Meet the four time district champion Red Hawks

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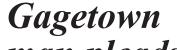


REGENCY PLASTICS of Ubly recently added a \$1 million expansion to their factory that allows for more storage space and an added machine. The factory produces plastic parts for automotive and consumer industries.

Plant manager says Regency **Plastics expansion paying off**

by Andie Peck **Staff Writer**

An expansion at an Ubly area business has helped to bring a promising



outlook and a chance to improve productivity.

A 30,000-square-foot addition to the Regency Plastics plant was completed last fall, and projections regarding increased productivity have become a reality.

because of better organizing," said plant manager Cliff Braun, adding that it's difficult to say how much Plastics produces are lawn and garmore efficient the plant is, but daily production is up. He explained the new addition allows for more space at the plant, for both product and shipping material. This creates a more efficient, organized workspace because everything now has a designated place. Braun said the expanded space has also allowed for the addition of a roughly \$1 million, but he's confinew machine with the capacity to make 35-pound parts, compared to

other machines in the factory that have the capacity of producing 25pound parts.

"The new machine has a larger capacity, so it has to have more height," said Braun, who noted the expansion included higher ceilings, "We've just become more efficient allowing the new machine to fit with space to spare.

The most popular products Regency den tractor seats. They also manufacture products for the automotive, lawn and garden, medical and consumer industries. "The parts that we produce are about 60 percent automotive and 40 percent non-automotive," Braun said.

Minimum wage will reach \$9.25 by the year '18

by Tom Montgomery Editor

Gov. Rick Snyder recently signed bipartisan legislating raising the state's minimum wage, calling it a responsible move that will help hard-working residents without hindering Michigan's improving economy.

A number of business owners, however, say

the new law is hardly responsible or good for the state's economy

"It's going to affect business by the fact that prices will go up across the board. People are going to be in for a shock over the next few years," said Paul Harmon, who employs roughly 60 workers at seven Fairway Discount Store outlets, including the Fairway in Cass City.

Harmon noted the impact of raising the minimum wage isn't just about

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wages, but also the associated cost increases for workman's compensation and Social Security

"It's really a great tax grab for the

"It's going to affect business by the fact that prices will go up across the board. People are going to be in for a shock over the next few years.

> --Paul Harmon, owner **Fairway Discount Stores**

government," he said, adding the government should be focusing on creating jobs that offer pay levels adequate to earn a living. "Instead, they want to do it this way and hurt small business, and that's what it's going to do.'

It will also hurt employees through lost hours reduced to offset the higher wage level, according to Harmon. "But how low can you go (cutting

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by Tom Montgomery

man pleads in series of burglaries

by Tom Montgomery Editor

A 19-year-old Gagetown area man pleaded guilty to a series of breakins in Tuscola County last fall.

Aaron M. Sting, a Huron Line Road resident, entered the pleas to four counts of second degree home invasion last week in Tuscola County Circuit Court. The charges stem from break-ins at residences located at 6809 Wash Rd., Gagetown, between Sept. 16 and Sept. 20; 2969 Bay City-Forestville Rd., Oct. 16; 6957 Third St., Gagetown, Oct. 15-16; and 5750 Dickerson Rd., Akron, Oct. 18

Sting also pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance Oct. 19 in Gagetown.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case, bond was continued at a combined \$39,000, and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. A sentencing date is to be scheduled.

Second degree home invasion is a felony punishable by up to 15 years in prison and/or a \$3,000 fine.

Spending cuts at school focus of special meet

by Tom Montgomery Editor

The Cass City Board of Education will meet in special session Monday, June 9, to continue discussing ways to slice \$460,000 in expenses before adopting the district's 2014-15 budget later this month.

During the board's regular meeting in May, school Supt. Jeff Hartel outlined a slate of possible cuts in order to avoid reducing Cass City's fund balance by nearly half.

Not surprisingly, Hartel cited enrollment losses as the biggest culprit in the area of reduced revenues. He's projecting a reduction of anoth-

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He estimated the expansion cost dent the investment will be worth it Please turn to page 8.

Editor

Several area agencies and organizations are enjoying an early Christmas this week in the form of grants distributed by the Tuscola County Community Foundation.

The money was presented during the foundation's annual spring grand award program Monday afternoon at the Tuscola Technology Center in Caro. Foundation Executive Director Ken Micklash reported this round of funding totaled nearly \$106,000.

Among the local recipients are a group planning to revitalize the Cass City Playscape, and the Cass City Public Schools, which is in the process of establishing a new robotics program for students. Together, they were grant-

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A new beginning

Parishioners must adjust to big changes in the Saginaw Diocese

by Andie Peck **Staff Writer**

For many years, St. Pancratius Catholic Church has been a pillar of the Cass City community, but come July 1, local churchgoers can expect some big changes.

As of July 1, parishes within the Diocese of Saginaw will be completely restructured. The local parish, including the churches of St. Pancratius in Cass City, Holy Family in Sebewaing, St. Agatha in Gagetown and St. Michael in mission may be Wilmot will now be known as Our Lady Consolata Parish.

This comes as part of a study conducted by Bishop Joseph Cistone called "Planning Tomorrow's Parishes" which aims to restructure parish communities to put each individual church to better use. The goal is to merge 105 parish communities into 56.

Sister Maria Dina Puddu, the St. Pancratius pastoral administrator, not happy," she said the restructuring is due in said. "Depending part to decreasing church attendance, as well as fewer priests and shifting demographics.

"There are not too many priests available, and the churches are not full," she explained.

Puddu said parishioners voted on three names for the new parish, and chose Our Lady Consolata over the names Queen of Peace and St. Paul.

St. Pancratius will remain a Puddu will also parish church, which means regu- embark on a new larly scheduled masses and sacra-assignment at a ments will take place there for all Native American

members of the parish community. Holy Family in Sebewaing will become an additional use church, meaning regularly scheduled masses and celebrations will continue to happen there.

St. Agatha in Gagetown and St. God's word.

Michael in Wilmot will become churches for occasional use, so mass will no longer be celebrated in those churches, but pergranted from the diocese for use for weddings, funerals and similar events for former parishioners.

Puddu said the restructuring could mean big changes

for some people. "Many people are on where these people live, they might have to readjust. People will choose another church."

That is not the only change the people of St. Pancratius will see this summer

In early July,

reservation in Arizona. She will travel with four other sisters of the neglected area," she said. "As an Consolata Missionary Sisters to a institute, we try to go to areas that Native American reservation about have not been established yet." 40 miles southeast of Phoenix to help establish the area and spread new assignment and, while she

"We want to reach out to the Puddu said she is excited for the Please turn to page 8.



SISTER MARIA Dina Puddu, pastoral administrator of St. Pancratius, will leave in early July on a mission trip to Arizona where she will work with other Consolata Missionary Sisters on a Native American reservation.



Haden Gruehn

of the Month for May.

The focus for Owen-Gage's Damm. students this month was having a "positive self-image". self-image



Owen-Gage School offi- willingness to take appropriate cials recently recognized risks, and identify their own several students, including strengths and weaknesses. These students also demon-

wen-Gage announces

strate appropriate grooming habits, display self-respect, feel successful, and feel good about themselves.

The following students were honored: Haden Gruehn, fourth grade (elementary level), son of Nathan and Kamryn Gruehn; Kaitlyn LaCroix, sixth grade (junior high level), daughter of James and Amy LaCroix; Courtney Wightman, tenth grade (high school level), daughter of Carrie Abbe and Eric Wightman; and Quinn Smith, the district's Focus Students twelfth grade (senior student), son of Lloyd and Delores

Special recognition went to Senior Student of the Month Students who have a positive Quinn Smith, who has been demonstrate very active in sports throughacceptance by others, show a out high school, participating and receiving many awards in football. He has also been a member of the basketball and baseball teams each year, along with being a member of the golf team his junior year.

Smith was a member of the Owen-Gage Band for the first three years of high school and served as the band's vice president last year. He was on the honor roll and was a member of the 3.0 Honors Club as a freshman and sophomore. Smith served as class president his freshman year, vice presi-



Courtney Wightman

dent his sophomore year, and as a student council representative the past two years. As a junior, he was a member of the prom committee, and he was elected as the 2013-14 homecoming king. Smith's future plans include

Ferris attending State University in the fall.



Kaitlyn LaCroix **Quinn Smith** Local AAUW awards scholarships



Members of the Cass City-Thumb al Halloween carnival, RIF (Reading Festival Paint-In. Area Branch of the American Is Fundamental) book distributions The group supports its activities

Association of University Women at Cass City Elementary School, and through fundraising, including annu-(AAUW) recently held their 18th the annual Cass City Freedom al wreath and butter braid sales.

annual Flamingo Fling to raise scholarship money for women returning to school.

Officials called this year's event the largest success to-date, and after lite of Baker College of Flint, is reviewing scholarship applications, awarded four \$1,500 scholarships.

This year's recipients are: Barbara Dewey, Cass City (nursing, Baker College); Amy Tidwell, Marlette (nursing, Delta College); Gina Rochon, Cass City (health information technology, DeVry University); and April Barr, Snover (early childhood education, Baker College).

The purpose of AAUW is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education philanthropy and research.

The local branch sponsors an annu-

Baker college still enrolling Baker College of Cass City, a satelenrolling students for the 2014 summer and fall quarters, with summer classes beginning Monday, June 30, and fall classes beginning Monday, Sept. 29.

Registration will continue through the start of classes.

Career programs offered at Baker's Cass City campus include welding, human services, business management, business administration, medical assistant, pharmacy technician, early childhood education, computer information systems and information technology support.

Fun By The Numbers

> Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!



Many financial assistance opportunities are available. For more information, call Baker College of Cass City at (989) 872-6000. Students may also schedule an appointment via the Baker College website: www.baker.edu.

The Browns mark 40th anniversary

Jim and Judy (Ballagh) Brown of Cass City recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with a





family dinner. They were married at the First Presbyterian Church in Cass City on April 6, 1974

Both are graduates of Cass City High School. Jim is a graduate of Michigan State University and a self-employed farmer. Judy is a graduate of Central Michigan University and is a retired teacher.

Their children are Michelle (Marc) Hill of Pigeon, Lori (John) Kemp of Sebewaing and Eric (Karn) Brown of Cass City. They have 7 grandchildren: Tyler, Kate, McKenna, Madison, Evan, Kennedy and Isaac.

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Education key to avoiding hepatitis

More than 4 million Americans are living with chronic hepatitis and may not know it.

Education is the key to protecting yourself, according to the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which are encouraging families to protect themselves from hepatitis by being informed.

Every year, roughly 15,000 Americans die from liver cancer or chronic liver disease associated with viral hepatitis, which is caused by a virus that infects the liver. Hepatitis A virus (HAV), Hepatitis B virus (HBV) and Hepatitis C virus (HCV) are the most common.

Getting Hepatitis A and B vaccine can protect against getting HAV and HBV, and early detection and treatment can help slow disease progression. Hepatitis is not something people should take lightly, and if anyone feels they are at risk, MDCH strongly encourages them to visit their doctor.

The CDC has an online Hepatitis Risk Assessment tool to help determine the need for hepatitis testing or if vaccination is recommended. This tool, available website the on www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/riskassessment, allows you to privately enter information and receive recommendations based on CDC's guidelines.

"I would like to encourage all Michigan residents" to go to this website to see if they are at risk for hepatitis," said Dr. Matthew Davis, chief medical executive for the MDCH. "Talk to your doctor about ways to protect your family, and people with hepatitis should talk to their doctor about treatment new dry quilt. options." HAV is spread by eating food or drinking water with HAV in it or from close contact with a person who has the virus. HBV is spread through contact with blood or body fluids of an HBV infected person, unprotected sex, or from infected mothers to their infants at birth. HCV is spread through contact with the blood of an HCV infected person or by sharing syringes or drug equipment with someone who has HCV. Hepatitis A and B vaccines are recommended for all children in Michigan. Both vaccines are also recommended for adults who are at risk of infection and for those who want to be protected from getting HAV and HBV. In 2012, the CDC released new guidelines recommending that people born between 1945-1965 get a one-time blood test for HCV. Rates of HCV in this age group are five times higher than other adults because the risk of HCV infection was greater in the 1970s and 1980s. Some people with hepatitis may never show any symptoms of having the disease, and without a blood test to confirm infection, they can continue to unknowingly spread the disease to others.

Slices of Life by Jill Pertlei

The day of Doug

He bounded into the yard Saturday morning around way into our hearts. We were glad to have him for a day, 10:00 - unannounced and uninvited - with an enthusiasm usually reserved for squirrels. He was off-putting at first, in part because of his exuberance and in part because of his mouth. It had teeth and a tongue and when it comes to unknown dogs, you're never sure which is going to take precedence. Thankfully, this 80pound transient was all tail wags and slobbery kisses. But I didn't know that during the first moments of our meeting. He was a strange dog. I even said it out loud, "Hello strange dog." I could tell right away that wasn't his name, so I decided to call him "Dog." No one wants to be strange.

It was one of those day-changing or weekend-changing moments you don't even realize is a moment until it becomes one and you are so wrapped up you don't know exactly when it began in the first place. A stray dog runs into your yard. It's a meaningless occurrence, because a wandering pooch tends to wander out just as quickly as he wandered in.

I figured our drifter would see how boring we were and move on toward home. Unfortunately, he was easily entertained. Our Labrador retriever came out to make sure the new dog received a proper welcome. Labs are like that - friends with everyone. Soon after, our son tossed a stick in a game of fetch. It was a veritable love fest of fun in our own backyard.

When he'd been around about 20 minutes without his owners showing up, I took his picture and posted it on a statewide lost dog website. He was a beautiful pup; I knew someone was looking for him.

After half an hour of play, our new friend was panting profusely and clearly thirsty. We were at a crossroads. Up until now we'd merely entertained the pooch. Providing water for him elevated us to a level of sustenance

But it was a warm day and his black fur made him susceptible to the heat. His coat was so sleek it shined in the sunlight. He had a smidgen of white on the tip of his tail and on his throat and stomach, which happen to be the exact same markings as my own much-loved little black kitty. The strange dog was growing less strange by the minute.

I got an empty gallon ice cream container and filled it with water. Black dog stuck his entire snout in the bucket and did a happy shimmy shake. He poked at the water with his paws, as if he wanted to hop right in the bowl. After a minute or so, he'd splashed and sloshed all the liquid out. I think he drank some. A little at least. By noon, the kids had named him Doug. Shortly after, someone fed him lunch, which completed the trifecta of things not to do when a strange dog happens upon your yard and you do not really want a new dog.

Doug operated in one gear, and it wasn't low. During the next couple of hours he dashed full-throttle around the yard and through my newly planted vegetable garden. He found his way inside the house once or twice, causing chaos with the cats who created a Dislike Doug Club. When we opened the car door, he hopped in. Doug chased bugs and went through numerous buckets of water - most of it spilled. He didn't respond to his name, but that didn't matter.

He was becoming more charming by the minute. I kept checking my email for a note from his owners. I knew he had people who loved him more than my kids were starting to love him. I hoped so.

By nightfall, we'd set up a doggie bed in the garage. I cautioned my husband about placing his water bucket but are even more glad he is home.

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.



Sheriff Garry Biniecki states that with the weather being warmer than last year the Sanilac County Sheriff's Office saw an increase in activity over the Memorial Day weekend in 2014.

Central Dispatch received 1,074 non-emergency calls and 219 (9-1-1) calls. Last year there were 489 calls for law enforcement services and this year there were 750 calls. Sheriff's deputies responded to 456 of these calls, ranging from in-progress calls to assisting with Memorial Day festivities.

According to Sgt. Steve McKenney, sheriff's deputies responded to one fatal injury accident and one property damage accident, assisted a City Police Agency with a homicide investigation, performed 119 traffic stops and issued 21 citations and 62 verbal warnings. There were three arrests made for operating while intoxicated and three arrested on outstanding warrants. Sanilac County Correction Deputies booked 11 subjects into the jail stemming from arrests by deputies and other police agencies from throughout the county.

Jenny Ryan is a former University of Michigan Women's basketball captain, Wolverine MVP, All-Big Ten performer, the state's 2009 Miss Basketball and 2-time state champ at Saginaw Nouvel.

She'll be at Bad Axe High School June 18, 19 and 20 teaching young girls, grades 6 to 12, fundamentals of the game. Cost is \$60 and there will be 2 sessions: junior high girls, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and high school girls, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., daily.

For more information, call Ryan at 989-213-9964.

Prices received by Michigan farmers for the full month of April 2014 and mid-month prices as of May 15, include the following highlights according to the news release from the USDA. May corn, at \$4.60 per bushel, is down \$.06 from April and down \$2.05 from last year, May soybeans, at \$14.50 per bushel, are up \$.30 from last month and unchanged from last year. May wheat, at \$6.50 per bushel, is down \$.32 from April and down \$.45 from last year. May milk, at \$25 per cwt, is down \$.40 from last month, and is up \$5 from last year.

For more about information about viral hepatitis, visit www.michigan.gov/hepatitis.

close to the bed, but it was too late. We fetched Doug a

The next morning, after he snuck in the house one more time and inadvertently tormented the cats, Doug's owners found him in our yard. I was as happy as Doug with a fresh bucket of water; he'd finally get to go home. I knew it must have been a little off-putting for him, having to spend the night in a strange garage.

He bounded enthusiastically into our lives and in much the same manner he bounded out. Doug, whose real name is not Doug, may have started out as a stranger, but in a short span of 24 hours he dogged his



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And now you know.

Thumb area youth ages 9 to 14 are encouraged to think about attending 4-H Camp this year at Camp Cavell Monday through Wednesday, June 30 through July 2.

The camp is located on M-25 between Port Sanilac and Lexington.

"Youth have had the opportunity to enjoy 4-H Camp for decades. It has always been tons of fun with games, water recreation, skits, and lots and lots of other kids to laugh with," said Shelly Warczinski, 4-H Program coordinator, MSU Extension - Huron County.

"It remains an important developmental opportunity for our area youth. Skills such as social, change management, and handling new situations - important skills we use to navigate our way through life, are part of the camp experience, as are new activities and learning surrounding the outdoors, and working on creativity through crafting and drama will all be part of this year's camp," Warczinski added.

"Campers will have access to older youth and adults who role model leadership skills. Most importantly, the environment is very safe for them to try new things with lots of support."

Applications for youth to attend can be obtained from the MSU Extension Office (Health Department Complex), 1142 S. Van Dyke, Bad Axe. Youth do not have to be enrolled in 4-H to participate.

4-H leaders and parents are also needed as 4-H Camp volunteers. Adult volunteers must complete the MSU Volunteer Selection Process in order to attend 4-H Camp. Adults will assist the campers in various activities during 4-H Camp. This is an area where several adult male chaperones are needed.

If you are an adult and would like to become a 4-H Camp volunteer, contact Warczinski at (989) 269-9949 (ext. 609) or warzeins@anr.msu.edu for additional information.

The deadline to register is Monday, June 16.

Scholarship applications for 4-H Camp are available through the Kelly Rae Flannery Scholarship Fund for youth from families struggling financially. Scholarship applications are available upon request at the MSU Extension Office, and the deadline for scholarship applications is Monday, June 9, three weeks prior to 4-H Camp.



Deadline for submitting items in the calendar is the Friday noon before publication. Please send calendar items to: Cass City Chronicle P.O. Box 115, Cass City MI 48726 Phone: (989)872-2010 Fax: (989)872-3810 chronicle@ccchronicle.net

Wednesday, June 4

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

Thursday, June 5

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

•Music in Atwood Park- "Caro H.S. Band". 6:30 p.m. & "The Eclectics", 7:30 p.m. Monday, June 9

•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.

•Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.

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

Tuesday, June 10

•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.)

•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 (080) 673-4121

Music In The Park 222 Atwood, Caro Park 2014 Schedule

- 6:30 p.m. Caro H.S. Band and at 7:30 p.m. The Eclectics June 5
- June 12 6:30 p.m. Random Band and at 7:30 p.m. Random Band
- 6:30 p.m. Wendy Cruz and at 7:30 p.m. Dave Kubiak June 19
- June 26 6:30 8:30 p.m. Steve Gallager
- 6:30 p.m. Sun Shiners and at 7:30 p.m. John Timko July 3
- 6:30 p.m. Tom Krause and at 7:30 pm SouthBound July 10
- 6:30 8:30 p.m. Tom & Jerry Show July 17

Fleeing driver lands in hospital

by Tom Montgomery Editor

A Sanilac County man who attempted to outrun deputies Friday night ended up in the hospital and facing felony charges.

According to Sgt. Steve McKenney, the incident unfolded at about 9:20 p.m. in Sanilac County's Marion Township, where a 22-year-old Deckerville man fled officers who attempted to stop him for a traffic Ada Street in the village of Deckerville.

emergency lights and siren, the suspect vehicle, described as a 2002 Pontiac Grand Prix, proceeded to flee through town and northbound onto Range Line Road," McKenney said. "While traveling northbound on Range Line Road, north of Richmondville Road, the suspect lost control of his vehicle, went into a ditch and overturned, coming to rest on the roof of the vehicle.'

The suspect, whose name has not violation on Black River Street near been released pending authorization Sanilac EMS personnel and of formal charges, was transported to Deckerville Community Hospital

"After activating the patrol car's and later flown to St. Mary's Medical Center in Saginaw by LifeNet Helicopter for treatment of his injuries.

"Alcohol is believed to be a factor in this accident and the suspect was not wearing a seatbelt," McKenney reported.

Deputies are seeking charges of fleeing and eluding a police officer and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor.

The Deckerville Fire Department, Sandusky police all assisted deputies at the scene.

Circuit court news

Several appear on felony charges The following people appeared in pleaded no contest to assault with a pacitating injury, and possession of a

Tuscola County Circuit Court last week on various criminal charges:

*Jason R. Farnum, 38, Caro, pleaded no contest to delivery/manufacture of marijuana, subsequent offense, Jan. 16 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$8,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Bradley C. Austin, 55, Columbiaville, pleaded guilty to charges of delivery/manufacture of marijuana, subsequent offense, and conspiracy to commit delivery/manufacture of marijuana, subsequent offense, Nov. 17 in Indianfields Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$10,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled

*Nicholas D. French, 36, Kingston,

dangerous weapon (felonious assault) between March 18 and March 22 in Koylton Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (two prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$8,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Sabrina J. Prather, 32, Caro, pleaded guilty to charges of delivery/manufacture of marijuana, subsequent degree criminal sexual conduct offense, and conspiracy to commit delivery/manufacture of marijuana, subsequent offense, Nov. 17 in Indianfields Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$10,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Kyle M. Statler, 24, Fenton, pleaded no contest to charges of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor - causing inca-

weapon while under the influence of liquor June 10 in Millington Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$10,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Brian P. Timko, 53, Caro, pleaded no contest to three counts of second involving a victim under the age of 13 years, subsequent offense, between June 2009 and April 2011 in Juniata Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (two prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$200,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

Snyder signs bill upping minimum wage

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hours) before you close the doors?" The legislation Snyder signed last week will gradually increase Michigan's minimum wage to \$9.25 an hour over the next four years.

Senate Bill 934 raises the wage from \$7.40 to \$8.15 per hour starting Sept. 1. Subsequent increases will take effect Jan. 1, 2016 (to \$8.50), Jan. 1, 2017 (\$8.90) and Jan. 1, 2018 (\$9.25). Starting in 2019, the minimum wage will be adjusted to the rate of inflation or 3.5 percent, whichever is lower.

that is 38 percent of the minimum, or about \$3.51 an hour, compared to the \$2.65 rate set in 2008. Snyder said the bill represents a compromise and responsibly raises the wage. Legislature for finding common ground on a bill that will help

Michigan workers and protect our leges." state's growing economy," Snyder long-term success for our residents and our state as a whole.'

Michigan has increased steadily restaurants in Cass City, Caro, Bad since the start of 2011, with more than a quarter-million new private sector positions created, according to the governor, who said the state's day of negotiations in Lansing, but unemployment rate has dropped to once a deal was reached was passed 7.4 percent, its lowest rate since 2008.

"At the same time, there are tens of Tipped employees will earn a rate thousands of jobs available for people with in-demand skills," Snyder costly to me. (But) I'm sure it's not said. "Our focus has been and will continue to be on helping people don't anticipate cutting back on obtain the skills they need to be successful and improve the quality of employees are above minimum anytheir lives. That includes strengthen-"I commend my partners in the ing our education system, building minimum wage, what do you do for career tech programs and connecting job-creators with schools and col-

In the meantime, business owners said. "Michigan is the comeback are trying to determine just how state, and our goal always should be much of an impact pay increases are going to have on their bottom lines.

"It came down pretty fast," Jim The number of jobs filled in Luth, owner of the McDonald's Axe and Sebewaing, said of the Legislature's adoption of Senate Bill 934, which was the result of a full in both the House and Senate and signed into law in less than an hour Tuesday night.

"Obviously it's going to be more going to affect my staff levels. I staff," Luth said. "Most of my way. The problem is, you raise the the employees who are above that?" State Rep. Terry Brown (D-Pigeon), who supported the bipartisan legislation, acknowledged no increase in the minimum wage is going to be welcomed by all.

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School budget cuts focus of special meeting Monday

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er 20 students next year, adding up to a little over \$140,000 in lost income grant of \$7,076.

Considering the average decline in enrollment locally — about 3.7 per-cent annually since the 2005-06 school year — school officials should probably be projecting a loss of 40 more students this year, Hartel said. However, he also noted this year marks the first time school officials have seen more kindergarten students entering than seniors leaving.

An enrollment loss of 40 kids would cost the district \$283,000 in state revenue, while a 30-student decline would translate into \$212,280 less in income.

The district's enrollment has fallen from nearly 1,500 students in 2005-06 to an estimated current enrollment of 1,058 students this year.

Aside from enrollment, Hartel outlined significant cost increases in the coming year, including a negotiated step increase and 1.5-percent pay hike for teachers that adds up to \$126,000 in 2014-15

Hartel also cited an increase in the health insurance cap (\$35,000), the loss of \$60,000 in additional state funding allocated to offset soaring health insurance rates before they were capped, and repairs to a backflow regulator, a problem that resulted in significant flooding at the junior-senior high building this year (\$10,000).

Hartel proposed a list of possible cuts/projected revenue increases that the anticipated would offset \$460,000 deficit.

They include laying off three teaching positions, a proposed state foundation increase of \$111 per student, eliminating the Title I position now held by Nick Moyer, elimination of textbook purchases in the new budg-

et, a reduction in the state retirement fund contribution, and across-theboard cuts in technology expenses.

General fund expenditures in the based on a per-pupil state foundation Cass City Schools' 2013-14 budget are estimated at \$9.56 million, nearly \$3 million less than in the 2005-06 school year. Likewise, revenues have decreased significantly since 2005-06, from \$11.2 million to \$9.6 million this year.

> Among the board's annual goals is to maintain a fund balance equal to seven to 10 percent of the budget. This year's balance is projected at nearly \$980,000, or about 10.3 percent of the general fund budget.

The board is expected to adopt the district's 2014-15 spending plan during its next regular monthly meeting, Monday, June 23, at 7 p.m. State law requires schools to have their new budgets in place by July 1.

"Will everybody like it? Absolutely not," he said, adding the legislation provides for a gradual increase to a segment of workers who tend to spend close to home. "It's money that generally stays in your community, so that's a positive," he added.

"My concern is how can people live on that (minimum wage), and if they can't live on that, they'll live on (state assistance)," Brown said.

"I think there are wins for both sides in this, and I think it's a win for all in the end."

The Legislature's quick action last week doomed a petition drive launched in February by the Raise Michigan Coalition, which had sought to place a more aggressive minimum wage hike — to \$10.10 an hour for all employees, including tipped workers - on the November ballot.

Just the same, coalition officials said they planned to deliver more than 300,000 signatures they had collected to the Secretary of State Office last Wednesday.

Have a concern? A complaint? Just want to voice your opinion? **The Cass City Chronicle** welcomes letters to the editor.

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Please look in next week's edition for full schedules

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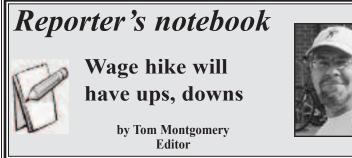
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Last week's announcement that Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder had signed bipartisan legislation to increase the state's minimum wage left me with mixed emotions.

You, too?

In case you missed the details, the legislation will up the minimum wage by \$1.85 over the next four years, from \$7.40 to \$9.25.

For some time now we've been bombarded with a variety of predictions ranging from a shot in the state's economic arm, to hard times for just about every mom-and-pop shop around.

I suspect the end result will be a little bit of both.

On one hand, forcing employers — especially small business owners - to pay higher wages will likely force them to take a serious look at their staffing numbers, etc., because they have to keep a close eye on the bottom line. Prices will also be impacted to some extent. I get that. At the same time, most people will agree that the minimum wage simply isn't enough to live on. Perhaps it was never meant to, as one businessman observed, saying he always felt the minimum should be a starting or "training wage". I've heard the argument that folks who want to earn more should have

invested more time/effort/education in preparing for careers, but not everyone was meant to be a banker or business owner or astronaut. Besides, there's always going to be a need for fast food workers, store clerks, waitresses/waiters, etc., and they deserve to earn a fair wage for a good day's work, just like everyone else.

Perhaps paying employees a bit more — the last increase in the minimum wage went into effect nearly 6 years ago — might just be enough to put a dent in the turnover many businesses struggle with year in and year out. You have to wonder how much money these folks are losing by having to train someone new every other week, instead of encouraging good employees to be even better and take on more responsibility. Say all you want about the cost of doing business, but customers aren't going to remember your fancy restaurant furnishings as much as they will a smiling, courteous wait staff member.

Having said all of that, a mandated higher wage may very well result in the loss of jobs. But, I believe, only to a point. Let's face it, there's a reason employers employ people — they can't do it all themselves. And trying to force two employees to produce the same amount of work as four workers isn't likely to fly for any period of time.

I suspect a higher wage will benefit both employees and employers in the long run, simply because it seems there will be more money earned and spent — isn't that a key to boosting the economy?

Of course, it's easy to be a Monday morning quarterback, especially when you don't have a background in economics (and, I don't).

I'm not taking the plight of employers lightly. I'm certain some will face some tough decisions as a result of the new law. On the other hand, our elected leaders have acted and we're left to live with the consequences, both good and bad.

The transition may not be an easy one, but I'm not looking for the sky to fall, either.



Local businesses offer a sense of community



by Melissa McCormick

5 YEARS AGO (2009)

Over the years, the Chronicle has been the recipient of multiple garden goodies from proud, generous readers. Here's a partial list that I can remember, while I acknowledge that it has to be far from complete. Often, of course, there are duplicate items that we receive in different years. Here's an off-the-cuff list: corn, beans, strawberries, raspberries, honey, morel mushrooms, carrots, celery, rhubarb and asparagus. We may have been the beneficiary of asparagus previously, but this year has to be the first that we have received asparagus grown in the wild. Mark McClorey, Cass City, finds the vegetables growing in the ditches about Cass City.

The local Knights of Columbus Council 8892, Cass City, last week announced the distribution of funds collected recently during its annual Tootsie Roll Drive. Receiving checks are Bob Miner, \$100 for Highland Pines Schools; and Ed Crosby, \$765.75 for Tuscola County Special Olympics. Also present were Daryl Iwankovitsch, Michigan drive program director and grand knight. Other groups receiving funds were: ARC of Tuscola County (\$200), Sacred Heart SPRED program (\$100), Cass City Schools special education (\$500), and Owen-Gage Schools special education (\$100).

Kingston High School officials recently presented awards to this year's top musicians. Stephanie Jackson, senior trumpet player, received the John Philip Sousa Band Award. She has participated in solo and ensemble as well as the jazz, marching, concert, and pep band, and was the 2009 Cardinal drum major. Ryan Loney, senior tenor saxophone player, was presented with the Louis Armstrong Jazz Award. He has also been a member of the jazz, marching, concert, and pep band, and was honored for his "excellent improvisation" and solos throughout his high school career.

10 YEARS AGO (2004)

The Girl Scout Food Pantry held Saturday was a huge success. Jenica Fenningsdorf, Klyn Puterbaugh and Lauren Brzuchowski, all from Senior Girl Scout Troop 1081, opened a food pantry in Cass City to earn their Gold Award. The girls gave away over 1,500 pounds of the food pantry open the second Saturday of every month. Besides food, there will be free clothing

nationals for her college for the second year. To get there, her team to become a wildlife biologist. placed first in the demanding Wisconsin Asphalt Pavement Design Corporation. In the 2003-04 school years she was the primary designer of the Michigan Tech Steel Bridge. Since graduation, Nizzola has taken a job with Kiewit Construction Company, headquartered in Omaha, Nebraska. She will be stationed in Elgin, Illinois as an engineer/estimator.

25 YEARS AGO (1989)

Campbell Elementary School received plaque and a check for \$250 for winning honorable mention honors in a statewide wellness competition sponsored by Comerica. To win University of Detroit in 1969. The the award, Betsy Dillon, physical daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence education instructor, and Beth Howard, social worker, increased students' awareness through various activities in areas such as fitness, culture and friendships.

Dave Clayton, Cass City resident, will turn over a new leaf in August when he leaves his job as a janitor at leaders, Chuck and Carl Reed, hoist the intermediate school to become a minister.

Cass City resident Philip L. Tuckey, on the Cass River at the end of son of James and Wanda Tuckey, Cass City, has earned a Bachelor of Science degree at Lake Superior State University. Tuckey, who the rebuilding sometime this sumwildlife, and minored in chemistry, is a 1981 graduate of Cass City High School, where he was active in fall athletics. At LSSU, he helped form the Transfer Student Association and served as vice president of the group. His future plans include pursuing a secondary education certificate and eventually teaching high school biology, and continuing to work for the National Park Service during the plans to teach for 7 weeks this sumcamp in Lake Orion before undergo- project and he reports that money is Park Service law enforcement training in the fall.

Three area residents are among 196 students recently named to the presidents' list at Saginaw Valley State University for the winner 1989 semester. The students were recognized for maintaining a 4.0 grade point average while carrying 12 or more credit hours during the semesfood and helped over 30 families ter. Local residents receiving the Saturday. The girls plan on having recognition are Karen L. Nicol of Cass City, Barbara A. Skilers of Mrs. Adolph Woelfie of Deford in a Deford, and Sandra L. Miller of contest sponsored by Erla Food Owendale.

Mix-Design team of PCDM win the Department of Natural Resources at Port Crescent State Park. He plans

Ruth Ann Freeman of Cass City was among those candidates present-Association Hot-Mix Asphalt Mix ed for the Doctor of Osteopathy degree at commencement exercises at Michigan State University June 9. The class was the second group to receive the D.O. degrees for MSU's College of Osteopathic Medicine, the only state-supported and first university-based school of its kind. The graduates were honored Saturday at special hooding ceremonies which included the administration of the osteopathic oath. Ms. Freeman will take her one-year internship at Flint Osteopathic Hospital. She received the B.S. in biology cam laude from the E. Freeman, she is a 1963 graduate of Cass City High School.

50 YEARS AGO (1964)

Making it look a lot heavier than it really was, these Scouts and their one of the many logs that goes to the 65-year-old cabin they are rebuilding Koepfgen Road. The Scouts dismantled the cabin on an Owendale farm last August and expect to finish majored in biology/fisheries and mer. Primarily an Explorer Scout project, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts are also assisting. On the pole are Bill Johnson, David Reed, Allan Milligan, Carl Reed, Gary Chambers, Chuck Reed, David Bulen, Gary Randall and Larry Moore.

Discussion about a new building for Elkland township and village offices and to house the fire department has been bandied about for several years. summer. The 26-year-old currently This week a Federal representative was in the community to check on mer at an environment education the progress of Cass City's water ing 9 weeks of intensive National now available for building of the type under consideration. Under the program, Federal aid pays for half of the costs of the construction. Perhaps the wisest move that the township could make is to start action on plans for a center and submit the request for Federal funds. At least it is an alternative that should be thoroughly explored as soon as possible while funds have been appropriated.

A new sewing machine was won by Center. Mrs. Woelfie received the machine Monday at the store. Two Cass City persons were among Western Michigan University graduates who received degrees at commencement exercise. They were Marjorie Dillman daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Dillman, and William Ross, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lexter Ross. Miss Dillman was graduated cum laude and received her Bachelor of Arts in elementary education. Her minors were English, social science, and science group. Co-salutatorian of her 1960 Cass City High School graduating class, Miss Dillman has accepted a position at the Maldra Elementary School in Pontiac. She was a member of the Kanley Chapel Choir, a member of the Daisy Chain, a charter member of Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society and she is affiliated with Sigma Kappa Sorority. Ross received his BA Degree in economics with minors in sociology and psychology. He was a 1960 graduate of Cass City High School. Hills and Dales General Hospital board re-election its entire slate of officers Tuesday afternoon at a board meeting held at the hospital, according to Richard Palm, administrator. Named to succeed themselves were: James Bauer, president; Alex Ross; vice-president; Mrs. Sherwood Rice Jr., treasurer. The terms are for one year. Re-elected to the hospital board for three-year terms were: B. A. Calka, Mrs. James Champion and George Jacoby. During the business meeting, the group discussed the past year's financial affairs and highlights of the year in hospital activities. 100 YEARS AGO (1914) July 4 promises to be a big day at Cass City! Committees are now busily engaged in working out details for big features in sports and special attractions and a strong program of literary and musical numbers. It's too early to tell about all the good things that are to happen, but the Chronicle hopes that it will be able to go into detail in its next issue when the committees have had more time to complete their arrangements for the big day. Besides the regular attraction of the celebration, the Sun Bros.' circus has arranged for a date here July 4. This modernized combination of trained wild animals, superb horses and ponies, skilled European and American ple to Cass City.

A new job can be tough, but Joey Kreeger welcomes the chance to try something different.

Kreeger, who has worked in Cass City for a number of years, started working at Erla's Food Center as a manager a few weeks ago.

She said she loves the new opportunity she has been given, and it is fun to work at a place where she is still very involved in the community.

"I like my new job. It's a challenge I'm up for, and it's fun to see everyone I know.'

Kreeger previously owned VIP Salon and said she welcomes the new opportunity and change that this new job

gives her. "I'm trying a new avenue," she said.

When she is not working, Kreeger loves working in her garden and hanging out with her kids. During the summer, she loves barbequing and spending time outside.

Kreeger has lived in Cass City her whole life and loves the atmosphere and community aspects of the town.

love the true community vibe," she said. "We all know each other and love



each other here, and the people are always so nice. It's great to live in such a welcoming place.'

given away as well because the girls received clothing from an anonymous donor who wanted the clothing to be given away to those in need.

Students in Craig Weaver's carpentry class at Cass City High School recently completed a custom, 8-foot by 8-foot deer hunting blind for Mayville area resident Mike Wood. Weaver estimates the blind, built to code, cost about \$2,000

Cass City can claim a distinguished Michigan graduate from Technological University. Melanie A. Nizzola, daughter of Edward and Sandra Nizzola of Cass City, recently donned the cap and gown to receive a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering. While at Michigan Tech, Nizzola joined the American Society of Civil Engineers, Institute the of Transportation Engineers and the Pavement Design, Construction and Materials Enterprise. She helped the

35 YEARS AGO (1979)

A rare event occurred last Thursday on the farm of cousins Frank and Tony Enderle when a cow gave birth to these triplets, two heifers and a bull. Odds of a triple birth are said to be 3,500:1, with odds of the triplets all surviving better than that. The Enderle farm is on McAlpin Road, Owendale.

Monday was a record day at Rawson Memorial Library. There were 402 items checked out, more than ever before, according to head librarian Barbara Hutchinson. The previous record was somewhere in the 350-360 range. Although about half the materials were checked out to youngsters enrolling in the summer reading program, the rest were checked out by adults.

Cass City cheerleaders rocked their way to \$343 Friday, which they collected to send varsity team members to cheerleading camp at Central Michigan University in July. Among those rocking were Lori Sawdon, Kay Loomis, Tammy Connolly, Colleen Janssen and Rochelle Peters.

New officers of the Cass City branch of the American Association of University Women are Mary Brown, secretary; Barb Stickle, first vice president, and Dotty Scollon, second vice-president, Kathy Bauer, past secretary; Helen Baker, treasurer, and Barb Tuckey, president, Geraldine Prieskorn, program chairman, and Linda Albee, newsletter editor.

40 YEARS AGO (1974)

Steven Auvil, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Ray Auvil of Snover, recently completed his requirements for a Ph. D. degree in chemical engineering at Michigan State University. His thesis, entitled "A General Analysis of Gas Centrifugation with Emphasis on the Countercurrent Production Centrifuge," was sponsored by the National Science Foundation. He also earned a bachelor of science degree in 1970 and a master of science degree in 1971 from MSU. Both degrees are in chemical engineering. Auvil, his wife, Pamela, and their three children, Steven Jr., Dennis and Nathaniel, reside in St. Louis, Missouri. He is currently employed by Monsanto Company as a senior research engineer.

Jerome L. Bukoski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence A. Bukoski of Ubly, received a bachelor of science artists, and the latest "thrillers" that degree in fisheries and wildlife. He mankind can devise is bound to aid is a 1970 graduate of Ubly High in attracting many thousands of peo-School and is presently employed by



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Thank you

I would like to give a very special thank you to Cari Hunt for the outstanding job she did organizing the benefit. As well as to Cass City High School, Gilligan's, Osentoski Auctioneering, Hyatt's Catering, Windfall, Trigger Happy, Tom Fulcher and all of the local businesses and individuals who donated resources for the benefit. Thank you to all of the businesses and individuals who donated items for the auction and to those who baked for the bake sale.

I would like to express my deep heartfelt gratitude to everyone who worked so hard and gave their time to make the benefit a success and a wonderful day. The generosity is overwhelming and truly appreciated.

Thank you to all of the community, my friends and my family who came out to the benefit and for all of the love and support and prayers throughout this difficult and scary time.

Sincerely,

Playscape, robotics class bag grants

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ed more than \$17,500. The following grants were distributed to various groups from 10 different funds administered by the county foundation:

*Janks (William and Ruth) Fund - City of Vassar, \$2,500 (create a public canoe/kayak launch along the Cass River); Tuscola County Sheriff's Department, \$850 (purchase two push lawnmowers and one weed whacker for the work crew program); Good Samaritan Fund, \$5,000 (emergency food, medical support and utility assistance for area needy); Great Start Tuscola Imagination Library, \$3,000 (provide books for pre-school children throughout the county); Caro Diamond Dwellers Inc., \$5,000 (assist with revitalization of baseball field and purchase new equipment); Caro Garden Club, \$2,320 (create wheelchair-accessible walkway to picnic area); Caro Community Hospital, \$5,000 (purchase vital sign machines); City of Caro Downtown Development Authority (DDA), \$600 (support "Music in the Park" program); Pioneer Work and Learn Center, \$1,350 (Assist in implementing plant and work gardens); Tuscola County Christmas in July, \$2,750 (repair homes for needy, elderly and handicapped); Friends of the Thumb Octagon Barn, \$1,000 (fund building of quilt trail squares and brochures); Caro Community Schools, \$5,000 (purchase Chromebook tablets for middle school — challenge grant);

programs, \$6,000 (purchase irriga- chase hands-on materials for stution system — challenge grant); The dents of all learning styles to engage Fowler Center, \$2,230 (funding for autistic campers); and Bieth Park Fairgrove Schools, \$243.92 (pur-Playscape Project, \$5,000 (support chase adaptive PE support materiplayscape construction).

*Andrews (Claude and Etta) Fund — Camp Pine Acres, \$1,000 Community Hospital, \$1,000 (sup-(support local Boy Scout camp); Great Start Tuscola's Imagination Library, \$1,000 (provide books to pre-school children); Caro Diamond Dwellers, \$1,000 (revitalization of fields and purchase new equipment); Caro High School and youth football programs, \$1,000 (assist with irrigation system); Friends of the Thumb Octagon Barn, \$1,800 (fund building of quilt trail squares and brochures); Caro Community Schools, \$8,000 (purchase Chromebook tablets for middle school — challenge grant); and The Fowler Center, \$1,000 (purchase two platform tents for campers).

*Future Youth Involvement (FYI) **Fund** — Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA), \$2,784 (MDA camp for Tuscola County campers); Tuscola ISD/Transitions Network, \$1,944 (support 60 10th graders in team-building personal challenge training); Friends of the Playscape - Cass City Boosters, \$7,687.70 (assist with updating Cass City wooden playscape); Cass City Junior-Senior High School, \$10,000 (establish robotics program to enhance student science, technical and math skills); Juniata Christian School, \$3,500 (purchase gymnasiequipment); Caro Youth um Football, \$2,000 (purchase helmets); Caro High School and youth football The Fowler Center, \$851.30 (pur-dents at drum major camp).

in outdoor activities); and Akronals).

*Founders Fund — Caro port accessibility to diabetes selfcare management for community); and The Fowler Center, \$1,039.75 (purchase assessment tools for autistic campers).

*Homelessness Fund — Tuscola Homeless Coalition, \$1,566 (provide financial assistance for housing to those in need).

William and Joanne Kaiser Fund — Millington Community Schools, \$1,000 (erect a pavilion to increase community involvement on the site of the former Glaza Building)

*Millington Area Fund -Millington Community Schools, \$2,400 (purchase 10 cameras for school buses); and Charis New Testament Church - Helping Handz Ministry, \$2,400 (purchase new underwear, socks, personal hygiene items and school supplies for needy children and families).

*Anne S. Laethem Fund — Mayville Area Museum of History and Genealogy, \$500 (restoration of museum and school).

*Healthy Youth/Seniors Fund — Great Start Tuscola 211, \$4,142 (support 211 human service support system for county residents).

*Jerry W. Zuercher Endowment for the Musical Arts Fund - Caro Music Boosters, \$500 (support stu-

Bill would require bike safety in driver's training

A bill requiring that driver educa- Lindenmayer, advocacy and policy tion courses in Michigan include lessons on bicycle and motorcycle awareness and safety has passed unanimously out of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

State Rep. Terry Brown (D-Pigeon) introduced the legislation.

"Learning to share the road with bikes and motorcycles is a very important lesson for new drivers to learn," Brown said. "If we instill the need to share the road at a young age, we could prevent many accidents and fatalities."

Lisa Cook-Gordon of Melvin suggested the bill idea to Brown after a young friend, Nathan Bower, died in a motorcycle accident in 2009. Cook-Gordon testified before the committee and showed a video from Nathan's parents, Clint and Tammy Bower of Peck, urging motorcycle awareness and safety.

director for the League of Michigan Bicyclists, who said the bill goes along with the recently released Michigan Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Action Plan.

"My primary duty as a legislator is to ensure the safety and well-being of my constituents," Brown said. "Stories like Nathan's are heartbreaking. We must do all we can to prevent similar tragedies."



Kerry Guinther & family

Also testifying in support were Vince Consiglio, president of ABATE of Michigan, and John



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Dale Iseler

Dale Fredrick Iseler, 77, of Coldwater, MI, formerly of Cass City, died Thursday May 22, 2014 at Medical Center in Borgess Kalamazoo. Dale was born January 2, 1937 in Port Hope, to Fredrick and Esther (Beyerlein) Iseler. Dale married Kathreen Zinnecker August 10, 1963 in Cass City.

He lived in Cass City most of his life, moving to Coldwater in August 2008. Dale served his country in the U.S. Army, was a member of Coldwater United Methodist Church and Lions Club of Cass City. He was also an avid Detroit Tigers fan. Above all, he loved spending time with his children and grandchildren. He was passionate about farming, spending over 30 years in the fields and enjoying years of raising horses with his girls.

Survivors include his wife of more than 50 years, Kathreen; 3 daughters: Tammy Normile (Mondo) of Charlotte, NC, Heidi Barragan (Robert) of Denver, CO, Krista Searls (Anthony) of Coldwater; grandchildren: Lindsay, Evan, Thea, Maya, Vincent, William, Olivia and Joseph; siblings: Chuck Iseler and Rachel Carolan.

He was preceded in death by 2 sisters, 1 brother, his parents and an infant son, Matthew.

A private memorial graveside service has already taken place. Memorials may be made to the Mary and Martha Diner at Coldwater United Methodist Church, 26 Marshall St., Coldwater, MI 49036 where Dale spent time volunteering. Visit www.gillespiefh.com to leave a message or condolences to the family

Arrangements were made by Gillespie Funeral Home Inc., Coldwater.

James Knoblet

James (Jim) Edward Knoblet, 67 years young, passed away unexpectedly of natural causes on May 5, 2014 in Seattle, WA. He and his wife, Suzanne have been long time residents of the community. Jim was born in Cass City on December 20, 1946.

Jim was raised on the family cattle farm in Cass City that had been in of the Service Committee, picking the family for 4 generations. The up all donated items of food/cloth-Knoblet family was one of the ing/incidentals and delivering to the founding fathers of the farming community there. Jim was a superb athlete, lettering in most sports all of his young adult life. He was a recipient of the Paul Smarks Award for Scholarship, and Athletics Citizenship at Cass City High School. After graduating from high school, Jim continued his athletic pursuits, playing catcher position on Erla's softball team and winning the Class C Michigan State Softball championship. Jim received a 4-year academic scholarship to Albion College in Michigan and was all conference linebacker in his senior vear there. Jim studied at Grenoble University in France for a period of time and was a member of the French Alpine Guild, doing hiking and mountain climbing for recreation. Jim was a member of Phi Alpha Theta National Honor Society. He won numerous honors in sports and academics in high school and college, too numerous to note here. Jim graduated from Albion with a degree/dual majors Bachelor's European History and French. Shortly afterwards, Jim joined the Navy, thinking he'd be on a ship in Vietnam as a Navy Corpsman, seeing the world and ended up a Hospital Corpsman in Key West, Florida working in the Intensive Care Unit and the Psychiatric Ward because of his He was later moved to size! Administration, ordering supplies and foods necessary for the hospital. Jim served in the Navy for 4 years, winning the Presidents Award running 100 miles in a month in the hot, Florida sun. It was during this time that Jim met Bruce Lisle, who would become Jim's Sensi in Sho Ba Con Karate. Jim said you could go to the bar and get drunk, you could go to the dog track and lose your week's wages or you could find Karate and get some good exercise. Jim and Suzanne met in Bruce Lisle's Sho Ba Con Karate class in Key West, fell in love and were married shortly after they moved to Seattle, WA where Jim continued his studies. Upon leaving Key West and the Navy, Jim was accepted at the University of Washington as a 5th year Russian language student and joined the Army ROTC there. Dissatisfied with the program there, Jim was accepted into the MBA program at Seattle University and graduated with his MBA in Marketing and Accounting. He held various

positions and retired as a Major (Commander, Training Officer, U.S. Army Reserves). Jim retired with 20 years of service. Jim held many career positions before finally finding his niche with the Social Security Administration in Auburn, WA and retired there 2 years ago. All during this time, Jim was working diligently at the second love of his life, Karate, teaching usually 4 classes a week, at night after working all day. Jim taught Karate for 44 years at his



dojo and was still teaching when he passed away. In the early 2000s Jim was asked to be a judge at the International Okinawan Karate Competitions in Okinawa which was quite an honor. Jim was a member of Japan America Society, Regional Director of the Okinawan Shorin Ryu Matsumura Kenpo Karate Kobudo Association. He was 8th degree Black Belt in Shorin Ryu, 7th degree black belt Kobudo, 7th degree black belt Okinawan Kobudo, 3th degree black belt in Belt degrees. On November 10, 2012, Jim was honored by induction into the U.S.A. International Black Belt Hall of Fame for Golden Anniversary Achievement by the Eastern U.S.A. International Martial Arts Association Inc. Grandmaster John C. Kanzler/Soke Executive Director.

In later years Jim and Suzanne joined Haller Lake United Methodist Church in Seattle and Jim worked tirelessly on many committees, taught Sunday School, was in charge food banks, Mary Magdalene cial offerings. He volunteered at the Lake City Food Bank, supported Tent City Three in any function they needed. Jim was deeply religious and believed in giving back, helping out anywhere he could without having to be asked, often times. Jim devoted his life to helping others. He attended weekly Bible study and was a member of the church men's club. Jim and Suzanne donated time and effort to their Pea Patch and collectively with other 10x10 gardens, donated over 1800 lbs. of fresh vegetables to the local food bank in their community last year. Jim was preceded in death by his mother, Eva Mae Pierce Knoblet, his father, Frederick Edward Knoblet and most recently his younger brother, Timothy Lee Knoblet this past August. He is survived by his loving wife, Esther Suzanne Knoblet and his middle brother Gerald Knoblet and his loving wife Linda, Aunt Rita Hutchinson and Aunt Ruth Dorman, nephews and nieces Donald Knoblet, Jamie and Heather Byrum and Benjamin and Angie Knoblet. Sisterin-law, E. Arnette Rattleff, nieces Rebecca Rattleff and Carolyn Rattleff Blankenship, great-nieces and nephews Michael Rattleff, Anthony Rattleff, Corey Rattleff, Johnathon Eaton, Emma Blankenship and Camryn Blankenship. Jim also has a greatgreat-nephew, Brayden Rattleff. Jim's memorial celebration will be held at Haller Lake United Methodist Church on June 28, time pending. Anyone wishing to send flowers or donate in remembrance of Jim, please send them to or make checks payable to Haller Lake United Methodist Church.

fresh flowers and enjoyed having a Mayfield, Marilyn Ziemba, Sharon past 25 years in Port Austin. She vase of them in her home. She was very friendly, enjoying bingo with friends, sharing a cup of coffee and just visiting. Mabel was happiest when her family was near.

Mabel is survived by her children: Thomas (Shirlee) Slater of Shabbona, Deborah (Don) Spencer of Cass City, Rick (Dawn) Slater of Deford, Joseph (Char) Slater of Waterford, Paul (Marie) Slater of Deford; 9 grandchildren; 21 greatgrandchildren; half-brother, Ken Simmons; sister-in-law, Anna Mae Simmons of Sandusky; many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers: George Simmons, Virgil Simmons, Curtis Simmons; Beulah Ayliffe, Eleanor sisters: Jones and four infant brothers and sisters.

A funeral service was held May 30 in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City with Pastor Chuck Carr of Cass City First Baptist Church officiating.

Interment will be in Evergreen Township Cemetery. Pallbearers for Mrs. Slater: Donald Spencer II, Paul Slater, Jr., Joseph Slater, Jr., Steven Norkunas, Jesse Vasquez and Nathan Wright.

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

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.

Robert Wallace

Robert Donald Wallace of Morrice, MI formerly of Hemlock was born April 28, 1935. He passed away May Arnis and a number of other Black 25, 2014 at the age of 79. Bob was



(Charlie) Wallace and his sister-inlaw Marlene Wallace.

He was preceded in death by his brother-in-law Leonard Ziemba.

service will be held at 1:00 p.m. School Gymnasium, 733 N. Hemlock Rd. Hemlock. Visitation with family will begin at noon.

To honor Coach's lifelong devotion to High School Sports, memorial contributions may be made to Hemlock Sports Boosters.

Arrangements were made by W. L. Case and Co. Funeral Directors, 201 N. Miller Rd., Saginaw.

Joyce Willard

Austin and formerly of Port Huron Richards) Maxwell, Brian Maxwell, died May 24, 2014 in Blue Water Hospice Home after a short illness. She was born February 29, 1932 in San Luis Obispo, California and was ter, Jessie Berriman. raised in Cass City, Michigan.

for more than 30 years, and for the Library.

(Arnold) Erla, Carol Hartman, Al married Hal Willard on June 27, 1953 in Cass City. He preceded her in death on October 21, 1968.

Joyce worked as a school secretary parents, a brother Jack Wallace and a for many years at Central High School, Woodrow Wilson, and Port To celebrate his life, a memorial Huron Northern. When her children were young, she established the Saturday, June 7, at Hemlock High Lakeport School Library and in retirement, enjoyed working at the Port Austin Twp. Library. She was Treasurer of the Broken Rocks Association in Port Austin for many vears. She enjoyed living on Lake Huron. Joyce always welcomed friends, family and anyone who wanted to stop by to talk and enjoy her view. She was widely known for being strong, intelligent, independent, loving and generous.

Joyce leaves behind her children, Mark (Janet) Willard, and Julie (Mark) Maxwell; her 4 grandchil-Joyce (Fry) Willard, 82, of Port dren, Jennifer (fiance Jeffrey Brandon Willard and Brooke Willard; and a nephew, Jon Edwards. She was preceded in death by a sis-

Memorial contributions may be She lived and worked in Port Huron made to the Port Austin Twp.



Mabel Slater

Mabel M. Slater, 83, of Cass City, formerly of Decker, died Monday, May 26, 2014 in Tendercare Nursing Facility, Cass City, following a short illness. She was born June 7, 1930 in Marietta, GA to George and Lena (Speatzel) Simmons. She married Alvin "Joe" Slater June 17, 1950 in Sandusky. He died January 11, 2009

Mabel lived in the Decker area since she was three years old. She was a member of the Cass City First Baptist Church. Mabel enjoyed cooking for her family and friends and collecting angels. She loved

the son of Donald E. and Beva B. (Nichols) Wallace of Cass City.

He attended Cass City Public Schools. As an outstanding athlete, he earned 13 athletic letters, excelling in football, basketball, baseball and track. His academic career continued at Central Michigan University where he earned his BS and MA degrees with emphasis on coaching, physical education and history. He competed successfully in football and basketball at CMU and also played numerous sports while in the U.S. Army.

They called him Coach. To the athletes and students of Hemlock High School, Hemlock, Michigan, he was much more: mentor, teacher, inspiration and friend. To the faculty he was all of those things and will be remembered for his dedication to teaching, his loyalty to his students and his ever present sense of humor. He retired from Hemlock Public Schools in 1996 after a long teaching and coaching career. His accolades as a coach are numerous and his competitive spirit and success are well known. Three of his cherished awards were having the Hemlock High School football field named "Wallace Field" in his honor, induction into the Michigan High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame and induction into the Saginaw County Sports Hall of Fame.

Bob's love of reading was nourished by his father and grandfather who often read a book each night. By 4th grade he could do the same. Other pastimes included sports of any kind, golf and especially softball, where he was an outstanding pitcher. For many years he raised and showed Haflinger horses and owned the Haflinger Registry in North America.

Of utmost importance to Bob was his family. On August 22, 1959, he married his high school sweetheart, Beatrice Leslie. Bob and Bea celebrated 54 wonder-filled years of marriage and the birth of two daughters: Julie Wallace of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, and Leslie Wallace (Merchant) of Owosso. Leslie and her husband, Scott Merchant, honored Bob with three grandchildren, whom he loved dearly: Alexandrea (Lexi), Tristan and Chloeana (Chloe). Bob is survived by his sisters and brother: Betsy (Jim) PAGE EIGHT



THE ST. Pancratius parish was founded in 1901, but the original church was not built until 1903. The present church on Seeger Street was built in 1962, sixty years after the first congregation was started.

Parishioners adjusting

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does not know how long she will be gone, looks forward to helping out the people of the reservation.

"I am very excited for it," she said. "But I will miss Cass City. After five years, this parish became my familv."

Tabares will take over at St. Pancratius

The parish will hold an open house from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 8, to familiar with today did not come to honor Sister Maria and will hold a be until May 6, 1962.

celebration of faith service on May 31 and June 1 to honor those who were baptized, confirmed, married, received the sacrament of Holy Communion or who were buried from the St. Pancratius church.

In 1901, the first congregation was organized in Cass City and the cornerstone for the original St. In her absence, Father Christian Pancratius church was laid Aug. 26, 1903. In 1904 the first Mass was held in the new church.

The church Cass City residents are



REGENCY PLASTICS expanded their Ubly factory to make more room for storage and add a machine that is capable of producing 35 pound parts. The expansion will increase productivity and eventually add about 12 to 15 jobs to the factory.

Expansion at Regency Plastics paying off

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in added productivity the plant will see in the future.

"We're still heading in that direction," Braun said, adding the plant is

expecting to increase its workforce by 12 to 15 jobs due to the expansion

Regency Plastics is a division of Gemini Group, the largest employer tics plants and three metal plants in in Huron County, according to the Huron County, as well plants in other company's website.

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The summer months are a traditionally challenging time for blood centers. Area residents can do their part to make sure there is enough blood available by participating in the next local drive, slated for Tuesday, June 17, from 1 to 6:45 p.m. at the Cass City VFW Hall. The Hills and Dales General Hospital Auxiliary and Veterans of Foreign War Post 3644 are sponsor this drive

During the school year, donations from high school and college students account for roughly 15 percent of Red Cross blood collections. In the summer, these groups become tougher to reach. Many donors also give blood during office blood drives, which see smaller turnouts due to summer vacations.

Major disasters do not usually require a lot of blood, but that's when blood centers see the greatest outpouring of support from donors. The reality is, blood is needed every two seconds in America to meet the needs of everyday accident victims, cancer patients and children with blood disorders.



ON JULY 1, St. Pancratius and other churches in the area will become Our Lady Consolata parish.

St. Pancratius will stay a parish church; Holy Family in Sebewaing will be a church for additional use, St. Agatha in Gagetown and St. Michael in Wilmot will become churches for occasional use.





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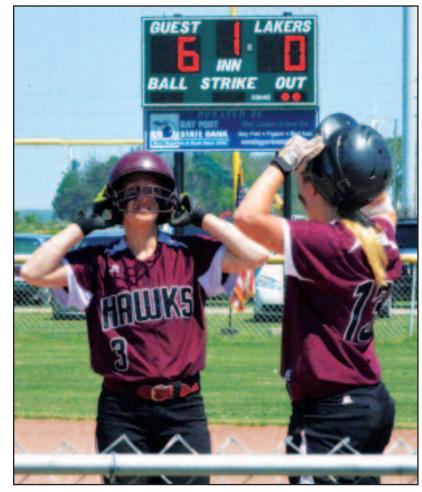
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CASS CITY WINS DISTRICT, AGAIN



RED HAWK Mason Erla, left, celebrates with teammate Jake Hacker after his 6th inning homer Friday in Division 3 district semifinal action.



By Clarke Haire Publisher

There was no immediate eruption of emotions Friday between members of the Cass City baseball team after they claimed the Division 3 District Tournament at Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port High School.

Sure, there were high fives all around and wide smiles were pasted on the faces of the champion Red Hawk players after winning the school's fourth consecutive district crown with a decisive 6-1 decision over Greater Thumb West foe Bad Axe.

Missing, however, was any type of astonishment, surprise or disbelief. Under the guidance of Coach Nathan Haag, district banners have become expected in Cass City. Maybe this year's team is saving their wide-eyed celebration for a bigger prize in the form of a regional banner, which has eluded Cass City in their 3 previous tries.

If so, winning a regional toga won't come easy. The Red Hawks will need to go through regional favorite Sanford Meridian in their first game Saturday at Saginaw Valley Lutheran High School. If successful, they'll meet the winners of Shepherd and Pinconning, which will kick-off the regional action with the first pitch slated for 10 a.m.

Seniors Jake Hacker, Dakota Hartel and Watson Moore have been a big part of the Red Hawks' previous championships, including one GTW title, and that trend carried over into their final district appearance.

Hacker and Hartel handled the pitching duties for Cass City in the championship tilt and scattered just 5 hits in dominating showings. Hacker started on the hill and held Bad Axe scoreless until the 5th inning, when the Hatchets loaded the bases, with one run already plated, and looking for more.

Instead, Hartel entered the game with one out and the bases full. Facing the heart of the Hatchet batting order didn't faze the Cass City reliever, who struck out the next 2 batters to thwart the threat. His fast ball was clocked at 84 mph.

"We have 2 seniors that you

multiple district titles," said Haag. "Jake Hacker is the bully you want the score. In the second inning, toeing the rubber. He pitched a great game, keeping the hitters off balance, and Dakota Hartel was always right there when we needed him to Jacob Guinther. With one out, Drew get out of a jam."

the 6th inning, before handing the moments later on a Laker balk. ball back to Hartel in the 7th. Neither allowed a run.

We were not excited at all about plaving Bad Axe. They are the type of team that can score 5 runs off of zero hits. They run the bases, bunt, and manufacture runs incredibly well," said Haag.

"They were another team (semifinal foe Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port the other) we'd have to beat for the third time in one season (to win the district trophy) and they were coming off a big district semifinal win after trailing USA 5-0 in the fifth inning. We didn't want a team having any extra momentum carrying over into a championship game," Haag said. Cass City slowly, but surely,

squashed any upset bids the Hatchets were entertaining with solo runs in defense." the first, second and third innings, before adding a pair of insurance markers in the fourth to lead 5-0.

At the plate, lead-off hitter Sawyer Cuthrell led the winners with 3 hits and 2 runs scored, while Mason Erla and Hartel each collected a pair of RBIs.

SEMIFINAL

Host Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port touched Red Hawk pitching ace Mason Erla for 3 runs in their first atbats, before the sophomore sensation settled in to earn a tight 5-4 victory.

'Mason was the story of the game. Once he settled down after the first inning, he was lights out. He literally took over the game with his arm and bat," said Haag.

"We knew Lakers was going to be tough to beat on their home field, especially for the third time in one week. They hosted the districts for a reason and that was to get revenge on last year's district championship. But, even though we were down 3-0 and Lakers had last at-bats, our team showed equanimity and why we ing the Division 3 diswere the three-time defending dis-

It didn't take Cass City long to even Hacker and Brad Thornton drew walks and were advanced into scoring position on a nice bunt from Field punched a single to score Hacker returned to the mound for Hacker, and Thornton crossed home

Trailing 3-2, Cass City used a triple by Erla and an RBI single from Moore to draw even with the Lakers. After Moore scored the go-ahead run in the 5th inning after clubbing a double, Erla added an insurance run in the 6th with a long blast over the left field fence.

Offensively for Cass City, Erla was 4-for-4, lacking just a double in his attempt to hit for the cycle, while Moore had a double and single.

"That sixth inning homerun was monumental to the outcome of the game," said Haag, Adding, "Each (district) game displayed different players coming through with big plays to bring a team victory. Some plays came from the batter's box, others the bases, and many times on



CASS CITY hurler Dakota Hartel was clocked at 84 mph dur-

CASS CITY base runners Alliah Riddle, left, and Shania Chambers take a break from the heat during a Laker pitching change in Friday's district play.

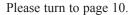
Lady Red Hawks ousted in district semifinal game

In an unexpected move, Cass City softball coach John Hacker tapped Macy Dickinson for mound duty Friday in the Lady Red Hawks' Division 3 district outing against host Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port.

And the sophomore hurler, who spent most of the year on the hill for the Red Hawk junior varsity squad, provided a pleasant surprise. She pitched well enough to win the semifinal contest, holding the Lakers to just one run through 3 innings, but was the victim of some shabby fielding late that helped lead to Cass City's demise.

"I decided to throw Macy late last night," said Hacker. "She pitched well at SVSU earlier in the week and deserved the chance to start.

Helping to control Dickinson's nerves, Cass City sent 12 batters and at-bats. However, to the Lakers cred-





LADY RED Hawk Macy posted 6 runs on 5 hits in their first Dickinson recorded 5 it, they chipped away at the Cass strike outs in her district start on the rubber.

trust on the mound and have won trict champions," he said.

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Greater Thumb Conference Softball Standings as of 5-31-14					
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Greater Thumb Conference Baseball Standings as of 5-31-14

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Red Hawk errors prove too costly

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City advantage with a run in the third and a pair of runs in both the 4th and 5th frames.

With the Red Hawk lead reduced to a single run, Cass City received 3 straight hits from seniors Shania Chambers, Lauren Bukoski and Rachel Bartnik to extend the gap to 9-5 entering the 6th inning. Bartnik supplied the big blow in the inning when she doubled to score Chambers and Bukoski who had both reached base on singles.

But the Lakers broke open a close game when they used 4 Red Hawk errors in the top of the 6th inning to register 7 runs en route to an exciting 12-10 victory.

etly. After Audrey Van Auken scored

an unearned run in the 6th to narrow the Laker cushion to 12-10, a wild ride in the final inning came up just short for Cass City.

Trailing by 2 runs and down to their final 3 outs, Chambers and Bukoski reached base safely to open the 7th and both advanced into scoring position as the Lakers became careless tossing the ball around the infield. Chambers seized the opportunity to head for home plate, but was tagged out by catcher Abby Seley who quickly fired to third base in time to catch Bukoski for the second out of the inning.

At the plate, Bartnik had a double and 2 singles for Cass City, while Chambers, Bukoski, Kara Reif, Scott and Hunter Lauren Still, Cass City didn't go away qui- Langenburg all chipped in 2 singles. Cass City finishes at 12-14 overall.

Schneeberger's ATHLETE of the WEEK

Schneeberger's congratulates Bransen Stimpfel for his all-state performance Saturday at the Division 3 Track and Field Final held at Comstock Park High School and have chosen the Cass City sophomore as their "Athlete of the Week" award recipient.

Stimpfel put the finishing touches on a dream season Saturday with a 5th place finish in the 1600 meter run at the Division 3 State Final

Meet. Stimpfel was clocked in 4:27.02.

Earlier in the week, Stimpfel recorded a winning time of 9:53.23 in the 3200 meter run Tuesday at the Tuscola Meet of Champions in Caro.

Bransen Stimpfel

Bransen is the son of Sloane and Tom Stimpfel.

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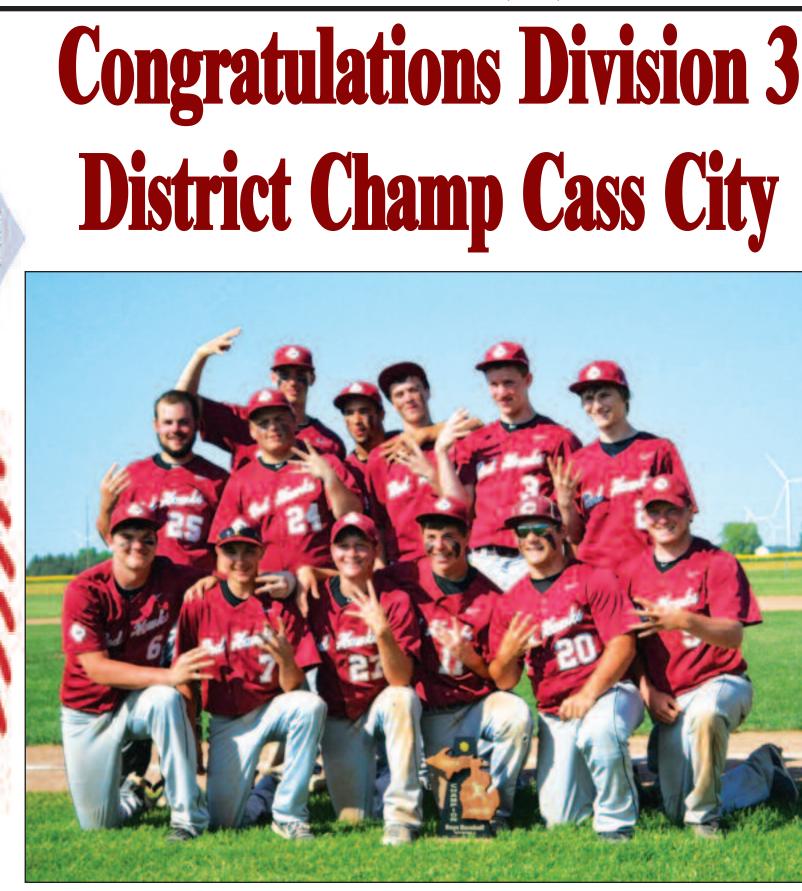
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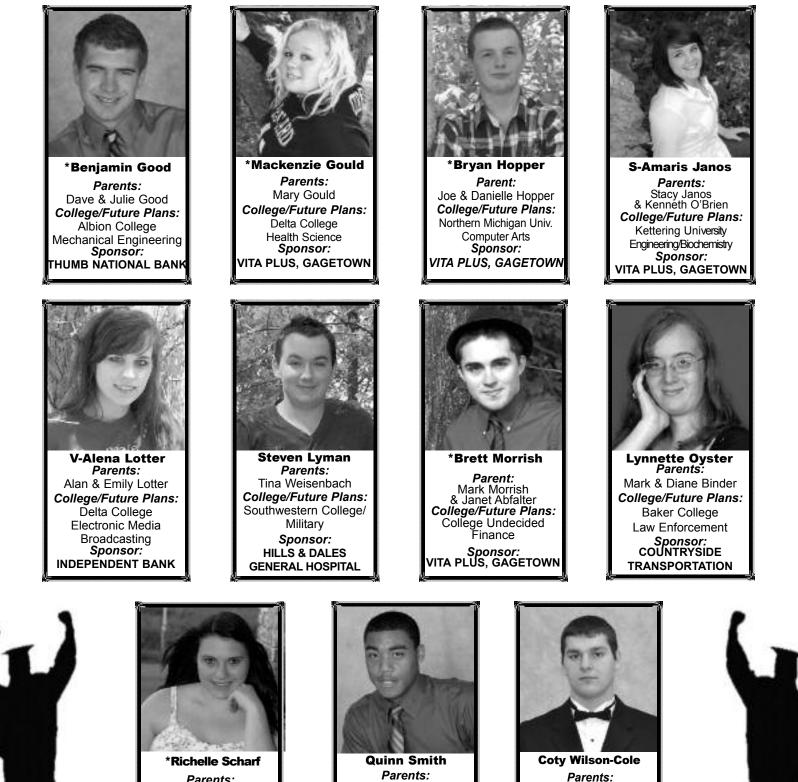
THE CASS CITY baseball team collected their fourth straight district crown Friday with wins over Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port and Bad Axe. The champion Red Hawks are (front, l-r) Watson Moore, Jacob Guinther, Dakota Hartel, Sawyer Cuthrell, Brandon Horne, Jake Hacker (back) Brock Thane, Mason Erla, Brad Thornton, Braeden Perzanowski, Dalton Prieskorn, Drew Field and Blake Lebioda.

Good luck in Saturday's regional



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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.

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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 vendue, 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.

the redemption period.

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Dated: May 28, 2014 For more information, please call: FC X (248) 593-1302 Trott & Trott, P.C. 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.

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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2155 Butterfield Drive Suite 200-S Troy, MI 48084 WWR# 10126190

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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 HERE-BY 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

ing the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on July 3, 2014.

Said premises are situated in Township of Fremont, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Beginning 396 feet North of the Southwest corner of Section 20, Township 11 North, Range 9 East, running thence North 154 feet; thence East 340 feet; thence South 154 feet; thence West 340 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: June 4, 2014 For more information, please call: FC S (248) 593-1304 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Hwy Ste 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-5422 File #440600F01

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ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. This sale may be rescinded or set aside by the foreclosing mortgagee. In such event your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to a return or refund of the bid amount tendered at such sale, together with interest at the rate set forth herein. MORTGAGE SALE -Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert Steven Wright, a single man and Billie Jo Nickens, a single woman, a single woman, to Argent Mortgage Company, LLC, dated May 6, 2005, and recorded on May 25, 2005, in Liber 1039, on page 1402, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned to Vanderbilt Mortgage & Finance, Inc. by an assignment dated May 11, 2005 and recorded on August 14, 2008 in Liber 1156, on age 34, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ninety six thousand two hundred ninety nine and 09/100 dollars (\$96,299.09) including interest at 9.125% per annum.

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

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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 vendue, 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 For more information, please call: FC J (248) 593-1311 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attornevs For Servicer

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

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 (248) 540-2300

FORECLOSURE NOTICE (ALL COUN-TIES) 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 statue 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

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, towit:

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.

5-28-4 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

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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 Robert D. Hadden and Patricia L. Hadden, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Flagstar Bank, FSB. Mortgagee, dated November 16, 2001, and recorded on January 24, 2002 in Liber 858 on Page 1079, and assigned by mesne assignments to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola countv records. Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Six Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Eight and 84/100 Dollars (\$36.378.84).

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

them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, Michigan, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on Thursday, July 10, 2014. Said premises are situated in the Township of Koylton, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Northeast quarter of Section 8, Town 11 North, Range 11 East described as commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section 8; thence along the East line of said Section 8, South 00 degrees 14 minutes 32 seconds West, 1134.18 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continuing along the East line of said Section 8, South 00 degrees 14 minutes 32 seconds West 200.00 feet to the South line of the North half of the Northeast quarter of Section 8; thence along said South line of the North half of the Northeast quarter of Section 8, North 89 degrees 37 minutes 47 seconds West, 1062.95 feet to the Easterly line of Abandoned Railroad right-of-way; thence along said Easterly line of Abandoned Railroad right-of-way, North 19 degrees 38 minutes 09 seconds East, 409.07 feet; thence 87 degrees 56 minutes 07 seconds East, 560.44 feet; thence South 58 degrees 32 minutes 53 seconds East, 155.93; thence South 00 degrees 58 minutes 48 seconds East, 89.12 feet; thence South 89 degrees 37 minutes 47 seconds East 231.69 feet to the Point of Beginning all improvements including a 2005 Manufactured Housing 5-21-5 Unit. Tax ID No. 016-008-000-0100-03 The redemption period shall be 1 year from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241 or MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCLA 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

> If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCLA 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights.

Dated: May 28, 2014 Vanderbilt Mortgage & Finance, Inc., assignee of Mortgagee Richard A. Green, Attorneys,

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Tank clean-up bill supported

Legislation to revitalize Michigan's leaking underground storage tank clean-up fund and program was recently approved by the Michigan Senate, according to bill sponsor state Sen. Mike Green (R-Mayville).

"Commercial properties are often abandoned or stand idle because of contamination caused by leaking underground storage tanks," Green said. For years, the Legislature has raided funds intended to clean these sites up and spent the money on other unrelated purposes.

"This legislation will put an end to that practice and restore a program that cleans up contaminated sites and puts them back into economic action. It is a win-win scenario that is good for the environment and job creation.'

Senate Bill 791 revitalizes and modernizes the program, strengthens the requirement that the funds be used for clean-up purposes, and creates a reimbursement program that will result in current contaminated sites being cleaned up and redeveloped for economic development.



Coast Guard officials say life vests could prevent 80 percent of boating fatalities

There seems to be some disagreement among folks about when a new week begins; the calendar says it's Sunday, though many believe it's when they return to work on Monday.

For the boating industry, the week begins on the weekend, but safety isn't always high on some residents' priority list.

"One of our biggest concerns is making sure people understand the importance of wearing PFDs (personal flotation devices)," said Lt. Andrew Turner, the DNR's boating law administrator. "The Coast Guard estimates that 80 percent of boating fatalities could be prevented by wearing life jackets."

Though all boaters are required to have PFDs on board for all boat passengers, generally only those younger than 6 years old are required to actually wear them.

"In an emergency, people don't have time to find them and get them on," Turner said. "Today's PFDs are not the old bulky orange vests that everybody remembers as a kid. Now they're lighter and more comfortable. They're designed to be worn all the time. There are inflatables available now that are very low-profile, comfortable and suitable for many activities.'

Many, but not all activities, Turner continued. Personal watercraft operators - or people being towed behind vessels, such are skiers - are required by state law to wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved PFD, but inflatables are not approved for those and some other uses.

Boating is getting safer in Michigan, Turner said. Last year there were 20 fatal accidents - resulting in 22 fatalities - down from 32 fatalities five years earlier.

"I think we can directly link that trend to boating safety training," Turner said.

A state law passed in 2012 requires that anyone born after July 1, 1996, is required to attend (and be certified in) safe boating training in order to operate a motorboat. The change in the law - which once required only those younger than 16 years of age to be safety-trained - means that over time everyone who operates a motorboat will have received the training.

"The leading age group for boating accidents is people in their 50s," Turner said. "We wouldn't think of letting someone drive a car without driver's education, but many people simply don't consider getting boater's safety training before operating a vessel.3

Boating safety training is available from a number of sources, including the DNR and through county sheriffs' departments (82 of Michigan's 83 counties offer the training through their marine programs), volunteer groups, and online. The online option makes it easy for anyone, Turner said.

"There are two great programs – boat-ed.com and boaterexam.com – that allow people to earn their safety certification completely online," Turner said. "Students can print their certificates when they successfully complete the course. There is a fee, but most people don't mind paying it because of the convenience."

Turner said boaters should familiarize themselves with safety equipment and make sure they have it and it is in good working order. Boats with a permanently installed fuel tank or enclosed compartments are required to have a fire extinguisher on board, for instance. The DNR also recommends that boaters have a marine radio - or at least a cell phone - to use if their vessel becomes disabled or they otherwise need assistance.

Boating under the influence remains a big issue for Michigan as well as the rest of the country.

"It's a serious concern," said Turner, noting that about 10 percent of boating accidents list alcohol as a contributing factor. "Just as it is with motor vehicles, it's dangerous and unlawful to operate a vessel under the influence.'

Turner said boaters should also keep a sharp eye out, and be aware that there are increasingly more personal watercraft (PWC) out on the water. PWCs, which make up only about 8 percent of the registered boats in Michigan, are involved in roughly a third of boating accidents.

"PWCs are fast, very maneuverable and can turn on a dime," Turner said. "The operational characteristics of PWCs vary a great deal from traditional vessels and this underscores the importance of training," Turner said. Michigan is about as big a boating state as there is, Turner said.

"We're second only to Florida in terms of the number of registered vessels," he said. "We have tremendous resources. We want people to enjoy those resources - but we want them to do it safely."

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Kingston Trustee Wolak earns MASB recognition

Boards (MASB) officials recently recognized a Tuscola County board of education member for his efforts to improve his leadership skills.

Community Schools was honored pleted online. These hours are above for receiving his MASB Award of Merit.

Director Kathy Hayes, the accom- ets. plishment demonstrates Wolak's commitment to student achievement and his own continuous improvement as a school board member.

The training and professional develdesigned to help local board memand complex changes in education.

Last year, more than 900 school ed in the MASB's professional children."

Michigan Association of School development program for elected school leaders. Collectively, board members spent more than 6,000 hours attending training courses in a traditional classroom setting, and Raymond Wolak of the Kingston another 600-plus hours were comand beyond the time members spend at their local meetings, events, and According to MASB Executive reviewing policies and board pack-

"I've worked with school boards and public schools for more than 15 years and am always in awe of the commitment of so many members," opment offered by the MASB is Hayes said. "Schools are under exceptional pressure to be innovative bers keep pace with the fast-moving and reinvent the way they deliver education. Training equips them with the tools necessary to make the board members statewide participat- best decisions for Michigan's school

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hand painted glassware, handmade quilts, jewelry, barn wood items, 18 inch doll clothes, Barbie clothes, and children's clothing. They also carry handmade cards, as well as macramé leashes, collars, and harnesses, plus much, much more. Located at 6476 Main Street in downtown Cass City, Cherished Treasures is open 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

Stop in and register for their daily drawing during this Spotlight Business Week. Owner Joyce Bostwick will be happy to see you and help you find that special something you were looking for.

Thank you, Joyce, for being such a participating part of the Cass City Community.

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

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