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GERALDINE PRIESKORN places an American flag on the gravesite of her husband, Gerald, a veteran of the Korean War. She was one of many volunteers to help place American flags on veterans’ graves at Elkland Township Cemetery in preparation for Memorial Day.

Area farmers playing catch-up in their fields

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Slowly but surely, Michigan farmers, including producers in the agricultural-rich Thumb, are getting their 2014 crops planted.

Winter took its time giving way to spring, and spring dragged its heels, with rain and cooler temperatures hampering field work and leaving farmers well behind schedule in planting this year.

However, even before last week’s string of warm, breezy days, agriculture officials weren’t ready to panic.

“I don’t think we’re really impacting yield potential yet,” said Bob Boehm, manager of Michigan Farm Bureau’s (MFB) center for commodity, farm and industry relations. “It’s impressive how much can get done when we have a break in the weather, but it’s going to mean a real rush

to get seed in the ground. That means long hours and lots of equipment on the roads—time for non-farmers to be patient and understanding.”

All the big-acreage field crops are behind schedule to some extent. Half of the state’s oats and sugar beets are planted, and as of Mother’s Day, only 20 percent of the state’s corn crop was in the ground—approximately half of the five-year average pace.

“We have seen corn planted well into June, but the later you plant, the lower your probability of getting the full potential out of that seed,” Boehm said, adding that growers also have to weigh crop insurance deadlines and potential alternative plantings.

“On the plus side, we’ve got adequate moisture—the water tables are

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Community honors its heroes -- now and then

by Andie Peck
Staff Writer

Cass City area residents joined their neighbors across the state and nation in setting aside Monday to honor respect members of the military through ceremonies, speeches and a parade.

The community’s Memorial Day activities began with a wreath laying ceremony at the Cass City War Memorial by members of the VFW Post 3644 Honor Guard, followed by the parade through downtown.

Roughly 1,000 area residents gathered at Elkland Township cemetery to watch the conclusion of the parade and attend the annual ceremony where fallen members of the military were honored through speeches and a gun salute by local VFW members.

New this year was the addition of the “Marine Corps-Vette,” the Ground Zero Mobile Memorial to 9/11 and the War on Terror.

The memorial, a 1992 Corvette displayed by veteran David Sommerdorf, is decorated with a patriotic theme and parked at the cemetery during Monday’s ceremony.

The Rev. David Hill, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Cass City, chose to bring the memorial to the area because he felt it would add a personal touch to already planned events.

Sommerdorf said he loved being in Cass City for Memorial Day this year, adding that ceremonies like that hosted by the community are dwindling, so it was nice to see such local involvement.

“It was an outstanding, one-of-a-kind ceremony. I enjoyed it very much,” he said. “There is something about looking back. It’s good to pause and reflect.”

Mark Zmierski, a member of VFW

Post 3644, Cass City, again emceed the ceremony at the cemetery. He said the gathering went very well and it was nice to see so many peo-

ple come to support local veterans. “It was humbling to have this many people come out for the ceremony,”

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MARK ZMIERSKI of VFW Post 3644, Cass City, lays a wreath at the Cass City Veterans’ War Memorial at the beginning of Monday’s annual Memorial Day events.

Holiday weekend crashes claim two lives in Thumb

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The Memorial Day holiday weekend started and ended on fatal notes in the Thumb, where traffic crashes claimed the lives of Michigan residents from Marlette and Warren.

The most recent accident was reported Monday at about 6 a.m. and involved two vehicles on Marlette Road in Sanilac County’s Marlette Township.

According to Sanilac County Sheriff’s Deputy Chris Kravitsky, the inves-

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Local schools among first recognized for cardiac emergency preparedness

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

When Cass City Public School officials say student well-being is their priority, it’s more than lip service.

It’s no secret the district has a number of programs in place to achieve that goal — peer support groups and an anti-bullying program, for example. But parents may not be aware that school officials have also gone above and beyond when it comes to preparing for a cardiac emergency in school.

Their efforts haven’t gone unnoticed.

For the first time, the Michigan Departments of Community Health (MDCH), Education (MDE), Michigan Alliance for Prevention of Sudden Cardiac Death of the Young (MAP-SCDY) and the American

Heart Association (AHA) have awarded 40 schools in Michigan with the new MI HEARTSafe School designation which recognizes schools that are prepared to respond to cardiac emergencies.

Both Cass City Elementary School and Cass City Junior-Senior High School are on that list.

Between 1999 and 2009 in Michigan, there were 3,134 young individuals between 1 and 39 years of age who died of sudden cardiac death. Of those, 246 were between 5 and 19 years of age.

Gov. Rick Snyder, MDCH, MDE, MAP-SCDY, AHA, and many community partners are committed to reducing the number of sudden cardiac death among the state’s youth. The recognition of the first MI HEARTSafe Schools is another forward step in the effort

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Fun in the Thumb

Cass City Playscape Committee gearing up for anniversary bash

by Andie Peck
Staff Writer

A playground can mean a number of different things to different people, but to residents in Cass City, it means a chance to get together and be a community.

Fifteen years ago, a committee was formed in Cass City called Friends of the Playscape, with the mission to build a playground for area youngsters to have fun and be safe.

The playground, located at the corner of Rose and Seeger streets, has served the community well by providing children with a safe place to play and enjoy the outdoors. According to Friends of the Playscape Committee member Christin Hempton, however, the facility could use a little updating.

Hempton, who also serves as dean of students at Cass City Junior-Senior High School, explained that the playground was originally built based on the desires of local children — the types of playground equipment, and what they wanted it to look like. And, thanks to a small army of volunteers, the playscape was constructed in a week.

“(Now) it is definitely in need of repairs,” Hempton said. “We need stain, mulch, paint, and a lot of community help.”

Hempton became involved with the project because she frequents the playground with her own children. When she saw the work that needs to be done there, she was inspired to lend a hand.

She said the committee is currently comprised of 11 members, but hundreds

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THE PLAYGROUND was originally built in 1999 thanks to volunteers from the community who came together to lend time and money to the project. The playground was completed on Sept. 19, and a 15 year celebration of that date is planned for this year.

Cass City's Perry awarded \$180,000 ROTC scholarship

by Andie Peck
Staff Writer

Cass City Junior-Senior High School senior Jacob Perry is proof that hard work can lead to great things.

During the school's recent annual Senior Awards Night, Perry was awarded a Navy ROTC scholarship valued at a whopping \$180,000. The scholarship will cover his college tuition, but also stipulates he must serve in the U.S. Navy for the same amount of time he spends in college.

"My uncle was in the Navy, along with his wife. She suggested I do it," Perry said, adding his cousin was also one of the driving forces behind his decision to apply for the scholarship.

Christin Hempton, dean of students at Cass City Junior-Senior High

School, assisted Perry in applying for the scholarship. She explained there were many requirements for application, including letters of recommendation, a minimum math ACT score of 29, and applying to a minimum of five different colleges.

"It was quite an extensive process," Hempton said. "I'm so proud of him. He's such a great kid."

Perry, who will be attending the University of Michigan in the fall, indicated he's excited for school to start, but a little nervous as well. He plans to study engineering.

"It is a huge jump," he said, referring to starting college. "It's like going from preschool to high school in one day."

After college, Perry is not sure what he wants to be involved in while enlisted, but he knows he wants it to be related to aviation.

"I don't want to fly," he said, "but I definitely want to be involved with something in aviation."

Perry said he will be required to train for the Navy while at the University of Michigan, but for the most part he will have a normal college experience.

He explained he will be required to take classes in naval history, as well as maintain an exercise and training schedule with his ROTC unit.

"For the most part, I'm not different than anyone else," he added.

Perry was involved in a number of activities while in high school, including football and basketball, winning various awards for both, including First Team All-Conference linebacker for football in 2013 and Honorable Mention forward for basketball in 2012. He has earned five varsity letters, as well as winning the coveted Paul Smarks award for most outstanding male athlete in the graduating class.



JACOB PERRY accepted a check for \$180,000 in scholarship money during Cass City Jr./Sr. High School's annual Senior Awards Night. After attending college, Perry will serve in the Navy.

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OPINION...

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Tom Montgomery
Editor

Cass City Schools prepared for worst

We’ve all seen the headlines: students are going about their usual weekday routine — classes, lunch, chatting with their friends, etc. — when suddenly one of them collapses without warning. It’s even happened in Cass City, a few years ago in the high school cafeteria.

Now, we certainly hope local school officials never have to face that sort of emergency again, but if it does occur, it’s comforting to know the district is well prepared to take every action possible to try to save a life.

Need proof? Ask officials with the Michigan Departments of Community Health (MDCH), Education (MDE), Michigan Alliance for Prevention of Sudden Cardiac Death of the Young (MAP-SCDY) and the American Heart Association (AHA), who for the first time recently awarded 40 schools in Michigan with the new MI HEARTSafe School designation recognizing schools that are prepared to respond to cardiac emergencies.

Both Cass City Elementary School and Cass City Junior-Senior High School are on that list of 40 districts, and they’re also the first to represent the Thumb in receiving the designation.

Between 1999 and 2009 in Michigan, there were 3,134 young individuals between one and 39 years of age who died of sudden cardiac death. Of those, 246 were between 5 and 19 years of age.

Public Act 12 of 2014 requires all schools (grades kindergarten to 12) to have a cardiac emergency response plan in place by July 1, 2014. Michigan schools that already have an existing cardiac emergency response plan and have taken additional steps to be prepared for a cardiac emergency applied for the new MI HEARTSafe Schools designation beginning in November 2013.

The recent designation recognizes those first 40 schools that have taken steps above and beyond to prepare to respond in the event of a cardiac emergency, and is awarded for a period of three years.

In order for a school to receive a MI HEARTSafe designation, it must perform at least one cardiac emergency response drill per year; have a written medical emergency response plan and team; have current CPR/AED certification of at least 10 percent of its staff; have accessible, properly maintained and inspected AEDs with signs identifying their location; and ensure pre-participation sports screening of all student athletes using the current physical and history form endorsed by the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

As we said, Cass City School officials have done just about everything in their power to be prepared for the worst.

They’re delivering what every parent would expect when it comes to safety of their children, and that sort of attention to detail deserves the praise of the entire community.



Slices of Life
by Jill Pertler
Half-empty nesters



Fledgling birds know instinctively when it is time to leave the nest. Thing is, for them there is no going back. Bird nests are high up in trees, making it impossible for baby birds to hop back up. Once they jump out, they are on the ground and must learn to find food, fly, get up early and otherwise survive on their own. Baby birds do not have any time for hokey pokey or fooling around. Move it or lose it never took on such meaning.

Empty nester is the term used to describe a parent whose children have grown up and flown the coop, leaving the nest empty. Or so the theory goes.

Fledgling humans, otherwise known as 18-year-olds, instinctively long to leave the nest. Thing is, they often come back. Emptying the human nest isn’t as simple as emptying the bird nest because most kids memorize their address by kindergarten. In many cases, kids don’t leave and stay gone the first time. If you are a parent, some of your friends will tell you this happened to them, but they are also the folks who invariably win big at the casino – if you catch my drift.

I call this period of life half-empty nester syndrome. I suppose you could also call it half-full nester syndrome, depending on your optimistic tendencies. Either way, it works best if your house is equipped with a revolving door. It’s a time when our newly adult children, who are grown-up – sort of, almost – learn and practice the niceties of independence. Often, this takes patience from a parent’s perspective, because becoming independent isn’t as easy as blowing out 18 candles on a birthday cake. Far from it. The process can take years as our baby birds learn to navigate through this thing called life.

And there is much to learn. Like windshield washer fluid is not the same as brake fluid and thank goodness your dad caught you before you poured it into your car. Like the rent must be paid over and over, every single month. The same goes for the electric bill. Like what is life insurance and why would anyone want to purchase it if they’d be dead anyway? Like the garbage company will not haul your trash away if you do not bring it down to the curb. Like everyone has to pay taxes, even you, even though no one likes it. Yes, life isn’t fair. Like laundry is an active sport, requiring energy and effort and if you don’t want your clothes to smell, you’ve got to participate. Like when you run out of gas and call your dad, there’s not much he can do from 100 miles

Letters to the Editor

Community garden volunteers welcome

Editor,

I am contacting you regarding a community garden project that the Bad Axe Free Methodist Church is starting this spring. We are working with the NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service) in Huron County to get this launched.

We are currently in the planning stages of this garden, which will be located at the Bad Axe Free Methodist Church property. We are setting it up to grow a large amount of vegetables, such as potatoes, squash, peppers, carrots, tomatoes, onions, etc.

This garden will be to the benefit of anyone in need. Produce will be given through the local food pantries in Huron County. There is a great need in our area.

We are reaching out to local youth organizations, and adult ones, too, that may be interested in assisting us with this project. Many hands make light work! Perhaps your group has members with an interest in this type of work/community service. Does your organization have requirements that the youth could meet in helping with this type of project?

At this time we are anticipating needing help at planting time, mulching, putting in a drip irrigation

system, some (limited I hope) weeding, harvesting and distribution of produce.

We probably will set up a calendar/schedule for those interested in helping out. With enough community support, this need not be labor intensive for any particular group.

We are trying to make this project as efficient and manageable as possible, while being a success also.

We would like anyone with an interest (or ideas, suggestions) to contact us either by phone or email.

There may be other groups that I didn’t think to reach out to, so please spread the word. I will gladly answer questions and am open to suggestions. We are quite excited to be able to do this for our community.

Lois Talaski
Bad Axe

Editor’s note: Organizers have scheduled a “come help plant the community garden” day Saturday, May 31, at the Free Methodist Church of Bad Axe, 165 Pigeon Road. Volunteers are asked to bring their tools, boots and gloves. Lunch and childcare will be provided.

More information is available by contacting Talaski at (989) 479-9536 or via email at talaski2p.@gmail.com.

away. And so on.

I’ve got a couple of fledglings myself and never quite know if they are coming or going. Usually it’s a little bit of both. They often arrive home unannounced with empty gas tanks, empty stomachs and full laundry baskets. Some days they say they are coming, but something comes up and they don’t make it – even though I’ve made their favorite meal for supper. Other days, they show up unexpectedly and know that my husband and I want nothing more than to stop whatever it is we were doing and focus on their visit.


Which we do. Because, darn it, we are glad to have them. This half-empty nester thing goes both ways. Baby birds may not be completely ready to leave the nest, but truth be told, many parents aren’t quite ready to have them leave, at least not completely, at least not yet.

So we do this dance. One foot in the nest, one foot out. (You’re a half-empty nester and you turn yourself about.)

My kids may return home toting laundry. Then they help me find a new ringtone for my phone and show me some funny pictures on Reddit. We talk and laugh and lean on each other – because we can. For now. And whether we’re half-empty or half-full doesn’t matter much because whatever it is, it feels pretty good when we’re all together.

And that’s what it’s all about.

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)

The Owendale Lions Club is celebrating their 55th anniversary Monday, June 2 – 6:30 p.m. at Sherwood on the Hill in Gagetown. In addition to announcing the club’s Citizen of the Year winner, Esther LaMothe (Gray), Lions Clubs International Director 2013-2015, will serve as the keynote speaker.

LaMothe grew up on a dairy farm near Shabbona. Her mother was an elementary school teacher and her dad was a farmer.

“I look forward to being back in my home area,” says LaMothe.

To attend the party, contact Fred Sullivan at 989-665-2586. Cost is \$15 per person.

The Huron County Sheriff’s Office wants you to stay safe on the water this summer by performing a vessel safety check. While most people are aware that they need to keep their automobiles in good running order, it sometimes doesn’t occur to them to check their boats before the season gets underway.

Sheriff Kelly Hansen recommends at a minimum you take the following steps for vessel safety:

- * Check the condition of your life jackets. Make sure that there is one properly fitting life jacket for every person on board and that they are in good condition. Check for discoloration, dry rot and mildew; popped seams and tears in the fabric; and that the straps, buckles and zippers still work.

- * Check your equipment to make sure it is in good working order. This includes items like your visual distress signals, sound-producing devices, navigation lights, bilge pumps, ventilation blowers and fire extinguishers.

- * Check to make sure your navigation charts or devices are on board and updated to the most current conditions.

Boaters in Huron County can arrange for a safety inspection by calling 989-269-6500 during regular business hours or the non-emergency number at Huron Central Dispatch of 989-269-6421.

By taking the proper precautions now, you can prevent tragedy later. Take personal responsibility for your safety and enjoy the summer on the water.

Race Director Dale Churchill and the Knights of Columbus, Central Thumb Council #8892, is organizing a 5K Run & Walk for Saturday, Sept. 13 beginning at 9 a.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Cass City.

Proceeds from the event are to benefit the St. Agatha’s Food Pantry. To get involved, contact Churchill at 989-415-5636.

The Michigan Bean Festival and Michigan Bean Commission are seeking applicants for the 66th Michigan Bean Queen contest. Applicants must be a high school graduate, 17-22 year old single female.

The newly crowned queen will receive a \$1,000 scholarship for college and is required to attend a minimum of 14 events throughout the year representing the Michigan Dry Bean Industry.

For more information, visit the Michigan Bean Festival website.

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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.
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- Huron County Alzheimer’s and Family Caregiver Support Group, Huron Behavioral Health, Bad Axe. For more information, contact Rhonda Quinn at (989) 269-9293.

Thursday, May 29

- AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.
- Books Are Fun Book & Gift Fair, 30-70% off retail, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Hills and Dales General Hospital in Lower Level Conference Room 1. Sponsored by the Hills and Dales General Hospital Auxiliary.

Friday, May 30

- Books Are Fun Book & Gift Fair, 30-70% off retail, 7 a.m.-2 p.m. at Hills and Dales General Hospital in Lower Level Conference Room 1. Sponsored by the Hills and Dales General Hospital Auxiliary.

Sunday, June 1

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

Monday, June 2

- 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.
- 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.

Tuesday, June 3

- 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:

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Sheriff unveils new trailer...

HURON COUNTY Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson recently unveiled his department’s latest addition, a 28-foot enclosed trailer that will be used to support the Safetyville Education Program as well as the department’s dive team. The trailer was purchased with drug and ICE (U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement) forfeiture funds. “Its vinyl-wrapped exterior and graphics were generously furnished by Farm Bureau Insurance of Michigan,” Hanson said, adding the trailer cost \$16,500, with the county chipping in \$2,000 and Farm Bureau contributing more than \$3,600.

Brothers on Harleys collide on M-53

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A pair of Michigan brothers survived a traffic crash after their motorcycles collided in Sanilac County’s Lamotte Township last week.

The accident occurred on M-53 about a half-mile north of M-46, according to Sanilac County Sheriff’s deputies, who were dispatched to the scene at 11:45 a.m. Wednesday.

“A 2002 Harley Davidson motorcycle driven by 62-year-old James Covey of Clinton Township was driving north on M-53 behind a 2011 Harley Davidson motorcycle driven by his brother, 56-year-old Charles Covey of Sterling Heights,” Lt. Charlene Washkevich said.

“The motorcycle driven by Charles Covey attempted to pass a northbound vehicle when he observed a southbound vehicle, so he slowed and merged back into his lane. James then struck the rear of the motorcycle driven by Charles, causing him to lose control of his motorcycle, cross the centerline and enter the west ditch of M-53,” Washkevich continued.

“James was transported to Marlette Hospital by Marlette EMS for non-life threatening injuries,” she added. “Both subjects were wearing helmets at the time of the accident.”

Marlette police and EMS and the Lamotte Township Fire Department assisted deputies at the scene.

Circuit court news

Several appear on felony charges

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

*Shawn M. McMenamin Sr., 51, Caro, was sentenced to 365 days in the county jail, with work release and worksite privileges, following his pleas of guilty to charges of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, second offense, fleeing a police officer and assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer Jan. 24 in Reese. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to jail time, he was placed on 36 months probation and ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,998 plus restitution of \$120.

*Nicholas R. Schaudt, 32, Marlette, was sentenced to 60 days in jail, with work release and worksite privileges, following his pleas of no contest to possession of marijuana, second offense, and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor – with an occupant under the age of 16 years Dec. 30 in Kingston. He was also placed on 36 months probation and ordered to complete 480 hours of community service and pay costs and fines totaling \$1,766 plus restitution of \$120.

*Richard E. Brooks III, 21, Cass City, pleaded guilty to charges of interfering with electronic communications and domestic violence April 2 in Cass City.

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

*Kristopher M. Yates, 25, Caro, pleaded guilty to violating the Sex Offenders Registration Act by failing to verify his sex offender registration information with local law enforcement between Jan. 1 and Jan. 15, 2014, in Caro.

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

*Gyanne M. Slater, 52, Clifford, pleaded no contest to two counts of interfering with electronic communications and one count of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, second offense, Oct. 4, 2012, in Vassar Township.

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

*Andrew T. Hartman, 21, Akron, pleaded no contest to arson, second degree, June 27 in Fairgrove Township.

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

*Tony R. Wickings, 48, Vassar, pleaded guilty to two counts of violating the Sex Offenders Registration Act — by failing to notify local law enforcement of a change in address between Nov. 4 and Dec. 10, 2013, in Vassar, and by failing to register a log-in name or other identifier used to access an electronic email address or messaging system March 1 in Vassar. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at a combined \$9,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*William D. Street, 35, Caro, pleaded guilty to charges of possession of cocaine, heroin or another narcotic (less than 25 grams) and operating a motor vehicle with a controlled substance in his body Nov. 10, 2012, in Caro.

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

*Matthew J. Eisele, 48, Vassar, pleaded guilty to attempted violation of the Sex Offenders Registration Act by failing to verify his sex offender registration information with local law enforcement between Jan. 1 and Jan. 15 in Vassar.

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

*David J. Diener, 52, Vassar, was sentenced to 93 days in jail and 12 months probation following his pleas of guilty to possession of a controlled substance and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor Feb. 11 in Millington 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 \$1,848 plus restitution of \$120.

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Reporter’s notebook



Words of wisdom for the Class of ‘14

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



I wonder if graduating from high school is still as exciting as I remember when I collected my diploma a few years ago.

I never had the chance to make any sort of speech filled with gems of wisdom to send my fellow grads on their way (probably a good thing, because looking back, I didn’t have many gems to share).

But, I do have a column today, not to mention a master’s degree from the school of hard knocks, so I’m going to take a shot at offering the Class of 2014 a little advice honed from a lifetime of learning that hindsight really is 20/20.

Here we go:

In many ways I envy you, having so much to look forward to, especially if you’re willing to put everything you’ve got into making your own way in the world, regardless of what you’re planning to do next. From giving it your best at a minimum wage job to help pay for school, to bringing more than a list of good grades to the table when you interview for that first dream job, show up early, bring your very best attitude, and acknowledge you haven’t learned it all just yet.

The year on my diploma may say 1980, but some things haven’t changed, and that’s one of them.

Here’s another: act in haste, repent in leisure.

As a high school senior, I couldn’t wait to be independent, to no longer have to live under a roof where someone was always telling me what to do. Of course, a few years later I decided to get married, negating the whole not being told what to do thing. However, that’s another column (or 50) for another time.

My point is simple: freedom is a wonderful thing, but it comes with a costly price tag we like to call responsibility, and it’s easy to lose by frequently putting “be stupid” on your list of things to do today. And let’s face it, that can be a no-brainer when you’re living away from home for the first time and you’re surrounded by friends, some of whom don’t have the same goals as you (graduating or staying out of jail, for example).

You might be surprised to learn just how many poor decisions now will follow you for years to come — maybe for a lifetime.

Believe me, I know.

Never stop learning. Ever. And let yourself make mistakes. As much as some folks won’t admit it, we all goof up. Just learn from each experience and move on.

Be good to your family and your true friends. You’re going to need them as much as they need you on this rollercoaster ride known as adulthood.

Finally, figure out what’s really important in this life — for you, personally — and then take the time to enjoy and appreciate it, because time can be an unforgiving thief.

Well, that’s about it, except I wish each and every one of you the best. Congratulations and good luck in your future endeavors!

Ask your neighbor

by Andie Peck
Staff Writer

Thumb artists enjoy sharing their talents

For Mimi Nicol, art is a way of life. A resident of Cass City for 20 years, she is one of the founding members of Artistic Endeavors, a local art gallery.

Nicol said Cass City is a great place to run a gallery, and she enjoys the opportunity to display many different kinds of art.

The gallery showcases a variety of art forms, from photography to painting, and Nicol said it is nice to have a place where the community can come and view all of them.

The gallery was established after Nicol and a handful of other artists from the area came together to find a place to showcase their work.

“It is nice to have a place where we can show what we do,” she said. “We have a bunch of artists, mostly retired art teachers, who all make different forms of art.”

Nicol herself works with glass, making many different types of sculptures and art pieces with it, and working with leaded and fused glass.

She said Cass City is a great place to live and she loves the chance to help the community get involved in art.

“It is a nice small town,” she said. “It’s been a nice place to raise a family.”



Mimi Nicol

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Down Memory Lane

by Melissa McCormick

5 YEARS AGO (2009)

Thumb Area Animal Control Officer Danielle Galbenski was honored last week as the “Animal Control Officer of the Year” by Marti Walts of the Canine Companion Center, Julie Baker of Richland Animal Rescue, and Debbie Jaworski of Second Chances.

As she pursues her online master’s degree in library science through Wayne State University, Kate Van Auken will receive a \$1,000 scholarship from the AAUW paid over 2 semesters. Van Auken is the library director at the Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City.

Rita Hanby of Cass City is one of 3 recipients for the AAUW Scholarship. She will receive \$1,000 over the course of 2 semesters as she pursues her associate’s degree in applied science through Baker College.

Debra Kranz cuts a worn flag, stripe by stripe, before burning each piece individually during last year’s flag retirement ceremony at the Cass City VFW Annex building. Also present are Eagle Scout Joe Rule and Jim Baker, scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 594, Cass City.

The Cass City Arts Council’s Adirondack Chair Auction is off and running. The event began Monday at Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City, where interested bidders will find more information as well as bid sheets. The final day to bid will be June 19, when the results will be announced at 4 p.m. “We have 21 chairs. They were (painted) by art council members and other area artists from Caro, Port Austin, Caseville, Cass City, etc.,” said council member Marilyn Biefer. “Previously we did metal stars and ceramic turtles. “The money from the auction helps with things like our ‘Tea for Two’, Music in the Park, and we are planning on doing an art history lesson at the library with projects and books,” she added. “We try to put back into the community by using the arts.”

10 YEARS AGO (2004)

Motorcycle enthusiasts from as far away as Escanaba and Ohio gathered in Evergreen Park this weekend to celebrate a shared passion – Motorcycles A.B.A.T.E. sponsored the event, created 11 years ago to help save the park and raise money for various charities.

Kathleen Tuckey prepares for her last week of work. Tuckey is retiring from Cass City High School, where she has taught government since 1988, and plans to spend her free time golfing, traveling and spending time with her four grandchildren.

Dustin Mallory rounded out his final year of high school by receiving the prestigious John Philip Sousa Award. The versatile Cass City musician plans to teach high school band classes of his own someday.

The Cass City Gavel Club recently presented a pair of \$500 scholarships to Cass City High School graduates Jennifer Sweeney and Eric Hanby. Club President Larry Robinson presented the scholarships, which are awarded based on community service. Sweeney plans to study pharmacology at Ferris State University, and Hanby will be attending Eastern Michigan University to major in secondary education (history).

Dustin Harp and Amanda Franzel, two students in Shannon Marion’s sixth grade class, help hoist the new flag in front of Owen-Gage High School. Cass City VFW men George Schwartz, Jack Esau and Bob Guza salute the flag they presented to the school.

25 YEARS AGO (1989)

The U.S. Achievement Audrey Katzeliberger Academy recently named Michael Sherman, 11, Cass City, as a U.S. National Award winner in the category of leadership. Sherman, who was nominated for the award by school counselor Dick Partlo, is the son of Mike and Lynn Sherman, Cass City, and the grandson of Bruce and Pat Sherman of Cass City and Harold and Helen Rayl of Deford. A seventh grader at Cass City Intermediate School, his name will appear in the U.S. Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, published nationally. The U.S. Achievement Academy selects winners based on certain criteria established by the academy and on the recommendation of a teacher, coach, counselor or other school sponsor.

The criteria include academic performance, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn, citizenship, attitude and dependability.

A Cass City brother and sister recently graduated from the University of Michigan. Chris and Anne Polk received their degrees April 29. Chris earned a degree in nuclear engineering, and Anne received a bachelor’s degree in general studies, according to their father, Gerald, a parole probation supervisor for the Thumb. He said he and his wife, Judy, a registered nurse at Hills and Dales General Hospital, are proud of their children. “If they were graduates from Michigan State I’d think it was terrible, but since they graduated from U of M, I think it’s great. Go Blue!” he exclaimed, laughing. Polk noted that Chris, a 1983 Cass City High School graduate, currently is working with computers in Ann Arbor, Anne, a 1985 Cass City grad, is uncertain as to what she wants to do, but has expressed interest in the field of parole/probation, he said.

Marla Zmierski is the winner of the Harold Ferguson Award. Each year the Cass City High School band members pick an outstanding senior band member. Band director George L. Bushong gave Zmierski, who plays the cornet, the plaque.

An area couple’s grandson was recently selected as a new member of Outstanding High School Students of America. He is Sean S. Smith, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cox, 5995 Bruce St., Deford. Smith, who was chosen based on outstanding merit and accomplishment as an American high school student, will be listed among the top high school students across the country in the Outstanding High School Students of America 1988-89 directory, which is distributed to colleges, universities and corporations. In addition, he’s a candidate for several scholarships, including 10 \$2,000 awards available only to OHSA members.

35 YEARS AGO (1979)

Marie H. Hobart from Gagetown received a Bachelor of Arts degree in commencement ceremonies at Albion College May 5. Miss Hobart, a biology major, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benson E. Hobart, 2558 Hobart Road. She graduated summa cum laude, is an Albion Fellow, and is a 1975 graduate of Cass City High School. She will be traveling in the eastern United States this summer and seeking employment in East Lansing for this fall.

Margaret Brown has been correcting papers for 23 years. The sixth grade teacher at Cass City Intermediate School won’t be done correcting them until June 7.

Elementary Art- Shirley Mulrath and her children Dawn and Keith were among the many parents and youngsters viewing the art work done by elementary students, on display at Campbell Elementary Tuesday evening and during the day Wednesday. The art show at Deford Elementary is this Thursday and at Evergreen Elementary, June 5.

Christine E. Strace, a 1976 graduate of Cass City High School, graduated from St. Clair Community College May 4 with an associate degree in nursing. She will be taking her state examinations to receive certification as a registered nurse July 10-11 in Detroit and will be employed at Hills and Dales General Hospital. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Strace of Argyle Road, Decker.

40 YEARS AGO (1974)

State Police Director Col. John Plants snips the ribbon officially opening Caro’s State Police Post Friday. Present were Joni Johnson, State Rep. Loren Armbruster, State Sen. Alvin J. DeGrow, Col. Plants and Post Commander Lt. Ward Johnson.

Fred Auten called my attention to the current campaign to get pennies back in circulation this week. There are 30 billion pennies circulating today...and 30 billion in hiding, the experts say. The power also says that a penny will continue to be a penny and will never have any numismatic value. If just one billion pennies come out of the cookie jars they taxpayers will save \$10 million. And to think that most of us these days hardly figure a penny found in the street is worth the time it takes to pick it up. (from Rabbit Tracks)

Lynn D. Atwell, daughter of Stuart A. Atwell of Cass City, is to be graduated with honors from Michigan State University’s College of Human Medicine with a Bachelor of Science degree in Pre-Medical Technology. Miss Atwell, a 1970 graduate of Cass City High School, is a member of Tri-Beta, a professional biological science honorary and was house president of Delta Delta Delta Sorority. She received an internship at St. Lawrence Hospital in Lansing and has applied for medical school at MSU.

Mike Weaver of Hills and Dales Medical Center, Inc., received a \$1,000 check from Cass City Lions Club President Tim Grassman.

Fae and Kenneth Hampshire were honored as outstanding Cass City High School Seniors by the Zonta Club at its May 21 dinner meeting at the home of Lottie Konwalski. Gladys Fort acted as co-hostess for the meeting at which 25 were present. The two students were presented with a thesaurus and a \$25 savings bond. The awards were presented by club President Florence Karr. Ms. Karr and Edith Little will represent the club at the Zonta International Convention scheduled for Boston June 28 through July 2. Mrs. Ada Ash, a nurse from Nigeria, will visit Cass City for a week following the convention, as guest of the local club. Toby Weaver is chairman of entertainment for Mrs. Ash.

50 YEARS AGO (1964)

One of the photos showing the girls at Walbro working on the computer is the first wholly processed at the Chronicle. We have been having development work completed professionally and in January decided to set up our own darkroom. For the past three months we have been waiting for all of the equipment to arrive and for the past three weeks have been girding up to try our own work. Dave Kraft is the chief engineer in the darkroom and his first picture was a success. Gradually we hope to do them all at home. Our thanks to Art Holmberg for valuable tips as we struggle to get started.

Mrs. William Donnelly became the first president of the newly formed Cass City Hospital, Inc. Auxiliary Tuesday night during an election at the hospital. Other officers named to the fledgling group were: Mrs. Dan Toner, historian; Mrs. Maurice Tayler, vice-president, Mrs. Dean Lowe, treasure, and Mrs. Arthur Severance, secretary.

Lynn Spencer, Band Booster president, accepts a \$200 check presented by Supt. Willis Campbell Tuesday on behalf of Clark McKenzie, former Cass City resident. The check, a personal donation from McKenzie, will be used in the fund to purchase new uniforms. McKenzie is an official of Ihling-Evard, Kalamazoo, the firm which is making the uniforms.

Jim Reagh, Cass City farmer, was the first customer to use Agrico’s new Agri-Nite Anhydrous Ammonia applicator. Jim is shown prior to putting the anhydrous ammonia, with 82 per cent nitrogen, on his corn crop. According to Jim, it’s the “only way” to apply nitrogen supplement to the soil. Cass City Agrico plant manager, Cliff Ryan, reports the applicator is just one of the three anhydrous ammonia applicators available to local farmers at the Agrico plant.

Most important machine — at least to Walbro employees is this 402 Accounting machine, part of the IBM Unit Data Processing System installed last February. Walbro employees are particularly interested in the workings of this machine because, among other things, it writes the checks for the weekly payroll. Feeding the machine essential information are Jim Ware and Dick Wallace, Walbro accounting department officials.

100 YEARS AGO (1914)

At the Tuscola county W. C. T. U. convention held at Caro, the county banner which has been held by the Linn Union of Novesta went to the Cass City Union. They had added over 30 new members this year. At the election of officers, Thursday morning, Mrs. J. H. Hays of Cass City was re-elected president, Mrs. C. E. Hawley, of Caro, Rec. Sec’y; Mrs. Mills of Fairgrove, Cor, Sec’y; Mrs. George Martin of Deford, Treas; and Miss Jennis Eckert, organist.

Mrs. R. Young last Thursday night entertained the ladies of the Thimble Club. The house was tastefully decorated with tulips and lilacs. The ladies were all given a sheet of crepe paper, thread, needle, scissors and thimble and were requested to make a bonnet which they wore during the evening. A poem to be composed was next suggested with the title of “A Summer’s Day.” Each person gave one line to rhyme with the preceding line. Much merriment was caused. After this leaflets were passed entitled “Tangled Songs.” Questions were given and the answers were titles of familiar songs. A self-served lunch was placed on the dining room table to which all did justice. The guests departed on good humor and all reported a good time.

Business places at Cass City will close for 1 ½ hours tomorrow— Decoration Day—from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m., in order that all may attend the Decoration Day exercises which will be held at the Presbyterian Church commencing at one o’clock. The following is the program which has been prepared by the committee in charge: “The Buglers”... Cass City Quartette Solo, “The Old Guard”... Miss Amy Fee, Address of the Day ... Hon. Rev. G. W. Cain of Marlette Solo, “The Old Flag Never Touched Ground” High School Glee Club. After the program at the church, the marshal of the day, W. H. Kaiser, will form in line automobiles to take the heroes of ’61 and their wives to the Elkland cemetery, escorted by the fife and drum corps. At the cemetery, the usual memorial program will be given by members of the G. A. R. Music by the martial band. Address by Comrade J. W. Fenn. Short talk by A. G. Houghton.

Crashes claim two lives

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tigation revealed that a 2010 Ford Pick-up driven by 26-year-old Amber Glaza of Sandusky was eastbound on Marlette Road just east of Goslin Road. Glaza’s pick-up crossed the centerline of the road and struck a west-bound 2008 Chevrolet Impala driven by 33-year-old Jason Maasch of Marlette.

Kravitsky said the accident was a head-on collision and pushed Maasch’s vehicle into the north ditch. Marlette fire fighters had to use the Jaws of Life to remove Maasch from his vehicle. He suffered extensive injuries and was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Kravitsky reported both drivers were wearing seatbelts and the airbags in both vehicles deployed.

The accident remains under investigation.

HURON COUNTY

Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson reported his department responded to the scene of another fatal accident, which occurred shortly after 6 p.m. Friday at the intersection of State Park and Conkey roads in Huron County’s Lake Township.

“Preliminary investigation is indicating that an eastbound 2007 Dodge Caliber on Conkey Road, driven by 29-year-old Jamie L. Kitchen of Caseville, may have failed to yield the right of way and impacted with a northbound 2012 Plymouth Town and Country van driven by 79-year-old Albert J. Gagnier of Warren,” Hanson said.

“Mr. Gagnier was fatally injured from that impact and his 72-year-old wife, Cynthia, was flown from the scene by helicopter to an out-of-county hospital for treatment,” he added. “Their lone passenger, a 16-year-old grandson, was taken by ambulance to Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon for treatment.”

Kitchen, the lone occupant of her vehicle, was also taken to Scheurer hospital for treatment.

Agencies assisting deputies at the scene included the Elkton Ambulance Service, Central Huron Ambulance Service, Caseville Fire Department and the Oliver Township Fire Department.

Faber announces bid for commission seat

Justin Faber (R-Deckerville) has announced he will be seeking reelection for the District 2 Sanilac County Commission seat.

In making the announcement, Faber said he has proven his community involvement since first elected in 2012 following Commissioner Jim Bowermans’ final term.

During Faber’s first term he has served as vice chairman of the board. He also serves on several committees, including Human Development Commission (HDC), Policy Committee, Planning Commission, Real Estate Committee, Building and Grounds, and the Veterans Millage Governing Council Board.

As a successful entrepreneur and military veteran, Faber has been active in a number of groups, including the Lions Club, Thumb Veterans Organization, Knights of Columbus, Special Olympics, and Saint Ignatius Historical Society. He also serves as a Good Shepherd Parish Council member, president of the Lions of Michigan Service Foundation, and treasurer for the Sanilac County Republican Party.

“I believe in a government that is held accountable and is transparent



Justin Faber

ment and have done my best to treat everyone equally and fairly.”

Faber’s district consists of Bridgehampton, Custer, Moore, Washington and Watertown townships along with the City of Sandusky, and the villages of Carsonville and of Snover.

Residents can contact him at (810) 376-4534 or via email at friendsforjustinfaber@gmail.com.

Irene Doerr

Irene M. Doerr, 85, of Cass City, went to be with our Lord and Savior, Fri., May 23, 2014 at Tendercare Cass City. She was born Feb. 24, 1929 in Redford, daughter of the late John and Marion (Brown) Guinther. She married Jack Doerr on Jan. 3, 1953 in St. Pancratius Catholic Church, Cass City. He passed away on Aug. 17, 2012.

She worked at Stevens Nursing Home, General Cable and Sommer’s Bakery. She enjoyed camping, fishing, cards, euchre, bingo and the casino, and time with her family.

Irene is survived by her sons, James (Brenda) Doerr of Caro and Michael (fiancée, Susan Gray) Doerr of Bay Port, 4 granddaughters, Jessica Doerr of Pigeon, Sadie (Andrew) Garza of Caro, Jasmine Doerr of Pigeon and Jacquelyn Doerr of Sebewaing, great-grandchildren, Bayze Doerr of Sebewaing and Willow Garza of Caro. Siblings, Stanley (Melva) Guinther, Richard Guinther, Norma (Richard) Szarapski, Marilyn (Jim) Young, and James (JoAnn) Guinther and many other family members.

She was predeceased by a grandson, Levi Doerr in 2004, and siblings, Hazel Guinther, Evelyn Gruber, Lyle Guinther, Harold Guinther, John L. Guinther, Roger Guinther, Lawrence Guinther and Charles Guinther.

Instate was held Wed. May 28, at St. Pancratius Catholic Church, Cass City at 10 a.m. until an 11 a.m. Funeral Mass, Fr. Paul Bala and Sr. Maria Dina Paddu officiating. Burial will be in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be directed to the family or to Heartland Hospice. Please share condolences at www.thabetfuneralhome.com

Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City.

Donald Hendrick

Donald E. Hendrick, 78, of Cass City passed away peacefully at home with his family by his side on May 19, 2014 under hospice care.

Don was born on February 18, 1936 in Cass City.

He married Barbara Ann Mittlestat on June 22, 1957. They were married 56 years.

Donald worked for Cass City Elevator, Mayville Oil and Gas, raised cattle and swine and ended his career as a barn painter.

Donald is survived by his loving

wife and best friend Barbara, 5 children, Cheryl (Wade) LaJoie, Sharon



Swalwell, Donald (Sharolyn) Hendrick, Mariea Berry and friend Keith and Harold (Erica), many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, 2 sisters, 1 brother and many nieces and nephews.

An immediate family memorial will be held at a later date. The family wishes to extend their gratitude to their caring friends, neighbors and family members and to the compassionate folks at United Hospice Service of Marlette.

In honor of Donald’s memory, donations may be sent to United Hospice Service of Marlette.

Jadie Periso, Sr.

Jadie “Jadis” Edward Periso, Sr., 91, of Cass City, died following a short illness Monday, May 19, 2014 in his home surrounded by family. He was born August 13, 1922 in Argyle, Michigan to William and Flora (Litner) Periso.

Jadie attended the Deford Elementary School. Leaving school at a young age he joined the work force. Jadie later joined the U.S. Army, serving in WWII and the Korean Conflict. He was decorated with the World War II Victory Medal and the American Campaign Medal. Following his military service he worked for Marlette Trailer Factory. He then worked for Sargents Road Construction in Saginaw, retiring after many years. Jadie worked part time buying and selling homes and also part time topping sugar beets for McNeil Farms of Unionville. He was a former member of St. Michael’s Catholic Church in Wilmot. He was a former Masonic Temple member, Shriners member and Caro Moose Lodge member. Jadie enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren. He also was an avid fisherman, enjoyed playing cards, hunting and camping. Jadie wasn’t your typical old person, he often acted like a younger person. He was very colorful and had a good sense of humor.

Jadie is survived by his long-time companion, Janet Carol Guthrie of Cass City; children: Brenda Sue (John) Stilwell of Scottsdale, AZ, Jadie Edward (Amanda Bolton) Periso, Jr. of Cass City, and Kimberly (Matthew Johnson) Periso of Cass City; grandchildren: Robert and Melanie Rabideau, Pleshette Lee Ancel, Corbin Ruth, MacKenzie McClard, and Kyndra Benn; 5 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; siblings: Ernie Periso, John Periso, Edward Periso, Fredrick Periso, Raymond Periso, William Periso, Clara Bulla, Eva Wise, Eunice Tankkeman, Lula May.

Funeral services were held Friday, May 23, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City with Brad Speirs of Novesta Church of Christ officiating. Interment is in Novesta Township Cemetery, Cass City. Pallbearers are Jadie Periso, Matt Johnson, Frankie Periso, Edward Periso, Roger Guthrie, Cory Ruth, Corbin Ruth and Gary Periso.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund. Military honors under the direction of the US Army and Cass City VFW Post #3644.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.

Don Simmons

Don A. Simmons, 77, of Cass City, passed away, Wednesday, May 21, 2014 at home after a short battle with cancer. He was born Jan. 17, 1937 in Elmwood Township, the son of the late Elmer and Maude (Hughes) Simmons. In 1958 he married his wife Lola, she passed away on March 2, 1999.

He served in the U. S. Coast Guard, then had a career in the U. S. Air Force, serving in Vietnam and retiring as a Tech Sergeant. He loved bear hunting, especially black bear at his cabin in the U.P. He worked with honey bees, then did cattle ranching, such as Angus and Charolais Beef.

Don is survived by his dear Sandy Tierney, a son, William (Lisa) Simmons of AL, a granddaughter, Stephanie (Tyler) Decker of KS, great-granddaughter Shelby Rose Decker, 2 sisters, Delores (the late Carlton) Hancock of MN and Frances (Tony) Bishop of AL.

A graveside service will be held Wednesday, May 28, at Elmwood Township Cemetery, Gagetown, at 11 a.m. Roy Lee Carter officiating. Family and friends may start gathering at 10:30 a.m. Memorials may be made to the Rawson Memorial District Library, or any Veteran’s organization.

Please share condolences at www.thabetfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City.

Christine Spry

Christine Spry (Nee Todorovich), of Rochester Hills, former resident of Windsor, Ontario; Deford, MI; Warren, MI; Jacksonville, FL; and Detroit, MI., died Saturday, May 17, 2014, at the Crittenton Medical Center.

Born in 1929 in Detroit, she had fond memories of childhood in the city. Especially swimming, tennis and ice skating on Belle Isle. She enjoyed singing and as a youth sang live opera on WJR radio.


In the 1950s and 60s Christine could often be found cooking or waiting tables in East Detroit area restaurants. She also worked with her daughter in Windsor on the founding of a new restaurant. In later life she enjoyed crafting and selling at craft shows.

She married Virgil Spry in 1948 and had 5 children. She was preceded in death by her husband Virgil, son Christopher, daughter Christine and son-in-law Armond. She is survived by her daughter Peggy Curtis of Oxford, NC; son Tim (Karen) Spry of Rochester Hills, MI, and son Jeff (Joan) Spry of Deford; 6 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Per her wishes, there will be no showing or service. Memorial gifts may be sent to the American Cancer Society or American Diabetes Association.

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Stars and stripes...

MEMBERS OF Cass City VFW Post 3644 honored veterans, both living and dead, with a traditional military service and honors during Monday’s annual Memorial Day parade and ceremony at Elkland Township Cemetery.



Community honors its heroes -- now and then

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he added. “We’re recognizing those that came before us and it’s nice to see the community come out for that.”
Zmierski said he enjoys the chance to emcee the ceremony every year

because it gives him a chance to honor the sacrifice those in the military have made for their country.
“The day is all about honor for those that gave the ultimate sacrifice. It’s very humbling,” he said.
The Rev. Jackie Roe, pastor of the Cass City United Methodist Church, was among Monday’s guest speakers

during the ceremony. She said it was her first year being involved in Memorial Day remembrance and she felt honored to be a part of it.
“It was an honor and a privilege to be involved to help remember those who have died for us,” she said. “There was great weather and a great community turnout.”

Playscape committee planning 15th anniversary bash

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of people have been involved in the past. The group has received help from local businesses, but its fundraising efforts continue in an effort to maintain the playground.
The goal is to have the facility looking like new in time for the 15-year celebration of when it was originally built.
“On the anniversary date of this project, we are going to have a grand

celebration of the playground before our high school football game,” she said, adding the event will be called “15 Years of Fun in the Thumb” and will showcase the made-over playscape.
The committee’s fundraising efforts include selling pickets, for \$35, which can be engraved in memory or honor of a loved one, and a T-shirt sale which will take place during the annual Freedom Festival in Cass City.
“We do have some funds coming in,” Hempton said, “but we still have a little ways to go.”
Local groups such as the Gavel Club have chipped in, and various grants have helped move the committee toward its goal, but more support is still needed.
Hempton said the committee is looking to raise roughly \$30,000, so any donations from the public are welcome. If someone wishes to donate, they can find more information about the committee on the “Fun in the Thumb Playground” Facebook page, or they can contact any member of the committee.
Hempton said the playground is a staple in the community, and she hopes people will contribute to keep it looking nice.
“It has made our community stronger, and it keeps our community strong,” she added. “Our youth use it every day and it is such an amazing thing to have.”

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Farmers playing catch-up

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back up—and we’ve had some warm-up in temperatures, so the soil temps are finally conducive to germination.”
But warm soils are cold comfort for two key crops that are already growing when the snow starts flying in early winter: wheat and hay. And all that snow wasn’t even the problem—it was the mid-winter ice-over that put the hurt on these crops that normally make for a new growing season’s first green fields.
“There’s definitely some concern over what growers will do with wheat stands that didn’t survive the winter,” Boehm said. “A lot of it is so bad it might only yield 10 to 15 bushels an acre, where something in the mid-70s is normal for a state average.
“We’ll see a lot of that ground torn up and put into other crops, if the timing works out, but that’s just one more management decision competing for farmers’ attention in an already hectic, delayed planting season. There’s going to be a lot of anxious juggling going on out there.”
Overall Michigan farmers planted 510,000 acres of wheat last fall, down 90,000 acres from the previous year.
“In some areas we’re seeing the same kind of problems with hay ground—alfalfa,” Boehm said. “Again, this is a delicate decision each individual farmer has to make, based on the condition of each field.”

Farmers usually expect five years of good production from a typical hay field; tearing it up and replanting outside of that schedule is an unwelcome expense, poses scheduling challenges and the need to make other arrangements for feed.
“But if it’s dead and not going to produce a crop, you’ve got to do something with it,” Boehm said, noting that some winter-wrecked fields could be switched back to corn or soybeans earlier than the grower anticipated.
The drought-stunted 2012 hay crop pinched livestock producers hard well into 2013, but a better crop that year has available stocks of the precious fodder up to 270,000 tons this spring—up more than 90 percent from a year ago.
In Huron County, crop and cattle farmer Corey Oeschger reports that “plenty of moisture in the ground” was made worse by recent rains.
“Only about half of the sugar beets are in, so we’re behind,” he said. “We’ve been spoiled the last two or three years by our ability to get the beets in extra-early, but now we’re back to a normal year. We hope to have no replanting.”
Oeschger reports his corn is getting planted roughly on schedule, but that winter took a hefty toll on his wheat fields.
“We’re working up one field of wheat that was hurt pretty badly by winter weather,” he said. “Another field looks pretty fair, but it’s not going to be a bin-buster. We’re planting more dry beans than normal because that price is more promising than for soybeans or corn.”

Cass City Schools among first districts to receive designation

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to do so.
Public Act 12 of 2014 requires all schools (grades kindergarten to 12) to have a cardiac emergency response plan in place by July 1, 2014. Michigan schools that already have an existing cardiac emergency response plan and have taken additional steps to be prepared for a cardiac emergency applied for the new MI HEARTSafe Schools designation beginning in November 2013.
This designation recognizes those first 40 schools that have taken steps above and beyond to prepare to respond in the event of a cardiac emergency, and is awarded for a period of three years.
In order for a school to receive a MI HEARTSafe designation, it must perform at least one cardiac emergency response drill per year.
“We actively practice this,” Cass City School Supt. Jeff Hartel said of the requirement. He added the local district formed what it calls a “Code Blue Team” composed of staff members — two for each job to ensure someone is always available — prepared to handle each of several response duties in the event of a cardiac emergency, from calling 911 and meeting ambulance crews, to retrieving and operating an AED (Automated External Defibrillator).
In addition, schools earning the MI HEARTSafe designation must have a written medical emergency response plan and team; have current CPR/AED certification of at least 10 percent of staff; have accessible, properly maintained and inspected AEDs with signs identifying their location; and ensure pre-participation sports screening of all student athletes using the current physical and history form endorsed by the Michigan High School Athletic Association.
Schools that meet all of the requirements will be able to apply for the MI HEARTSafe School designation each year.

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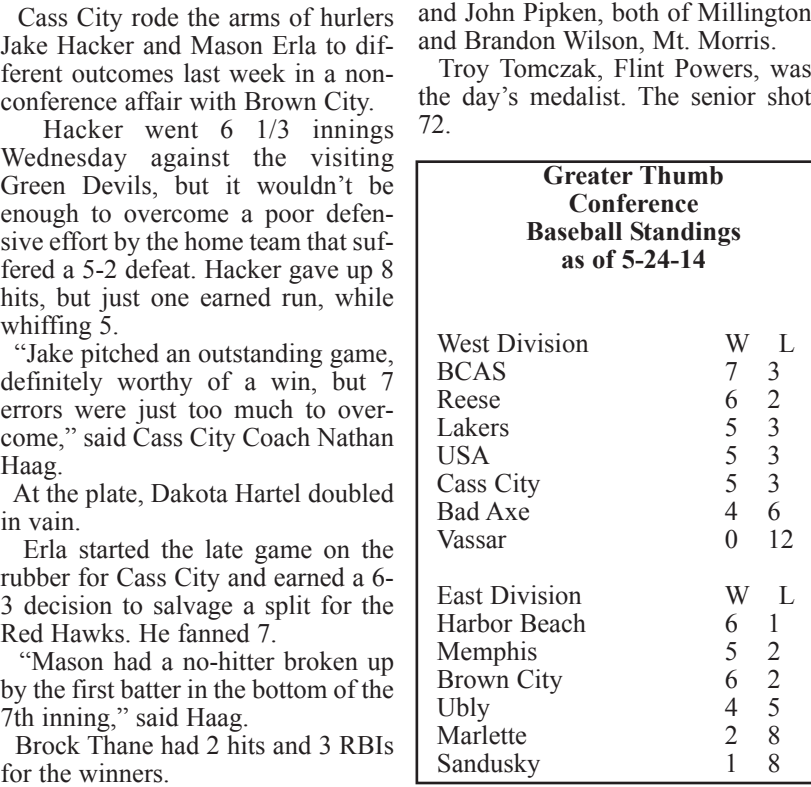
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Alliah Riddle had 3 walks for Cass City, while Kara Reif provided a double.

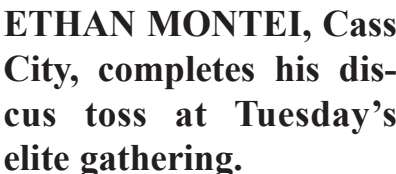
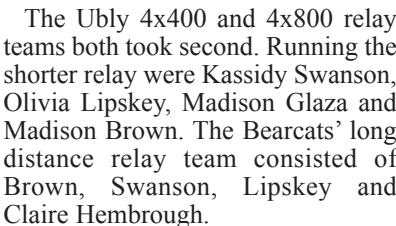
Game two, once again, saw Cass City jump out to a big margin after 5 innings – this time leading 11-3 – before Brown City plated 8 runs in their final two at-bats to make the game interesting.

Lauren Bukoski struck out one to earn the win on the hill for Cass City.

At the plate, Riddle had 2 doubles and Lauren Scott, one double, for the winners.



Closer to home, Erin Zdrojewski



Greater Thumb Conference Baseball Standings as of 5-24-14			Greater Thumb Conference Soccer Standings as of 5-24-14			Greater Thumb Conference Softball Standings as of 5-24-14			
						West Division		W	L
West Division	W	L	North Division	W	L	T	USA	9	0
BCAS	7	3	*Bad Axe	10	2	0	Reese	9	0
Reese	6	2	Harbor Beach	8	3	1	Bad Axe	5	5
Lakers	5	3	USA	6	5	0	Lakers	4	5
USA	5	3	Lakers	4	8	0	Cass City	4	5
Cass City	5	3	Cass City	0	10	1	Vassar	2	8
Bad Axe	4	6	*League Champion				BCAS	1	11
Vassar	0	12							
						East Division		W	L
East Division	W	L	South Division	W	L	T	*Ubly	10	0
Harbor Beach	6	1	*Marlette	10	1	0	Brown City	5	3
Memphis	5	2	Memphis	7	2	1	Harbor Beach	5	3
Brown City	6	2	Brown City	1	7	2	Sandusky	5	5
Ubly	4	5	Sandusky	1	9	1	Memphis	1	7
Marlette	2	8	* League Champion				Marlette	0	8
Sandusky	1	8					*League Champion		

Owen-Gage defends Michigan Summit League Championship with sweep of Akron-Fairgrove

Owen-Gage started last week by sweeping Michigan Summit League foe Akron-Fairgrove for undisputed 2014 conference honors and continued to roll Thursday at Port Hope, taking both ends of a double header against the former NCTL rivals.

On Monday, the Bulldogs successfully defended their Michigan Summit League crown with victories of 17-0 and 10-7.

Jacob Wright tossed 3 innings of no-hit ball to collect the win for Owen-Gage in the opener. He walked one and struck out 8.

Ryly Colman was tagged with the defeat for Akron-Fairgrove, surrendering 4 hits and 7 free passes.

Leading 5-0, Owen-Gage plated a dozen runs in the third frame to post the mercy rule victory.

For the winners, Dan Good had a pair of doubles, while Wright helped his own cause with 2 singles. Adam Retford chipped in a single in his only official plate appearance.

In the nightcap, Owen-Gage jumped out in front 9-1 after two innings and held on for a 3-run victory.

Ryan Warack started on the hill for the Bulldogs and worked 2 1/3 innings before handing the ball to relief pitcher David Binder who went the final 3 2/3 frames. They combined for 9 strike outs.

At the plate, Quinn Smith's inside



BULLDOG Adam Retford scores during Michigan Summit League action at Akron-Fairgrove.

the park home run highlighted the Owen-Gage attack.

PORT HOPE

On Thursday, Owen-Gage clubbed out decisions of 18-2 and 16-1 over the Bluestars.

Wright and Jacob Warack handled the mound work for the winners in game one. Wright tossed 4 innings, fanning 10, to become the pitcher of

record, while Warack whiffed one working the final frame in relief.

Retford belted a pair of doubles to lead Owen-Gage at the plate, while Wright and Binder added solo 2-baggers.

In game two, Retford, Good and Wright all went 3-for-3 at the plate as Owen-Gage completed the sweep.

Binder went the distance on the rubber to earn the 4 inning win. He yielded just one hit and recorded 8 strike outs.

CHIP SHOTS



Rolling Hills Golf Course Wed. night 2-man golf league as of May 21, 2014

Division 1 - Early

Mastie/Robinson	46
Wallace/Warner	45
D. Jones/Orban	44
Hobbs/Meck	37
Craig/Knight	36
Biefer/Hoard	35
Dillon/Irrer	34
Davis/Tate	34
Burns/Caister	32
Jones/Marshall	31
Smithson/Iwankovitsch	29
MacAlpine/Mosher	26
Hendrick/Veggian	25
Alexander/Spencer	25
Fox/Herron	25
Berwick/Young	24

Medalists

Individual: Alexander, Orban, Fox	40
Team: D. Jones/ Orban	40
Biefer/Hoard	40

Division 2 - Late

Hartel/Brown	50
Langenburg/Brad & Joe	42
Osentoski/D. Wallace	42
Krol/LeValley	42
Hacker/Nika	40
Weaver/Hartzell	38
Lowman/Tamlyn	38
Loomis/ Jeff & Trent	36
Prieskorn/Repshinska	36
Cotton/Curtis	36
Bitzer/Israelson	34
Sommerville/John & Jeremy	33
Ulfig/Corey & Paul	31
Martin/Stern	28
Richards/Bitzer D.	28
Wallace/ Brent & Scott	27

Hillaker/Murphy	24
de Beaubien/Brinkman	20
Ahleman/Halas	19
Doerr/Haire	16

Medalists:

Individual: Richards	38
Team: Bitzer/Curtis	82

Monday Night Golf League as of May 19

Division 1

Ray Fox	43
Mike Lowe	42
Virgil Peters	40
Tony Nika	39
Don Ouvry	37
David Allen	32
Ryan Lowman	29
Ray Begin	28
Brad Langenburg	25
Ken Cotton	15

Event Statistics

Low Gross:(38) Tony Nika	
Low Net:(34) Tony Nika	
High Points:(18.00) Don Ouvry	
Most Bogeys:(7) Brad Langenburg and Ken Cotton	
Most Pars:(4) Tony Nika	
Most Birdies:(1) Tony Nika, Ray Fox and Don Ouvry	
Season Statistics	
Low Gross:(38) Ray Fox and Tony Nika	
Low Net:(31) Virgil Peters	
High Points:(19) Ray Fox	
Most Bogeys:(7) Brad Langenburg and Ken Cotton	
Most Pars:(7) Ray Fox	
Most Birdies:(2) Mike Lowe	

Division 2

Dave Block	53
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Schneeberger's ATHLETE of the WEEK

Cass City High School student Parker Haire is Schneeberger's pick for their Athlete of the Week award winner.

The sophomore honor student closed out his rookie track season in splendid fashion last Tuesday in Bad Axe with a pair of medal performances, awarded to the top 3 places, at the Huron Daily Meet of Champions.

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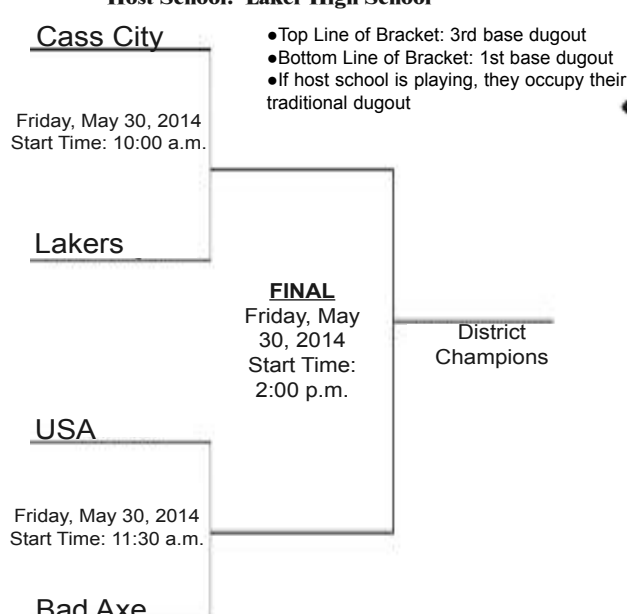
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4/22	EPB Lakers 9, Cass City 0
4/25	Sandusky 6, Cass City 0
4/28	USA 8, Cass City 0
4/30	Harbor Beach 5, Cass City 0
5/2	Bad Axe 8, Cass City 0
5/5	Memphis 8, Cass City 0
5/9	EPB Lakers 8, Cass City 0
5/12	Bad Axe 7, Cass City 0
5/19	Brown City 1, Cass City 1
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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.
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Douglas I. Buckley and Charlotte A. Buckley, Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for First Franklin A Division of National City Bank its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 22, 2006, and recorded on December 6, 2006 in Liber 1104 on Page 863, and assigned by mesne assignments to U.S. Bank National Association, successor trustee to Bank of America, N.A., as successor trustee to Lasalle Bank, n.a., as trustee for the Merrill Lynch First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust, Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-FF1 as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Three Thousand Two Hundred Fifty and 10/100 Dollars (\$53,250.10).
Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on June 12, 2014.
Said premises are situated in Township of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Section 19, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, commencing at a point 710 Feet North of the Southwest corner of Section, thence East 1364.00 Feet, thence South 320 Feet, thence West 1373 Feet; thence North 320 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: May 14, 2014
For more information, please call:
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5-14-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jennifer L. Baker, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Flagstar Bank, FSB its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 12, 2004, and recorded on February 18, 2004 in Liber 979 on Page 1394, and assigned by mesne assignments to Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae"), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Two Thousand Twenty-Two and 18/100 Dollars (\$62,022.18).
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 venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on June 19, 2014.
Said premises are situated in Township of Elkland, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 4 of the Hillcrest Subdivision, Village of Cass City, Part of the Southeast quarter of Section 28, Town 14 North, Range 11 East.
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: May 21, 2014
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5-21-4

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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 Teresa R. Essa, a single woman and Peter P. Essa, a married man, original mortgagor(s), to Shore Mortgage, Mortgagee, dated November 17, 1998, and recorded on January 11, 1999 in Liber 760 on Page 258, and assigned by mesne assignments to BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. 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 One Hundred Eight Thousand Five Hundred Eighteen and 91/100 Dollars (\$108,518.91).
Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on June 26, 2014.

Said premises are situated in Township of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 1, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan is described as commencing at the Northwest corner of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 1; thence South 80 degrees 19 minutes East 1069.85 feet; thence South 11 degrees 19 minutes East 200 feet; thence South 16 degrees 19 minutes East 75 feet; thence South 34 degrees 19 minutes East 100 feet; thence South 41 degrees 19 minutes East 50 feet to a point of beginning for the parcel herein described; thence North 55 degrees 41 minutes East 98.14 feet to the shore of Murphy Lake; thence along said shore South 60 degrees 20 minutes East 66.26 feet; thence South 55 degrees 41 minutes West 119.89 feet; thence North 41 degrees 19 minutes West 60 feet to the point of beginning.
Also all the land lying between the shore traverse and the waters edge with the Northerly and Southerly lines of said parcel extended Easterly to the waters edge.
Together with a right of easement for ingress and egress over and across a strip of land 10 feet in width, the West line of which is described as beginning at the point of beginning for the above described parcel; thence North 41 degrees 19 minutes West 50 feet to a point in the centerline of a 20 foot wide easement for ingress and egress said point being the Southerly terminus of said 20 feet wide easement; thence North 34 degrees 19 minutes West 100 feet; thence North 16 degrees 19 minutes West 75 feet; thence North 11 degrees 19 minutes West 200 feet to the Northerly terminus of said easement centerline. Said point being on the East West quarter line of said Section.
AND Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 1, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan is described as commencing at the Northwest corner of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 1; thence South 80 degrees 19 minutes East 1069.85 feet; thence South 11 degrees 19 minutes East 200 feet; thence South 16 degrees 19 minutes East 75 feet; thence South 34 degrees 19 minutes East 100 feet; thence South 41 degrees 19 minutes East 110 feet to a point of beginning for the parcel herein described: thence North 55 degrees 41 minutes East 119.89 feet to the shore of Murphy Lake; thence along said shore South 60 degrees 20 minutes East 37.31 feet; thence South 18 degrees 53 minutes East 128.30 feet; thence South 10 degrees 20 minutes West 117.40 feet; thence South 47 degrees 01 minutes West 60.80 feet; thence North 21 degrees 39 minutes West 216.15 feet; thence North 41 degrees 19 minutes West 40 feet to the point of beginning.
Also all the land lying between the shore traverse and the waters edge lying between the following calls found in the above described parcel, North 55 degrees 41 minutes East 119.89 feet and North 21 degrees 39 minutes West 216.15 feet extended to the waters edge of Murphy Lake.
Together with a right of easement for

ingress and egress over and across a 10 foot wide strip of land, the West line of which is described as beginning at the point of beginning for the above described parcel; thence North 41 degrees 19 minutes West 110 feet to a point in the centerline of a 20 feet wide easement for ingress and egress said point being the Southerly terminus of said 20 feet wide easement; thence North 34 degrees 19 minutes West 100 feet; thence North 16 degrees 19 minutes West 75 feet; thence North 11 degrees 19 minutes West 200 feet to the Northerly terminus of said easement centerline. Said point being on the East West 1/4 line of said section. Subject to easements, restrictions, reservations and rights of way of record. 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: May 28, 2014
For more information, please call:
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Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Hwy Ste 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-5422
File #440284F01

5-28-4

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE DEFAULT having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Kenneth C. Warren, a single man, whose mailing address is 141 Washington Street, Vassar, Michigan 48768, to Independent Mortgage Co. East MI, as Mortgagee, dated September 10, 2003, and recorded on November 17, 2003 in Liber 964, Pages 1032-1046, Tuscola County Records; which mortgage was assigned and transferred to Independent Bank, whose address is 230 W. Main Street, Ionia, Michigan 48846, on March 4, 2014, and recorded on March 10, 2014 in Liber 1302 Page 1124, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice the sum of \$ 38,603.39 , plus interest, at a rate of 6.25 % per annum, together with any additional sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned as provided for in said mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Thursday, June 26, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. local time, the undersigned will: At the Tuscola County Courthouse, Caro, Michigan, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, the premises described in said mortgage or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due on said mortgage, including all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: Land in the City of Vassar, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, to wit: Lots 7 and 8, Block 2, except the North 75 feet of said lots, EBENEZER MORSE'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF VASSAR, as recorded in Liber 1, of Deeds, Page 359, Tuscola County Records.

Commonly known as: 141 Washington Street, Vassar, Michigan 48768 Tax Identification No.: 051-500-422-0700-00 The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with 1948 CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Dated: May 22, 2014
Mortgagee Independent Bank
230 W. Main Street Ionia, Michigan 48846
Pamela S. Ritter (P47886) Attorney for Mortgagee
Independent Bank Strobl & Sharp, P.C.
300 E. Long Lake Road, Suite 200
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304
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5-28-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE – Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Teresa Wolf, an unmarried woman of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Independent Mortgage Company dated the 27th day of August, 2009, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 11th day of September, 2009, in Liber 1183, Page 778 and further evidenced in Affidavit of Mortgage, correcting the parcel number, dated September 24, 2009, and recorded September 30, 2009, in Liber 1184, Page 787, Tuscola County Records, of Tuscola Records, which said mortgage was assigned to Independent Bank, thru mesne assignments, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$77,753.29 (seventy-seven thousand seven hundred fifty-three and 29/100) plus accrued interest at 5.75% (five point seven five) percent per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on, the 26th day of June, 2014, at 10:00:00 AM said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI, Tuscola County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Township of Wells, in the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit: Situated in the Township of Wells, County of Tuscola and State of Michigan: Lot 2 except the North 15 feet thereof and also all of Lot 3 of Foster Dam Subdivision according to the plat recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 32.

Commonly known as: 2035 Underwood Road Tax Parcel No.: 022-020-250-0200-00 If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale the borrower, pursuant to MCLA 600.3278 will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: May 28, 2014
By: Foreclosing Attorneys Attorney for Plaintiff Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.
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This year, to celebrate our 150th anniversary, we're completing the volunteer service project "150 Ways in 150 Days," which includes 150 local volunteer service days in our communities. In Cass City, we'll be volunteering for the Freedom Festival on July 5 and for the Octagon Barn Fall Family Days in September 7.

"We pride ourselves on giving back to the Cass City community every year, but this year we're making a special point of thanking our communities for all they've done to help us achieve this milestone," said Alacia Welpert, bank manager at Independent Bank's Cass City office.

As part of our anniversary week, we're also celebrating from May 27-30 in our branches with giveaways, contests, and specials. For the convenience of our customers, our Cass City office at 6241 Main Street is open six days a week. We provide a full range of financial services including telephone, online, and mobile banking. To learn more about Independent Bank, stop by our office, visit IndependentBank.com, or call us at 989.872.2105.

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

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Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Annette M. Pomeroy, a married woman, of 1723 Van Geisen Road, Caro, MI 48723 as Mortgagors, to Northstar Bank, f/k/a Community Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation, whose principal office is in Bad Axe, Michigan, as Mortgagee, dated December 2, 2005 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on December 16, 2005 in Liber 1064, pages 1195, et.seq, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Sixty Six Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Three Dollars and 34/100 (\$66,493.34) and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

NOW THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the main entrance of the Tuscola County Building in the City of Caro, and County of Tuscola, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Thursday, June 19, 2014 at 10:00 o'clock a.m., local time, in the forenoon of said day, and the premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage, together with interest, legal costs, attorney's fees and any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

LAND SITUATED IN THE VILLAGE OF CARO, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MI: LOTS 17, 18 AND 19 OF COUNTRY MANOR NO. 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED IN LIBER 4 OF PLATS, PAGE 1.

Commonly known as: 1723 Van Geisen Rd. Caro, MI 48723

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

Dated: May 21, 2014

NORTHSTAR BANK, Mortgagee

RICHARD L. TROWHILL, Attorney at Law: 175 Thompson Rd. Bad Axe, MI 48413 (989) 269-6272

5-21-5

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Foreign Exchange

Sonobe, Rahadian enjoy year in Cass City

by Andie Peck
Staff Writer

It takes a lot of guts to move halfway around the world to live in an unfamiliar country, but that is precisely what Rotary Youth Exchange students do.

For many years, the Rotary Youth Exchange program has allowed students from other countries to visit the United States, giving these students a chance to travel across the globe and experience new cultures.

The Cass City Rotary Club, which has been involved in the program for several decades, is hosting two international students this year from Japan and Indonesia.

While staying in Cass City, the students, Eri Sonobe and Emyr Rahadian, have had many new experiences and have grown in their understanding of the world.

Ever since her childhood, Sonobe says she knew she someday wanted to travel the world. Now 16 years old, Sonobe grew up in Tokyo, Japan, and credits her interest in becoming a foreign exchange student to her family experiences as a child.

“When I was a child, my family had an exchange student and I thought they were really cool,” she said. “That is when I knew I wanted to be an exchange student, too.”

Sonobe joined the Rotary Exchange Program, which brought her to Michigan’s Thumb region. Students in the Rotary program live with a couple of different families during the course of their stay, and Sonobe has lived with the Taber and Zdrojewski families, both of Cass City.

Sonobe said she has learned so many new things thanks to the families she has stayed with — things she probably would never have learned before.

“They taught me a lot,” she said. “I learned how to crochet and knit. Everything was my first time. They are very kind and really try to understand me.”

During her stay, Sonobe was enrolled at Cass City High School,

where she is involved in a variety of activities, including athletics. She has participated in track as well as being a part of the basketball and cross country teams.

Her favorite class to take at the high school was art.

Sonobe said what she likes best about being here is the American culture, and experiencing aspects of life in high school she has never seen first-hand before.

“Everything is different here,” she added. “I loved snowcoming and homecoming, and I liked going to cheer on the football team.”

Sonobe also enjoyed her first prom. “(That) was my dream,” she said. “I’m so happy I got to go.”

She noted she loves how people in America celebrate so many holidays and use them to spend time as a family, as holidays are not celebrated as widely in Japan.

“I’ve never done trick-or-treating before,” Sonobe said. “It was my first time doing that and it was very fun.”

She said it was nice to see that Christmas in America is widely celebrated as a family, because in Japan it is usually a time spent with a boyfriend or girlfriend.

“We don’t really celebrate it,” she added. “In Japan, Christmas is just not as big. Family is important here, and I like that.”

Coming from a city as big as Tokyo, Sonobe acknowledged Michigan feels a lot different to her. She appreciates all the nature and the big sky.

Sonobe will return to Japan at the end of July. She said being a Rotary Exchange student has been a very rewarding experience, and she knows she will want to visit America again.

“I got a lot of experience and another family across the world,” she said. “Being an exchange student is great because we can get friends in the world. That’s the best thing.”

EMYR RAHADIAN

Emyr Rahadian, 17, is from Bandung, Indonesia. He said at first he was skeptical about being an

exchange student.

“At first, I did not want to be involved with it,” he recalled. “By the end of my junior year, I really wanted to go somewhere else, so I signed up.”

He said after the long process of writing tasks and interviews, he was excited to find out he was coming to the United States.

“I arrived in summer, and it was my first time to experience four seasons,” he said. “In my country, the weather only varies from maybe 50 degrees to 90 degrees.”

He pointed out that it was quite a shock to have his first winter ever be such a cold one.

One of the biggest things Rahadian noticed about the difference between Cass City and Bandung is the size of the town.

“Cass City is maybe the size of my neighborhood in my city. It’s kind of funny to come from a city of two million people to a small town,” he said. “I like that it is a small community.”

He said he took many trips with his host families — the Sorensons and the Mohrs — while he was here. They visited Petoskey and Boyne Mountain and joined the annual Mackinac Bridge Walk, among other things.

Rahadian said he noticed a big difference between his school in Indonesia and Cass City High School.

“In Indonesia, we didn’t move classes. The teacher came to the class,” he said. “Here, I like that the school is much smaller.”

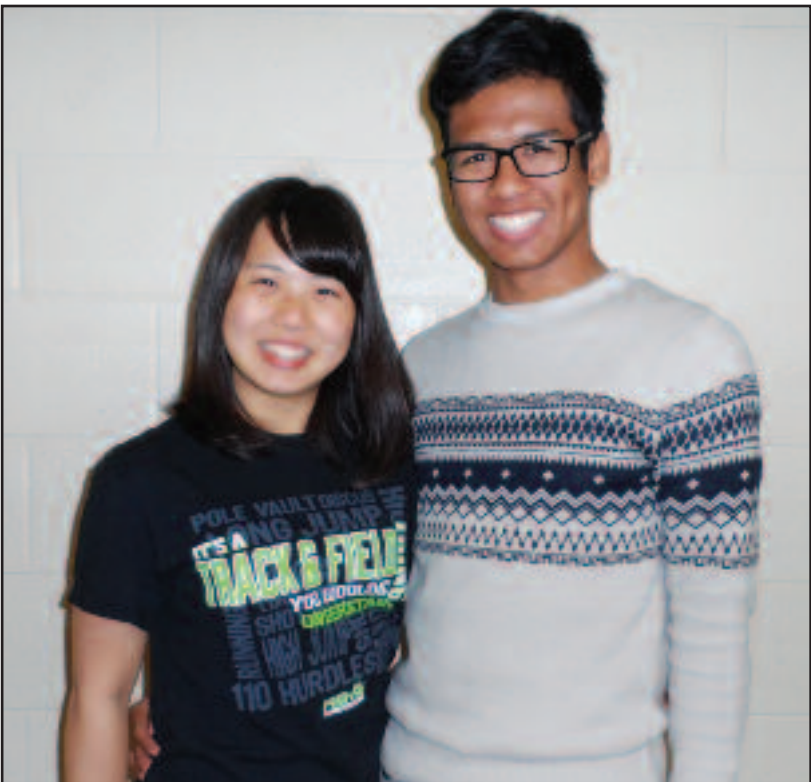
Rahadian got involved at the high school through the bowling, track and field and soccer teams. He indicated his favorite was bowling because it is not as serious and he got to have a little more fun with it.

Overall, Rahadian said everyone in Cass City is very nice and quick to say hello and wish you a good day when you pass on the street. He loves getting involved in the community through volunteering.

“I like to volunteer for the community,” he said. “We never really had that in my town.”

Rahadian loved the chance to be an exchange student and said he will take a lot of great memories with him when he leaves.

“It really opens your mind,” he said. “Whether it’s Europe, Africa or Australia, you get to have a family, relatives and friends everywhere.”



ERI SONOBE and Emyr Rahadian came to Cass City as Rotary Exchange students from Japan and Indonesia, respectively. During their visit, they attended Cass City Junior-Senior High School and lived with multiple area host families.

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D. Grimshaw eyes seat in House of Representatives

Dan Grimshaw of Vassar has announced he is a candidate running for the open Michigan House of Representatives seat in the 84th District.

“This is a new day for our 84th District. We have a future to build together for all the residents of Tuscola and Huron counties,” he said.


Having served as an elected official, successful small business owner, church leader and community leader, Grimshaw added he believes he has the right combination of skills.

“We must expand the educational opportunities for parents and students. The fragile economic gains need to be reinforced so local business can flourish. Washington is still a major obstacle for us to overcome and must be restrained,” he said.

Grimshaw, a 1972 graduate of Vassar High School, is a lifelong resident of the district. He has owned Mid-State Title Services since 1996 and worked in the land title industry for nearly 30 years. He is a former Tuscola County register of deeds (2008 through 2012) and served on the Vassar Board of Education for 5 years.

He is also a member of the Tuscola Behavioral Health Board with over 20 years of experience, and is active in Rotary, chamber of commerce, Gideons International and his church.

In the Thumb, Grimshaw is perhaps most widely known for his years as a gospel singer with The Grimshaws and The Calvarymen Quartet. He says he believes faith guides not only his personal life, but professional and public service endeavors as well.




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