net.

I hope that you will be able to participate in our Community Conversation. Please RSVP to Suze Walker at (989) 673-2144 (ext. 30302) by March 19.

Suze Walker, community collaborator
Tuscola County Human Services Collaborating Council

Obituaries

Joan Mae Bartell

Joan M. Bartell, 81, of Caro, (formerly of Grand Rapids) died following a long illness Friday, March 7, 2014 in Tuscola County Medical Care Facility. She was born August 23, 1932 in Canton, OH to John Thomas and Wanda Anna (Schear) Briggs.

Joan attended Toccoa Falls Bible College and received her Elementary Teaching Degree from Northwestern College in Minneapolis, MN. From 1964 to 1988 Joan was a missionary and teacher in Brazil with Brazil Gospel Fellowship Mission. Joan began sewing at the age of 11. On her return to the U.S. she worked as a seamstress in the Grand Rapids area. Joan was very creative. She made beautiful and creative costumes for school musicals in Brazil and here. She was talented at hand embroidery also. Joan loved working in her garden. She could make any plant thrive. Joan was a member of Calvary Church in Grand Rapids where she taught Sunday School and helped in the nursery. Joan loved being a grandmother and spending time with her family.

Joan is survived by her children: Rebecca Joy Bartell of Lena, WI, Joel Steven (Dawn) Bartell of Lakeview, Bonnie Lynae (Ray) Ferris of Deford, Brenda Grace (Joe) Walsh of Rockford; grandchildren: Kyle (Erin) DeCloux, Korynne DeCloux, Samantha (Jake) Cumings, Caitlyn Bartell, Zach Bartell, Jesika (James) Struve, Jared Ferris, Jalen Ferris, Carice Walsh, Nicca (Kevin) Fikkert, Jakin Walsh; great grandchildren: Brett, Darrin, Lila and the fourth due in September; sister, Dorothy Briggs of Canton, OH; twin sister, Jean Stewart of Massillon, OH; sister-in-law, Donna Rae Briggs of Canton, OH; many nieces and nephews; special friends, Loren and Kim Walburg of Grand Rapids and their family, Fran Aubert and girls; special Brazilian family, Siloni, Zé and families. She is preceded in death by her parents; brothers: Marion Briggs, Dick Briggs, Jack Briggs.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, 2014 in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City with Pastor David Cooper of Deford Community Church officiating. Pallbearers for Mrs. Bartell: Zach Bartell, Jared Ferris, Jalen Ferris, Jakin Walsh, Kyle DeCloux, James

Struve, Kevin Fikkert.

Memorials may be made to Brazil Gospel Fellowship Mission Silver Lake Bible Camp (Acampamento Joia). Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneral-home.com.

Visitation will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, March 11 and from 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 12 in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.

Brady Hudson Elwood

As the parents of Brady Hudson Elwood, we are sad to announce that our son was born still, Friday, March 7, 2014 in Huron Medical Center, Bad Axe. As Brady’s parents, Jessica Elston and Steven Elwood, we thank you for your prayers and for sharing our sorrow.

Brady will also be missed by his siblings: Madyson Rain Elston, Keegan Orion Elston, Zachary David Elwood, Jesse Tyler Elwood; grandparents: Clem and Sally Koepf of Cass City, Steven and Mary Jo Elwood of Mayville; great-grandparents: Jacqueline Warju of Cass City, Ron (Mary Ann) Warju of Caro, Nancy (Royce) Walters of Millington. He will also be missed by uncles: Matthew Koepf of Wapwallopen, PA, Mark Koepf of Ypsilanti, Luke Koepf of Cass City, Clem (Rachael) Koepf II of Cass City; aunts: Christine Elwood of Mayville, Kathy (Sam) Owen of Clio, Michelle Flemington of Haslett; cousins: Annalena, Grace, Sarah, Ashley, Ryan, Kayla, Kyle, Brooke, Joey and Bayleigh. Brady is preceded in death by his great grandparents: Joseph and Elfriede Koepf, Harvey Elwood, Harold and Josephine Poff.

A funeral service for Brady was held Monday, March 10 at Kranz Funeral Home Cass City with Debra L. Kranz, Funeral Service Celebrant, officiating.

Pallbearers for Brady will be his uncles: Mathew, Mark and Luke Koepf.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund. Family and friends may share thoughts and prayers with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com.

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Local gallery set to host artist-magician Jim Alt

The Artistic Endeavors Gallery in Cass City will host an artist reception this month that promises a bit of magic as well as beauty.

The local gallery, located at 6358 Min St., will welcome Michigan-born, Lapeer native Jim Alt during a reception slated for Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. Alt's artwork will be on display, and he'll be performing a magic show as well.

Alt combines his love of performing with his love of visual art — painting and sculpture, according to gallery officials, who note he studied at the University Michigan-Flint and at the Art Institute of Pittsburgh. Alt currently serves as the full-time director of Studio 194 in Lapeer.

Refreshments will be served during the upcoming reception, and the public is invited to attend.

Alt's art exhibit will be on display at the gallery through the end of March. The gallery's regular business hours are Thursdays, noon to 5 p.m.; Fridays, noon to 7 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



LAPEER NATIVE Jim Alt will be the featured artist — and magician — during an upcoming reception at the Artistic Endeavors Gallery in Cass City.



STAFFING THE NEW Hospital Drive Pharmacy will be (from left) Tyler Ruiz, certified pharmacy technician; Barb Doran, pharmacist; Kami Maurer-House, certified pharmacy technician; Aaron Barrigar, pharmacist; and Rachel Harris, pharmacy technician.

Barrigar returns “home” as pharmacist

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Barrigar opted to move back to the Thumb after graduation, taking his first job as a certified pharmacist in Bad Axe.

The decision to return “home” was an easy one for Barrigar and his family — he and his wife, Jody, have two sons and a daughter, Dylan, 6, Bryce, 3 and Isla, one.

“I had offers to stay in Grand Rapids, but my wife and I, we decided we wanted to be closer to family friends,” he said, noting his wife is both a dental hygienist and stay-at-home mom.

“It’s definitely exciting,” Barrigar added. “I think I’ll be able to run into a lot of people I knew in the past. And I think I’ll definitely be able to be more involved in the community.”

Battels gearing up to host sweet open house

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Maple Syrup, located northeast of Cass City at 7964 Daus Rd.

“This is our latest start to a syrup season, since winter just doesn’t want to go away,” Sue Stuever Battel commented over the weekend after the family — including her husband, Bob, their daughters, and Bob’s folks, Mark and Diane Battel — spent the first weekend of the season in their sugar bush, tapping trees and preparing to boil sap in anticipation of improved temperature fluctuations.

“As you know, for sap to flow well, we need temperatures at least a few degrees above freezing during the day and below freezing at night,” Sue explained.

“We got all the tapping done this weekend. Bob put in about 600 taps on the four lines of tubing. Our daughters and I put out 50 metal taps in front of the sugar shack with metal buckets,” she said.

“(We) had one wet taphole today on a tree the sun was shining on, meaning the sap was getting ready to flow there,” Sue added. “Monday and Tuesday (looked) good for sap, and the weekend weather forecast calls for perfect syrup weather.”

The time couldn’t be better, considering the Battels are gearing up to host their sixth annual syrup open house Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the woods. “Our visitors will get to try some nice warm syrup on a pancake,” Sue noted. “We’ll show people our boiling process all day, with more detailed tours on the hour.”

In the meantime, there’s plenty of work to do.

“Of course, the snow was pretty deep in the woods this year,” Sue said. “Mark is 66 years old and has never seen it so deep this time of year. Bob wore snowshoes while tapping — certainly a first for us. We even had to have our neighbor, Jeff Healy, use his skidsteer to clear deep snow out of the driveway to the sugar shack.”

On a positive note, Sue pointed out the family observed less squirrel damage this winter compared to a year ago. “The buggers like to gnaw on the tubing, sometimes causing holes that require repair,” she said.

“We did have more branches down than usual — some tore down a little tubing and it was buried in the snow, (but) the big ice storm wasn’t too bad in the woods because the trees all protected each other.”

“For a decade we have been using smaller, 5/16-inch ‘health’ plastic spikes on all the trees that are tubed,” Sue continued. “This year, Mark bought smaller metal spikes for the bucket trees as well. “The older spikes were 7/16-inch, and maple researchers have shown that the smaller holes still yield the same amount of sap with a smaller tree scar.”

“The health of our trees is important because we’re on our sixth generation of sugar makers and we sure would like to see six more.”

Sue indicated the family had no difficulty finding enough to do over the weekend. “Mark is washing up some more buckets. He already cleaned the tanks, and getting the evaporator all ready to fire is next — he spent last fall cutting wood to burn,” she said. “Diane is getting the woods kitchen ready to do the canning once we do have syrup to bottle.”



BATTEL FAMILY members, young and not so young, all pitch in when it comes to harvesting sap in the sugar bush. Above, Dori Battel, 8, daughter of Sue and Bob Battel, hangs a bucket over the weekend.

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2013-14 GTC East Girls' Basketball All Conference

First Team

Skye Willer	Brown City	Junior
Keara Wilson	Marlette	Senior
MacKenzie Kelly	Marlette	Junior
Miara Okie	Sandusky	Senior
Alyssa Webb	Sandusky	Senior
Audrey Bracken	Sandusky	Senior
Jamie Weber	Harbor Beach	Junior

Second Team

Lorin Gierman	Brown City	Junior
Kaila Ellis	Brown City	Senior
Haley Cross	Marlette	Soph.
Kari White	Ubly	Senior
Shannae Woolner	Ubly	Junior
Brooke Krueger	Sandusky	Junior
Emily Pawlowski	Harbor Beach	Junior

Honorable Mention

Kara Muxlow	Brown City	Senior
Abby Kaufman	Brown City	Senior
Caitlin Quade	Marlette	Fres.
Lily Solgat	Marlette	Senior
Jade Wolschleger	Harbor Beach	Junior
Mikaela Pfaff	Harbor Beach	Junior
Haleemah Agel	Harbor Beach	Senior
Ellie Florka	Memphis	Soph.
Nicole Parise	Memphis	Soph.
Keegan Nelson	Sandusky	Junior
Marisa Guza	Ubly	Junior

Final Standings

Sandusky	10	0
Brown City	7	2
Marlette	6	4
Harbor Beach	4	6
Ubly	3	7
Memphis	0	10

Greater Thumb West airs lady basketball all conference picks

Undefeated champion Reese dominated the 2013-14 Greater Thumb West all conference girls' basketball selections with 3 first team picks.

Named to the GTW all conference first team were Reese's Reyna Frost, Paige Gotham and Monica Hagen. Rounding out the dream team picks are Erika Fritz, USA, Kayla Deering, Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port and LaTonya Wilson, Vassar. All are seniors, except junior Frost.

Rockets Frost and Gotham are no strangers to Thumb area basketball fans and are repeat dream team performers, while Hagen was voted to the GTW all conference second team last year. The trio has played a major

role in helping the Rockets hang six consecutive league banners. Also landing on the GTW all conference first team for a second straight year were



Erika Martin

Deering and Wilson.

Deering helped the Lakers to a runner-up GTW finish by averaging 18 points and 9 rebounds per game. She also averaged 2 blocks per game, while shooting 50 percent from the

field and 70 percent from the free throw line.

New to the first team is Fritz. She averaged 10.7 points per game and played her best ball of the season late, including a career-high 26 points against Cass City.

Highlighting the GTW all conference second team choices was Shania Chambers, Cass City. Joining her were Stephanie Neuman, Samantha Ewald, USA, Brooke Chaplinski, Brittany Hatfield, Mariah Cook, EPBP and Rachel Breault, Bad Axe.

Chambers ended her 4-year varsity career scoring 117 points. She averaged nearly 3 steals and 3 assists per game.



Shania Chambers

Neuman averaged 10.4 points for Coach Lindsay Bitzer, shooting 43 percent from the floor. She also was credited with 8 rebounds and 2

blocks per game, while Ewald, a Caro Schools transfer, averaged 10.2 points for the Patriots. She shot 40 percent from the floor and 68 percent from the stripe.

Chaplinski, Hatfield and Cook all recorded impressive numbers during the season. Chaplinski averaged 10 points per game and was Coach Jeff Eztel's best 3-point shooter. Cook, the Laker sophomore point guard, averaged 9 points and 3 steals per contest.

Breault's numbers included 8.2 points and 10.2 rebounds per game.

Earning honorable mention praises were Cass City's Erika Martin and Alliah Riddle.

"Two hard workers," said Haire. "Both will be expected to up their scoring next season. And if they prepare over the summer, that shouldn't be a problem."



Alliah Riddle

Completing the list of honorable mention players are Breanna Dinsmoore, Ally Hoppe, USA, Lexie Shemka, Rebecca Gorkowski, Bad Axe, Rebecca Huizar, Vassar, Shannon Bates, Kaityn Deyarmond, Bay City and Taylor McGathy, EPBP.

2013-14 GTC East Boys' Basketball All Conference

First Team

Brad Schaub	Marlette	Senior
Andrew Storm	Marlette	Soph.
Eli Kraft	Harbor Beach	Senior
Josh Schelke	Harbor Beach	Junior
Alex Bartle	Brown City	Senior
Aaron Hayes	Memphis	Senior

Second Team

Matt Klein	Marlette	Senior
Cody Siemen	Harbor Beach	Soph.
Jeff Randolph	Brown City	Junior
Trenton Morell	Ubly	Senior
Jeffrey Wright	Ubly	Soph.
Dalton Okie	Sandusky	Junior

Honorable Mention

Connor Thomas	Marlette	Junior
Ian Reagin	Marlette	Senior
Colin Cook	Harbor Beach	Senior
Austin Seltz	Harbor Beach	Junior
Joe Kobus	Brown City	Senior
Jake McLaughlin	Brown City	Senior
Tyler Brandel	Ubly	Senior
Jonathan Bischer	Ubly	Junior
Jacob Lasecki	Sandusky	Junior
Tyler Wedge	Sandusky	Senior
Brandon Potter	Sandusky	Soph.
David Gaedke	Memphis	Senior
Conner Newlands	Memphis	Junior

Final Standings

Marlette	9	1
Harbor Beach	8	2
Brown City	5	5
Ubly	4	6
Sandusky	3	7
Memphis	2	8

Four Cass City Red Hawks are among the Greater Thumb West best basketball players, according to the vote of conference coaches released Monday.

USA and Reese schools each landed a pair of players on the Greater

Thumb West all conference first team, made up of 5 seniors and one junior player.

Patriots Brendan Ballard and Zach Cramer, are joined by Rockets Cody Peyok and Tanner VanPetten on the fictitious Greater Thumb West dream

team, which also includes Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port center Paul Zwemmer and Justin Bates, Bay City All Saints junior. Zwemmer, who became the second player in Laker history to topple 1,000 career points, Please turn to page 10.

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COUNCIL 8892 of the Knights of Columbus, Cass City, recently held their annual recognition dinner. Honored as Knight of the Year, (above, left) was Dale Churchill. Grand Knight Rob Piaskowski spoke of Dale’s efforts to help at the hall with repairs and with the organization’s fundraisers such as the fish fry dinners and the potato drive during his presentation of the award. He also mentioned Dale’s volunteer work for the Red Cross Disaster Services, a Museum Committee member at the Thumb Octagon Barn, and a greeter at Sacred Heart Church in Caro.

Also honored during the gathering was the LeRoy Simms family named the club’s Family of the Year. Pictured (below from the left) is daughter Sheila Brown, LeRoy Simms, and Nancy Simms and Grand Knight Rob Piaskowski.

LeRoy and Nancy were chosen for their dedication to church, community and our council, according to Piaskowski, noting the couple attends church weekly and both are hospital auxiliary volunteers.



Kingston ousted in regional final

A magical season came to a halt Thursday for the Kingston Lady Cardinals.

After defeating Greater Thumb West foe Bay City All Saints on Tuesday to open play at the Akron-Fairgrove Class D Regional, Coach Jay Green’s Cards surrendered 39-20 to Marine City Cardinal Mooney in the championship game.

Cardinal Mooney’s length and athleticism contributed to a poor shooting night for Kingston. They shot just 16 percent from the floor allowing Marine City to grab leads of 9-0 and 19-11.

“Although we had fewer turnovers and more rebounds, we were not able to get the quality looks at the basket that Cardinal Mooney did. We battled hard all game, but ultimately Marine City was able to control the tempo and the paint,” said Green.

“Although we wanted more, winning both an outright league and district in the same season was well deserved for such a nice group of girls.”

Madison Cofer led Kingston with 7 points and 7 rebounds.

Marine City was led by all stater Katie Theut with 17 points and center Maddie Southers with 4 points and 14 blocked shots.

BCAS

Bay City All Saints gave Kingston all they could handle by controlling the tempo in the first half of their regional meeting.

The second half was another story. Kingston switched to a half court trap that contributed to a 33-0 run. After trailing 16-13, the North Central Thumb League champs would lead 46-16 midway through the final quarter.

“Jenna (Boyl) was making plays all over the court and scored 15 points in the decisive third quarter,” said Green.

Boyl finished with a game-high 25 points, which included 3 treys, 5 rebounds, and 4 steals to pace Kingston, while Cofer added 6 points and 10 rebounds and Sarah Savage, 9 points.

BCAS was led by Shannon Bates with 16 points.

Greater Thumb West best named Monday

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and Peyok are repeat selections.

Senior Curtis Dickinson topped Cass City’s honorees landing on the Greater Thumb West all conference second team, while senior Collin Hartwick, senior Jacob Perry and sophomore Sawyer Cuthrell all received honorable mention praises.

Cass City Coach Aaron Fernald had nothing but praise for each of his team leaders.

“Curtis had a solid year. He would get us about 9-10 points a game and 5-6 rebounds per game. Jacob is a team player. He does the intangibles that I think the other coaches in the league recognize,” he said.

Adding, “Collin really started to come on late. It was too bad he was hampered by injury early in the season. He had a great career.”

“Sawyer had the responsibility of running the point as a sophomore. He has a bright future.”

Other Greater Thumb West all conference second team selections included Vassar junior Blake Ruppall and sophomore Lamont Morrison, Bay City All Saints sophomore Trey Newsham, Aaron Saenz, USA sophomore, and Tommy Morneau, Bad Axe sophomore.

The complete honorable mention choices also included senior Archie Naert, senior Jared Schuette and senior Aaron Christy, Lakers, senior Bailey Heintz and senior Tyler

Labor, Bad Axe, senior Eli Harper, senior Tommy Palmer, and sophomore Tyler Humpert, Vassar, senior Nick Hunter and junior Josh Dorion, Bay City All Saints, senior Tony Bentley, Reese and senior Nick DeSimpelare, USA.



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Owen-Gage senior Ben Good ended his Bulldog basketball career by earning player of the game honors, despite a losing effort against North Huron. Good posted 14 points, 12 rebounds and 8 blocks in the 72-56 defeat.

For his efforts, Good is this week’s Schneeberger Athlete of the Week award winner.

Good helped the Bulldogs to a 12-6 record, averaging nearly 16 points and 7 rebounds per game.

Ben is the son of Dave and Julie Good.

Ben Good

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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 Uby 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 32
2/25 Vassar 44, Cass City 34
2/27 USA 56, Cass City 31

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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
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WRESTLING

12/7	Marlette Team Tourney	8:00 a.m.
12/11	Imlay City/Capac	6:00 p.m.
12/14	Cros-Lex Team Tourney	8:00 a.m.
12/19	Bad Axe/Marlette	6:00 p.m.
12/21	TBD	
12/28	Mayville Tournament	TBD
1/4	North Branch Team Tourney	9:00 a.m.
1/8	Sandusky/Mayville	6:00 p.m.
1/11	Imlay City Invite	9:00 a.m.
1/15	Vassar/Brown City	6:00 p.m.
1/18	Marysville Team Tourney	8:00 a.m.
1/22	Memphis/EPB Lakers	6:00 p.m.
1/25	Bullock Creek Team Tourney	9:00 a.m.
1/29	TBD	
2/1	GTC League Meet @Vassar	TBD
2/5	Team Districts	TBD
2/8	Individual Districts	TBD
2/12	Team Regionals	TBD
2/15	Individual Regionals	TBD
2/21-22	Team State Finals @Battle Creek	TBD
2/27-3/1	Indiv State Finals @Auburn Hills	TBD

GYMNASTICS

12/18	Vassar	6:30 p.m.
1/12	Fraser Invitational	TBA
1/14	Vassar	6:30 p.m.
1/18	Farmington Invite	TBA
1/21	Freeland	6:00 p.m.
1/23	Vassar/Freeland	6:30 p.m.
1/25	St. John Invitational	10:00 a.m.
2/1	Jackson	5:00 p.m.
2/8	Vassar Invite	12:00 p.m.
2/15	Freeland Invite	TBD



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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 April 10, 2014.

Said premises are situated in Township of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: A part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 1, Township 10 North, Range 8 East, described as:

Commencing at the Southwest corner of Section 1, Township 10 North, Range 8 East, thence South 84 degrees 35 minutes 32 seconds East 1034.23 feet along the South Section line to the point of beginning; thence North 2 Degrees 02 Minutes 47 seconds East 628.70 feet; thence South 84 degrees 34 minutes 12 seconds East 330 feet; thence South 2 degrees 02 minutes 47 seconds West, 628.57 feet along the West 1/8 line, thence North 84 deg 35 minutes 31 seconds West, 330 feet along the South Section line 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: March 12, 2014
For more information, please call:
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Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Hwy Ste 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-5422
File #425948F01

3-12-4

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MORTGAGE SALE – Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by SCOT JACOBS and BOBBI JO JACOBS, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS JOINT TENANTS, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (“MERS”), solely as nominee for lender and lender’s successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated January 28, 2009, and recorded on February 12, 2009, in Liber 1167, on Page 364, and assigned by said mortgagee to Nationstar Mortgage LLC, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Fifty Dollars and Sixty-Two Cents (\$165,050.62), including interest at 4.000% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and pro-

vided, 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 April 10, 2014 Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as: Part of the Southeast 1 / 4 of Section 18, Town 14 North, Range 9 East, Columbia Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as:

Beginning in the South line of said Section 18 distant East 986 feet along said South Section line from the South 1 / 4 corner of said Section, thence North 416 feet, thence East 208 feet, thence South 416 feet to said South Section line, thence West 208.00 feet along said South Section line to the place of beginning. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 6000.3241a, 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. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee’s attorney.

Nationstar Mortgage LLC
Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.
23938 Research Drive, Suite 300
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3-12-14

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Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Benjamin J. Hennessey, a single man, of 4215 Maple Street, Cass City, MI 48726, as Mortgagor, to Northstar Bank, f/k/a Community Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation, whose principal office is in Bad Axe, Michigan, as Mortgagee, dated October 15, 2002 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on October 24, 2002 in Liber 899, pages 1296, et.seq, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Six Thousand One Hundred Ninety Four and 79/100 (\$6,194.79) Dollars and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

NOW THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the main entrance of the Tuscola County Building in the City of Caro, and County of Tuscola, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Thursday, April 10, 2014 at 10:00 o’clock a.m., local time, in the forenoon of said day, and the premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage, together with interest, legal costs, attorney’s fees and any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

LAND SITUATED IN THE VILLAGE OF CASS CITY, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MI: LOT 5, BLOCK 1, GARDEN CENTER SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 92, NOW BEING

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the period of redemption shall be one (6) months from the date of sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240.

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.

Dated: March 12, 2014
NORTHSTAR BANK, Mortgagee
RICHARD L. TROWHILL
Attorney at Law
175 Thompson Rd.
Bad Axe, MI 48413
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3-12-5

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MORTGAGE SALE – Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Stacey R. Chema and Arnold L. Chema, wife and husband to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Arbor Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 2, 2007 and recorded August 10, 2007 in Liber 1127 Page 367 Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to: Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, by assignment dated December 31, 2013 and recorded January 8, 2014 in Liber 1299, Page 395, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-Three Dollars and Ten Cents (\$156,783.10) including interest 9.6% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00AM on March 27, 2014. Said premises are situated in Township of Arbela, 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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811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307
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Our File No: 14-97261

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MORTGAGE SALE – Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Robyn E Green and Earl R. Green, Wife and Husband to Mortgage Electronic

Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Lehman Brothers Bank, FSB, its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 22, 2004 and recorded November 4, 2004 in Liber 1015 Page 1400 Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned through mesne assignments to: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the holders of the SARM 2004-18 Trust Fund, by assignment dated February 13, 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 Forty-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Five Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$148,295.50) including interest 2.625% per annum.

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

Commonly known as 5565 Birch Run 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
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.,
as Trustee for the holders of the SARM 2004-18 Trust Fund,
Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys:
Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123
Our File No: 13-89121

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MORTGAGE SALE – Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by TERRY L. GREEN and PAMELA D. WITHERSPOON-GREEN, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (“MERS”), solely as nominee for lender and lender’s successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 30, 2007, and recorded on January 14, 2008, in Liber 1139, on Page 95, and assigned by said mortgagee to Federal National Mortgage Association (“Fannie Mae”), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Ninety-One Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Nine Dollars and Four Cents (\$291,649.04), including interest at 7.375% per annum.

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

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 6000.3241a, 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. Federal National Mortgage Association (“Fannie Mae”), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 LBPS.001319 FNMA

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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
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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
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2-19-4

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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, 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.

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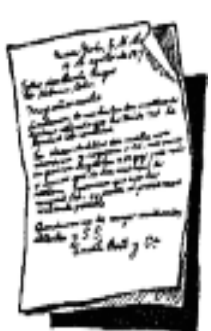
CIRCUIT COURT SALE In pursuance and by virtue of a Judgment of the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, made and entered on the 4th day of November, 2013 in a certain cause therein pending, wherein 21st Mortgage Corporation, a Delaware corporation, Successor to Vanderbilt Mortgage 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

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MICHAEL URBAN DEPUTY SHERIFF LAW OFFICES OF RICHARD A. GREEN
David B. Drasnin (P-45330) Attorney for
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The lab, a renovated area within a former milk plant, supports the college's newly launched welding program. "The former milk plant is a natural fit for industrial training," said Karen Easterling, Cass City campus director. "We're excited to show the community the impressive rehabbed facility and the state-of-the-art equipment available for student use in training for welding careers."

The lab accommodates up to 24 students. There are 12 two-man workstations. Each station has a MIG (metal inert gas) and TIG (tungsten inert gas) welder. Other equipment that is shared by class members includes multiple torches, a plasma cutter, bench cutter, drill press, grinder, tube bender, band saws, and a Scottsman Sheener steel cutter.

Easterling said that the welding program was added to Baker's curriculum to help meet the needs of employers in the agricultural, manufacturing, and refinery industries, especially those located in the thumb area of Michigan.

The one-year certificate and two-year associate degree program provide training for those who have interest in becoming a welding engineer, welding inspector, structural ironworker, custom vehicle designer, and metal art sculptor, among other welding professions.

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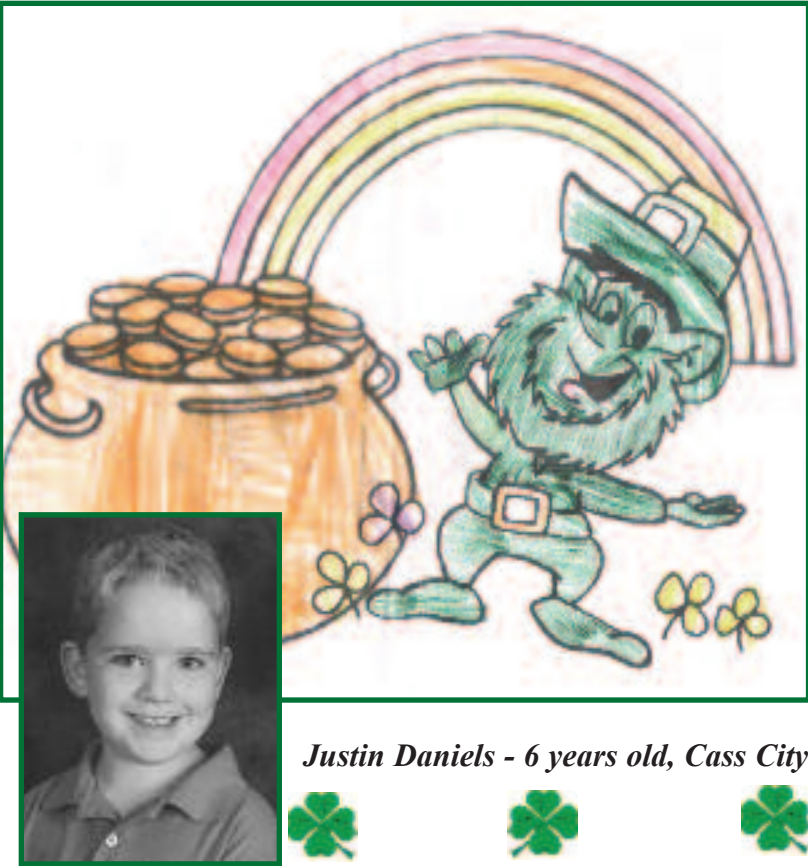


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MICHIGAN FARM Bureau (MFB) Board member Doug Darling presents Heather Gentner of the Ubly FFA Chapter with an embroidered jacket and plaque, courtesy of Farm Bureau, as a Michigan FFA Star Award finalist in agricultural placement.

Ubly’s Gentner among FFA Star finalists recognized at state meet

An Ubly FFA member was among the Michigan youth honored as Star finalists during last week’s 86th annual FFA (Future Farmers of America) Association State Convention.

Star finalists were honored in four categories: agriscience, agribusiness, production agriculture and agricultural placement. Heather Gentner, representing the Ubly FFA, was recognized as a finalist in agricultural placement.

Star finalists were selected from among more than 390 students who excelled in their FFA-supervised agricultural experience, earned and invested \$2,000, performed 25 hours of community service and received their FFA Chapter Degree.

Honored during a reception Thursday, sponsored by MFB along with the Michigan FFA Foundation and GreenStone Farm Credit Services, each finalist was presented with an embroidered Carhartt jacket and plaque, courtesy of Farm Bureau.

Also during the convention, MFB President Wayne Wood address those in attendance, noting MFB’s mission is illustrated in its grassroots involvement and member commitment to the agriculture industry, including efforts to ensure strong leaders for tomorrow.

As a sponsor of the Michigan FFA Association State Convention, Wood said, MFB continues to promote the association’s career development events, focusing in premier leadership, personal growth and career success.

“We need FFA members to lead us into a new generation of agriculture,” Wood told the crowd assembled in Lansing last week. “I’m confident the agriculture industry will flourish under the leadership of these outstanding young people.”

MFB’s legislative counsel arranged for the FFA delegate body to visit the state capitol Thursday. Students observed the Michigan State Senate in session and were guided onto the House floor by District 108 Rep. Ed McBroom and District 97 Rep. Joel Johnson.

Michigan Secretary of State Ruth Johnson was honored for her work administering the agricultural heritage license plate program, which received an update this year with the addition of the Pure Michigan logo. Proceeds from the plates’ sale go to benefit agriculture education programs in grades K-12.

“I’m honored by the recognition of our team’s efforts to support the agricultural heritage license plate,” Johnson said. “Farming is so critical to this state, contributing more than \$90 billion into our economy every year. Our farmers have a proud, rich history. It’s their hard work and innovation that is helping to feed this state, this country and the world.”



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