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FOR SALE

Board ready to list Campbell

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The debate is over. Cass City School officials are looking for a buyer for the former Campbell Elementary School building.

The decision came during a monthly Cass City Board of Education meeting Monday night, but as expected, it wasn't unanimous.

Board Secretary Sloane Stimpfel, who made the motion to list the building for sale, voted "yes" along with board President Craig Bellew, Vice President Alice Zaleski and Trustee Jeff Loomis. Board

Treasurer Dave Osentoski, who has repeatedly voiced his opposition to selling the building at this time, cast the lone dissenting vote.

Trustee Janie Meeker, who has also been outspoken in her opposition to the sale, and Trustee Dan Manwell did not attend Monday night's session.

The vote came a month after school Supt. Jeff Hartel reported that the board's suggestion of placing the decision in the hands of residents in a special election is not an option.

"We can't take the sale (decision) to

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Manufacturers to invest \$5.5 million into local economy

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

Following a series of public hearings Monday, prior to the Cass City Village Council's regular monthly meeting, a pair of local expanding manufacturers' requests for Industrial Facilities Tax (IFT) Exemption Certificates was

approved.

Walbro Engine Management, LLC and Mi-Tech Tooling, Inc., received the future tax breaks on investments totaling over \$5.5 million at their Garfield Avenue locations in Cass City.

Walbro Engine Management was granted a 50 percent reduction, for

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Elkland Township officials revise fire department rates

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Elkland Township officials recently approved a revised set of fire department rates designed to offset costly fire runs lasting several hours.

The township board approved Fire Chief Glenn Guilds' recommendation to eliminate maximum charges for certain types of runs. For example, the fee for a standard structure fire has been \$750 for the first hour and \$250 for the second hour for a maximum charge of \$1,000. Now, additional hours will cost \$250 each.

The department's other rates are: vehicle fires — \$500 for the first hour and \$300 each hour thereafter; hazmat (hazardous materials) fires — \$1,000 per hour; grass fires — \$750 for the first hour and \$250 each hour thereafter; and trash fires — \$300 flat fee.

"There are some fire runs where we're out there 10 or 12 hours, and we're losing our tails on those. We're not even covering operation costs at \$1,000 (for a maximum charge) — that's the crazy thing," Guilds said. He added

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K-9

Sanilac Deputy Baki is taking care of business

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Baki is a keeper.

That's Sanilac County Sheriff Garry Biniecki's assessment of his department's new K-9 officer, Baki (pronounced Bah-Key). After months of training, Baki and his handler, Deputy Josh Horst, were put to the test during two recent tracking assignments.

According to Sgt. Steve McKenney, in the first track, April 14, deputies were dispatched to the Decker area in Lamotte Township to investigate a reported domestic violence incident in progress.

"The suspect, a 52-year-old male from Decker, had left the scene prior to the deputies' arrival. After setting up a perimeter, Deputy Horst and Baki tracked the suspect through a farm field and later a tall grass field," McKenney said. "As a result of the track, the suspect was located hiding in a wood line near his residence and was taken into custody without incident."

The suspect was transported to the Sanilac County Jail, where he was

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K-9 BAKI, an official member of the Sanilac County Sheriff's Department since last December, recently took on his first search assignments, tracking down a suspect in a domestic violence dispute and assisting in the search for a runaway. Baki is pictured above with his handler and partner, Deputy Josh Horst.



Building bridges...

CASS CITY JUNIOR-Senior High School junior Ethan Monte places his team's bridge on the Pitsco di2000 Structure Tester during the Michigan Design and Build Bridge Challenge in Lansing, sponsored by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). Monte and his teammates, Garrett Fisher and Daymon Tabako, constructed a balsa wood bridge that withstood 148 pounds. See story, page 16. (Photo courtesy of Nichole Maurer)

Ubly voters set to decide bond issue for technology upgrades

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Ubly Community School officials will ask taxpayers to approve funding for over-due technology upgrades during a special election next week.

Voters will be asked to okay a \$1.3 million bond issue to fund the improvements. The election is slated for Tuesday, May 6, with the polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

According to Ubly Community School Supt. Rocky Aldrich, the proposed tax increase adds up to just over a half-mill this year and would average about .6 of a mill annually over a period of up to 10 years.

For the owner a home with a market value of \$60,000, the tax translates into an additional \$16 this year, while the owner of a \$90,000 home

would pay roughly \$24 more in taxes.

If approved, the money generated by the bond issue cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs; teacher, administrator or employee salaries; or other operating expenses.

Instead, the money would be used for upgrades in two main categories: infrastructure and equipment.

The infrastructure improvements would include new network cabling and electronics, wireless network technology, construction of a secure and climate controlled head-end server room, redesigned server systems, and more. The equipment category, meanwhile, includes mobile devices for student use, new student computers in the school library, and new staff computers.

"Our network infrastructure here is using technology that was put in here, I believe, 15 years ago. The technology itself was introduced to the market over 20 years ago, so it's quite old," said Tony O'Neil, tech director for the Ubly Community schools.

The bottom line, he added, is the district's existing network simply can't support all of the computers in use. "We're using current technology on an outdated network. It's beyond slow."

O'Neil said the devices depending on the antiquated network include about 150 iPads, 60 laptop computers, two computer labs (each with 30 computers), another 10 library computers, and the computers utilized by the staff — 50 or so in all.

The result has been plenty of frustration to go around. "They're (students) forced to take three times as long to do something even as simple as looking up a web page," he said.

O'Neil noted that upgrading the infrastructure — the cabling and electronics along with the district's wireless technology infrastructure — will not only significantly improve the tools at students' disposal, but will also help to pave the way for future technology improvements.

For example, he said, school officials are looking at initiating a "one-

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Sanilac Co. Circuit judge announces reelection bid

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Veteran Sanilac County Circuit Court Judge Donald A. Teeple has announced he is seeking reelection.

Teeple has served as the county's circuit judge since he was first elected in 1990. He was reelected in 1996, 2002 and again in 2008. He is the sixth judge to preside over the 24th Circuit Court since its inception in 1879.

The Michigan Supreme Court has named Teeple chief judge of all three courts in Sanilac County.

Teeple was raised on a farm in Sanilac County and graduated from high school in 1967. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor in 1971 and was granted the degree of Juris Doctor from the University of Detroit School of Law in 1974. He gained admission to the State Bar of Michigan in November that same year.

Prior to election to the bench, Teeple practiced law in Sanilac County for 16 years in association with the late Charles W. Rigney.

A member of the Michigan Bar

Association and past president of the Sanilac County Bar Association, Teeple is active in several community service organizations. He is past president of the Family Counseling Services of the Thumb, past president of the Sandusky Lions Club, he served on the board of the United Way of Sanilac and the Sanilac County Advisory Board of St. Clair County Community College.

Teeple is the son of Marion and the late Donald Teeple of Minden City. He resides in Sandusky and has two adult sons.

"When I first sought this position, I promised to do my best to provide fair and efficient justice for the people of Sanilac County," Teeple said. "I truly believe that I have shown my commitment to achieving that goal each and every day in the courtroom. If reelected, I pledge to continue in that endeavor."



Donald Teeple



STUDENTS IN Kayla Treib’s combined fourth-fifth grade class at Owen-Gage Elementary School recently received an individually-packaged 12- to 18-inch evergreen tree seedling packaged by workers with disabilities.

Lions, O-G pupils honor Arbor Day

Students in Kayla Treib’s combined fourth-fifth grade class at Owen-Gage Elementary School recently received an individually-packaged 12- to 18-inch evergreen tree seedling packaged by workers with disabilities.

The cost was covered by the Owendale Lions Club. Owendale Lions Club members Fred Sullivan and Jim Roe presented seedlings to the students along with certificates recognizing the students’ participa-

tion in improving the environment in honor of Arbor Day.

“This project is made possible because community business people/organizations cover the cost of each individually packaged seedling, so that there is no cost to the students, the teachers, the school, or the taxpayer,” explained Debra Ersch, co-founder of the Fourth Grade Foresters Project. “It’s a wonderful way to show support for the community, education and the environment.”

Fourth Grade Foresters USA was created to provide a simple and inexpensive way for any individual, business, or organization to send students home with a tree of their own to plant and care for.

Tree planting is more important than ever before. Trees take carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere and clean the air we breathe. Planting trees is a simple, inexpensive and easy way to improve the community and add value to a property.



A SMALL GROUP of Cass City Tiger Cubs recently visited the Cass City Chronicle office, where Senior Advertising Sales Executive Krysta Boyce (above) demonstrated how the staff produces each edition digitally today. The boys, (from left) Ethan Sammons, Lane Herford, Justin McArdle (wearing hat) and Dylan Severance, were wrapping up their final requirement before advancing to the Wolf rank.

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Relay Recess set at school

You’re never too young to get involved in a good cause, and Cass City Elementary School students are learning that important lesson first hand.

Students will be participating in the American Cancer Society’s Relay Recess program, which provides elementary level students (grades K through six) with an opportunity to learn to make healthy choices about nutrition, physical activity, sun exposure safety and tobacco use prevention.

Students also have the chance to make a difference in the fight against cancer. Starting Tuesday, April 29, and continuing through Friday, May 16, students will be helping to raise money by donating \$5 and decorating a luminary bag in honor or in memory of someone they know who has been affected by cancer.

Parents, family members, neighbors and friends are also encouraged to donate and decorate luminary bags — available in the Cass City Elementary School Office.

The local fundraising goal is \$2,000, according to organizers, who said the classroom that sells the most luminary bags will be treated to an ice cream party at the end of the event.

In addition, the entire community is invited to participate in a celebration slated for May 16 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the football field to congratulate students and staff on a job well done.

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In Our
OPINION..

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Editor

Ubly bond issue solid investment

Voters in the Ubly Community School District will head to the polls for a special election Tuesday, May 6, to decide a proposed bond issue that would generate funding for needed technology upgrades.

We believe residents who vote “yes” on this request will be investing wisely.

Here’s why:

**School officials are asking for additional funding in an effort to provide students with the same up-to-date technology tools their peers enjoy in neighboring districts.*

Now, anyone who is even remotely familiar with the information technology industry knows that technology placed on the market today is old news tomorrow. Keep that in mind when school officials say the district’s infrastructure network (the physical cabling and electronics, server system, etc.) is currently comprised of technology first introduced 20 years ago.

In other words, if you think your computer speed at home is slow, stop by the school and see how long it takes to log onto a website. Now multiply that frustration several times for the dozens of students trying to do a little research or take an advanced course online.

The fact is, while technology has allowed schools to access ever-increasing levels of information and resources to educate kids, a network cannot be comprised of outdated technology.

**Most folks would be hard pressed to name a job today that doesn’t somehow rely on technology. Doesn’t it make sense to ensure every resource is available so that educators can help to prepare students for college and careers before they leave high school?*

**When it comes to generating money for major projects such as this one, school officials have no choice but to turn to voters.*

We’ve heard it said time and time again that schools should have more than adequate funding on hand to tackle upgrades. But, take into consideration the pulls on a school’s general fund: costly mandatory contributions to the state retirement fund, diminishing enrollments, state fund levels that have seen little if any net increases in recent years, one unfunded mandate after another coming out of Lansing, and the simple fact that the cost of doing business keeps rising.

**Voters can rest assured that if they approve the bond proposal, the money will go towards infrastructure and equipment upgrades only. By law, the funding cannot be used for salaries, benefits or school operating costs. Period.*

Residents in the Ubly Community Schools have a reputation for placing the local school system at or near the top of their priority lists, and we believe that philosophy will shine through once again when all of the votes are counted next week.



Slices of Life
by Jill Pertler
Pet talk



Yesterday, I accidentally stepped on the cat’s tail, and she let me know I’d committed an error of a horrendous nature. I apologized profusely, of course, but she wasn’t in the mood to forgive. She doesn’t take kindly to tail endangerment.

This isn’t the first time I’ve apologized to my pets – or conversed with them. Far from it. When my dog is lying on the stairway landing and I have to step over her, I say, “Excuse me,” like I owe her that. I also speak platitudes to my animals. They are so pretty. So darling. The nicest kitty – or puppy – ever.

I don’t know if they understand a little or a lot of what I say. I do find myself talking to them and am not sure I should be admitting this publicly. But I guess the cat’s out of the bag, so I might as well run with it.

I’m guessing more than a few of us talk to our pets, and while they may not be able to answer in the verbal sense, they do communicate in return. Much like humans, they utilize body language to get their point across. And they do so quite effectively.

We’re familiar with the universal message of the tail wag. Because I’m happy! My dog communicates happiness with more than her tail. Her ears perk and eyes light up in anticipation of breakfast, lunch and dinner. She lifts her two front paws in a half-jump upon mention of the word ‘treat.’ Her entire body wiggles in excitement at the sight of a tennis ball.

I’ve noticed my dog’s mood is a direct reflection of the people around her. When we’re happy, she’s happy. If I greet one of the kids when they come home from school, I’ll hear the dog’s tail thumping in the next room.

When the cat coughed up a hairball and we expressed displeasure about the mess on the carpet, the dog was pretty sure it was her fault. Her ears hung back low on her head. She avoided eye contact. Her shoulders sagged and her tail drooped accordingly. I’m sorry. So sorry, dear humans, for whatever it was I did wrong.

The cat, in contrast, was feeling mighty fine. She’d just coughed up a hairball, for gosh sakes. Do you realize how liberating that is? It was like a weight had been lifted from her shoulders – or a ball of fur released from her abdomen. She held her nose, ears and tail high with an attitude of hoity-toity only a cat can achieve. If she cared a smidgen about the dog’s misplaced remorse she didn’t let on. Instead she twitched her tail a few times in a display of absolute confidence and sashayed over to the dog’s water dish, where she delicately and deliberately took a drink.

My feline has a catastrophically expressive tail. It twirls and dances with the grace of a ballerina. She’ll walk parallel to a wall – with her body touching, but barely so. (Why do cats do that?) Then she’ll slink around the corner, leaving just the curly-cue of her tail peeking behind as if to say, I love loving myself. You will too, but only if I allow you to do so.

To further assert her position as cat executive officer (CEO) of the house, the seven-pound cat will rub her body along the 80-pound dog, much like she does along the wall. The cat curls her tail around the dog’s back leg with an expression that exudes affection and authority. She is marking her territory. This dog belongs to me.


Meanwhile, the dog appears terrified. Her entire body slumps and her jowls fall toward the floor. Her snout cringes in a dog frown. Her tail lies silent. She shifts nervously - uncomfortable and intimidated, not knowing for sure what she should do, afraid she’ll do the wrong thing, all the while believing she probably already did. Just like with the hairball. Oh, golly.

My pets may not be able to talk, but they communicate both their moods and desires. The dog doesn’t

want much. Only to be fed and loved and have her tummy scratched and please, oh please, not be in trouble this time, again.

The cat seems pretty satisfied with unconditional supremacy. Unless I happen to step on her tail. Then she definitely demands an apology.

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)

Thumb area sheriff departments remind area residents that May is Building Safety Awareness Month. And with the construction season right around the corner it’s important to remember to protect yourself against criminal and civil losses.

Sheriff officials say to help in the fight against fraud, always ask to see a license, as many home remodeling projects require a permit. Other ways to help protect yourself include: always get estimates and references; get your contract in writing; never pay for the job in full up front; if a contractor is doing more than \$600.00 in material and labor they are required to be licensed; a residential builder’s license or maintenance and alteration license is required for carpentry, concrete, excavation, insulation work, masonry, painting and decorating, siding, roofing, screen and storm sash, gutters, tile and marble, house wrecking, swimming pools and basement waterproofing.

Remember, if you have questions or think you have been victimized, contact your local building department and they will work with your local law enforcement agency on your behalf.

Continuing in the area of deception, last week I fell victim to one of the oldest schemes in the book, know as the bait and switch.

The deceit occurred Thursday afternoon near Newaygo, where arrangements were made to fish the Muskegon River with guide Chad Betts. Betts is a veteran guide and when Dean Woods and I contracted his services to chase steelhead, it was made clear more than once that we wanted to fish directly with him and not one of his associates.

Yada, Yada, Yada, after driving 3 hour and 15 minutes to meet up at the Pine Street launch, Betts informed us that we would be fishing with “Cody”, who was just 21 years of age.

Now you may think that this story is the product of sour grapes. Hardly, Dean and I slewed the steelhead, getting over twenty hook-ups during our 4 hours on the river. In fact, we tipped our young guide \$40 for a job well done.

But that’s not the point. That fact that Betts didn’t keep his word and you can believe we will never seek his services in the future.

So how much snow did Cass City receive this winter? I am not sure, but because it was significant, the State of Michigan has given Cass City an additional \$11,777.35. Thank you MDOT.

Also, here’s a shout out to Nancy Barrios. The Cass City Village Council trustee has agreed to be the chairperson for this year’s Memorial Day Parade. I am sure she’ll do a great job, as she has for the two previous years.

The Farver Road Baptist Church will have another food distribution on Saturday, May 17th at 4330 Farver Road, starting at noon.

The event will be held at Noah’s Ark Park located 2 miles southwest of the intersection of Elkton and Sebawaing Roads. Officials ask that you bring your own boxes to carry the food. For more information call Pastor Plonta at (989) 315-8043.

Letters to the Editor

Reader remembers special “little sister”

Dear Tom,

I don’t know you personally, but I feel like I do reading the Chronicle every week. I am so thankful for two nieces that make sure I get the paper here in Texas.

Two weeks ago you had in your obituaries Nancy Gyomory. I have called her my “little sister” since I was two years old. We were born on farms on Deckerville Road across from each other. I have always thanked the Lord for that. We were sisters for life. She had three older sisters and a brother as I did also. Mary, her sister, always made sure I got across the road safe. We all went to Crawford School.

I married a Cass City guy, Raymond Frederick (and) had 50 wonderful years with him. I attended both Cass City and Caro high schools. My mom worked at J.C. Penney in Caro.

Marion (Palmateer) Frederick
Killeen, Texas

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

Thursday, May 1

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

Sunday, May 4

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

Monday, May 5

•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.
•Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubly. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.
•AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.

Tuesday, May 6

•Al-anon meeting, 7 p.m., St. Francis Parrish, Pigeon.
•AA Meeting, 7-8 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 4960 N. Argyle Rd. (Meeting will be held in the hall next to the little stone church.)

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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. - 3:30 p.m., HDC Intergenerational Building, 430 Montague Ave., Caro. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.
• Kedron OES #33 of Caro meeting, 7 p.m.
•Huron County Family Caregiver Support Group, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Human Development Commission, 150 Nugent Rd., Bad Axe. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

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, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., Country Gardens, Scheurer Hospital, 203 N. Caseville Rd., Pigeon. For more information, call Merry at (989) 673-4121.

Third Tuesday:

•Living with Parkinson's Support Group, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Holiday Inn Express, 55 Rapson Lane West, Bad Axe. For more information, call Merry at (989) 673-4121.
•Family Caregiver Support Group, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Harbor Beach Community Hospital Administration Building/Conference Center, 147 S. First St., Harbor Beach. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121
•Ubly Lions Club meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Ubly Thumb Veterans Organization Hall, 2165 Bingham St., Ubly MI 48475. A pot luck is served prior to the meeting. Everyone is welcomed.

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.
•Caregiver Support Group, 11:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Bullard-Sanford Memorial Library, 520 W. Huron Ave., Vassar. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

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., Ubly. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.
•AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.

Every Tuesday:

•Al-anon meeting, 7 p.m., St. Francis Parrish, Pigeon.
•AA Meeting, 7-8 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 4960 N. Argyle Rd. (Meeting will be held in the hall next to the little stone church.)

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.

STAFFING THE new Hospital Drive Pharmacy are (from left) Tyler Ruiz, pharmacy technician; Barb Doran, pharmacist; Camilla Maurer-House, pharmacy technician; Aaron Barrigar, lead pharmacist; and Rachel Harris, pharmacy technician.

In Cass City

Pharmacy open house today

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Hills and Dales General Hospital officials will be showcasing the new Hospital Drive Pharmacy with an open house and tours throughout the day today (Wednesday).
A ribbon cutting ceremony with representatives of the Cass City Chamber of Commerce is also planned during the event, slated for 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the 1,900-square-foot facility, which is connected to the MARC Building just southwest of the hospital.
The new retail and drive-through pharmacy is staffed by one full-time pharmacist as well as a part-time pharmacist and three pharmacy technicians, bringing five new jobs to the village.
“This is really an exciting time for the hospital,” commented Hills and Dales General Hospital Pharmacy Director Craig Bellew. “To move forward with the project and know what sort of benefits it will give our community members is very gratifying.”
TSSF Architects of Saginaw was the architectural firm that led the project. Wobig Construction, also of Saginaw, served as the general contractor. Locally, Dave’s Glass, Thumb Heating and Cooling, and Ken Martin Electric all provided services under the general contractor.
When the project was announced last fall, then-Hills and Dales

General Hospital President and CEO Mike Falatko noted the addition of a pharmacy will enable the hospital to take advantage of a federal program (340-B) that is designed to help rural hospitals provide community pharmacy services.
“After doing months of research, we knew it was the right step for our hospital,” Falatko said at the time. “The opportunity to provide our community with a retail pharmacy truly completes our continuum of care. The end result will be less running around for prescriptions as well as access to pharmacists for health and wellness questions. We are very excited to offer this service to community members.”

Circuit court news

Several appear on felony charges

The following people appeared in Tuscola County Circuit Court last week on various criminal charges:
*Randall L. Hessler, 51, was convicted following a jury trial on charges of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, and failure to report an accident Dec. 1 in Columbia Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).
A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$100. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
*Daniel V. Williams, 31, Akron, received a one-year delayed sentence following his plea of no contest to a charge of malicious destruction of property totaling \$1,000 to \$20,000 Aug. 13, 2012, in Akron.
He was ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$698 plus attorneys fees of \$500 and restitution of \$1,067.46.
*Charley Combs, 55, Cass City, was sentenced to 365 days in the county jail and 24 months probation following his pleas of guilty to two counts of possession of marijuana, second offense, Dec. 27 in Cass City and Nov. 21 in Caro.
The jail term was deferred by the court, which ordered Combs to pay costs and fines totaling \$796 plus attorneys fees of \$500.
*Melvin R. Ruppert, 44, Caro, received a one-year delayed sentence following his pleas of guilty to delivery/manufacture of marijuana and possession of marijuana Sept. 16 in Indianfields Township.
He was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$808 plus attorneys fees of \$500.
*Brandon H. Knight, 23, Richville, was sentenced to 90 days in jail (deferred for one year) and 12 months probation following his pleas of guilty to larceny in a building and larceny of property valued at \$200 to \$1,000 between Dec. 1, 2013, and Jan. 3, 2014, in Denmark Township.
He was also ordered to complete his high school education and pay costs and fines totaling \$748 plus attorneys fees of \$500 and restitution of \$350.
*Sherri K. Fall, 45, Vassar, pleaded guilty to a charge of failure to return property valued at \$1,000 to \$20,000 between Dec. 27, 2013, and Jan. 14, 2014, in Caro.
A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$4,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
*Michelle A. Gotts, 39, Caro, received a one-year delayed sentence following her plea of no contest to charges of tampering with evidence and attempted lying to a peace officer Dec. 19 in Caro.
She was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$648 plus attorneys fees of \$500.
*Tyler L. Swadling, 20, Millington,

received a one-year delayed sentence following his plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, second offense, July 29 in Millington Township.
He was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,198 plus attorneys fees of \$500.
*Natascha L. Nickens, 26, Caro, received a one-year delayed sentence following her pleas of no contest to charges of interfering with electronic communications and domestic violence Jan. 4 in Indianfields Township.
She was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$648.
*Joshua R. Potterf, 32, Mayville, was sentenced to 180 days in jail and 24 months probation following his pleas of no contest to attempted malicious destruction of fire or police department property and two counts of assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer Oct. 4 in Vassar Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).


In addition to jail time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,834 plus attorneys fees of \$500 and restitution of \$252.
*Jonathan L. Kruchko, 25, Millington, received a one-year delayed sentence following his plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, second offense, Sept. 23 in Millington Township.
He was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,198.
*Jonathan W. Schlicht, 24, Vassar, pleaded no contest to a charge of child abuse, fourth degree, Dec. 26 in Juniata Township.
A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$10,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
*Jeffrey D. Ford, 48, Caro, pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana, second offense, Dec. 14 in Caro.
A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$3,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

Huron heroin suspects bound over on charges

by Tom Montgomery
Editor


A pair of Huron County residents caught in a drug trafficking sting earlier this month were bound over to circuit court Thursday on charges of possession with intent to deliver heroin - less than 50 grams.
The defendants, Angela L. Palmer, 29, and Brad A. Labombard, 22, both of Elkton, are scheduled to appear in Huron County Circuit Court May 12 for formal arraignment.
Bond for Palmer and Labombard was continued at \$10,000 cash and \$7,500 cash, respectively. If convicted on the charges, they each face a penalty of up to 20 years in prison and/or a \$25,000 fine.
Their arrests came on the heels of a lengthy investigation launched by the Huron County Sheriff’s Department. Deputies took the couple into custody following a surveillance operation.
Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson said officers confronted Palmer and Labombard in the parking lot of McKinley Street Apartments, Elkton, where they reside. Shortly thereafter, deputies found nearly five grams of heroin — with an estimated street value of \$2,500 to \$5,000 — in the suspects’ 1997 Pontiac Grand Prix.
The pair were arrested and lodged in the county jail, according to Hanson, who said two minor children in their company were turned over to relatives and the Department of Human Services (DHS) officials were called in to investigate.
The arrests led to deputies serving three search warrants, including one inside the couple’s apartment, where they seized scales, a white powdery substance, syringes and other drug paraphernalia.
The second warrant was served at a residence on Myrtle Drive in Oliver Township, and officers found syringes, prescription pills and other drug paraphernalia there. Hanson noted future charges may result from the search, and DHS was contacted because of minor children being involved.
The third warrant allowed deputies to search the suspects’ vehicle. Hanson said officers found a small amount of cash along with packaging materials. The sheriff’s department seized the car and started forfeiture proceedings on the vehicle.
The recent arrests are the result of a concentrated enforcement effort targeting heroin trafficking in the Thumb.
The popular street drug has been making a comeback in Michigan, where its use especially among young people has increased at an alarming rate, in part because the drug is relatively cheap compared to more popular prescription drugs that are frequently abused.

Reporter’s notebook



Memories of grandpa are still alive and well

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



“Remember when your GPS and fish finder were rolled into one trusty unit called grandpa?”

I do.

I saw that question in a Facebook meme and immediately thought of my own grandfather. He’s been gone for decades now, but he’s always on my mind this time of year, when the last Saturday in April marks Michigan’s traditional trout season opener.

Ray Miller wasn’t a tall man, but he was a towering figure to me when I was a youngster. A Kentucky native who spoke plainly and rarely minced words, he had a certain presence that drew my attention. And respect.

He wasn’t the sort of grandpa you ran up to and hugged, but I knew I was special to him. I know that because he always made time for me. He was never too busy to stop whatever he was doing — and he was always fiddling around with one project or another — and listen to what I had to tell him.



The author and his grandfather, circa 1970

He taught me how to lure a native brook trout out from under a submerged stump in a handful of Michigan’s crystal clear trout streams — no simple task considering that sort of fishing takes patience, skill and stealth. And at the tender age of seven or eight, I had none of those attributes.

Talk about a young, enthusiastic bull in a china shop. I did, however, excel when it came to ripping holes in waders, a talent grandpa didn’t appreciate but understood. Looking back, I must have been an almighty trial at times as a fishing partner those first couple of years.

I looked forward to weekends with my grandparents. It was grandpa who coached me before letting me cut grass for the first time with his self-propelled mower, which a few moments later attempted to climb a tree with me hanging on to the contraption for dear life.

He knew I’d figure it out, just as he knew that, in time, I’d be filling a creel with fresh trout as quickly as he could.

But fishing wasn’t his most important legacy. Grandpa taught me, without having to put it into words, to be a man. As a husband, he demonstrated time and time again that women are to be treated with respect. He instilled in me a work ethic that has served me well as an adult, and he taught me that time is the most precious gift of all.

These days I’ll be the first to admit my memory isn’t what it used to be, but I can still see him standing streamside on one of those misty northern Michigan mornings, calling me to his side.

In a way, I suppose he’ll never really be gone, because I won’t forget him or the lessons I learned at his side.

I can think of no finer tribute to the man.



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Cass City’s Spotlight Business of the Week

Hospital Drive Pharmacy

Hospital Drive Pharmacy, an affiliate of Hills & Dales General Hospital, invites the Cass City Community and surrounding areas to an Open House on Wednesday, April 30, 2014.

The Open House will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with a special Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 12 noon.

Come and see the wonderful new facility. Tours, as well as light refreshments, will be provided throughout the day.

Please join us to meet the staff and learn all about the benefits of Hospital Drive Pharmacy.

Hospital Drive Pharmacy staff includes:

Aaron Barriger - Pharmacist

Barb Doran - Pharmacist

Rachel Harris - Pharmacy Technician

Camilla Maurer-House - Pharmacy Technician

Tyler Ruiz - Pharmacy Technician

Join us on Wednesday, April 30th and help us welcome Hospital Drive Pharmacy and its staff to the Cass City Community.

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

And Remember to Shop Local and Support Those Who Support Cass City!



Down Memory Lane

by Melissa McCormick



5 YEARS AGO (2009)

Members of Ubly Cub Scout Pack 3585 and Ubly Boy Scout Troop 585 recently picked up bags of donated food from residents throughout the village of Ubly. In all, the scouts collect 129 bags containing an average of 10 items per bag that will be donated to food pantries in the area.

Abby Essex 5, recently traveled to the VIP Salon in Cass City to donate 10 inches of her hair to Locks of Love. She is the daughter of Michelle Essex and Ed Boyle of Caro. Locks of Love is a West Palm Beach, Fla.-based public, non-profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children who are suffering from long-term medical hair loss from any diagnosis.

The Cass City Arts Council recently held its second annual “Tea for Two Party” at Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City. Organizers said the event was well attended, with each member decorating a table and providing gifts for their guests. There were also door prizes. The theme of this year’s tea was Alice in Wonderland.

Cass City’s Daymon Tabako’s first tom was a dandy. Hunting in Sanilac County with his grandfather Roger, 12-year-old Tabako used a 20-yard shot to down his turkey with an 11 3/8” beard and 1” spurs.

One man’s junk is another man’s treasure. Just ask Pat Church, whose Deford Emporium in Deford is a collector’s delight, from antique jars and fishing tackle to tools, books and much more.

The Ubly PTO recently provided a facelift to the Ubly Schools by purchasing a new main entrance sign and letters for the school building. Present were 2007-08 PTO officers President Steve Shaw, Vice-President Sherry Susalla, Secretary Renee Krueger, Treasurer Lori Roggenbuck, teacher representative Brenda Engler and Ubly Supt. Ken Sweeney.

10 YEARS AGO (2004)

Owendale area resident Brandea Sieradzki bagged her first turkey on the second day of the season with the help of her finance, Arnie Fritz, who called in the bird.

The Cass City School Board and persons interested in the school will be the losers when trustee David Knight leaves the board after the June elections. It’s likely that a recent health problem weighed heavily in his decision. Whatever the issue, he did the necessary study to become informed. He never voted on significant issues simply by listening to board discussion. Naturally, there were times when his decisions differed and his vote was in the minority. But he never backed away in public from conclusions reached in private. Every district resident should appreciate that and for that alone he leaves a big pair of shoes to fill.

Tuscola County Recycling officials are looking for residents to participate in their electronics hazardous waste collection this month. The program is being offered to residents in Tuscola County in an effort to reduce the waste going into local landfills as well as the negative impact these products can have if commingled with the regular waste stream. Residents will be required to bring the electronics to the recycling facility at 1123 Mertz Rd., Caro. Acceptable items include computers, monitors, keyboards, printers, televisions, VCKs, microwave ovens, toasters and phones. “These materials need to be diverted from the regular waste stream for various health and environmental reasons,” said Recycling Coordinator Jerry Snyder, who noted a recent county tire collection netted more than 4,100 tires.

25 YEARS AGO (1989)

Community effort - A handful of area residents, including Larry Robinson, Keith Adelberg and Steve Wright, last week shared the work of removing a fence at the existing Cass City track, which will be converted into a modern all-weather metric track over the next 2 years.

A Cass City resident is among 3 students and 2 faculty members who were slated to be honored by Saginaw Valley State University officials at a banquet. She is junior Barbara Watson, one of 3 students selected to receive SVSU Faculty Association endowed scholarships. The banquet, the fourth in an annu-

al series, was begun after a successful series of fund-raising events started in 1984 to establish the scholarship fund. The \$675 awards are to be used in scholarly research activities under the guidance of a volunteer mentor. Watson, a psychology major, will use her award to investigate “Bizarre Images and Their Relationship with Recall” under the mentorship of Dr. Matthew Margres, assistant professor of psychology. The other students chosen to receive the 1989 awards are junior Janelle Wilson of Farwell and junior Daniel J. Wood of Frankenmuth. The faculty members honored Monday are Dr. David R. Weaver, professor of political science, for service; and Dr. Hong Y. Park, professor of economics, for scholarship.

Members of the Cass City Business and Professional Women’s Club named 3 scholarship winners and elected officers during an April 24 regular meeting, attended by 15 members and 5 guests. The guests represented the club’s 5 1989 scholarship finalists. Those chosen to receive the \$250 awards, are Amy Francis, Scott King and Heather Merchant. Monies for the scholarship fund come from the club’s annual calendar project. In other business, members selected officers for 1989-90. They are Cathy Kropewnicki, president; Barb Karr, first vice president; Joann Smithson, second vice president; Sherryl Seeley, treasurer, and Beverly Perry, recording and correspondence secretary.

35 YEARS AGO (1979)

Down on the farm - State Rep. George Cusbinberry, Jr., chairman of the House Agriculture Committee was a visitor to Sanilac County farms Friday and Saturday as a guest of the county Farm Bureau. Among farms he visited were two in Lamotte Township, the hog farm of Willard Smith and cash crop farm of Allan Shaw and Sons.

Top writers- Winners at Cass City Intermediate School in the Young Authors’ Contest were, Matt Jones, Jeff LaBelle, Todd Stahlbaum, Matt Clara and Angie Churchill. Back row, Dave Miller, Tom Stimpfel, Jeanne Marshall, Kerry Mellendorf, Michele Mika and James Kritzman.

The Cass City Future Farmers of America dairy and livestock judging teams each earned silver medals at the recent FFA livestock judging contest at Michigan State University. Team members were John Gallagher (dairy), Mark Matthews (livestock), Ed Zimba (d), Bob Leslie (l), Scott Hobart (d) and Randy Severance (l).

Like new - A proud Grant Hutchinson and his 1930 Ford Model A 4-door deluxe, then one of Ford’s top models. The Milligan Road resident has about \$4,000 invested in his car but could probably sell it if he wanted to for at least \$7,000.

Although still a comparatively young man, Elwyn Helwig this year will be completing 26 years at Croft-Clara Lumber. He started to work for the lumber company, then called Brinker Lumber, in 1954. In 1960 Brinker became Croft-Clara Lumber and Helwig became a stockholder. He went through a succession of posts with the new company. In 1964, he became assistant general manager and vice-president of the board of directors. When Cliff Croft, the major stockholder died last Sept. 25, Helwig was appointed to take his place as general manager and president of the board of directors.

40 YEARS AGO (1974)

Lion Salesman Harry Little sells a white cane to Julie Spencer Friday during the annual sales drive. Cass City Lions collected \$763.14 which will be donated to sight conservation.

Given the chance, most of us would probably want to live somewhere other than where we do today. We tend to find what’s wrong with our town or state, searching for the greenest grass on the other side of the fence. One Cass Cityan who says she would stay right here is Mrs. Donald Crouse of Houghton St. “I’ve lived in El Paso, Texas, I’ve lived in Flint, Almont, Dryden, in the Grand Rapids area and I think I like it best right here,” she says. Asked what she particularly likes about Cass City, she said probably the friendliness of the community would rank at the top of her list. She and her husband, Donald,

superintendent of schools, have lived here 10 years. “I also like winter, so that helps,” she added.

Dale Doyen discusses taxidermy as a career with interested Cass City Intermediate School students Thursday, April 25, during Career Day at the school. Some 25 different careers were represented.

Tree planting continue at Cass City High School under the direction of Oscar Brooks. Brooks estimates most of the trees, which will serve as an area of nature study as well as for beautification, should be planted before school is out.

Sally A. Geiger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Geiger of 6645 Garfield, has been named co-valedictorian for the 1974 graduating class of Central Michigan University. She will graduate with a perfect 4.0 grade point average May 11, duplicating her high school record. She is a 1970 graduate of Cass City High School. She plans to start a teaching career following her graduation. She did her practice teaching in the Caro Community Schools.

50 YEARS AGO (1964)

Mr. Citizen - Herb Ludlow beams as he receives his “Citizen of the Year” plaque from Mrs. James Bauer, retiring Chamber of Commerce president, at the Chamber banquet at the high school. Ludlow, Detroit Edison manager, is the second person to ever receive the award.

New president - William Kritzman, Cass City businessman, receives the Chamber of Commerce gavel from retiring President Mrs. James Bauer and officially takes over the reins of the Chamber as the 1964-65 president. The gavel was handed over at the Chamber banquet at the high school before an audience of 170 persons.

Pointing upward as if giving direction to its purpose, the beautiful, ultra-modern St. Pancratius Church will officially be dedicated during Sunday service. Combining the qualities of wood, stone and glass, the structure, including a 1200-car parking lot was built and furnished at a cost of \$167,000.

Charles Iseler, Cass City High School senior, received one of the highest music honors given on a local scale. He was awarded the Harold Ferguson Memorial Award at the Spring Band Concert at the high school. The award is given annually to the most outstanding senior as selected by the senior high band. The recipient receives a large medal and his name is inscribed on a plaque which is on display at the school.

100 YEARS AGO (1914)

The Cass City Telephone Co. has purchased the telephone interests of W.J. Moore at Cass City and will have but one telephone system, Mr. Moore sells his poles, cables, telephones and other equipment of his local exchange, but retains the switchboard. Through the purchase, the Cass City Telephone Co. comes into control of four more toll lines - two to Caro, one to Elkton and one to Greenleaf. This in addition to the original Valley toll lines, in control of the company since its organization eight years ago, gives the Cass City Telephone Co.’s patrons accessibility to the toll lines of the Michigan State, the Moore and the Valley Telephone companies. The consolidation of the two systems has been considered for several years, but only until recently has the home company found Mr. Moore’s propositions attractive enough for the officers to complete the deal. The consolidation is welcome news to telephone patrons as two telephone systems in a community have always been considered one too many by the public. All consolidations or purchases of this nature must have the sanction of the State Railroad Commission. This has been secured, it is said. Changes in rates will be made by the Cass City Telephone Co. for two classes of subscribers. Farm telephone rates will be increased from \$10 to \$12 and party line phones from \$7 to \$8 a year.

James Townsend was brought before Justice Corkins to answer to a charge of violating the village ordinance which prohibits bicycle riding on sidewalks. He was fined \$1 together with \$1 costs. His honor says that bicycle riding on sidewalks is altogether too prevalent and that the fine handed to Townsend is but a small sample of what the next offender who is brought before him will get.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the Township of Elkland will hold a public hearing on the 7th day of May, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall located at 6691 Church Street, Cass City, MI 48726.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider the application by Mulligans Irish Links for a SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL for the purpose of establishing an R.V. site for limited parking/golfing/camping to be located at 4795 Hospital Drive, Cass City, MI 48726, on property identified as tax parcel number I.D. #007-028-000-1350-00.

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

Roger Root
Chairperson
Elkland Township Planning Commission

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School board ready to list Campbell

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a formal vote of the community,” Hartel said at that time. “It is against the law to move the responsibility of a fiduciary decision from an elected group to the people who elected them to make this decision.”

Osentoski and Meeker asked Bellew to check further into that opinion, and he returned with the same answer.

“I got pretty much the same information as Jeff. We were elected by the people of the community to make these decisions,” Bellew said Monday night. “The decision to sell the building, tear the building down, keep the building, is up to us. There’s no way around it. It’s in our hands and we need to do something.”

Loomis suggested that Hartel should try to contact Meeker and Manwell before the voted on Stimpfel’s motion, but Stimpfel pointed out that it’s illegal for a board member to cast a vote via telephone. Osentoski commented that the board could consider hosting a public meeting to solicit community input on the issue.

However, Stimpfel and Zaleski pushed for action.

“I think we’ve diddled with this long enough and I think we have enough information,” Stimpfel said, adding the fact that both of Cass City’s real estate companies have indicated they aren’t interested in listing in the property should not deter school officials from actively seeking an outside firm.

Zaleski agreed. “We need to move forward,” she said. “Every month we come up with another plan, and we’ve done absolutely nothing with it.”

Zaleski pointed out that school officials, who are spending roughly \$20,000 a year on utility costs for the Campbell building, have been discussing possible budget cuts in the next year. “Is it worth cutting out staff in order to hang onto a building that we’re not going to use?” she asked. “I don’t think so.”

Monday’s decision was long in coming, more than two years since school officials closed Campbell in a consolidation effort designed to cut expenses following a multi-year trend of declining enrollment that has cost the Cass City District more than 500 students.

In early 2013, the district began talks with representatives of a group of Thumb dentists who had proposed utilizing the building to house a non-profit regional dental clinic to serve Medicaid patients.

The dental group agreed to a three-year lease — at a rate of \$500 per month — with an option to purchase the building. The dentists offered \$85,000 to buy the former school outright, but negotiations stalled when the school board approved, on a split vote, a motion to not sell the building.

Both Osentoski and Meeker have voiced concerns about possibly needing the Campbell building again, in part due to construction of the Dairy Farmers of America (DFA) processing plant in Cass City, but other board members have expressed doubt that enrollment will increase significantly anytime in the near future.

Hartel has checked into what it would cost to raze the building — with the exception of the newer west wing, comprised of a gym, library, several classrooms and a teacher’s lounge — and learned the price tag would total around \$450,000. However, because the building’s boilers and electrical panel are located in the old section of the building, moving those would run another \$340,000 or so, he said.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

In other business Monday night, the board approved tenure or continued probation for several staff members. They are: Christina Swiderski, math teacher (tenure); Danielle Laming, fine arts teacher (tenure); Laura Curtis, director of bands (tenure); Amanda Hartzell, second grade teacher (tenure); Susanne Forster, math teacher (third year probation); Ashley Copeland, 4-year-old program (third year probation); Nicholas Hopp, special education (third year probation); Thomas Gruber, science teacher (third year probation); Russell Weyer, ag science teacher (third year probation); Adam Dorland, fine arts teacher (second year probation); and Mandy Haag, 4-year-old program (second year probation).

The board also approved an annual resolution endorsing the Tuscola Intermediate School District’s (TISD) budget, and agreed to conduct a local school budget session immediately following its next regular meeting, Monday, May 19.

Manufacturers invest \$5.5 million in village

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12 years, on a 33,000-square-foot planned addition to their existing structure. With the IFT Exemption, the company will save approximately \$14,284 annually in taxes on its investment, which is pegged at \$1,575,000 for the cost of the land and building.

Walbro Engine Management also asked for and received an IFT Exemption on new flow mold machinery and related parts valued at \$3,542,300. The tax abatement, also at 50 percent for 12 years, results in tax savings of about \$32,125 annually. The total tax savings over the course of 12 years will save the company about \$557,000.

Walbro representative Lesa Ellicott informed the council that the \$5 million expansion to the Walbro facilities and equipment will allow the company to create bigger gas tanks for emerging snowmobile markets, as well as create more than 25 new jobs.

Turning to the Mi-Tech Tooling request for an IFT Exemption Certificate, company co-owner Colleen Langenburg told the council that two new pieces of equipment are already in place at the Cass City firm. She explained the new equipment will improve product details while reducing time in switching and changing the set-ups for new jobs. Langenburg also expects the new machinery will help to retain 25-plus jobs along with the immediate addition of two new jobs.

The IFT Exemption at 50 percent for 12 years on \$587,616 will result in a tax savings of roughly \$5,325 annually.

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE

In a public service committee matter, trustee Jenny Zawilinski presented three motions, all unanimously approved, related to infrastructure improvements along North Division Street and the Cass City Industrial Park outlet drain — also known as the Schwaderer Drain — that will be part of a special assessment district totaling approximately \$1.453 million.

The projects will be funded by \$990,000 in Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), with the remaining \$463,000 obtained from the sale of revenue bonds.

Zawilinski’s requests accomplished several tasks. Her first motion authorized Spicer Group of Saginaw to prepare drawings and specifications for the industrial park outlet drain and North Division Street improvements.

Next Zawilinski requested that a public hearing be held Monday, May, 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the village council chambers, tentatively to set the special assessment district. Finally, Zawilinski proposed that Spicer Group receive sealed bids on the North Division Street project at its office, located at 230 South Washington Avenue, Saginaw, until Thursday, May 29, at 10 a.m.

Construction in the special assessment district will include storm sewer installation, sub-grade drainage, curb and gutter, base aggregate, asphalt paving, seeding and grading of disturbed areas.

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Blast from the past

Stein's latest book recalls Huron's one-room schools

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

You could say Thumb area Author Janis Stein has a tendency to live in the past, thanks to an unyielding pas-



Janis Stein

sion for preserving the history of education in the Thumb.

In fact, her attention to detail and research has offered countless area residents the opportunity to relive memories of learning their ABCs in a one-room schoolhouse.

Stein pays tribute to Huron County's one-room schoolhouses in her latest book, "Schools of Yesteryear, Volume II", featuring the country schools of Bingham, Paris and Sheridan townships.

In the early 1900s, more than 100 country schoolhouses dotted the landscape in Huron County, according to Stein, who says "Schools of Yesteryear, Volume II", brings to life the memory and the history of 14 country schoolhouses in Bingham, Paris, and Sheridan townships.

Through century-old documents and school board minutes, along with the offered memories, oral history, memorabilia, and photographs from over 150 former schoolhouse students, teachers and school board members, these country schools once again come alive.

Stein invites readers to revisit an era

when the schoolhouse was the center of the community and one teacher taught all grades within the same schoolroom. From spelling and arithmetic matches and playing ball at recess to learning the three R's and making a run to the outhouse, her new book offers a nostalgic look at life in the one-room schoolhouse.

The 320-page, hardcover book contains more than 400 photographs and in-depth written histories.

Julie Purdy of Purdyville Publishing, LLC, designed "Schools of Yesteryear, Volume II", which has earned endorsements from the Michigan One-Room Schoolhouse Association, Huron County Historical Society, Bad Axe Historical Society, and the Ubyly Area Historical Society.

"We commend Janis Stein for her continued pursuit in researching one-room schools...forever preserving and promoting the history that provided the foundation and the backbone of Michigan's education system," said Tom M. Johnson, MD, Chair of the Michigan One-Room Schoolhouse Association.

Huron County Historical Society officials also recognized Stein's dedication to preserving the past, saying, "Janis Stein's superb, in-depth research brings to life the story of the early education system...The Huron County Historical Society is once again pleased to place Stein's second schoolhouse book in our collection and recommend it to others for a charming visit to our schools of the olden days."

Stein was born and raised in Huron County, and continues to call the area home, along with her husband, David, and their daughters. She is a freelance writer and the assistant editor of The Lakeshore Guardian.

Stein's other self-published books include "Schools of Yesteryear, Volume I" (2008), which details the histories of 15 one-room schoolhouses in Sand Beach and Sherman townships in Huron County;

"Musings of a Country Girl" (2009); and "Tales of Tragedy & Triumph" (2011).

She is currently working on a "greatest generation" book about the experiences of 20 area World War II veterans, while also continuing to research schoolhouses for her third volume of "Schools of Yesteryear", which will include the history of 11 country schools in Bloomfield, Gore and Rubicon townships, all in Huron County.

Anyone interested in meeting Stein and having a book autographed will have the opportunity on the following dates: Thursday, May 15, at 6:30 p.m. at the Bad Axe Area District Library ("Schools of Yesteryear" slide presentation); Saturday, May 17, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Pigeon District Library; Wednesday, May 21, at 1 p.m., at Parisville School (Huron County League of Women); Thursday, May 22, at 6:30 p.m., at Sleeper Public Library, Ubyly; and Saturday, May 24, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Port Austin Farmers' Market.

Elkland Township officials adjusting fire department rates to offset losses

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by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Elkland Township officials recently approved a revised set of fire department rates designed to offset costly fire runs lasting several hours.

The township board approved Fire Chief Glenn Guilds' recommendation to eliminate maximum charges for certain types of runs. For example, the fee for a standard structure fire has been \$750 for the first hour and \$250 for the second hour for a maximum charge of \$1,000. Now, additional hours will cost \$250 each.

The department's other rates are: vehicle fires — \$500 for the first hour and \$300 each hour thereafter; hazmat (hazardous materials) fires

— \$1,000 per hour; grass fires — \$750 for the first hour and \$250 each hour thereafter; and trash fires — \$300 flat fee.

"There are some fire runs where we're out there 10 or 12 hours, and we're losing our tails on those. We're not even covering operation costs at \$1,000 (for a maximum charge) — that's the crazy thing," Guilds said. He added the previous rate barely covers the cost of payroll on a 10- or 12-hour fire run with 10 fire fighters on the scene, each earning about \$8 an hour. "And you're sitting out there with a half-million

dollars of equipment — you're not putting anything into diesel (fuel), you're not putting money into repairs."

Several other factors also played into the decision to revise rates, including a significant number of fire runs that are billed but not paid for each year.

"Generally, we have 100, 105 runs a year. I'm going to say 30 percent (of those) don't get paid for whatever," said Guilds, who added collecting on those charges is expensive once legal fees are figured into the effort. "People just don't pay their

Sanilac K-9 a "keeper"

Continued from page one.

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Baki is a keeper.

That's Sanilac County Sheriff Garry Biniecki's assessment of his department's new K-9 officer, Baki (pronounced Bah-Key). After months of training, Baki and his handler, Deputy Josh Horst, were put to the test during two recent tracking assignments.

According to Sgt. Steve McKenney, in the first track, April 14, deputies were dispatched to the Decker area in Lamotte Township to investigate a reported domestic violence incident in progress.

"The suspect, a 52-year-old male from Decker, had left the scene prior to the deputies' arrival. After setting up a perimeter, Deputy Horst and Baki tracked the suspect through a farm field and later a tall grass field," McKenney said. "As a result of the track, the suspect was located hiding in a wood line near his residence and was taken into custody without incident."

The suspect was transported to the Sanilac County Jail, where he was lodged on charges of domestic violence. His name was being withheld pending formal arraignment.

Assisting deputies at the scene were the Marlette and Sandusky police departments and a Marlette EMS crew.

"For Baki's second track of the weekend, he was called out to assist in the search for a missing runaway juvenile in the village of Deckerville,"

HISD, college partnering to give students big head start

Mid Michigan Community College (MMCC) and the Huron Intermediate School District (HISD) have partnered together to provide college course offerings to students in the HISD service area.

In continuing efforts to expand this partnership, MMCC sought and received approval to have the HISD designated as an official college location for MMCC.

In the fall 2013 semester, MMCC began offering college courses at the HISD in Bad Axe. Roughly 60 students from area school districts currently participate in the program, taking three courses each semester during their junior and senior years. Through this program, students can earn a significant portion of their college degrees while they're still in high school.

This is the third year that the HISD has run a dual enrollment program. Over that time, the HISD has monitored test scores and other measures of student success and been very pleased with the results.

The program is designed to prepare students for success in college and to start them on a path toward earning a credential.

MMCC's accreditation through The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) requires that each site at which 50 percent of an official credential might be earned must be granted approval as an official MMCC location. Because of the number of credits offered at the HISD, the college sought approval from the HLC for this location.

"We've been very happy so far with our partnership with MMCC, and we're looking to expand the ways that we serve our local students and our community at large," said Joe Murphy, superintendent of the Huron ISD. "We know that Thumb area residents are limited in their access to higher education, and this partnership allows us to respond to that limitation."

Specific expansion possibilities include college technical and trade degree offerings in computer aided drafting (CAD) initially, but with possibilities for others in the future. Discussions between the college, the HISD, and Thumb area hospitals indicate there might also be opportunities to offer nursing coursework at some point.

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Hawk ball teams understaffed at Tuscola County baseball and softball tournaments

Cass City traveled to Millington Saturday to compete in the Tuscola County baseball and softball tournaments missing several key players. Absent from the Red Hawk baseball team were Sawyer Cuthrell and Braeden Perzanowski, who had prior commitments over the weekend, and Watson Moore, out for the majority of the season with a wrist injury. Still, the Red Hawk boys were able to record a 2-1 mark at the tourney. Cass City opened play on the day with a 7-1 decision over Sandusky. Dalton Prieskorn started on the hill and worked 4 innings to collect the win, fanning one and walking one. “Dalton gave us some huge innings on the mound to get an early win. It allowed us to use a few other pitchers without much experience. Brock Thane, Blake Lebioda and Prieskorn combined on the mound to end the game with 4 1/3 innings of no-hit ball,” said Coach Nathan Haag. Leading 3-1, Cass City added 4 runs in the top of the fifth inning to remove most doubt from the game’s outcome. Blake Lebioda hammered a 2-run homer down the left field line for Cass City. Cass City then met up with host Millington in the Red Hawks’ second game on the day and suffered an 8-3 defeat. “We struggled to manufacture much offense and couldn’t execute timely plays,” said Haag, who noted Mason Erla and Brock Thane brought their whopping sticks, but it wasn’t contagious enough to sustain any big innings. Erla was 2-for-3 at the plate, while Thane was 2-for-4. In Cass City’s final contest, they exploded for 6 runs in the fifth inning to defeat GTW foe Vassar, 8-6. Prieskorn tossed one inning to collect his second win on the day, while Dakota Hartel was credited with a save. “You could tell in the third inning our bats were heating up and then the flood gates opened in the fifth. You just have to be patient and keep having a positive attitude. Good things will happen eventually. Our backs were against the wall and the kids didn’t give up,” said Haag. At the plate, Hacker and Thane each had 3 hits and Erla added a pair of knocks, including a triple. Thane and Erla combined for 13 hits on the day. “They put on a clinic in the batter’s box,” said Haag. Turning to the softball diamonds, Cass City was without the services of Audrey VanAuken, who had a prior commitment, and Shania Chambers and Meagan LeValley, both out with injury. The Lady Red Hawks posted a 1-2 record on the day, losing twice to neighbor Caro, while defeating Greater Thumb West foe Vassar. Trailing 3-1 and down to their final at bat, Caro struck for 3 runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to escape with an exciting 4-3 decision. Chloe Weissenborn handled the pitching duties to earn the victory for the Tigers. She tossed a complete game and fanned 9. Becca Graff was saddled with the defeat for Cass City. Next up for Cass City was Vassar. Once again Graff handled Cass City’s mound work. She whiffed 3 to earn the 13-5 victory. At the plate, the winners had Lauren Scott with 3 hits, while Lauren Bukoski and Rachel Bartnik split 4 singles. In Cass City’s final contest of the day, Weissenborn whiffed 5 in Caro’s 6-1 victory over the Red Hawks. Macy Dickinson was strapped with the pitching loss for Cass City. She had a single in her varsity debut. “We got a lot of games in and that’s what these weekend tourneys are all about,” said Hacker.



JAKE HACKER, Cass City, grabs a Riddle tags a Caro runner after vacuuming up a ground ball at the Tuscola County softball tourney.



Vassar Invite provides measuring stick for Cass City track teams

Medal performances were few for the Cass City track teams Friday at the Vassar Invitational. For the Red Hawk boys, Bransen Stimpfel’s early season success continued as the sophomore distance runner took first place in the 3200 meter run and third place in the 1600 meter run with times of 10:08 and 4:40, respectively. Also for Cass City, Brennen Winter took sixth in the 300 meter intermediate hurdles (47:29) and Ethan Monte registered sixth place honors in the shot put with a personal best throw of 40’ 2”.



CASS CITY’S Samantha Matthewson runs with the baton during the 800 meter relay Friday in Vassar.

Bulldog boys trade wins in Caseville; O-G girls swept

In limited action last week, the Owen-Gage Bulldog ball teams traveled to face Caseville in non-conference play. On the baseball diamond Monday, host Caseville recorded a 3-1 victory in the opener; while Owen-Gage hung on to win the nightcap, 6-4. Game one featured a pitchers’ duel between Eagle ace Cole Simmons and Bulldog ace Jacob Wright. Cole held the visitors scoreless until the sixth to register the win. He allowed 5 hits and whiffed 5. Wright was the victim of little support and suffered the loss despite striking out 10 and yielding just 2 safeties. At the plate, Ben Good went 2-for-3 in vain. Game two saw Owen-Gage score 3 times in the first and third innings to escape with the split. Warack started on the hill for

Owen-Gage and worked 4 1/3 innings to earn the win, while Wright worked 1 2/3 innings to earn the save. Caseville’s starter Zack Gerstenberger was handed the loss. Good clubbed a double and home run and Adam Retford chipped in 2 doubles in the Owen-Gage victory. **SOFTBALL GAMES** Caseville had little trouble with the Lady Bulldogs and put wins of 13-5 and 23-3 into the record books. Caseville’s Lauren Siegfried and Becca Simpson earned the decisions on the mound. They combined for 14 strike outs in the victories. At the plate, Carly Simmons, Courtney Pattengill and Rachel Simpson each had a pair of RBIs in game one, while Pattengill had 3 RBIs in game two.

meter run with times of 10:08 and 4:40, respectively. Also for Cass City, Brennen Winter took sixth in the 300 meter intermediate hurdles (47:29) and Ethan Monte registered sixth place honors in the shot put with a personal best throw of 40’ 2”. “The Vassar Invite is a very large and difficult meet, on par with regionals. It was a good chance for us to see where we stand at this point of the season,” said Cass City Coach Jon Zdrojewski. For the Lady Red Hawks, Victoria Mathewson took home a third place medal in the 400 meter dash with a time of 1:06 and Miranda Spry earned a fifth place medal in the 200 meter dash with a time of 30.04. “Both (times) were very good runs against a very competitive field. Everyone’s times improved from the previous meet so we are moving in the right direction as we progress to regionals. Our regional won’t be as difficult and look for several of our competitors in both the men’s and women’s fields to advance to the state finals,” said Zdrojewski. For complete results go to www.ccchronicle.net.



RED HAWK Bransen Stimpfel runs to first place honors in the 3200 meter run at the Vassar invite.

trick for the winners, who had Mariah Cook and Destiny Bolda with a pair of goals. Taylor Jias and Breanna Richmond added solo goals. For Cass City, Erin Zdrojewski generated one shot on goal. **Greater Thumb Conference/Soccer Standings as of 4-25-14**

North Division	League
Bad Axe	4 1
Harbor Beach	1 0 1
Lakers	1 3
Cass City	0 1
USA	0 2

South Division	League
Marlette	3 0
Memphis	2 1 1
Brown City	1 1
Sandusky	0 2

A short-handed Cass City soccer team bowed in their home opener Friday in a Greater Thumb Conference outing with guest Sandusky. Cass City suffered a 5-0 defeat as the Lady Red Hawks could field just 10 players due to injury, a track meet, and a school trip that took away the team’s starting keeper, best midfielder and both forwards, leaving the hosts with minimal scoring options, according to Coach Chuck Reed. Sandusky led 1-0 at the half, despite several good runs early that Cass City could not convert into points. Breanna Tietjens was solid in net for Cass City for a second straight contest, while Rachel Tanner, Amy Verhines, and Savanna Doerr had good efforts at midfield. “The first half was a high energy effort and the Hawks were in the game. The second half showed the Hawks running out of gas and Sandusky playing with more energy, resulting in defensive breakdowns and Sandusky goals. The Hawks kept trying, but lack of a scoring threat kept them from making a serious threat in the second half. It was a learning week for the young Hawks and our schedule doesn’t get any easier,” said Reed. Earlier last week, Cass City traveled to face Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port and returned home suffering a 9-0 setback. Tuesday’s match up with the Lakers was an example of a very young, inexperienced team meeting a much more talented squad. In addition, the Lady Red Hawks lost Faith Windsor to a non-soccer injury and Liz Mulligan early in the game to a knee injury, depleting Cass City’s already experience-shortened roster. The Lakers were simply too fast and talented for the Hawks, scoring 9 goals in the first half for the mercy. Tietjens stepped in for Faith Windsor at keeper, but the Lakers were just too good for the visitors’ rookie keeper. Ashlyn Albrecht recorded a hat

both out with injury. The Lady Red Hawks posted a 1-2 record on the day, losing twice to neighbor Caro, while defeating Greater Thumb West foe Vassar. Trailing 3-1 and down to their final at bat, Caro struck for 3 runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to escape with an exciting 4-3 decision. Chloe Weissenborn handled the pitching duties to earn the victory for the Tigers. She tossed a complete game and fanned 9. Becca Graff was saddled with the defeat for Cass City. Next up for Cass City was Vassar. Once again Graff handled Cass City’s mound work. She whiffed 3 to earn the 13-5 victory. At the plate, the winners had Lauren Scott with 3 hits, while Lauren Bukoski and Rachel Bartnik split 4 singles. In Cass City’s final contest of the day, Weissenborn whiffed 5 in Caro’s 6-1 victory over the Red Hawks. Macy Dickinson was strapped with the pitching loss for Cass City. She had a single in her varsity debut. “We got a lot of games in and that’s what these weekend tourneys are all about,” said Hacker.



CARO ace Chloe Weissenborn defeated Cass City twice on Saturday.

Lady Red Hawks suffer pair of home setbacks

Early season results have Vassar sitting on top of the Greater Thumb West (GTW) golf standings. The Vulcans captured a pair of GTW jamborees last week, starting with their own outing on Wednesday. The hosts tallied 194 points to easily defeat runner-up Bad Axe with a team score of 219. Cass City finished third with 230. No other GTW school had the required number of players (4) to register a team score. The winners had Mike Pratt with a round of 44, while Chase Langenburg added a score of 47, one stroke better than teammate Jared Amens. Garrett Goforth completed the Vassar team scoring with a score of 55. For Cass City, Michael Mulligan Please turn to page ten.

Mulligan leads Cass City at jamborees

Greater Thumb West baseball contenders swap 6-2 victories

In a battle between Greater Thumb West contenders Thursday, host Cass City and Reese traded 6-2 victories.

In the opener, the Red Hawks rode the arm of senior Jake Hacker to victory. The 4-year letter winner tossed a complete game, fanning 6. He was touched for a pair of runs in the fourth inning.

Cass City, meanwhile, plated 3 runs in their first at-bat and solo markers in the third, fourth and fifth innings to record the win.

"Hacker pitched an unbelievable game and really put the team on his shoulders. No one was taking that ball out of his hands. Those are the games competitors live for and he knew what was at stake. He wanted that challenge," said Cass City Coach Nathan Haag.

At the plate, Cass City had Mason Erla and Brock Thane with a pair of singles, while Bradley Thornton, Drew Field, Jacob Guinther and Dakota Hartel added solo hits.

In the nightcap, Reese senior Cody Peyok tossed a complete game to earn the win, while Erla, who worked 5 2/3 innings, was tagged with the defeat.

With the score knotted at 2, the Rockets put 4 runs across in the fourth frame to earn the split.

"Peyok was tough tonight. We battled back to tie the game (but) a couple of miscues led to some cheap runs for Reese. The score should have been closer; we just didn't execute a few defensive and offensive

plays.

"I think Reese is the team to beat in the conference, so to start the league schedule with a huge win, especially after the way we've played a few games this year, put us right in the hunt for the league title," said Haag.

Brock Thane paced the Red Hawk offense with 2 singles.

YALE GAMES

In Cass City's final tune-up before GTW play Tuesday, visiting Yale recorded a mercy rule win in game one, before the hosts roared back to claim the game 2 decision. The scores in the non-conference tilts were 15-4 and 11-8.

Erla belted a 2-run homer to highlight Cass City's offense in defeat. The sophomore slugger was 2-2 at the plate, with 3 RBIs and a run scored.

Game 2 saw the hosts fall behind 3-0 after one inning, but take a 4-3 edge after two. The Red Hawks never trailed again.

Sawyer Cuthrell collected the win on the hill. He worked 4 innings allowing 6 hits, 2 earned runs and fanned one.

"We had an ugly first game tonight but we came back for game 2. Everyone stepped up offensively and we did just enough on defense to grab the win. Sawyer gutted out a tough game on the mound, while Mason (Erla) and Brock (Thane) collected some big time RBIs when we needed them most. That was a tough

Yale team with really good hitters and speed on the bases," said Haag.

Cass City's hit parade had Erla with a triple and double, Thane with a pair of doubles and Cuthrell with a 2-bagger.

Greater Thumb Conference/Baseball Standings as of 4-25-14

West Division	League
All Saints	2 0
Reese	1 1
Cass City	1 1
USA	1 1
Lakers	0 0
Bad Axe	0 0
Vassar	0 2

East Division	League
Harbor Beach	2 0
Brown City	2 0
Memphis	2 0
Sandusky	0 2
Marlette	0 2
Ubyly	0 2

Vassar early leader in GTW golf standings

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fired a 45, while Alex Graham shot 57, Bryan Pinkowski, 63, and Chandler Cryderman, 65.

Tyler Neering, Bay City All Saints, was the meet medalist with a score of 43.

On Thursday, at the USA jamboree, Vassar recorded a score of 191 to hold off second place Bad Axe with 207. Cass City was third in the team standings with 217, while Bay City All Saints and USA completed the team scoring with 232 and 284 points, respectively.

Pratt led the winners with a 9-hole total of 42. Next for Vassar was Langenburg with a score of 44, Amens with 51 and Nolan Gamett with 54.

As usual, Mulligan led Cass City with an impressive round of 42, while Graham and Pinkowski added rounds of 50 and 55. Cryderman carded a 70 to round out the Cass City team scores.

For Bad Axe, Adam Rothe led the way with 44, while Ethan Krohn and Aaron Talaski both shot 47 and Jake Aymon, 69.

Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port's Drew Lawrance fired a score of 37 to earn medalist honors.

Cass City gals open GTW play on a sour note

Cass City opened its Greater Thumb West campaign on a sour note Thursday, dropping both ends of a double header against visiting Reese.

The Rockets needed just 3 innings to capture game one, scoring 10 runs before most fans had settled into their seats en route to a 20-1 whipping of the home team.

Reese's Kara Schluckbier tossed a

one-hitter to earn the victory. She struck out 3. Cass City's Lauren Bukoski suffered the pitching defeat.

Monica Hagen punched a triple and Kaityln Szekeley added a double for the winners.

Rachel Bartnik's single in the third inning was the lone Cass City hit.

In game two, Cass City trailed just 4-0 after 3 innings, but Reese struck for 6 runs in the bottom of the fifth to post the 10-0 victory.

Schluckbier struck out 8 to get the better of Cass City's Becca Graff in the circle.

At the plate, Bukoski, Bartnik, Alliah Riddle and Lauren Scott each had singles for Cass City.

"Reese is a very good team. USA and Reese are in a class of their own (in the Greater Thumb West)," said Cass City Coach John Hacker.

YALE GAMES

Two days earlier, visiting Yale got the better of the Lady Red Hawks with non-conference wins of 16-1 and 5-4.

Kara Reif slugged a double in each game to lead the Cass City offense.

West Division	League
USA	2 0
Reese	2 0
All Saints	1 1
Vassar	1 1
Bad Axe	0 0
Lakers	0 2
Cass City	0 2

East Division	League
Ubyly	2 0
Harbor Beach	2 0
Sandusky	1 1
Memphis	1 1
Marlette	0 2
Brown City	0 2

Schneeberger's ATHLETE of the WEEK

Schneeberger's congratulates Blake Lebiada as their "Athlete of the Week" award winner.

The Cass City junior turned in a solid performance over the weekend to help the Red Hawks post a 2-1 record Saturday at the Tuscola County Baseball Tournament in Millington.

In addition to handling the third base line defensively, Lebiada also shined at the plate. In game one, Lebiada went 1-for-2 at the plate with a 2-run shot over the left field fence.

He followed up the effort with a walk and single against Millington in Cass City's second game of the day and then added another single in Cass City's third game, an 8-6 win over Vassar.

Blake, also a stand out wrestler for Cass City, is the son of John Lebiada.



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4/16	Millington (11-4L, 2-4W)	4:00 p.m.
4/17	Harbor Beach (9-0L, 3-3T)	4:00 p.m.
4/22	Yale (15-4L, 11-8L)	4:00 p.m.
4/24	Reese (6-2L, 2-6 W)	4:00 p.m.
4/26	Tus. Co. Tourny @ Millington	TBD
4/28	Bad Axe	4:00 p.m.
5/1	Vassar	4:00 p.m.
5/5	BCAS	4:00 p.m.
5/6	Frankenmuth	4:00 p.m.
5/10	Caro Tourny (Varsity)	TBD
5/12	USA	4:00 p.m.
5/15	EPB Lakers	4:00 p.m.
5/19	Marlette	4:00 p.m.
5/21	Brown City	4:00 p.m.
5/27	TBD@ SVSU	TBD

GIRLS' SOFTBALL

4/17	Harbor Beach (1-17W, 2-10W)	4:00 p.m.
4/22	Yale (16-1L, 5-4L)	4:00 p.m.
4/24	Reese (20-1L, 10-0L)	4:00 p.m.
4/26	Tus. Co. Tourny @ Millington	TBD
4/28	Bad Axe	4:00 p.m.
4/29	Frankenmuth	4:00 p.m.
5/1	Vassar	4:00 p.m.
5/5	BCAS	4:00 p.m.
5/10	Caro Tourny (Varsity)	TBD
5/12	USA	4:00 p.m.
5/15	EPB Laker	4:00 p.m.
5/19	Marlette	4:00 p.m.
5/21	Brown City	4:00 p.m.
5/27	TBD @ SVSU	TBD

GIRLS' SOCCER

4/16	S.A.S.A. 2, Cass City 1	5:00 p.m.
4/22	EPB Lakers 9, Cass City 0	5:00 p.m.
4/25	Sandusky 5, Cass City 0	5:00 p.m.
4/28	USA	5:00 p.m.
4/30	Harbor Beach	5:00 p.m.
5/2	Bad Axe	5:00 p.m.
5/5	Memphis	5:00 p.m.
5/9	EPB Lakers	5:00 p.m.
5/12	Bad Axe	5:00 p.m.
5/14	USA	5:00 p.m.
5/19	Brown City	5:00 p.m.
5/21	Harbor Beach	5:00 p.m.

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SR. HIGH Boys' Baseball

May 6 ~ Frankenmuth ~ 4:00 p.m.

Girls' Softball

May 15 ~ Lakers ~ 4:00 p.m.

Girls' Soccer

April 30 ~ Harbor Beach ~ 5:00 p.m.

Golf

May 8 ~ GTC Jamboree ~ 4:00 p.m.

Elementary School

Elementary School Track

April 30 ~ Marlette/Ubyly ~ 4:30 p.m.

Home games are bold. Admissions: High School \$4.00
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TRACK

4/17	Marlette Invite	4:00 p.m.
4/25	Vassar Invite	4:00 p.m.
4/29	Ubyly Invite	4:30 p.m.
5/2	Reese Invite	4:00 p.m.
5/6	Laker Invite	4:00 p.m.
5/9	Bad Axe Invite	4:00 p.m.
5/13	GTW League Meet @ TBD	4:00 p.m.
5/17	Regionals	
5/20	Tribune Meet of Champs @BA	
5/27	Thumb Meet of Champs @ Caro	
5/31	State Finals	

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TRACK

4/15	USA	4:30 p.m.
4/16	Reese/Sandusky	4:30 p.m.
4/23	Ubyly	4:30 p.m.
4/28	Sandusky/Bad Axe	4:30 p.m.
4/30	Marlette/Ubyly	4:30 p.m.
5/5	USA/Harbor Beach	4:30 p.m.
5/7	Marlette	4:30 p.m.
5/12	EPB Lakers/Ubyly/USA @ Ubyly	4:30 p.m.
5/14	GTC League Meet @ USA	TBA
5/16	Gavel Club Relays	4:00 p.m.

GOLF

4/11	GTC Jamboree @ BCAS	4:00 p.m.
4/14	GTC Jamboree @ Vassar	3:30 p.m.
4/24	GTC Jamboree @ USA	4:00 p.m.
5/2	GTC Jamboree @ Lakers	4:00 p.m.
5/5	GTC Jamboree @ Bad Axe	4:00 p.m.
5/8	GTC Jamboree @ Cass City	4:00 p.m.
5/14	Brown City Invite	TBA
5/16	Warner Mem. Invite @ Vassar	TBA

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This voluntary donation program has been part of Michigan’s hunting and fishing license-buying experience since 2005, but achieved a record donation level last year.

“Our retail sales system that is used to sell hunting and fishing licenses was upgraded in 2013, and one of the benefits was making the donation process more convenient for both the buyer and seller,” explained Ray Rustem, MSAH advisor for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. “This improvement led to a four-fold increase in the number of donors – 44,000 – and helped us achieve this amazing level of support.”

When a hunter or angler purchases a license, the sales system is set up to ask if they would like to make a donation to Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger, a non-profit organization that coordinates the venison collection for the DNR.

Collected funds are then turned over to MSAH. During the deer hunting season, hunters also are encouraged to donate a deer to the program by dropping it off at a local participating meat processor, which then submits a voucher back to MSAH for reimbursement of processing costs. Processed venison then makes its way to a local food bank or kitchen.

Dean Hall, chairman of the MSAH board of directors, is pleased with the level of donations.

“Over the last few years the venison collection program has been limited by the amount of donations we have received through the Sportsmen Against Hunger campaign,” Hall said. “This additional revenue will help us increase our ability to encourage more processors to participate and increase the pounds of venison that we distribute across the state.”

Hall said that last year more than 30,000 pounds of venison were distributed through the MSAH program.

“This donation allows the food banks and food kitchens to provide a nutritional source of protein in over 150,000 meals,” Hall added. “Many of those who benefited were elderly people on fixed incomes and families who work, but need additional support.”

For more details on Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger or how to make a monetary or deer donation, visit the organization’s website at www.sportsmenagainsthunger.org.

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County., Michigan at 10:00 AM on MAY 15, 2014.

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

All that parcel of land in Township of Denmark, Tuscola County, State of Michigan, being known and designated as commencing 20.5 Rods North of the Southwest corner of the Subdivision line of the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter, thence North 6 Rods. thence East 11 Rods, thence South 6 Rods, thence West 11 Rods to point of beginning of Section 29, Town 12 North, Range 7 East in the Village of Richville.

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

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

Dated: April 16, 2014
Orlans Associates, P.C..
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
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Said premises are located in the Township of Arbel, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

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

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Dated: April 16, 2014
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MORTGAGE SALE – Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by RONALD ALFRED POMEROY and APRIL ANN POMEROY FKA APRIL ANN WELCH, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (“MERS”), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 10, 2006, and recorded on June 19, 2007, in Liber 1122, on Page 1027, and assigned by said mortgagee to The Bank of New York Mellon, fka The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the Certificateholders, CWABS, Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-8, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-Nine Dollars and Eighty Cents (\$185,259.80), including interest at 9.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on May 15, 2014 Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE EAST-WEST 1 / 4 LINE OF SECTION 17, TOWN 12 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, 2023 FEET EAST OF WEST 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION, THENCE NORTH 1 DEGREE 30 MINUTES WEST 266 FEET, THENCE EAST 183 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 1 DEGREE 30 MINUTES EAST 266 FEET TO EAST-WEST 1 / 4 LINE OF SAID SECTION, THENCE WEST 183 FEET ALONG EAST-WEST 1/ 4 LINE TO 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.

The Bank of New York Mellon, fka The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the Certificateholders, CWABS, Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-8 Mortgagee/Assignee

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4-16-4

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Tyler P. Malloy and Kelli J. Malloy, Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Flagstar Bank, FSB its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 26, 2003, and recorded on March 31, 2003 in Liber 923 on Page 219, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Flagstar Bank, FSB as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-One Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-One and 18/100 Dollars (\$71,231.18).

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 May 15, 2014.

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

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

the date of such sale.

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

Dated: April 16, 2014
For more information, please call:
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Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Hwy Ste 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-5422
File #424646F04

4-16-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Melvin R. Colman and Linda Colman, a married man and his wife, Mortgagors, to Citizens Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation, Mortgagee, dated the 12th day of February, 1999 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 24th day of March, 1999 in Liber 767 of Tuscola County Records, page 14, said Mortgage having been assigned to Green Tree Servicing LLC on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Thirty-four Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-five and 10/100 (\$34,595.10), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of May, 2014 at 10:00 AM o'clock Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in Village of Caro, Tuscola Cty MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 7.000% per annum and 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: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Village of Fairgrove, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit: The South 39 feet and 4 inches of lot 2, block 1, Liken and Bach's Plat to the Village of Fairgrove, Tuscola County, Michigan, and: Lot commencing at the Southwest corner of lot 2, block 1, Liken and Bach's addition, running thence North 39 feet 4 inches, west 13 feet, North 26 feet 8 inches, West 171 feet, Southwest 107 feet to a point 15 rods 3 1/2 feet West of the starting point, East 15 rods 3 1/2 feet to beginning, section 17, town 13 North, range 8 East, Village of Fairgrove During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale.

Pursuant to MCLA 600.3278, the mortgagor(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the 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 Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney

Dated: 4/23/2014
Green Tree Servicing LLC Mortgage
FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C.
Attorney for Green Tree Servicing LLC
888 W. Big Beaver, Suite 800 Troy, MI 48084
248-362-2600
GTSD FNMA ColmanMelvin

4-23-4

MORTGAGE SALE – Default has been made in the terms and conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Thomas R. Darling and Sharon M. Darling, dated January 30, 2013, and recorded on February 13, 2013, in Liber 1271, Page 1381, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said Mortgage is held by Frankenmuth Credit Union.

The sum claimed to be due and owing on said Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is \$94,734.45, with interest accruing at \$9.00 per diem. 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 shall be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Tuscola County Circuit Court, 440 N. State, Caro, MI 48723, at 10:00 am

on Thursday, May 22, 2014. The Mortgagee will apply the sales proceeds to the debt secured by the Mortgage as stated above, plus interest on the amount due at a rate of interest equal to 3.500% per annum; all legal costs and expenses, including attorney's fees allowed by law; and also any amount paid by the Mortgagee to protect its interest in the property.

The properties to be sold at foreclosure are all that real estate situated in the Township of Vassar, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, described as follows: Lot(s) 2 & 3, Block 4 of DuBois Subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 5 of Tuscola County Records.

Tax Parcel ID No. 020-018-234-0200-00 Commonly known as: 5697 James Road, Vassar, MI 48768 The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale pursuant to M.C.L. §600.3240(8). If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, under M.C.L. §600.3278 the borrower(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

April 16, 2014
FRANKENMUTH CREDIT UNION
Kilpatrick & Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Frankenmuth Credit Union
903 N. Opdyke Rd., Suite C Auburn Hills, MI 48326
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Paulette M. Teno, original mortgagor(s), to U.S. Bank National Association ND, Mortgagee, dated July 13, 2006, and recorded on July 31, 2006 in Liber 1089 on Page 774, and modified by Affidavit or Order executed on April 11, 2012 and recorded on April 13, 2012 in Liber 1245 on Page 823, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Ten and 25/100 Dollars (\$156,710.25).

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 May 22, 2014.

Said premises are situated in Township of Juniata, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the North half of the Northeast Fractional 1/4 of Section 3, Town 12 North, Range 8 East, described as; beginning at a point on the North-South 1/4 line of Section 3 which is South 00 degrees 23 minutes 35 seconds West, 293.85 feet from the North 1/4 corner of said Section 3; thence continuing along said North- South 1/4 line, South 00 degrees 23 minutes 35 seconds West, 463.83 feet; thence along the South line of the North seven acres of the West ten acres of said North half of the Northeast Fractional 1/4, South 89 degrees 26 minutes 58 seconds East, 402.48 feet; thence along the East line of the West ten acres of said North half of the Northeast Fractional 1/4; North 00 degrees 23 minutes 34 seconds East 31.68 feet; thence, North 49 degrees 02 minutes 23 seconds East, 652.05 feet; thence, North 89 degrees 26 minutes 58 seconds West, 891.94 feet to the West line of Section 3 and 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: April 23, 2014
For more information, please call:
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Carol S. Clemons, a single person, original mortgagor(s), to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Mortgagee, dated May 12, 2005, and recorded on June 3, 2005 in Liber 1041 on Page 25, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twenty-One Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Seven and 57/100 Dollars (\$21,337.57).

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 May 29, 2014.

Said premises are situated in Township of Arbel, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 1 of Oak Grove Subdivision, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Tuscola County, Michigan

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

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

Dated: April 30, 2014
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Rick Wood and Brenda Wood, Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to PHH Mortgage Corporation f/k/a PHH Mortgage Services, Mortgagee, dated August 19, 2003, and recorded on August 27, 2003 in Liber 950 on Page 1343, and modified by agreement dated October 4, 2011, and recorded on November 30, 2011 in Liber 1235 on Page 1282, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Three Hundred Ten and 72/100 Dollars (\$295,310.72).

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 May 29, 2014.

Said premises are situated in Township of Fairgrove, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: The North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 25, Town 13 North, Range 8 East, Fairgrove Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.

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

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

Dated: April 30, 2014
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BUILDING BRIDGES



Cass City students compete with balsa wood bridge that withstands 148 pounds

by Ryan Walker
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Noted 20th century author, scholar and educator Ralph Ellison once said, “Education is all a matter of building bridges.” Nearly 130 teams consisting of junior and senior high school students recently converged on the Lansing

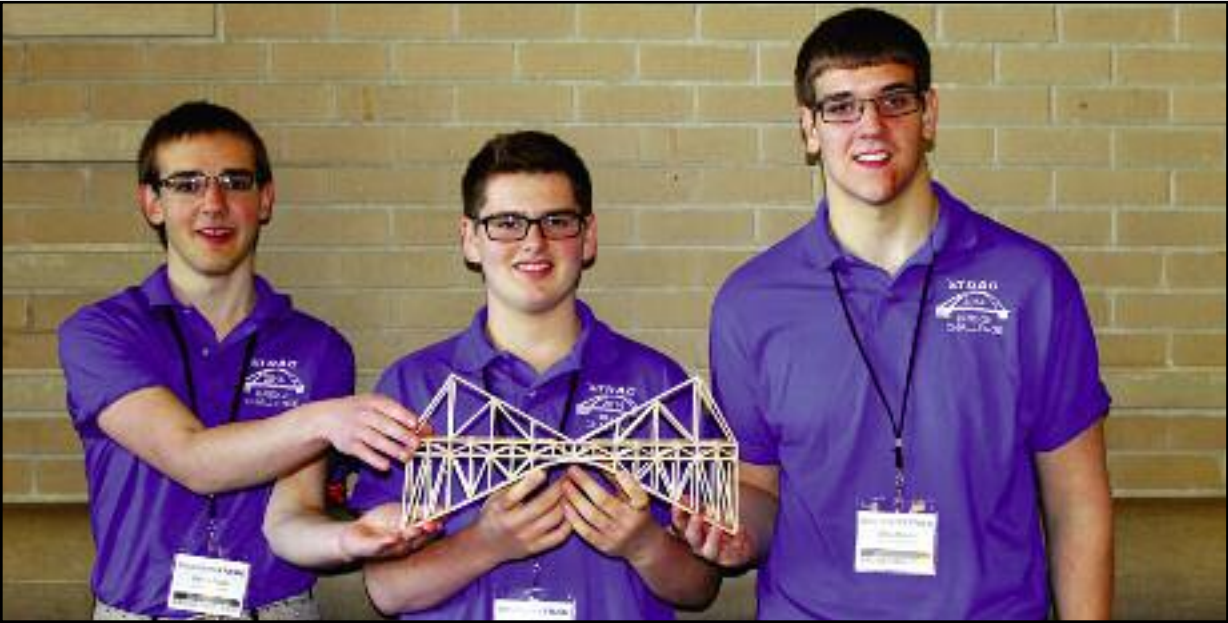
Center in Lansing to test bridges they literally built earlier in the school year. The one-day event, sponsored by the Michigan Department of Transportation

(MDOT), drew teams from all over the state of Michigan, including Cass City. While competing in the Michigan Design and Build Bridge Challenge, teams were separated into three divisions based on the grade level of the team members. There was a junior high division established for seventh and eighth grade students, a division for ninth and tenth grade students, and a senior division for eleventh and twelfth grade students. One of the 46 senior division teams hailed from Cass City Junior/Senior High School, with juniors Ethan Montei and Daymon Tabako and senior Garrett Fisher taking part in the bridge building program. The event marked the final stage in a journey that began last November when the team’s advisor and Cass City High School teacher Nichole Maurer submitted their names as a potential team. The next step required the trio of students to submit a bridge proposal of their own creation by February.

Each team member had an assigned role to ensure all tasks were met with maximum efficiency. Fisher was responsible for creating a design blueprint of their bridge, a PowerPoint presentation documenting their calculations and a portfolio. Montei built the model bridge out of 1/8 inch balsa wood sticks, and Tabako provided assistance to both Fisher and Montei. The Michigan Design and Build Bridge Challenge was launched to give students the opportunity to create a bridge report portfolio, develop and construct a bridge, and test for strength-to-weight ratio. Another purpose of the event is to introduce students to Power Draft CAD Software by Bentley Systems, Inc. The CAD software was part of a kit, along with the balsa wood, glue, and an information packet, that was sent to all participating teams prior to Nov. 15. The students were required to develop an arch bridge that would carry as much weight as possible

while weighing as little as possible (strength-to-weight ratio). The length of the entire bridge had to be 16 inches. A block of wood measuring 12 inches long by 2 inches wide by one inch high had to be able to be pushed smoothly across the bridge. The next step in the competition called for tester supports to be placed at 16 inches on center. The bridge had to then fit on a Pitsco di2000 Structure Tester. The strength-to-weight ratio result served as 50 percent of each team’s final score. The other 50 percent came from the team’s PowerPoint presentation. MDOT engineers were judges for the event, and MDOT also provided other engineering activities during any down time that occurred during the day. Cass City’s team eagerly awaited its overall score after their bridge held an impressive 148 pounds before it finally broke. Coupled with the presentation score, the Cass City team earned 75 points out of a possible 100 points.

Although the overall score wasn’t enough to crack the 14 awarded positions, Maurer saw the end product as a success. “The judges commented several times that our team had a great presentation,” Maurer said. “I was proud of the results”. Not only did the local students represent Cass City Junior-Senior High School well in the competition, they were also able to observe real world applications for the math, physics, technology and communications skills they’ve learned in school. The team members also walked away with valuable engineering experience. Fisher, who plans to study computer engineering this fall at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va., indicated working with the Bentley 2D drafting program to create the bridge’s blueprint was a valuable experience for the future. “This will help me on the designing aspect of circuit boards,” he said.



THE CASS CITY team competing in this year’s Michigan Design and Build Bridge Challenge was composed of (from left) senior Garrett Fisher and juniors Daymon Tabako and Ethan Montei.



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