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## Board approves budget without cutting staffers

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

A promised increase of revenue from Lansing enabled the Cass City Board of Education to approve a new spending plan with a healthy fund balance and no staffing cuts Monday night.

But members of the board were still hesitant to fully staff the superintendent's office following the resignation of three key employees last month.

Monday's session focused on finances, with the deadline to approve a 2014-15 budget just a

week away. The board summarily adopted the amended 2013-14 spending plan presented by Chief Financial Officer Mike Klosowski, who reported total revenues of \$9.645 million and expenditures at \$9.5 million, leaving a fund balance of roughly \$1.04 million, or an amount equal to nearly 11 percent of the budget.

In presenting the proposed 2014-15 budget, Klosowski noted state lawmakers in the both the House and Senate have approved — and Gov. Rick Snyder is expected to sign — a state budget that will give schools an

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ABOVE, state Senator Mike Green (R-Mayville) reads a special tribute he presented on behalf of himself, state Rep. Terry Brown, Lt. Gov. Brian Calley and Gov. Rick Snyder to members of St. Agatha Catholic Church as they marked the Gageton parish's 135th anniversary Sunday. Tuscola County's oldest church (pictured at left) is among those buildings that are being closed except for occasional use under a restructuring within the Saginaw Diocese.



## Motorist gets year in jail in a fatal crash that claimed 4 lives

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

The 23-year-old Ubyly man charged in the 2013 traffic death of four people, including a Pigeon couple and one of their teenage sons, will serve less than a year behind bars.

The sentence handed down to Andrew R. Braun last week in Huron County District Court included 330 days in jail as well as two years probation following his convictions on four counts of committing a moving violation - causing death, and two counts of committing a moving vio-

lation - causing serious injury. Braun previously pled no contest to all of the charges, which are classified as misdemeanors.

The fatal two-vehicle crash occurred nearly a year ago — July 27, 2013 — at the intersection of Stein and Maxwell roads in Huron County's Oliver Township.

Huron County Sheriff's Department investigators reported a 2012 GMC pickup driven by Braun collided with a 2011 Chevrolet crew cab pickup when Braun failed to yield at the stop sign at the intersection.

The crew cab pickup was occupied by six people, according to investigators, who said the group was on its way to the Huron County Fair at the time. The occupants included victims Joshua C. Heck, 40, and Jessica A. Heck, 38, their son, Taylor J. Heck, 13, all of the Pigeon area, and Brendon Smith, 13, of Caseville. Also in the vehicle was another of the Heck's sons, Jarrod R. Heck, 15, and Jacob A. Langley, 20, also of Pigeon, both of whom were injured but survived the crash.

Huron County Prosecutor Tim Rutkowski said his office had no choice but to charge Braun with misdemeanors, which carry maximum penalties of one year and 93 days in jail, respectively, because of action by the Michigan Legislature in 2012.

"A year (in jail) is the most we could ask for," he said. "The fact is, this (moving violation - causing

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## Sanilac County dad sentenced in death of boy

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

A Sanilac County man whose 12-year-old son accidentally shot and killed a friend during a sleepover last November has been ordered to serve one year in jail.

The 56-year-old defendant was sentenced last Wednesday in Sanilac County Circuit Court to 365 days in jail following his pleas of guilty to a felony charge of being a felon in possession of a firearm and a misdemeanor count of contributing to the

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## Legacy of faith

### 135th anniversary bittersweet for parishioners as closing of Tuscola County's oldest church looms

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Dozens of faithful parishioners — present and past — gathered Sunday afternoon in Gageton to mark the 135th anniversary of Tuscola County's oldest church — St. Agatha Catholic Church.

But it was a bittersweet celebration, coming just as St. Agatha's is being closed in conjunction with a restructuring of parishes in the Diocese of Saginaw. The day's festivities included mass and the laying of a wreath at the gravesite of Father Clement Krebs, the

first resident priest of Gageton as well as Tuscola County.

Michigan Senator Mike Green (R-Mayville) was on hand to personally present a certificate of congratulations on behalf of himself, state Rep. Terry Brown (D-Pigeon), Lt. Gov. Brian Calley and Gov. Rick Snyder. Green also presented a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition on behalf of District 10 Congresswoman Candice S. Miller.

Wayne Dillon, spokesman for the year-old St. Agatha Historical Committee, voiced the feelings and frustra-

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## For service to DHS Board

### Commissioners honor Bob Hirn

by Andie Peck  
Staff Writer

After serving many years as the chair of the Tuscola Department of Human Services Board, Cass

City's Robert "Bob" Hirn is retiring. To honor his years of service to the department, Tuscola County Commissioners recently drafted a resolution in Hirn's honor.

"We assemble this day to celebrate Robert Hirn's 15 years of meritorious service to the Tuscola County Medical Care community and the Tuscola County Department of Human Services as their board chairperson," the resolution states. "The leadership he provided to the staff created an environment for success and high quality."



Bob Hirn

During Hirn's tenure as chair of the Tuscola Department of Human Services Board, he worked to implement many important measures for the health of the community.

According to the resolution drafted by county commissioners, under Hirn's leadership plans were launched to move long-term care in Tuscola County into the future by planning and implementing the construction of two small houses on newly acquired property adjacent to the main building.

"Through effective financial planning under his leadership, the Medical Care Facility was able to undertake and complete a major reconstruction and addition to their building in 2005," the resolution states.

Hirn said he enjoyed his time serving as chairperson of the board and

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CASS CITY'S Ashleigh Stoeckle is already working in her field, having accepted a job as an assistant trainer at the Darling 888 Ranch in Princeton, Ky. (See story, page 16)

## Elkton couple plead in heroin trafficking probe

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

A pair of Elkton residents have pleaded guilty in Huron County Circuit Court to charges of possession with intent to deliver heroin (less than 50 grams) following their arrest last spring in the parking lot of an apartment complex.

The pleas entered by Angela L. Palmer, 29, and Brad A. Labombard, 22, were part of a plea agreement reached with the Huron County Prosecutor's

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# Ubyly announces marking period honor roll

The 4th marking period honor students are as follows:

## Grade 12

Teryan Block, Sydney Bonnema\*, Tyler Brandel, Lindsey Briolat, Austin Burton, Kandace Crickon, Kyle Franzel, Heather Gentner\*, Ashley Glaza, Marissa Hagen\*, Brent Heleski, Jensen Hund\*, Damion Irvine, Chelsey Klawon, Janelle Leppke, Clayton Messing, Leah Messing, Trenton Morell\*, Edward Murray, Sara Osantowski, Kady Osentoski\*, Sarah Peters, Danielle Pionk\*, Brayden Rich, Kyle Romzek, Amanda Rutkowski, Brittney Sadro, Justin Sadro\*, Shawn Schmidt, Shelby Schumacher\*, Jessie Schwartz, Breanna Stapleton, Cassidy Swanson\*, Hannah Sweeney, Kari White\*, and Stephanie Young.

## Grade 11

Jonathon Bischer, Courtney Cook, Hanna Drake\*, Shelby Farver, Christopher Francis, Roger Franzel, Jaclyn Geiger, Alexis Gezequel, Adam M. Grifka\*, Kelsie Gross, Michela Guza, Emily Halifax, Claire Hembrough, Alexis Inbody, Cody Klee\*, Meagan Kozfkay, Kurt Kubacki, Logan Lemke, Joseph Lipskey, Sawyer Messing, Tiffani Moore, Cynthia O'Connor, Brandy Osentoski, Briann Osentoski, Shane Osentoski, Bailey Peruski, Samantha Pionk, Cole Roggenbuck, Scott Shepherd, Nicole Sweeney, Kelsey Ulfing, Trevor Walsh, Grant Weber, Bryce Weltin, Jenna White\*, Cameo Wolschleger, Jessica Wolschleger, and Shanae Woolner.

## Grade 10

Evan Block, Kaylee Block, Emily Booms, Joshua Bowman, Macanna Briolat, Alexandria Camp\*, Isabela Cavalcante, Austin Chernow, Abigail Deering, Trevor Dropiewski, Jennifer Gentner, Lindsey Glaza, Madison Glaza, Katlyn Groth, Grant Hagen, Courtney Klee, Nicholes Maikrzek, James McBride, Olena Muravey\*, Nicole Osantowski, Ashley Osentoski\*, Kasey Palmer, Shannon Particka\*, Elena Rodriguez, Lucas Rothe, Daniel Rutkowski\*, Rebecca Speciale, Ashley Sweeney\*, Lapasrada Tangstittichoche, Jesse Vogel, Jeffrey Wright, and Jonathan Wright.

## Grade 9

Morgan Block, David Bowman\*, Jonathan Brandel, Derek Brown,

Jessi Clink\*, Nicole Francis, Grace Grifka, Chelsea Holdwick, Michelle Inbody, Aaron Klama, Lauren Kranz, Noah Krueger, Rachel Lemanski, Megan Leppke, Olivia Lipskey\*, Autumn Loss, Emma Melnik, Jonathan Murray, Riley Murray\*, Lindsey Nast, Kirah Osentoski\*, Tyler Osentoski, Gavyn Pallas, Brianna Pionk\*, Allison Romzek, Dominic Rosenthal, Alyson Shepherd, Travis Terbrack, Cade Walsh, Ariel Waterbeck, Eric Wolschleger\*, and Abby Wright\*.

## GRADE 8

Olivia Bender\*, Tayler Berger, Levi Block, Danielle Briolat\*, Justin Briolat\*, Chantelle Burk\*, Rachel Cook\*, Evan Franzel\*, Kendra Franzel, Andrew Gilbert, Lauren Gillig, Emily Gosdzinski, Alex Grifka, Chelsey Halifax, Jacob Halifax\*, Emma Hembrough\*, Erin Inbody, Macy Knoblock\*, Emily Kubacki, Ashton Lemke\*, Matthew Maikrzek, Josilynn McCoy, Peyton McLellan, Brent Osentoski\*, Mary-Christine Osentoski\*, Katelyn Palmer, Kara Peruski\*, Shaquala Rich, Emelia Rodriguez\*, Izabel Rodriguez, Kacie Roggenbuck, Alexis Rutkowski, Nicholas Schultz\*, Cheyenne Shepherd, Madelyn Smalley\*, David Sorenson, Katrina Stevenson, Nicholas Swanson\*, Brett Sweeney, Ryan

Sweeney, Samantha Sweeney, Madeline Ulfing, Marisa Villafranca, Robert Weaver\*, Alexandra Weber, Emma Weber, Janelle White\*, and Amber Wolschleger.

## GRADE 7

Isaac Booms\*, Joshua Brandel\*, Madelynn Bukoski, Jaelynn Burton, Eli Emming, Amber Essenmacher, Brady Farver\*, Danika Focken\*, Rebekka Foster\*, Michelle Franzel, Christian Gezequel, Bethany Gornowicz\*, Anna Greyerbiehl\*, Darian Gross, Haili Gusa\*, Dylan Hagen, Payten Heleski, Cassie Holdwick, Cheyenne Janik, Tyler Jones, Kelsey Knoblock\*, Ethan Lemke\*, Parker Lipskey\*, Jaleesa Mattox, Mikayla McNeil, Anna Messing, Aurora Mierop, Nolan Murray\*, Kylie Ogyski\*, Arisa Osentoski\*, Natalie Pallas, Nathan Particka, Rebecca Particka\*, Madelyn Peplinski\*, Alexis Pionk\*, Cheyenne Porzondek\*, Ashley Puvalowski, Ryche Roggenbuck\*, Luke Rutkowski, Brittney Schmidt, Sabrina Schumacher\*, Jason Smalley, Sadie Souva\*, William Spicer, Jr., Mackenzie Stomack\*, Ellissa Thomas\*, Mackenzie Uhl, Mikaela Van Erp\*, Amanda Weaver\*, Adam Weber, and Nicholas Wright\*.

\*Denotes all A's.

# Engaged

Gloria Froede of Cass City and Brian Froede of Ubyly announce the engagement of their daughter, Ashley Froede to Christopher Henes, son of Mr. and Mrs. James MacConnachie of Grosse Pointe Park and Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Henes of Birmingham.

Ashley is a 2003 graduate of Cass City High School. She earned a Bachelor of Arts from Albion College in 2007 and a Master of Science from Central Michigan University in 2010 and is currently employed as a Physician Assistant in Denver, CO.

Christopher is a 2004 graduate of Brother Rice High School. He earned a Bachelor of Arts from Albion College in 2008 and a D.D.S. degree from the University of Detroit Dental School in May 2013 and is currently employed as a dentist in Denver, CO.



Ashley Froede and Christopher Henes

## Daneault recently graduates college

Joey Daneault graduated on May 14 from San Jose State University, San Jose, Calif. He earned a Bachelor of



Joey Daneault

Science Degree in mathematics with a concentration in statistics and a minor in economics.

Joey is the son of Kathy (McArthur) Wood and Wayne Wood and the grandson of Bob and Joyce McArthur of Cass City.

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# In Our OPINION..

Clarke Haire  
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## Mosquitos, ticks pose health risks

The sun's rays aren't the only hazard connected with enjoying a warm sunny day outdoors; it's also important to take precautions against mosquito and tick bites.

The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) would like to remind people, especially those spending time outdoors and children at camps, to protect themselves from mosquito or tickborne diseases.

Last year, West Nile Virus was responsible for 36 illnesses and two fatalities reported in Michigan. Seasonal activity varies from year to year, but mosquitoes in Michigan can carry illnesses such as West Nile virus (WNV) and Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE), and ticks can carry illnesses such as Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain spotted fever.

Mosquito and tick-borne diseases can cause mild symptoms, severe infections requiring hospitalization, and even death.

Adults who are 50 and older have the highest risk of illness caused by West Nile Virus. In addition to presenting a greater risk for older people, EEE is more likely to cause illness in children 15 years of age or younger.

People in outdoor occupations such as construction and landscaping are at increased risk of getting bitten, but the mosquito that carries WNV likes to get indoors as well. You can protect yourself by remembering to:

\*Avoid mosquito bites. Use insect repellent when outdoors especially from dusk to dawn. Look for EPA-labeled products containing active ingredients, such as DEET, Picaridin, or oil of lemon eucalyptus. Reapply as needed according to label directions. Use nets or fans around outdoor eating areas to keep mosquitoes away.

\*Mosquito-proof homes. Fix or install window and door screens and cover or eliminate empty containers with standing water where mosquitoes can lay eggs.

\*Help your community. Report dead birds to Michigan's Emerging Diseases website ([www.michigan.gov/emergingdiseases](http://www.michigan.gov/emergingdiseases)) to help track WNV and support community-based mosquito control programs.

\*Vaccinate horses against West Nile virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis virus.

Michigan is also home to a number of tick species that will bite people. Ticks are typically found in wooded or brushy areas with tall grass and leaf litter. The ticks most commonly encountered by people in Michigan include the American dog tick which can carry Rocky Mountain spotted fever, and the blacklegged tick which can spread a number of illnesses, including Lyme disease.

Lyme disease is considered to be an emerging disease due to the expansion of tick populations in Michigan's western Upper and Lower Peninsulas and is the most common tick-borne disease reported in the state with 165 human cases reported in 2013, an increase of almost 60 percent from the previous year.

The period from June to September is of concern because of the poppy-seed sized nymphal-stage tick, which is responsible for much of the Lyme disease in the U.S. While rare, human cases of Rocky Mountain spotted fever have also been documented in Michigan.

You can protect yourself by avoiding tick-infested areas. Also, use insect repellent, bathe or shower as soon as possible after coming indoors, and perform daily tick checks.

## Slices of Life

by Jill Pertler

A watched pot




At our house, my husband browns the hamburger. I don't have the patience for it. I go in with the best of intentions. I place the ground beef in the pan, turn on the heat and grab my spatula. Then I get sidetracked. With the potatoes or maybe the corn. Sorting through the mail. Answering the phone. Twiddling my thumbs. Googling the area code for Paris.

I like to consider myself the ultimate multitasker. Unfortunately that's bad news for the hamburger.

Under my watch it lies helpless and forgotten, sizzling in the pan getting clumpier by the minute – too brown in some places and still raw in others. Unappetizing and practically inedible. My husband has no patience for that. So he browns the hamburger.

Marriage is often yin and yang. While I have no talents for watching the pot, it makes me a prime candidate for any cooking tasks that involve boiling. At those I tend to excel. My husband does the watching; I do the boiling. It's a match made in the kitchen.

I remember the first time I failed to watch a pot. I was about 10. My mom had beef stew simmering and had an errand to run. She asked me to keep an eye on dinner, making sure our stew didn't stew to the extreme.

It was a simple request and I was eager to prove my near-adult prowess with pot watching. I was sure I could do a swell job of it. I watched the pot for a good 30 seconds and confirmed it was indeed cooking, boiling and hot. Then I got sidetracked with a Partridge Family re-run – the one where Keith sings, "I think I love you." That used to be my favorite song. He was pretty groovy.

But I digress. When my mom returned 20 minutes later, the stew on the bottom of the pot had done what stew does when you ignore a pot on a heated stove. It burned. Anyone who's ever been in the same situation knows there is no quick fix when you've allowed a dish to go to pot. The charred flavor rises from the bottom of the kettle all the way to the top. I've yet to find a remedy – other than Chinese take-out or pizza delivery – for such an error.

It was a moment for me, albeit not a good one. I'd officially ruined dinner for the first time in my life; it wouldn't be the last. Ahem.

I could say I've perfected my observation skills when it comes to cooking in the kitchen, but that would be the pot calling the kettle black. Some people don't have much in pot-watching capabilities. I happen to be one of them. I can, however, stir the pot. It's a habit that's gotten me into hot water on occasion. So I try to avoid both – stirring and watching.

Instead, I keep my mouth shut and cook, which I can do with a fair amount of proficiency. It's surprising, the number of dishes and meals one can

prepare without a hint of talent in pot watching. You might say I've learned to ignore my weaknesses. Embrace them, even. It's all because of my husband.

He discovered my inabilities early on – back when we didn't have a pot to spit in. He may have thought about attempting to change me, but he didn't try too hard. He is a smart man – a smart man who browns the hamburger. And while I'm not good at watching the pot, I do enjoy watching him – maybe even more than David Cassidy in a good Partridge Family rerun. But then again...

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

## Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)



Your wish is my command, Clyde Wells. You wanted to know how the Cass City School mascot became the Red Hawks, here's the answer.

According to Chuck Auten, the 1944 Cass City varsity club president, our school decided we needed a mascot and Coach Jack London came up with the solution. Although our school colors were maroon and gray, the varsity club liked his suggestion and the rest is history.

Cass City Lions Club member Gary Jones says the local civic organization is getting into the delivery business. They plan to deliver chicken dinners during the Freedom Festival, but to take advantage of the home delivery orders must be placed by July 2.

The Lions will also have drive-thru service available during the festival at the east side parking lot of their pavilion. Contact Scott Mills at 989-912-0753 for more information.

Another fundraiser planned during the Freedom Festival will be held on July 3. The Tiny Sparkler Patriotic Pageant is open to contestants up to 19 years of age and will take place at 6447 Main Street. There is a \$5 entry fee and all proceeds will benefit the gala entering its 36th year. It will be followed by a community ice cream social. Call Joey Kreeger at 989-912-0059 for more information.

If you weren't aware of the above mentioned items concerning this year's Freedom Festival, you probably aren't up to speed on this year's happenings. No need to fret, just pick up next week's Chronicle that will include a complete guide to the 2014 gathering.



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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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## Wednesday, June 25

- Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
- Huron County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, Huron Behavioral Health, Bad Axe. For more information, contact Rhonda Quinn at (989) 269-9293..
- 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 26

- Community Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.
- Thumb TEA Party, 6:30 p.m., Evangelical Free Church, Cass City.
- AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.
- Music in Atwood Park- Steve Gallager, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

## Friday, June 27

- Music in Rotary Park, Cass City - Muzyka, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

## Monday, June 30

- Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubyly. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.
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## Tuesday, July 1

- 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.)

### STANDING COMMUNITY CALENDAR ITEMS

#### First Sunday:

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

#### First Monday:

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

#### Second Monday:

- Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.
- VFW monthly meeting, 7:00 p.m., VFW Hall, Cass City.

#### Second Tuesday:

- Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7 p.m., fire hall in Gagetown.
- Tuscola County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., HDC Intergenerational Building, 430 Montague Ave., Caro. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.
- Kedron OES #33 of Caro meeting, 7 p.m.
- Huron County Family Caregiver Support Group, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Human Development Commission, 150 Nugent Rd., Bad Axe. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

#### Second Wednesday:

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

#### Second Thursday:

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

#### Third Tuesday:

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

#### Third Thursday:

- Sanilac County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, 3 p.m., HDC Adult Day Services Building, 227 N. Elk St., Sandusky. For more information, contact Kim at (989) 673-4121 or Amanda at (810) 648-4497.
- Grief Support meetings, "Healing Together." Heritage Hill, 1430 Cleaver Rd., Caro, 7-8:30 p.m. For questions or to register to attend please call the office at (989) 872-5852 or toll free (877) 872-5852. These sessions are open to anyone dealing with a grief or loss. Sponsored by Hospice Advantage, Cass City.
- Caregiver Support Group, 11:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Bullard-Sanford Memorial Library, 520 W. Huron Ave., Vassar. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

#### Third Friday:

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

#### Fourth Monday:

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

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# Sanilac County deputies nab Snover man after brief chase

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

STOLEN VEHICLE

Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies apprehended a Snover area man after he attempted to elude officers during a routine traffic stop early last week in Sanilac County's Watertown Township.

Undersheriff Brad Roff said the incident was reported Monday at about 6:30 a.m. as deputies attempted to make a traffic stop on Marlette Road near Johnson Road. "After activating the patrol car emergency lights, the suspect vehicle, described as a dark colored 2004 Chevy Impala, proceeded to flee north on Johnson Road from Marlette Road. The suspect then pulled into a private driveway on Johnson Road and fled on foot from the vehicle," Roff said.

"Other officers arrived on scene along with a K-9 unit from the St. Clair County Sheriff's Office to assist with a track to locate the suspect," he added. "While the K-9 unit was tracking, deputies made contact with the homeowner and, after speaking with the homeowner, it was determined the homeowner knew the suspect. The 30-year-old male suspect...was located inside the residence and taken into custody without incident."

The suspect, whose name was not released pending formal arraignment, was lodged in the Sanilac County Jail on multiple charges.

Sanilac deputies were dispatched the same morning to investigate a reported stolen SUV and, following a thorough search and an attempted tracking operation utilizing a K-9 unit, arrested a 30-year-old Minden City man.

According to reports, a 2005 gray Chevy Trailblazer was reported stolen from the Minden City area and was located overturned on Bay City-Forestville Road near Bad Axe Road.

"Upon deputies' arrival, the vehicle was empty, overturned on the roadway and the suspect had fled the scene," said Roff, who noted the St. Clair Sheriff's Department's K-9 unit was called in to assist in a search for the suspect.

"When the lead had turned cold, responding deputies continued to search the area for the suspect," Roff said. "Acting on tips called in from businesses and residents, the 30-year-old Minden City man was located and arrested without incident and transported to the Sanilac County Jail."

The suspect's name was withheld pending further investigation and formal arraignment on charges.

Deputies were assisted at the scene by the Sanilac County Sheriff's Detective Bureau and the Bingham Township Fire Department and EMS.

## Circuit court news

# Several appear on felony charges

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

\*Christopher M. Ramirez, 31, Caro, was sentenced to 143 days in the county jail and 24 months probation following his plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, second offense, Feb. 21 in Caro.

He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$698.

\*Joe A. Villarreal, 37, Gulfport, Miss., was sentenced to 90 days in jail following his pleas of guilty to two counts of violating the Sex Offenders Registration Act by failing to notify local law enforcement of a change in address between Oct. 1, 2007 and Oct. 15, 2008, and on Oct. 17, 2006, in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (two prior felony convictions).

In addition to jail time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,596 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

\*Brandon R. Perry, 27, Vassar, pleaded guilty to charges of possession of marijuana, second offense, and operating a motor vehicle with a high BAC (blood alcohol content) of .17 grams or higher April 6 in Tuscola Township.

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

\*Caleb W. Puroll, 23, Vanderbilt, was sentenced to 90 days in jail (deferred) and 12 months probation following his plea of no contest to malicious destruction of police or fire department property Nov. 6 in Cass City.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$698 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

\*Lakeisha M. Kelly, 26, Saginaw, was sentenced to 365 days in jail fol-

lowing her pleas of no contest to one count of uttering and publishing and two counts of conspiracy to commit uttering and publishing involving a \$322.35 check drawn on Bank of America Aug. 21 in Vassar. She was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

In addition to jail time, she was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,384 plus attorneys fees of \$500. Restitution in the case is to be determined.

\*Adam M. Johnson, 31, Cass City, received a one-year delayed sentence following his pleas of guilty to charges of interfering with electronic communications and domestic violence March 2 in Cass City.

He was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$948 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

\*Jason D. Proper, 32, Fairgrove, was sentenced to two to 10 years in prison following his pleas of guilty to delivery/manufacture of marijuana and possession of a firearm by a felon Nov. 24 in Fairgrove Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (two prior felony convictions).

In addition to prison time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$667 plus attorneys fee of \$500.

\*Tyler L. Martin, 25, Millington, pleaded guilty to charges of possession of marijuana, second offense, and driving while his license was suspended or revoked Nov. 6, 2011, in Arbel Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$2,500. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*Thomas F. Ridley, Jr., 38, Vassar, pleaded guilty to violating the Sex Offenders Registration Act by failing

to report a license plate number, registration number and description of a motor vehicle operated by him Feb. 15-18 in Vassar.

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

\*Gareth M. Harris, 32, Vassar, pleaded guilty to violating the Sex Offenders Registration Act by failing to register a login name or other identifier used to access an electronic mail address or messaging system March 1 in Vassar.

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

\*Shane M. Auernhammer, 28, Millington, was sentenced to 365 days in jail, with work release and worksite privileges, following his jury convictions on two counts of delivery/manufacture of marijuana, subsequent offense, Oct. 15 in Millington, and to assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer Oct. 15 in Millington. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to jail time, he was placed on 36 months probation and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$3,464.

\*Delbert G. Thomas Jr., 44, Alger, was sentenced to 180 days in jail, with work release and worksite privileges, following his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, June 22, 2013, in Caro.

He was also placed on 60 months probation and ordered to complete 480 hours of community service and pay costs and fines totaling \$1,698 plus restitution of \$120.

## Mini-grants to assist those applying for DHS benefits

The Tuscola County Health Department recently received a mini-grant from the Michigan Association of United Ways to promote household financial stability in the community.

The health department will use mini-grant funds to build their capacity to assist clients in using an online system, MI Bridges, to apply for Department of Human Services (DHS) public benefits. Officials at the United Way of Tuscola County

lauded the department for its efforts to promote family self-sufficiency in the county.

"This funding will open more doors for our community's families to connect with the financial supports they need for long-term economic security," said Jim Heiser, director of operations, United Way of Tuscola County.

More information about Michigan Benefits Access or MI Bridges is available on the MBA web site at

http://mibenefitsaccess.org.

The mission of United Way of Tuscola County is to provide a means by which the residents, businesses, and political organizations of Tuscola County may make contributions to health and welfare needs for local, county, state and national charities and community services.

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**Reporter's notebook**

**Grandparents have a really sweet deal**

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor



When it comes to grandparenting, the learning curve is smooth and easy, probably because there are very few rules.

Well, except for sweets. Sweets are always okay. My wife and I have been blessed with several grandkids — all living nearby and each as different from the other as they can be, but every one of them special in their own way. And they all enjoy visits to our home.

I suspect grandma and grandpa's house is a popular destination for several reasons, starting with the fact that grandparents are old and have interesting features; some have no hair, or only hair growing out of weird places like their ears. Some can even take their teeth out.

Many of us — myself included — do share a common joy, however. We really savor opportunities to let the kids do all the things they're not supposed to at home.

And why not? We have time and a few more dollars in our pockets compared to our child-rearing years, and we know that when all the fun is over, the little ones are going to take all of that sugar-fueled energy back home with mom and dad, just in time for bed.

I don't know about you, but I particularly enjoy ignoring my daughters' glares when I offer the kids an extra chocolate cookie just as they're climbing into the old minivan.

No bib? No problem, daughter, that's why they invented soap, water and the washing machine (not to mention sleeves). Duh!

Don't get me wrong — our grandchildren love fruit and often go for the bananas and apples first. And they're always on the lookout for a cucumber or tomato fresh out of grandpa's garden. But they aren't about to turn down a handful of Skittles on the side. Or a quarter that magically appears from behind their ear.

Grandparents are special because we have the luxury of taking the time to give each youngster some special attention, whether it's heading outside to search for bugs or cut a few flowers, or climb a tree.

I imagine when our kids were young, we looked a great deal like my daughters and their broods — always rushing around, especially when it came time to gather the youngsters along with their toys, shoes, jackets, etc., for the journey back home from wherever. Meal times were often crazy hectic, and getting everyone ready and off to school was a fascinating study in multitasking. No wonder we look old and tired these days.

And happy, because there's nothing that compares to having a little one — with bright eyes and a broad smile — running up to you and wrapping their little arms around your neck for a big hug.

Now that's sweet.

# Down Memory Lane

by Krysta Boyce

## 5 YEARS AGO (2009)

The summer music series kicked off Thursday at the Cass City Rotary Park. A few dozen people showed up on the warm evening to watch as a group from the Tri-Cities called "Muzyka!" performed. The Cass City Parks and Recreation Department, Cass City Rotary Club and Thumb National Bank are sponsoring the free concerts.

Sean Smith helps children get ready for their snack time. Smith, the intergenerational services manager at the Generations Youth Enrichment Program in Caro, said the program provides children with opportunities and experiences that they wouldn't have if they stayed at home while their parents worked. The program, part of the Human Development Commission, is offered for kids grades K-5 and provides a summer day program, along with a before/after school program during the academic year.

Madilyn Tschirhart, 7, of Cass City, recently donated several inches of her hair to Locks of Love, a non-profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children who suffer from long-term medical hair loss. "She got the idea after seeing another little girl in the paper that had done the same thing. A little over a year ago, she lost her uncle and a very close friend of her dad's to cancer. After watching both of them battle cancer and then learning of the Locks of Love organization, it took her about 3 seconds to decide," said her parents, Sonya and Scott Tschirhart.

A host of fun activities were recently included in this year's Summer Reading Program sign-up at Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City. Nicholas and Andrew Clarent hold balloons created for them by Daniel Suttus, a magician and balloon creations expert.

## 10 YEARS AGO (2004)

A bronze plaque will be added to John Misico's "Forever Soaring" sculpture, which was erected a year ago in Uby's Sleeper Park. The Uby artist and resident will be on hand for a time capsule ceremony slated for Saturday, July 17, in the park.

Curt Strickland awards \$1,000 checks to Kristi Fluegge, Mallory Powell and Kayla Carr. The three 2004 Cass City High School graduates, along with Nathan Laming and Dustin Mallory, won the Lions Club Scholarship.

Ten new Rotary Fellows were announced at the annual installation dinner held at the Cass City Knights of Columbus Hall Tuesday. To become a Rotary Fellow \$1,000 must be given to the Rotary Foundation by the recipient or sponsors of the recipient. Several Rotarians have made multiple donations of \$1,000 and for each additional \$1,000 a new pin with a blue sapphire added is issued. They were: Mary Cunningham, Bert Althaver, Geraldine Prieskorn, Kay Warner, Roger Marshall (sponsor), Craig Bellew, Pat Curtis, Gerald Prieskorn (sponsor), Kathy Ziembra and Dave Osentoski.

Mary Cunningham holds the engraved clock she received after she completed her years' service as Cass City Rotary President. Making the presentation was Val Hartel, incoming Rotary President. Another commemorative clock was presented to Lambert Althaver for his work as Rotary bulletin editor and sergeant-at-arms.

Cass City Historical Society members Katie Jackson and Jack Esau man the society's booth inside the arts and crafts building during the Freedom Festival in Cass City Saturday. The society is soliciting sponsorships to fund an historical video documentary on the town.

## 25 YEARS AGO (1989)

Cass City youth Melanie R. Joles, daughter of Rick and Pam Joles, is a finalist in the pre-teen division of the Miss Detroit Pageant. Joles, a straight-A student who will be a seventh grader next fall at Cass City Intermediate School, will compete in the talent, modeling and Miss Photogenic categories. She is being sponsored by the Sally Doerr Dance Studio, Cass City, and the Brass Shutter Studio, Caro. The 12-year-

old, who recently won first place in the Miss Sally Doerr Dance Scholarship competition, is among a host of contestants vying for some \$15,000 in prizes in 3 divisions. In addition, the top 10 finalists in each division will receive a round-trip ticket to the national competition in Florida.

Some of the participants in the first Shriners Mini-clinic at Hills and Dales General Hospital in Tuscola County, are Ken Jensen, David "Raggs" Florida, Rebecca Smutek, Richard Hall, Jamie Caister, Howard "Echo" Brown and Roy Kinne.

Scott A. Reed, son of Charles A. Reed of Cass City has been promoted in the U.S. Army to the rank of staff sergeant. Reed is a special weapons section chief at Fort Stewart, GA., with the 14th Field Artillery. His wife, Mary, is the daughter of Joseph Reagan of Newport News, VA. Reed is a 1975 graduate of Cass City High School.

## 35 YEARS AGO (1979)

Louis and Jeanette Langenburg sit on the Harley-Davidson motorcycle that took them 7,614 miles cross-country in a unique 36-day vacation. "It was something I've always wanted to do," said Langenburg. "And we finally got the chance to do it."

Navy Electronics Technician Third Class Kirk B. Kibbey, son of Cliff Kibbey and whose wife, Joy, is the daughter of Lawrence and Dorothy Holik, all of Cass City, has graduated from basic electronics technician school. The course was conducted at the Navy Service School Command, Great Lakes, Ill. Students received introductory instruction on electronic circuit concepts, radar principles, and the basics of radio transmitters and receivers. In addition, they studied the procedures for repairing amplifiers, transmitters, receivers and power supply lines.

A 1978 graduate of Marlette High School, he joined the Navy in May of that year.

The road map showing the route to Florida was only the first of many Jim Hosner will be looking ahead at. He plans to travel to Europe, then Australia and South America before returning home in about five years.

## 40 YEARS AGO (1974)

Just back from a big 5-day trip to California are these winners in Cass City IGA Foodliner's annual contest. The boys saw a ball game, visited Disneyland, Marineland and Knotts Berry Farm. The boys are Tim Tuckey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Tuckey, and Todd Vatter, son of Mrs. Mary Vatter. Tim reports that Knotts Berry Farm was the most interesting to him, while Todd was turned on by Marineland. Third prize of \$25 in the contest was won by Sharon Hendrick. There were 10 other prizes awarded.

Ms. Mary K. Markell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Naples of Germania Road, graduated from Golden Gate University, San Francisco, Calif., with a doctorate in jurisprudence. She will work with a San Francisco law firm. She received her bachelor's degree from Wayne State University, and attended the University of Detroit and obtained a teacher's certificate from Michigan State University. She is a graduate of Detroit St. Anthony High School, and also served with the Detroit Police Department.

Navy Electronics Technician Third Class James R. Forster, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger G. Forster of Schwegler Rd., has completed the Basic Electronics Course at the Polaris Electronics School, Virginia Beach, Va. He studied procedures used in the maintenance and repair of underwater electronics communications and sonar equipment.

Marine Sgt. Gary M. Gerstenberger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Gerstenberger of Snover, was promoted to his present rank while serving at the Marine Corps Air Station El Toro in Santa Ana, Calif.

## 50 YEARS AGO (1964)

Mrs. Dave Kraft, Council of Churches Bible school teacher, accepts two more toys to be added to the huge pile of clothing and toys collected during the two-week Bible school. Presenting last minute items are Lisa Champion, daughter of Mr.

and Mrs. James Champion, and Mickey Kirn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Kirn. Rev. Francisco Gaytan, Methodist minister who is one of five members of the summer staff of the Huron-Tuscola Migrant Mission, took charge of the contributions.

Heart patients stand a better chance of recovery from cardiac malfunctions with the installation of this new cardiac resuscitation equipment at Hills and Dales General Hospital. The unit, costing \$2,100, was donated to the hospital by the hospital auxiliary. Accepting the operations manual from Mrs. Willis Campbell, auxiliary president, is Richard Palm, hospital administrator. Present are: Mrs. Donald Arndt, Mrs. Neil Hurry and Mrs. Sherwood Rice Jr.

Oren Staley, NFO national president, exchanges a few brief words with Kenneth Parish, Caro, just before addressing an estimated 1,100 persons at an NFO rally. Parish was Staley's extension director in the later 1930s when Staley was just a youngster. Staley urged farmers to unite for better conditions. The program was under the direction of Ernest Cook, Cass City, national staff organizer for Tuscola and Sanilac counties.

## 100 YEARS AGO (1914)

Mac Wood and daughter, Lucreice, of LaGrande, Oregon, are guests at the homes of L. I. Wood and other friends. Mr. Wood was employed in the general store of J. C. Laing 22 years ago and he was greatly surprised in the improvements which were everywhere apparent in Cass City. Not only was he favorably impressed with the growth of the town, but the development of the country surrounding it was pleasing to Mr. Wood and a special delight were the miles upon miles of improved highways. Miss Wood has recently completed a course of study in a Boston college and she and her father met in Detroit to make the trip to visit Cass City relatives. They plan to visit New York City, Boston and Washington, D. C., and on the return trip to the west, take a boat trip to Galveston, Texas, and thence by rail by way of Los Angeles to LaGrande. Mr. Wood is a general merchant at LaGrande and will thoroughly enjoy the delightful trips outlined for his vacation after years of steady grind in mercantile lines.

Deford was the victim of a cyclonic storm Wednesday morning about 6:30 and citizens of that place lost property aggregating an amount from \$2,000 to \$3,000. The tornado's visit did not continue much longer than a second of time, but during that period hardly a building was left without some evidence of damage from the wind. Among the heaviest losses were the following: Grand Trunk freight sheds, wrecked; Deford Grain and Lumber Co.'s; warehouse blown down. Loss between \$600 and \$806; fully insured; D. Croop's store, badly damaged; A. Webster's barn, total loss; R. Kennedy's barn, total loss; Deford Bank, windows, doors and roof damaged. One of the freaks of the storm, was the way the Hotel Daugherty was moved from its foundation. The building was moved to the east about 16 inches and hung over its foundation walls in a perfectly straight line, but there was no loss of life nor any serious injuries to any of the town's inhabitants.

Twenty-one of them—one of the largest high school classes that has ever graduated in Cass City—and they all received their diplomas Wednesday evening before a large audience of admiring friends. It was a class to be proud of and Cass City has all the right in the world to stand upon its dignity and look important whenever its educational opportunities are mentioned. The invocation was delivered by Rev. G. A. Fee, pastor of the M. E. Church. Supt. Kennedy then introduced Henry R. Pattengill, who delivered the commencement address. Following the address, a special feature was introduced into the program when Mrs. A. J. Knapp, in behalf of the Woman's Study Club, presented a first year scholarship in any college which may be selected to the member of the Class of 1914 who had attained the highest average standing during the full high school course of study. The honor was conferred upon Miss Carola Fritz.

**Ask your neighbor**

by Andie Peck  
Staff Writer

**Helping others is a passion for Fisher**

Helping people has always been a passion for Forest Fisher. Whether it's in the community or among strangers, he is always looking to lend a helping hand.

Fisher has lived in Cass City for about two years, after living here while attending school in grades one through five. Now 20 years old, he is studying psychology and Christian counseling online through Liberty University.

"I felt like God was calling me to do it," Fisher said, referring to his field of study.

Fisher said he hopes to use what he is learning in school to help people through trials in their lives.

"I try to help people as much as I can," he said. "I've had a lot of experience with it, professionally and personally."

Fisher said he loves to help people by talking with them about their problems. He hopes to be a professional counselor someday.

"I talk them through it and help them through their problems and trials," he said. "The best piece of advice I have ever gotten is, 'Take what is given,' and I think this helps me every day."



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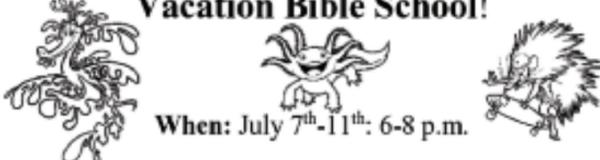
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# Rawson Library to host teenage author Allison Stein next month

Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City will be hosting Author Allison Stein Wednesday, July 9, at 6:30 p.m.

Stein, a Harbor Beach teen, has released her first poetry chapbook, "Summer Sensations", a collection of summer-inspired poetry that reflects Stein's love of summer, of nature, and all of its colorful offerings. Through her poems, Stein says it's her hope that her words will inspire recollections and reminiscences of others' summer memories when the days seemed endless and

peaceful summer nights warmed their hearts.

Stein will be giving a 20-minute presentation about the journey of her writing life, as well as reading some of her poems. Books will be available for sale for \$8, and she will be autographing copies for any-



Allison Stein

one interested.

Stein's poems appear in the American Library of Poetry's collections, "Acclaimed" (2011), "Talented" (2012), and "Discovered" (2013). She is a contributing writer and poet of the online magazine at www.amazing-kids.org and has had one of her poems featured in The Lakeshore Guardian. She is currently working on another seasonal poetry chapbook.

Stein attends Harbor Beach Community School and is the daughter of David and Janis Stein.

# Commissioners honor Bob Hirn

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has especially enjoyed working with the area's medical care community. "I just thought it was great," he said. "The staff and the residents were all really great and I learned lots of things over the years," he said.

Kate Van Auken, director of Rawson Memorial District Library, said Hirn has also been indispensable as part of the local library board.

"He has been a huge help on our board and has an awful lot of knowledge," Van Auken said. "He is always willing to jump in and help wherever needed."

Van Auken added that Hirn has been a driving force in other community projects, from restoration of the Thumb Octagon Barn to the Fun in the Thumb Playscape.

"He has been involved in everything. He's just been a driving force from the beginning."

Hirn said he has loved being a part

of the restoration of the Octagon Barn.

"We've worked on a variety of things there," Hirn added, noting he's been involved in just about every aspect of the barn restoration as well as establishing the Thumb Octagon Barn Agricultural Museum. As for the future, Hirn said he plans to continue volunteering at the barn, but not as much as he has in the past. "We'll keep moving forward," he said.

# 2 plead in heroin trafficking probe

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Office last week. Each defendant faces up to 20 years in prison and/or a fine of up to \$25,000.

Sentencing has been scheduled for Friday, Aug. 15. Palmer's bond was set at \$10,000 and Labombard's at \$7,500, both cash. They remain lodged in the Huron County Jail.

The couple's arrests came following a lengthy investigation into heroin trafficking, according to Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson.

Deputies along with Elkton Police Chief Scott Jobs confronted the defendants in the parking lot of McKinley Apartments April 9 after conducting a surveillance operation

targeting the pair. Shortly thereafter, officers found nearly five grams of heroin hidden in the gas cap of the couple's 1977 Grand Prix.

Two minor children in the company of the defendants were turned over to relatives and deputies called in Department of Human Services (DHS) officials to investigate.

The arrests led deputies to execute three search warrants in connection with the investigation.

The first warrant was served at the suspects' apartment, where officers seized scales, a white powdery substance, syringes and other drug paraphernalia. The second warrant was served at a residence on Myrtle Drive in Oliver Township, and pre-

scription pills, syringes and other drug paraphernalia were seized. The last warrant, allowing deputies to search the couple's vehicle, netted a small amount of cash and packaging material.

Thumb law enforcement agencies have been focusing on heroin trafficking because use of the illicit drug, especially among young people, has increased at an alarming rate, spreading far beyond cities into suburban areas in recent years.

Officials say heroin use is growing again because the drug is relatively cheap compared to more popular — and expensive — prescription drugs such as OxyContin and Vicodin, which are frequently abused.

# Father enters plea in death of Marlette boy

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delinquency of a minor.

The Chronicle is not naming the father in order to protect the identity of his son, who has already pleaded guilty to a charge of reckless discharge of a firearm.

Sanilac County Family Court Judge Gregory S. Ross, Circuit Court

Juvenile Division, subsequently sentenced the youth to a brief stay in a detention facility, as well as what court officials described as a period of "intense probation" that could continue until the boy turns 19.

His parents were deemed responsible for court costs and fines plus restitution — roughly \$2,000 to be paid to the victim's family for funer-

al expenses.

The victim in the shooting, Tyler Dunn, 11, was a Marlette Elementary School student.

Investigators said he died during an unsupervised sleepover in Marlette Township, where the juvenile defendant was showing Dunn a lever-action rifle, which accidentally discharged. There were no adults at home at the time.

# Motorist gets year in jail in accident that claimed 4

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death) is what used to be called negligent homicide, but they took that away in 2012.

Prior to the legislative action, negligent homicide was considered a "high misdemeanor" but was treated the same as a felony and carried a maximum penalty of two years in prison.

Investigators found no evidence of alcohol use or distracted driving on Braun's part. However, Rutkowski pointed out there was no reason the defendant shouldn't have stopped at what is an open intersection.

"We call it a crash — an accident is something you can't control, and this could be controlled," he said.

Rutkowski acknowledged family members of the victims were left frustrated by the sentence handed down to Braun.

"They understood that no matter what we do here, that's not going to bring their loved ones back, but they wanted the court to send a message," he said. "It's a very difficult case."

The accident was the first quadruple fatality in Huron County since 1992, according to Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson.

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**FATHER KREBS** died in semi-retirement Jan. 21, 1927, at the home of his niece in Detroit. His remains lie buried in the cemetery adjacent to his beloved St. Agatha Church.

## School board okays budget

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additional \$175 per student, a significant jump from the proposed \$82 to \$111 more per student being discussed last month.

The increase translates into roughly \$66,400 more than school officials had anticipated receiving in the coming year.

Expenditures are set at \$9.669 million, \$151,650 higher than in the 2013-14 fiscal year, which ends June 30. Revenues are also anticipated to climb — to about \$9.77 million. Under the proposed budget, the district's fund balance would increase to \$1.14 million, or an amount equal to a healthy 11.82 percent of the budget.

Also approved were amended 2013-14 amended and proposed 2014-15 Food Service Funds.

Cass City Schools had a good year in this category, according to Klosowski, who noted revenues this year (\$503,730) exceeded expenditures (\$479,190) by \$24,540, leaving a fund balance of nearly \$150,000. The 2014-15 spending plan calls for \$503,000 in revenues, with expenditures of \$522,000 and a year-ending fund balance of \$130,514.

Shari Bock, the district's food service director, said a portion of the additional spending in the coming year will go to pay for health insurance costs related to retaining the district's full-time cooks.

Board members revised a list of cost increases and proposed cuts/savings for the coming year.

The cost increases, totaling an estimated \$420,000, including \$126,000 in teacher salary increases approved in conjunction with the staff's current contract, \$141,520 in lost revenue due to an enrollment decline of 20 students, \$35,000 more to meet a health insurance cap increase, and \$40,000 due to a one-percent hike in the retirement rate.

The savings, in addition to the \$181,000 in per-pupil revenue from the state, include funding the district's Title I position held by Nick Moyer out of the Title I budget rather than out of the general fund, \$154,870 stemming from a restructuring of some teaching positions, \$10,000 related to one teacher buy-out agreement, and \$26,000 to replace a full-time maintenance employee with a part-time worker.

### SUPT'S OFFICE

Last month's resignations submitted by veteran Bookkeeper Linda Bennett, longtime Secretary to the Superintendent Ets TerBush and Klosowski, who has served as Cass City's part-time chief financial officer for the past three years, left school officials with an empty superintendent's office with the exception of Hartel.

He proposed Monday the hiring of one full-time secretary at a cost of \$42,598 and one business manager/CFO, whose responsibilities would include both CFO and bookkeeper responsibilities minus payroll, which would be contracted through the Tuscola Intermediate School District at an annual cost of \$22,000. He estimated the combined savings over the current staffing at \$7,156.

Hartel's proposal to fill the positions wasn't received enthusiastically by board members, including Trustee Janie Meeker, who questioned changes Hartel has made in his recommendations over the course of the past month, such as taking on more financial responsibilities and

hiring a part-time CFO.

Some board members suggested a local resident could be hired to handle the payroll, at least temporarily, but Trustee Jeff Loomis said it might be best to contract with the ISD for consistency's sake at this time.

"I think you guys are underestimating what payroll involves," said Hartel, who pointed out he was simply offering a proposal for the board's consideration. "It's a transition in the superintendent's office," he said. "Everybody's going to have their own opinion."

Meeker commented that Hartel has revised his proposal five times since mid-May, "and now it's changed again today. How can we make an informed decision when things keep changing?" she said.

"Because things change, Janie. I have been on the phone the past week and a half" exploring options and checking on how other district's are staffed, Hartel responded.

Hartel said all of the district's administrators have taken financial hits by reduced staff or increased responsibilities. However, Trustee Dan Manwell called that statement "bogus". "It doesn't look like the superintendent's office is taking a hit," he said.

Hartel noted his plan is to staff the office with two positions, down from 2 1/2 positions, "and I'm going to have inexperienced people doing very important work for the district."

The superintendent, who currently also serves as the district's transportation director, later suggested that the board not fill the bookkeeping position. "Take the \$22,000 out of there (budget) and I'll have Linda teach me how to do payroll."

In the end, the board approved a plan to hire a full-time business manager/CFO and a part-time secretary for the superintendent's office, as well as temporarily contracting with the ISD for payroll services.

### IN OTHER BUSINESS

In other business during the regular monthly meeting, the board:

\*Approved an annual motion to borrow funding to meet cash flow needs over the summer months until state aid payments resume in late fall. The proposed \$1.2 million loan — \$100,000 less than last year and \$200,000 less than the year before — will be offered to various financial groups, including local banks, to submit bids.

\*Was asked by Meeker to consider a motion next month to reduce the principals' two-year revolving contracts to one year, and the superintendent's contract from three years to two.

Meeker, who indicated she'll make the recommendation based on the district's financial status, offered the proposal after Hartel reported all three principals had been rated as being "effective" during their annual performance evaluations.

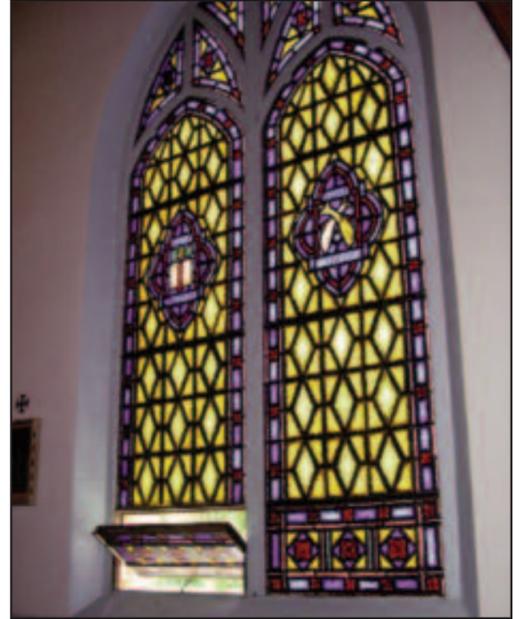
\*Approved "with regret" the resignation of longtime full-time maintenance employee Randy Schuette.

\*Heard from Meeker, who condemned Hartel's decision to send an email to board members asking to meet with them individually.

Board Secretary Sloane Stimpfel and board Vice President Alice Zaleski both disagreed, saying there is nothing wrong or illegal with meeting with Hartel under those circumstances. Loomis agreed, saying an informal discussion with Hartel better prepared him to make more informed decisions during regular meetings.



**STATE SENATOR Mike Green (right)** and **Wayne Dillon** hold a state special tribute in honor of the 135th anniversary of the St. Agatha Parish in Gagetown. Also pictured are members of the St. Agatha Historical Committee.



**THE REV. PATRICK J. Dwan**, builder of the present St. Agatha Church, was appointed pastor of Gagetown in April 1904. The actual construction began April 1, 1914, but the cornerstone wasn't laid until July 1915, and it was two more years before the church was ready for occupancy. An imposing structure of Gothic architecture, the church was designed to seat nearly 800 people.

## St. Agatha's marks 135th anniversary

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tion of a number of parishioners over the closing of St. Agatha's.

"We have no problem with the merger; we just wanted to keep our church open and to have mass," he said.

According to Dillon, the committee sought to have the church designated as an historical site by the Michigan Historical Commission. However, he said, Bishop Joseph Cistone of the Saginaw Diocese twice refused to sign off on the campaign.

The committee then turned to Gagetown Village officials, who offered their support and endorsement of a plan to have the village honored with an historical site tribute that would include St. Agatha's.

Dillon said the committee embarked on a fundraising campaign, with roughly 100 people donating \$13,000 to-date. The money has been used to produce an updated history of the church and to purchase signs honoring both the village and St. Agatha's.

The church sign, which lists the dates for St. Agatha Church (100 years — 1914-2014) and St. Agatha Parish (135 years — 1879-2014) lists all of those who donated towards its purchase, including many whose families have been associated with the church for decades.

The display reads:

*"In Gratitude, In Honor. St. Agatha Parish was founded with the appointment by Bishop Casper H. Borgess of Father Clement Krebs as the first resident priest of Gagetown. The Clergy and the community grew together throughout the years, presently coming to St. Agatha's 135th anniversary. The church has served faithfully as a place of worship and gathering for the community and has earned the distinction of being the oldest Catholic church in Tuscola County.*

*"St. Agatha's Church stands as a monument to the people whom first settled in the area, and it continues to stand in commemoration of the ancestry and history of Gagetown. St. Agatha's has fostered a love of tradition, heritage, and a desire to keep the faith strong in the community. There remains a sense of home and family tradition connected to Gagetown and its historic sites."*

### RESTRUCTURING

The restructuring of parishes in the Saginaw Diocese, effective July 1, includes the merging of four area churches into the new Our Lady Consolata Parish, consisting of the churches of St. Pancratius in Cass City, Holy Family in Sebewaing, St.

Agatha, and St. Michael in Wilmot.

The merging was directed by Bishop Cistone as part of his "Planning Tomorrow's Parishes" plan, designed to restructure parish communities due to what church officials say is a decrease in church attendance, fewer priests and shifting demographics.

Under the restructuring, St. Pancratius will remain a parish church, meaning regularly scheduled masses and sacraments will take place there for all members of the parish community.

Holy Family in Sebewaing will become an "additional use" church, which means regularly scheduled masses and celebrations will continue to take place there.

St. Agatha and St. Michael, meanwhile, will become "occasional use" churches. Masses will no longer be celebrated in those churches, but permission may be granted from the diocese to use the buildings for weddings, funerals and other formal events and ceremonies.

### CHURCH HISTORY

According to recently updated history entitled, "Saint Agatha Catholic Church, 1979-2014, Our Cathedral in the Cornfield", revised by Anne Lenhard, Father Krebs was appointed as the first resident priest of Tuscola County June 21, 1879.

His appointment, which came just two weeks after his ordination, "gave him charge of 'the Mission of Gagetown, Tuscola County, embracing the townships of Sebewaing, Brookfield, Grant and Sheridan in Huron County, and all the Catholics of Tuscola County'" the historical account states. "Thus Father Krebs, like Father Roche of Port Austin, was often called the 'Apostle of the Thumb'."

The demand for a resident priest was long in coming, as the late 1860s and early 1870s saw a large influx of many Canadian families of Irish, French, German and Scottish ancestry arriving in the Thumb, many attracted to a growing lumber industry and the low cost of land holdings.

On Jan. 6, 1880, Bishop Casper H. Borgess paid \$200 to Joseph and Helen Gage for several lots in Gagetown, where the county's first Catholic church — a frame building 30 feet by 30 feet with seating for about 300 people — was constructed.

"There were about 40 Catholic families in the immediate neighborhood

of Gagetown when he (Father Krebs) began his pastorate here, but the territory of which he had charge comprised many more families," the history book states.

"It took a man of Father Krebs' physical strength and spiritual courage to face the task of ministering to the people of so large and difficult a territory. He also undertook the responsibility of serving as the first village president of Gagetown."

Bishop Borgess dedicated the church in honor of St. Agatha in October 1881, and a parsonage was erected at about the same time. In 1886, under the guidance and support of Father Krebs, the first St. Agatha School was built, marking the beginning of an 82-year existence in Gagetown.

The original church building was expanded in 1893, and seven years later Father Krebs was given permission to take an extended vacation. An appointment to Utica Junction Mission and the chaplaincy of SS. Peter and Paul Cathedra Convent in Detroit rounded out his long career in the priesthood.

The Rev. Father Michael J. Crowley succeeded Father Krebs in July 1900. The mission of Cass City grew under his leadership, with the establishment of the Church of St. Pancratius.

Four years later, the Rev. Patrick J. Dwan, builder of the present St. Agatha Church, was appointed to serve the Gagetown church. Born in Tipperary Ireland, he came to this country at the age of 15. He was ordained after studying at Notre Dame University and St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore.

During his 16-year tenure, it fell to him to complete construction of St. Pancratius in Cass City as well as build a new church for the rapidly growing parish of Gagetown. The actual construction began in 1914 and was interrupted several times due to a lack of funds and materials stemming from World War I.

It was estimated the building could cost \$30,000, but the final figure was closer to \$45,000, and the stained glass windows and the south tower remained incomplete. It wasn't until July 1915 that the cornerstone was laid by Bishop Edward D. Kelly, D.D., the auxiliary bishop of Detroit. It would take two more years before the church was ready for occupancy.

Over the years, St. Agatha was served by nearly three dozen leaders — pastors, pastoral administrators and sacramental ministers.

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**MAKING A DIFFERENCE.** Staff members at Hills and Dales General Hospital recently donated their services to athletes at Cass City Schools. They are, from the left, Sheila Homrich, LPN, Bobbie Bringold, MA, Alyssa Plazinich, MA, Tammi Ford Smith, Office Assistant and Kat Moran, Office Assistant. Accepting a cash donation of \$520.00 is Cass City Athletic Director Don Markel from Angela Zaucha, NP.

## Local hospital partners with Cass City Schools

Hills & Dales General Hospital has continued to partner with Cass City Public Schools. This time they have donated back all monies collected from sports physicals performed recently through the Cass City Family Practice.

Dr. Donald Robbins, Jr. DO, Angela Zaucha, FNP-BC, and the office staff welcomed 52 Cass City students to perform annual sports physicals. Each physical was \$10.00 apiece. Hills & Dales General Hospital

wanted to donate the money collected back to the school as a way to support their financial needs.

When asked, Dr. Donald Robbins, Jr. stated, "We are invested in our community and the education of the students. Making a donation is just one small way we can ensure they continue to learn and grow."

Hills & Dales General Hospital and the Cass City Public Schools have found many ways to partner together

in recent years. Jean Anthony, President & CEO says, "We know that the children are our future. If we can partner with the school to provide services that benefit the kids, we are happy to do so."

This is the fourth year Hills & Dales General Hospital has performed the physicals and made a donation back to the school. The staff looks forward to assisting with this service again next year.

## Post season awards plenty for Kingston ball players

Post season awards were many for North Central Thumb League baseball champion Kingston. The Cardinals recorded their first ever league title and 5th district crown in 2014 with an impressive overall record of 20-3, 13-1 in the NCTL Stars Division.

Coach Carl Nicol's squad landed 7 players on the NCTL all-conference listings highlighted by senior pitcher Joe Barrons, a unanimous first team pick.

Also selected to the NCTL all-conference first team was Cardinal seniors Peter Hill and

Connor Smith. Hill was placed with the NCTL all star outfielders, Smith with the all star infielders.

Joining the Kingston trio as first team choices were North Huron's Kyle Case, Brandon Moore and Justin Hatch.

Both Case and Moore are unanimous vote getters. Rounding out the first team picks are Cole Simmons, Caseville, Hunter Morrison, Mayville, Curt Fritch, Deckerville and Dan Rickett, Carsonville Port-Sanilac.

Named to the NCTL all-conference second team was Kingston Colton Bundschuh and Jacob Zyrowski. Bundschuh, senior, handled the catching duties for the champions and Zyrowski, senior, was a tested glove in the infield. They were joined on the all-conference second team by North Huron's Nick Goretzki, Peter Pineau and Justin Baranski, Caseville's Cameron Ashmore, Mayville's Andrew Morrison, Peck's Kyle Abrego, Deckerville's Ryan Stone and Carsonville-Port Sanilac's Wyatt Hooper.

Receiving NCTL honorable mention praises were Kingston's junior outfielders Travis Tucker and Jared Koehler, Mike Strozkeski, North Huron, Zack Gerstenberger and Mason Kozfkay, Caseville, Cole Coutercher, Michael Shaver, Matt Lopez and Larry Pierson, Mayville, Tristen Haener, Peck, Taylor Balhoff, Bryan Mason, Austin Fraley and Austin Fritch, Deckerville, Sam Washe, Carsonville-Port Sanilac, and Connor Kowaleski and Robert Schulte, Port Hope.

### NCTL SOFTBALL

Turning to the NCTL softball stars, Gabrielle Lester was the lone Kingston dream team selection. She was accompanied by Sarah Albrecht, Carsonville-Port Sanilac, Sierra Johnson and Crystal Dhoughe, Peck, Maggie Fischer, North Huron, Madison Frenz and Jordan Dunham, Mayville, Otyllia Abraham, Port Hope, and Sara Inbody and Sarah Barker, Deckerville.

The NCTL all-conference second team included Kingston's Taylor Chorba and Sarah Savage, Deckerville's Jenna Genoff, Lindsey Griika and Tanessa Talaski, Peck's Cheyenne Johnson, Sami Murray and Megan Pitts, Mayville's Riley Shafor and Hunter Wilson, Caseville's Courtney Pattengill, North Huron's Lexi Duda and Carsonville-Port Sanilac's Tasha Kandell and Kyanna Washe.

The NCTL softball honorable mention players are Elissa Chambers, Kingston, Laykin Stone, Deckerville, McKinley Cain, Miranda Zaremba and Courtney Perkins, Mayville, Carly Simmons, Becca Simpson, Rachel Simpson and Heidi Ewald, Caseville, Nicole Alexander, Allyson Majeski, Christina Preston and Brianna Fischer, North Huron, and Monica Falls, Christa Coburn and Amber DiRusso, Carsonville-Port Sanilac.

## 2014 GTC North Girls All-Conference Soccer

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| Lakeisha Ridner   | Bad Axe      | Sophomore |
| Sarah Butch       | Bad Axe      | Junior    |
| Clare McManaman   | Bad Axe      | Junior    |
| Krista Roggenbuck | Harbor Beach | Senior    |
| Haleemah Aqel     | Harbor Beach | Senior    |
| Morgan Thomas     | USA          | Junior    |
| Madi Herman       | USA          | Sophomore |
| Jenny Martinez    | USA          | Senior    |
| Ashlyn Albrecht   | Lakers       | Senior    |
| Mariah Cook       | Lakers       | Sophomore |

### SECOND TEAM

|                          |              |           |
|--------------------------|--------------|-----------|
| Dana Kramer              | Harbor Beach | Senior    |
| Lauren Maurer            | Harbor Beach | Junior    |
| Mikaela Pfaff            | Harbor Beach | Junior    |
| Emily Pawlowski          | Harbor Beach | Junior    |
| Isabel Humphrey-Phillips | Bad Axe      | Junior    |
| Kayla Essenmacher        | Bad Axe      | Sophomore |
| Paulina Knoblock         | Bad Axe      | Senior    |
| Breanna Richmond         | Lakers       | Senior    |
| Karah Marker             | Lakers       | Sophomore |
| Raychel Prime            | USA          | Sophomore |
| Erin Zdrojewski          | Cass City    | Junior    |
| Elizabeth Milligan       | Cass City    | Senior    |

### Honorable Mention

|                     |              |           |
|---------------------|--------------|-----------|
| Mackenzie Trischler | USA          | Freshman  |
| Erika Fritz         | USA          | Senior    |
| Kaylie Bohn         | USA          | Senior    |
| Clare Kruse         | USA          | Sophomore |
| Haley Ewald         | USA          | Senior    |
| Madison Kohler      | Bad Axe      | Senior    |
| Sydney Flynn        | Bad Axe      | Sophomore |
| Amy Leitch          | Lakers       | Senior    |
| Sadie Muntz         | Lakers       | Sophomore |
| Nicole Booms        | Harbor Beach | Sophomore |
| Danielle Booms      | Harbor Beach | Senior    |
| Caitlyn Siemen      | Harbor Beach | Freshman  |
| Alexis Booms        | Harbor Beach | Freshman  |
| Alayna Bloomfield   | Harbor Beach | Senior    |
| Laura Cowdry        | Cass City    | Junior    |
| Kennedy Brown       | Cass City    | Junior    |

## 2014 GTC South Girls All-Conference Soccer

### FIRST TEAM

|                   |          |          |
|-------------------|----------|----------|
| Lindsay Williams  | Memphis  | Senior   |
| MacKenzie Kelly   | Marlette | Junior   |
| Destiny Bruderick | Marlette | Senior   |
| Allissa Bradeen   | Marlette | Freshman |
| Julia Hohman      | Marlette | Freshman |
| Kate Brown        | Sandusky | Freshman |
| Erica Iannucci    | Memphis  | Junior   |
| Emily Payne       | Memphis  | Senior   |
| Lauren Weidner    | Memphis  | Junior   |
| Lindsey Meyers    | Memphis  | Junior   |
| Jenna Lesch       | Memphis  | Freshman |

### SECOND TEAM

|                 |            |           |
|-----------------|------------|-----------|
| Clara Hughes    | Brown City | Junior    |
| Rachel Brower   | Brown City | Junior    |
| Katelynn Martus | Brown City | Senior    |
| Sydney Moots    | Brown City | Freshman  |
| Praew Pinnopp   | Brown City | Senior    |
| Taylor Harneck  | Marlette   | Freshman  |
| Olivia Gierman  | Marlette   | Freshman  |
| Ashley Lucik    | Marlette   | Senior    |
| Amanda Molina   | Memphis    | Senior    |
| Mariah Price    | Sandusky   | Senior    |
| Brittany Mata   | Sandusky   | Sophomore |

### Honorable Mention

|                   |            |           |
|-------------------|------------|-----------|
| Stevie Johnson    | Marlette   | Senior    |
| Scottlynn Breezee | Marlette   | Freshman  |
| Caitlyn Quade     | Marlette   | Freshman  |
| Victoria Howe     | Marlette   | Junior    |
| Shelby Huber      | Memphis    | Senior    |
| Alyssa Chambers   | Memphis    | Junior    |
| Sami Klann        | Memphis    | Senior    |
| Faustine Sutton   | Memphis    | Sophomore |
| Alyssa Heilig     | Memphis    | Senior    |
| Shaylee Lisiewski | Brown City | Junior    |
| Lauren Miron      | Brown City | Sophomore |
| Allyssa Halbert   | Brown City | Sophomore |
| Isabella Smith    | Sandusky   | Sophomore |
| Kaelynn Demmon    | Sandusky   | Freshman  |
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THE 14U Cass City champs are (back, l-r) Savannah Walker, Megan Graham, Konnar Warren, Jalene Krol, Taryn Thornton, Baylee Murphy (middle) Emilee Bruno, Brittany Hamilton, Riley Klein, Sadie Souva, Lauren Dickenson and (front) DeeDee Haley.

**DNR airs new web application**

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) recently announced that a new web application designed to educate anglers and fisheries professionals is available for public use.

The application, which offers information on local and regional trends in abundance, growth and survival of important fish populations in selected streams across Michigan, was developed by the DNR's Fisheries Division and incorporates data collected from a network of fish population survey sites, with data for some sites going back to 1947.

"The new Stream Fish Population Trend Viewer features more than 40 streams that represent a range of conditions in terms of stream size, temperature and Great Lakes access," said Troy Zorn, DNR fisheries research biologist.

"The focus is on streams with long-term data and naturally reproducing populations of trout, Great Lakes salmonoids or smallmouth bass to provide users with information on self-sustaining fish populations around the state," Zorn added.

Since trends in stream fish populations are largely influenced by regional climate and flow conditions, repeatedly going back to the same locations annually provides a clear understanding of trends in a stream.

Users will be able to see what the population trends are in different areas of the state by comparing trends for key sites in each region. For fishery managers, understanding regional trends is critical to determine the best course of management on these streams, as well as interpreting survey data on streams that are surveyed less frequently.

Understanding these trends is equally important to anglers, watershed or conservation groups, and the public.

Anglers, fisheries professionals and the public will be able to look up a river and see what the most recent trends are in terms of abundance, growth and annual survival of selected fish species. Information can be

viewed in map, graph or table formats.

Roughly half of the sites are sampled each year, and the new data will be added annually to the trend viewer app prior to spring.

The app was developed in collaboration with the Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget and Michigan State University and funded by the Great Lakes Fishery Trust.

The Stream Fish Population Trend Viewer app can be found at: <http://www.mcgi.state.mi.us/fish-pop/>.

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High Points:(19) Ouvry  
Most Bogeys:(5) Nika, Cotton  
Most Pars:(6) Ouvry  
Most Birdies:(2) Langenburg  
Most Eagles (1) Lowe

**Division 2**

- Dave Block 90
- Harold MacAlpine 88
- Daryl Iwankovitsch 72
- Larry Robinson 68
- Paul Regnerus 63
- Jim Smithson 59
- Tom Thompson 52
- David House 50
- Jon Zdrojewski 49
- Dan Caister 47

**Event Statistics**

Low Gross:(43) Iwankovitsch  
Low Net:(34) MacAlpine  
High Points:(16) Smithson  
Most Bogeys:(5) House, MacAlpine  
Most Pars:(3) Caister, Iwankovitsch, Smithson

**Division 2 - Late**

- Langenburg/Langenburg 103
- Hacker/Nika 99
- Hartel/Brown 92
- Loomis/Loomis 86
- Cotton/Israelson 85
- Lowman/Tamlyn 83
- Krol/LeValley 83
- Bitzer/Curtis 81
- Osentoski/Wallace 77
- Weaver/Hartzell 76
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- Ulfig/Ulfig 74
- Richards/Bitzer 69
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- Doerr/Haire 68
- Wallace/Wallace 67
- Hillaker/Murphy 66
- deBeaubien/Brinkman 59
- Prieskorn/Repshinska 49
- Ahleman/Halasz 37

**Medalists**

- Individual: Richards/Nika 38
- Team: Lowman/Tamlyn 81

**Wednesday Night 2-Man Golf League as of June 18**

**Division 1 - Early**

- Jones/Orban 99
- Mastie/Robinson 93
- Hobbs/Meck 93
- Craig/Knight 85
- Wallace/Warner 83
- Berwick/Young 83
- Burns/Caister 77
- Smith/Iwankovitsch 71
- Biefer/Hoard 69
- Davis/Tate 69
- Hendrick/Veggian 68
- Jones/Marshall 64
- MacAlpine/Mosher 59
- Dillon/Irrer 56
- Alexander/Spencer 52
- Fox/Herron 45

**Medalists**

- Individual: Warner, Burns, Hobbs, Iwankovitsch 42
- Team: Hobbs/Meck 86
- Jones/Orban

**Thursday Night 2-Man Golf League as of June 19**

**Division 1 - Early**

- Guinther/Peters 101
- Dorsch/Parrish 88
- Kohl/Zimmerman 83
- Gaeth/Roemer 78
- Steely/Davis 78
- Hahn/Lamke 70
- Roemer/Sy 68
- Chippi/Herron 67
- Balzer/Houthoofd 58
- Hoagg/Sy 57

**Medalists**

- Individual: Peters 42
- Team: Gaeth/Smith ---

**Monday Night Golf League as of June 16**

**Division 1**

- Tony Nika 86
- Ray Fox 85
- Virgil Peters 81
- Mile Lowe 74
- David Allen 71
- Don Ouvry 69
- Ryan Lowman 57
- Brad Langenburg 52
- Ken Cotton 46
- Ray Begin 39

**Event Statistics**

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|                |                       |
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|                    |                         |
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**Obituaries**

**Patricia Easton**

Patricia Ann Easton, 75, of Cass City, passed away Thurs., June 19, 2014 at Spectrum Healthcare, Butterworth, Grand Rapids. Pat was born May 10, 1939 in Gagetown, the daughter of the late Kenneth and Fern (Peters) Profit. She married Richard Easton in Cass City on Nov.

10, 1962.

She was self-employed, owning Pat's Beauty Salon in Cass City. She graduated in 1957 from Cass City High School, and in 1959 graduated as a Cosmetologist. She opened her salon in Cass City in 1964, then at her residence, retiring in 2004. She was a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City, serving the church on the Prayer Chain and held several offices in the church, and she enjoyed doing ceramics, canning, gardening, knitting, traveling and camping and cherished her many, many friends.

Pat is survived by her loving husband of 61 years, Richard, a brother, Jim (Jodie) Profit of Escanaba and a sister, Judy (Bill) Threloff of Trenton and many loving nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held June 23 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Burial will be in Novesta Township Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Please share condolences at [www.thabetfuneralhome.com](http://www.thabetfuneralhome.com)

Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home of Cass City.

**Walter King**

Walter King, 80, formerly of Marlette, passed away June 15,



2014.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Elsie King; siblings, Ivan King, Willard King, Annabel Chamberlin and his daughter Kathleen Sutton.

Walter is survived by his sister, Jean (Ken) Klinkman of Deford; his children, George (Kris) King of North Carolina, Linda Duggan of Port Huron, Melissa (William) Kuhl of Marlette and several nieces, nephews and grandchildren.

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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 county 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 holding 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 page 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 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 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.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, Michigan, at 10:00 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 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,  
705 S. Main St., Ste 270 Plymouth, MI  
48170  
(734) 335-6032

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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 Caprice L. Taylor, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for America's wholesale Lender its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 24, 2006, and recorded on September 6, 2006 in Liber 1094 on Page 102, and assigned by mesne assignments to Nationstar Mortgage LLC as assignee as documented by an assignment, and modified by Affidavit or Order recorded on February 28, 2014 in Liber 1302 on Page 222, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-One Thousand One and 82/100 Dollars (\$81,001.82).

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 July 17, 2014.

Said premises are situated in City of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot(s) 15, Block 3, Montague and Wilmot's Addition to the Village of Caro, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1, Page 18A, Tuscola County Records.

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

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 18, 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 #308403F02

6-18-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Bryan E. Eldridge and Jill A. Eldridge, husband and wife tenants by entirety, to Household Finance Corporation III, Mortgagee, dated April 24, 2007 and recorded April 30, 2007 in Liber 1118, Page 59, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF8 Master Participation Trust by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Four Thousand One Hundred Seventy and 9/100 Dollars (\$134,170.09) including interest at 7.765% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on JULY 17, 2014. Said premises are located in the Township of Koylton, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 8 Town 11 North Range 11 East described as beginning at a point on the North line of said Section 8 which is West 323.65 feet from the Northeast corner of said Section thence continuing along said North line West 273.48 feet to the Easterly right of way of the Grand Trunk Railroad thence along said right of way line South 19 degrees 31 minutes 10 seconds West 361.00 feet to a Traverse line along a stream thence along said Traverse line East 394.10 feet thence continuing along said South line of Traverse line North 340.25 feet to said North line of Section 8 and the place of beginning said parcel also includes the land between said Traverse line and the centerline of said stream as recorded in Tuscola County Records.

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

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

period.

Dated: June 18, 2014  
Orlans Associates, P.C.,  
Attorneys For Servicer  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007  
File No. 14-008456

6-18-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by MICHAEL O. DECKER SR. and DONNA DECKER, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to Equinox Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated June 24, 2005, and recorded on July 7, 2005, in Liber 1044, on Page 1020, and assigned by said mortgagee to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy Thousand Forty-One Dollars and Seventy Cents (\$70,041.70), including interest at 5.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on July 24, 2014 Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as: Part of the North half of the Southeast quarter of Section 15, Town 13 North, Range 7 East described as: Beginning at a point on the East line of said Section, which is South 806.4 feet from the East quarter corner of Section 15; thence South 210.0 feet along the East line of said section; thence South 89 degrees 36 minutes 10 seconds West 180.0 feet; thence North 210.0 feet parallel with said East line; thence North 89 degrees 36 minutes 10 seconds East, 180.0 feet to the said East line of Section and the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 1 month from the date of such sale, or as to MCL 600.3241a only, 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 600 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

JPMorgan Chase Bank,  
National Association Mortgagee/Assignee  
Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.  
23938 Research Drive, Suite 300  
Farmington Hills, MI 48335  
JPMC.002374 USDA

6-25-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: John M. Novak, A Single Person to Standard Federal Bank, Mortgagee, dated January 25, 1999 and recorded February 11, 1999 in Liber 762 Page 1185 Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to: CitiMortgage, Inc, by assignment dated June 27, 2012 and recorded July 2, 2012 in Liber 1253, Page 1266, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars and Eighty-Eight Cents (\$56,535.88) including interest 4% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00AM on July 24, 2014.

Said premises are situated in Village of Mayville, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 1: Lot 11 and that part of Lot 12 lying East of the P.M. Railroad, all in Block 4 of William Turner's Second Addition to the Village of Mayville, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 29, now being Page 30A. Parcel 2: Lot 9, Block 4 of William Turner's Second Addition to the Village of Mayville, excepting 1 rod off the North side thereof, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 29, now being Page 30A. Commonly known as 6044 Third Street, Mayville MI 48744 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(17) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: 6/25/2014  
CitiMortgage, Inc.  
Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys:  
Potestivo & Associates, P.C.  
811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307  
(248) 844-5123  
Our File No: 14-04527

6-25-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Angela Christine Pringle, an unmarried woman to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Fremont Investment & Loan, its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated December 31, 2004 and recorded February 4, 2005 in Liber 1026 Page 684 Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to: Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Trustee for Securitized Asset Backed Receivables LLC Trust 2005-FR2 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-FR2, by assignment dated June 6, 2014 and recorded June 12, 2014 in Liber 1309 Page 336 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eighteen Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Dollars and Forty-One Cents (\$118,520.41) including interest 6.99% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00AM on July 24, 2014 Said premises are situated in Township of Indianfields, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Land commencing at a point in the center of the Caro-Hurd's Corner Roads (now known as East Dayton Road), which is North 69 degrees West, 503 feet from the intersection of the center of said road and the East line of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Section 1, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, thence North 21 degrees East, 173 feet; thence North 69 degrees West, 150 feet; thence South 21 degrees West, 173 feet the center of said road; thence South 69 degrees East, along center of said road, 150 feet to the place of beginning. Commonly known as 1585 E Dayton Rd, Caro MI 48723 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(17) applies.

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

Dated: 6/25/2014  
Wells Fargo Bank, National Association,  
as Trustee for Securitized Asset Backed  
Receivables LLC Trust 2005-FR2  
Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates,  
Series 2005-FR2,  
Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys:  
Potestivo & Associates, P.C.  
811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills,  
MI 48307  
(248) 844-5123  
Our File No: 13-86784

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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 Eric J Sheffer a/k/a Eric James Sheffer and Mary E Tack-Sheffer a/k/a Mary Elizabeth Tack-Sheffer, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Amerifirst Financial Corporation, Mortgagee, dated February 28, 2002, and recorded on March 4, 2002 in Liber 868 on Page 336, and assigned by mesne assignments to CitiMortgage, Inc. 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 Thirty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Seventeen and 07/100 Dollars (\$38,717.07).

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 July 24, 2014. Said premises are situated in Township of Novesta, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of Fractional Section 19, Town 13 North, Range 11 East, Novesta Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes East, 951.69 feet along the North line of said fractional Section 19 to the point of beginning; running thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes East, 333.08 feet along the North line of said fractional Section 19; thence South 00 degrees 45 minutes 51 seconds East, 1308.36 feet along the West 1/8 line of said fractional Section 19; thence North 89 degrees 51 minutes 06 seconds West, 333.09 feet along the North 1/8 line of said fractional Section 19; thence North 00 degrees 45 minutes 51 seconds West, 1307.50 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 25, 2014  
For more information, please call: FC C (248) 593-1301  
Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer  
31440 Northwestern Hwy Ste 200  
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-5422  
File #441342F01

6-25-4

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

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

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

Commonly known as: 1723 Van Geisen Rd. Caro, MI 48723  
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the period of redemption shall be six (6) months from the date of sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240.

Dated: May 21, 2014

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

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GARAGE SALE - June 25-28, 8:30-6 p.m., rain or shine. 1 mile east of M-53 on Cass City Rd. then 1 mile north on Hoadley Rd. Candles, pictures, glassware, dishes, tins, movies, neckties, men's bike, (baby bouncer, bath tub, diaper bag & etc.) booster & carseat, toys, lots of McDonald's toys, kids' shoes and boots, kids' books. Clothes girls' to size 14, boys' to size 18, jr., miss, ladies', men's, kids' coats and snowpants, adult coats, yard light, chainsaw, antiques, lots of items too much to mention. 14-6-25-1

MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE - 4856 Crestwood Circle. Thursday - 9 to 5, Friday - 9-2. Infant and toddler clothing, boys', men's & women's clothing, household items, toddler bed, jogging stroller, Little Tyke toys, much more. 14-6-25-1

### Household Sales

HUGE HOUSEHOLD sale - 6986 Atwater Rd, Ruth. June 23-24-25 - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and June 26 - 10 a.m. to noon. No early sales. Clean variety of items - antiques, tools, dishes, furniture, appliances, trunks, linens. All proceeds to Camden's Pediatric Lab. 14-6-25-1

HUGE GARAGE SALE - June 26 & 27, 9-5 p.m., Corner of Dale and Hospital St. 6201 Dale St. Precious Moments (many retired), princess children's bed, firearms, weed whacker, TV stands, air purifier, dishes, jewelry, men's & women's clothing, Disney VHS, oak table and chairs, English Setter puppy and much more. 14-6-25-1

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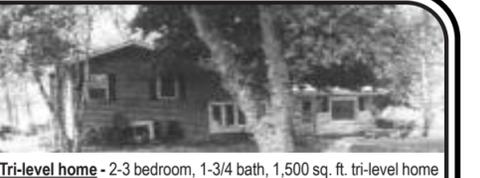


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**STOECKLE** puts in long, demanding hours these days at the Darling 888 Ranch in Kentucky, but she's enjoying the challenge. The Cass City grad hopes to return to Michigan eventually and work as a trainer with a facility of her own.

## Rawson Library earns QSAC certification

The Library of Michigan recently awarded Rawson Memorial District Library, Cass City, with a certificate of completion for meeting the Enhanced Level Standards of the Quality Services Audit Checklist (QSAC).

To earn certification, libraries must demonstrate their competence in seven categories of achievement, including human resources, governance/administration, services, collection development, technology, facilities and equipment, and public relations/marketing.

"The Rawson Memorial Library Board is very proud that the library administration and staff provide services deemed 'enhanced' by the

Library of Michigan," said Rawson Memorial District Library Board Chairman Lyle Clarke. "Excellence in customer service is one of our library's main goals and by focusing efforts on these key areas, our library has shown a strong commitment to our district."

Rawson Library achieved QSAC Essential Level Standards in May 2010 and again in May 2014. QSAC administrators describe Essential Level Standards as "those which should be achieved first because of their fundamental importance - the basics of all library service."

Enhanced Level Standards are more difficult to achieve than Essential Level Standards and start where

essential quality measures leave off. These standards are a commitment by the library to quality management and services beyond the basics.

To achieve QSAC certification at the Enhanced Level, a library must meet the requirements for state aid to public libraries and the quality measures at the Essential and Enhanced levels.

"QSAC represents the work of library directors, trustees and staff members who together created measures of quality for our state's public libraries," said State Librarian Randy Riley. "The staff of Rawson Memorial Library is to be commended for achieving a vital milestone in library service."

# Stoeckle follows her dream of training horses to Kentucky

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Ashleigh Stoeckle never let skeptics get in the way of her dream of turning a lifelong love of riding and showing horses into a successful career.

And she has the credentials to prove it. Stoeckle, a 2010 Cass City High School graduate and the daughter of Mark and Carol Stoeckle of Cass City, recently graduated from the University of Findley, Findley, Ohio, where she earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in western equestrian studies, with a riding/training emphasis, and in equine business management.

The granddaughter of RoseMae Krohn of Elkton and Helen Stoeckle of Pigeon, she was a member of the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA), stock horse team and the reining judging team while in college.

She's already working in her field, having accepted a position at the Darling 888 Ranch in Princeton, Ky., as an assistant trainer.

The journey from high school to career has been a challenging one, according to Stoeckle.

"I had to complete all the regular college courses — math, science, etc., like any other student getting a Bachelor of Science Degree," she explained. "Also I had the business classes to complete my equine business management degree. That meant I had to get in all the regular classes while spending a minimum of 5 hours a day at the barn."

"The Western Farm at the University of Findlay is about eight miles from campus, so that means driving out there every day, no matter what the weather," she said.

"Freshman year consists of learning all your basic horsemanship correctly. You are assigned to one horse and rotate every two weeks. You have stalls assigned to clean and feed the horses. You are graded on your stalls and you have weekly riding tests," Stoeckle noted. "The university owns more than enough horses for all the students, but some bring their own horse to work with."

Stoeckle said colt breaking was the emphasis during her sophomore year of studies at the university.

"You are assigned to a horse that has never been trained and you have to train it to ride," she added. "There is a show at the end of each semester that you and your horse participate in. That is part of your grade. Sometimes the horses are quite challenging and it is a lot of work to make them a safe, willing mount. I was fortunate to have a really great first horse to break that I ended up owning. He was with me through the rest of the college career."

During the junior and senior years, students are assigned more horses and learn more about reining, cutting and western pleasure, according to Stoeckle.

"That is when the fun begins," she said. "This past year I always had at least four horses to ride and train. You spend a lot of time at the barn — besides the four hours of actual class time, you have many early mornings and late evenings to try and get (in) extra riding. While at the barn the instructors are out in the arena giving demos and helping make sure you stay on track with your horses."

"Senior year also includes the Western Pleasure Futurity," she continued. "In the late fall all the seniors pick a yearling that the farm owns and they start training it in January. At the end of the semester there is a big show where all the two-year-olds compete in a riding class. The winner gets a big trophy. We were a very competitive group with many very nice, well bred horses. After the futurity there is a horse sale where your horse is sold. It is a great experience to work with really nice horses and getting them ready to show and to sell them to a good home."

Stoeckle said her interest in "reining" really blossomed while she was at Findlay.

"Reining is a western riding competition where the rider guides the horse through a precise pattern of circles, spins and stops. It is exhilarating — the fast circles, the high speed spins and the sliding stops," she explained.

"The staff at Findlay consists of many top notch, experienced horsemen and women, successful in the real world, that teach you the ins and outs of training, riding, and managing," Stoeckle noted. "While at Findlay, I became more determined to become a professional horse trainer. Although I thought I always wanted to be a trainer, my experiences at Findlay showed me that I could be a trainer and gave me a great starting point to find a job within the industry."

It's a career Stoeckle has been preparing for since she was a youngster. "I have always had horses," she said. "I started training our miniature horses when I was just a little girl. My sister and I showed our horses in 4-H, (and) I competed in high school with the equestrian team."

"My riding instructors, Jan Stoeckle, Trudy Gage and trainer Kirk Langley taught me so much of the basics of riding and showing. Trudy Gage was always there telling me there was a bigger world out there and that I was good enough to compete in it. I started competing in American Buckskin Horse association horse shows throughout high school and earned a World Championship in Youth Hunter under Saddle," Stoeckle added.

"I think that Cass City schools gave me a good starting point for my college career, though one teacher once told me that I had to start writing and drawing something other than horses, since I would never be able to go to college and study horses," she recalled.

"Many people don't know about the University of Findlay and its equestrian program. Sometimes I do get funny looks when I say I have a degree in horses, but my family and friends have been extremely supportive and always pushing me to be the best I can be in whatever field I choose."

Stoeckle was familiar with the Darling 888 Ranch before she was offered a job.

"I had interned (there) last summer. It is a beautiful place, with some of the best reining horses in the world. They train, and have stallions and broodmares there, over 150 horses," she said.

"I have from eight to 10 horses that I ride every day, along with helping out the interns. I also often go along when they go to shows. It is a long day, starting at 5 a.m. The weather has been really hot and humid, which makes the days even longer. The work is demanding but when I am out riding and things are going well, there is nothing else like it," Stoeckle said.

"Darling is a good place for me right now. The trainers are very skilled and I am learning so much," she added.

"The worst part is being so far from home. I miss my family, especially my nephews and niece, but most of all my horse," she said. "My goals are to eventually become a trainer with a facility of my own and be able to move back to Michigan."

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