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Tuscola man charged with taking \$800,000 from Thumb plant

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Huron County Sheriff's deputies arrested a Tuscola County man last week for allegedly embezzling hundreds of thousands of dollars from the Blue Diamond Steel plant in Huron County's Windsor Township.



Chad Letson

Kelly J. Hanson, whose officers took Letson into custody Tuesday.

"Our office, with the assistance of the Pigeon Village police, responded to the Blue Diamond Steel Plant on Sturm Road to investigate the disappearance of hundreds of thousands of dollars of computer hardware," Hanson said. "Management was

alerted from within earlier that (Tuesday) morning that something wasn't right. Upon looking into it, it was suspected" the missing property had been embezzled.

Within hours, Hanson said, officers had Letson in custody and lodged in the Huron County Jail on a felony charge of embezzlement involving property valued at more than \$100,000. Bond in the case was set at \$50,000 cash.

"The circumstances which led to the arrest (were) that the (suspect) has been an employee of the company since the late 1990s and had been in a supervisory role since 2011," Hanson explained. "Apparently, sometime after his supervisory promotion, he began ordering expensive computer hardware, which was claimed to be for existing plant manufacturing machines. He would then sell the hardware through the Internet at a discounted price.

"Because supervisors are allowed to purchase items without further management approval, as long as it's below a certain dollar limit, these

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Crash claimed three lives in Sanilac Co.

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A traffic crash in Sanilac County's Marlette Township last week claimed the lives of three Ovid area residents who were traveling in the same vehicle.

Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro identified the victims as Louis Kunkel, 84, his wife, Helen Kunkel, 81, and Vicky Doten, 70.

The accident occurred Tuesday afternoon near the intersection of M-46 and Germania Road.

According to Sgt. Brian McComb, a 1997 Buick Lesabre was traveling south on Germania Road when the driver - Kenneth Doten, 73, of Ovid

— failed to stop at the intersection of M-46 and collided with an eastbound 2007 Jeep driven by Pamela Duddles, 59, of Reed City.

McComb reported that the backseat passengers in the Buick — Helen Kunkel and Vicky Doten — were not wearing seatbelts and were ejected from the vehicle upon impact. Both were pronounced dead at the scene, as was Louis Kunkel, a front passenger who was wearing a seatbelt.

Troopers said Kenneth Doten was also wearing a seatbelt. A Sanilac EMS crew transported him to McKenzie Memorial Hospital in Sandusky, where he was treated for his injuries and later transferred to Covenant Healthcare in Saginaw. He was listed in stable condition.

The other driver, Duddles, was wearing a seatbelt and suffered what troopers described as non-life threatening injuries.

The Sanilac County Sheriff's Department, Sandusky police, Marlette police, Sanilac, EMS, Marlette EMS, Marlette Fire Department, Lamotte Township fire fighters and a Michigan State Police accident reconstruction expert all assisted officers at the scene.

Troopers, who are continuing their investigation, are asking anyone who may have witnessed the accident to contact the Caro post at (989) 673-2156.

Michigan Adoption Day event scheduled

By Tom Montgomery
Editor

Most people aren't likely to be very comfortable in a courtroom. After all, courtrooms tend to be pretty serious places, where weighty issues affecting an individual's future are at stake.

But the Honorable Nancy Thane's courtroom will offer visitors a very different atmosphere next week, a relaxed environment promoting hope for youngsters in need of homes and the loving, giving families who adopt them.

Thane, Tuscola County's probate judge, will host adoptees, their families, representatives of adoption agencies and the public Tuesday, Nov. 25, to celebrate Michigan Adoption Day. The observance is slated for 3 to 4 p.m.

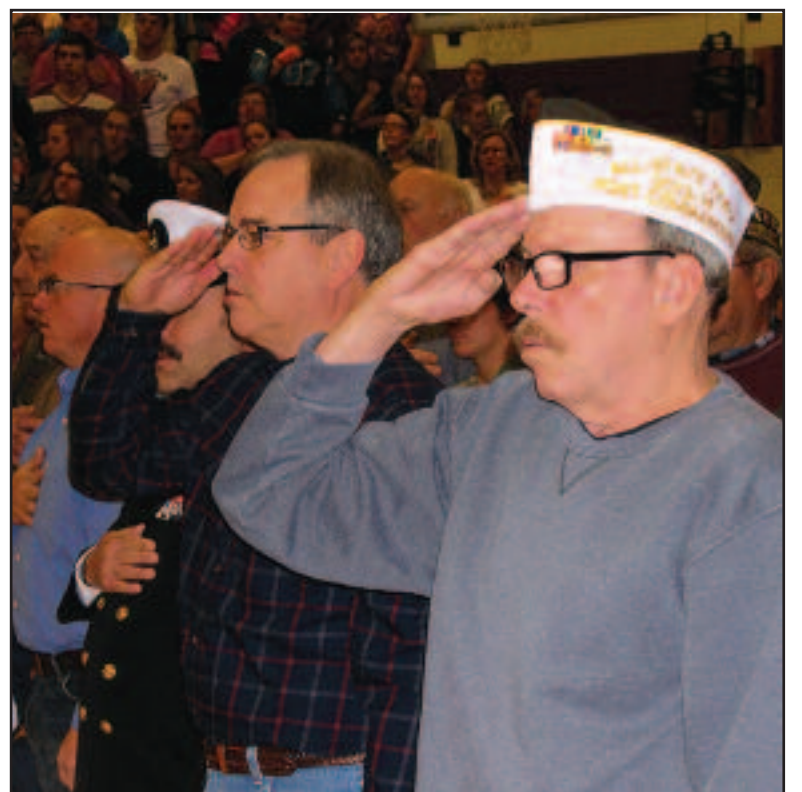
Roughly 3,000 Michigan foster children are available for adoption at any given time. Of those children, nearly 300 do not have an identified adoptive family.

"Michigan Adoption Day is a tremendous tradition that we're building as an annual part of Thanksgiving week," explained Judge Thane, who serves as presiding judge of the Tuscola County Trial Courts Family Division. "It is a fantastic opportunity for us to give thanks for the opportunity to do some of our very happiest work: giving children in need of stability the

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CASS City students honored local veterans, as they do each year on Veterans Day, with a program that began with a flag raising ceremony conducted by local Boy Scouts (from left) Logan Severance, Payton Bock, Gunnar Koon and Zach Jammer. At right, Joe Merchant (far right), VFW Post 3644 commander, along with other post members salute during the playing of the National Anthem. (Related photos, page 8)



Lions Quarterback Stafford coming to town in the spring

Cass City Elementary winner in #MichiganKidsCan competition

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Cass City students know a little something about fitness.

If you doubt it, just ask the folks at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan,

who Monday named Cass City Elementary School one of two winners in the organization's #MichiganKidsCan Contest, a challenge sent out to youngsters across the state, asking them to show their peers how fitness plays a key role in maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

As a result, the local school district will be hosting a special assembly in the spring featuring someone else who knows a thing or two about fitness — Detroit Lions Quarterback Matthew Stafford. A date for the assembly has yet to be scheduled.

Cass City Elementary was the only school-wide submission named a finalist among three video entries.

There were also three photo-essay finalists in this year's competition.

The other finalists in the video category were Brooklyn and Jackson Sage, second graders from Christ the King School in Southgate, and Makayla Pawlowski, a seventh grade student at Larson Middle School in Troy. Named essay finalists, meanwhile, were Zharia Akeem, seventh grade, Bates Academy, Detroit; Zach Edmonds, ninth grade, Big Rapids High School, Big Rapids; and Austin West, eighth grade, Oxford Middle School, Oxford.

The winners were decided via a public on-line vote, with the public

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CASS CITY Elementary School second grader Trent Patrick led the charge in his school's submission in the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan #MIKidsCan Contest. The local elementary was named the only school-wide finalist in the video category in this year's contest. (Photo courtesy of A Healthier Michigan)

Wanted: volunteers to lend a hand at community meal

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Thanksgiving is still another week away, but you can bet all of the work that goes into feeding a small army has been on Scott Mills' mind for some time already.

That's not to say Mills is panicking. In fact, the area resident is a veteran when it comes to organizing a large Thanksgiving dinner, having served as coordinator Cass City's Community Thanksgiving Dinner for the past two decades.

A big part of that responsibility is lining up an adequate crew to cook, set up, clean up and put away, and Mills is quick to say he isn't in the habit of turning down volunteers, especially when he typically anticipates preparing and serving enough food for roughly 250 people.

"We're always hoping for and open for volunteers for clean-up and serving," said Mills, who noted much of the food preparation takes place the day before the dinner. And, of course, there's also plenty to do on the day of the

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Ubly announces marking period honor roll

Grade 12:
Jonathon Bischer, Nicholas Booms, Courtney Cook*, Mathias Dekker, Hanna Drake*, Shelby Farver*, Christopher Francis, Roger Franzel, II*, Jaclyn Geiger*, Alexis Gezequel*, Tyler Glaza, Adam M. Grifka*, Jerry Grifka, Kelsie Gross, Marisa Guza*, Michela Guza*, Emily Halifax, Kayla Halifax, Claire Hembrough*, Justine Hulburt*, Alexis Inbody, Cody Klee, Meagan Kozfkay*, Kurt Kubacki, Logan Lemke, Joseph Lipskey*, Preston McCarty, Sawyer Messing*, Dannie Moore, Garrett Moyers, Zachary Nowicki, Cynthia O'Connor*, Brandy Osentoski, Brieann Osentoski*, Shane Osentoski, Frederick Pallas, Laura Peters, Samantha Pionk*, Alex Ratcliff, George Selleke, Scott Shepherd, Nicole Sweeney, Cody Thorp, Kelsey Ulfig*, Trevor Walsh, Grant Weber, Bryce Weltin*, Jenna White*, Cameo Wolschleger, Jessica Wolschleger* and Shanae Woolner.

Grade 11:
Bailey Bischer, Evan Block, Kaylee Block, Emily Booms, Joshua Bowman, Macanna Briolat, Alexandria Camp*, Austin Chernow, Makayla Clink, Kyla Czewski, Trevor Dropiewski, Jennifer Gentner*, Jacqueline Gilbert, Nathan Gilbert, Lindsey Glaza*, Madison Glaza, Andrew Gosdzinski, Katlyn Groth, Grant Hagen, Aaron Hund*, Ethan Hund, Aliyah Kaczor, Joshua Karpinski, Jessi Kincaid, Courtney Klee, Nolan Lemke, Nicholes Maikrzek, James McBride, Nicole Osantowski, Ashley Osentoski*, Kasey Palmer*, Arianna Partaka, Michaela Partaka, Shannon Particka*, Melanie Puvalowski, Elena Rodriguez*, Lucas Rothe, Daniel Rutkowski*, Brandon Sadro, Daniel Sadro, Blake Schumacher, Rebecca Speciale, Haley Spicer, Ashley Sweeney, Brigette Vogel, Jesse Vogel, James Weber, Roman Weltin, Jeffrey Wright and Jonathan Wright*.

Grade 10:
Vinicius Berti Tozzi, Morgan Block, David Bowman, Jonathan Brandel, Derek Brown, Jessi Clink, Nicole Francis, Grace Grifka, Chelsea Holdwick, Michelle Inbody, Natascha Kalberer, Aaron Klama, Noah Krueger, Rachel Lemanski, Megan Leppek, MacKenzie Lesoski,

Olivia Lipskey*, Emma Melnik, Jonathan Murray, Riley Murray, Lindsey Nast, Kirah Osentoski*, Tyler Osentoski, Gavyn Pallas, Brianna Pionk, Tamina Prexl, Allison Romzek, Richard Schmidt, Xi Shen, Alyson Shepherd, Keenan Siens, Travis Terbrack*, Ariel Waterbeck, Eric Wolschleger and Abby Wright.

Grade 9:
Olivia Bender, Tayler Berger, Levi Block, Danielle Briolat*, Justin Briolat*, Chantelle Burk*, Rachel Cook*, Evan 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*, Tori Osantowski, Brent Osentoski, Mary-Christine Osentoski*, Katelyn Palmer, Kara Peruski, Shaqula 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, Jacob Uhl, Madeline Ulfig, Marisa Villafranca, Emma Weber* and Janelle White*.

Grade 8:
Isaac Booms, Joshua Brandel*, Jaelynn Burton, Eli Emming, Amber Essenmacher, Brady Farver, Danika Focken, Rebekka Foster, Bethany Gornowicz, Anna Greyerbiehl*, Haili Gusa, Payten Heleski, Kelsey Knoblock*, Ethan Lemke, Parker Lipskey, Anna Messing*, Nolan Murray, Kylie Ogryski, Arisa Osentoski*, Natalie Pallas, 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., McKenzie Stomack, Ellissa Thomas*, Mikaela Van Erp*, Amanda Weaver, Adam Weber and Nicholas Wright.

Grade 7:
Leonard Booms, Olivia Brown*, Michael Clink, Austin Creguer*, Lauren Dropeski*, Kali Dutcher*,

Grant Geiger*, Andrea Grifka, Cody Guigar, Amanda Halifax*, Logan Hulburt, Keianna Kaufman, Rachel Leppek, Lacey Lesoski, Calli Marshall, Leevy Matthews, Caitlyn Maurer*, Michael Mausolf, Claire Melnik, Hannah Melnik*, Christian Monzo, Cody Osantowski, Shane Osantowski, Austin Peruski, Ellie Peruski*, Ethan Peruski, Lacey Pionk*, Isle Roggenbuck*, Isabelle Rutkowski*, Ethan Sabins, Hannah Schroeder*, Jaiden Schulte*, Christopher Schultz*, Ethan Smalley, Abigail Sorenson*, Casey Sweeney, Katelyn Sweeney*, Danielle Tschirhart, Danielle Umbreit*, Alexis Vogel, Kylie Vogel, Jazmyn Warchuck*, Isaac Warczynski and Zachary Ziehm.
*Denotes all A's.

It's a boy!



Jacob Doerr

Jeff and Harmony Doerr of Cass City announce the birth of their second son, Jacob Douglas Doerr. Jacob was born Sept. 26, 2014 at 5:45 p.m. at Huron Medical Center, Bad Axe. He weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces and was 21 inches long. He joins his sister, Savana, 16, and his brother, Joshua, 2, at home. Jacob's grandparents are Jim and Judy Doerr of Ubly, Bobbi (Bruce Taylor) Bivens of Milford, and the late Terry Bivens. His great grandparents are Velma Cleland of Ubly, the late Curtis Cleland, the late Carol Cox, and Veronica Bivens of Lake Orion.

Engaged



Dale Minkler and Elizabeth Adams

James Adams of Gladstone, Mich. and Jalynn Adams of Norway, Mich. are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Elizabeth Frances Adams to Dale William Minkler, son of Dale and Mary Ann Minkler of Gageton. Elizabeth is a 2005 graduate of North Dickinson High School and is employed at CCI Systems in Iron Mountain. Dale is a 2002 graduate of Owendale-Gageton Area High School and has also received a bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from Lake Superior State University. He is employed at Systems Control in Iron Mountain. A spring wedding is planned.

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Tom & Linda Herron are the owners and run the family business with the assistance of their daughter Barbara Graham, son-in-law Dick LeValley and grandson Thomas LeValley.

October 2014 marked the 50th year of being in business. The company has built over 600 homes throughout Cass City and the Thumb area.

Stop in and see all that we have to offer!
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Fun By The Numbers

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

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

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In Our OPINION...

Clarke Haire
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Tom Montgomery
Editor

Better to be safe than sorry this fall

Thumb area hunters are enjoying Michigan's annual regular firearm season right along with their peers across the state following Saturday's opener, which was filled with the usual excitement and anticipation around a campfire.

But make no mistake about it, it only takes a split-second for a poor decision or carelessness to end in tragedy in the woods during a time when happy memories lasting a lifetime should be in the making.

There were nine reported hunting accidents in 2013, including one self-inflicted fatality and three in which hunters shot others, according to Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) officials, who attributed a majority of the incidents to careless handling of a firearm. One of those shootings occurred in Tuscola County and involved a subject that was climbing into a blind when he dropped his shotgun and it discharged, striking him in the thigh.

Last year's hunting accident statistics were actually a big improvement over past years. In 2007, for example, the state reported 32 incidents and two fatalities.

Of course, firearms aren't the only potential cause of injury and death among hunters. Take a hunter's health, for example. Dragging a deer out of the woods can be life-threatening, especially when it comes to undiagnosed health problems combined with heavy-duty exercise for someone who isn't used to that sort of exertion.

Tree stands also present a source of danger; hunters fall out of them regularly or injure themselves while climbing up or down, sometimes ending in a lifetime of paralysis.

The lesson to be learned here? Simple: don't ever forget to be careful. And be prepared — if you plan to hunt from a tree stand and don't have a safety harness, get one. If you don't know how to use one, learn.

It's also never too late to go over the basics of hunter safety in your mind, no matter how many seasons are behind you.

Here are a few of the most important rules:

- *Always keep the muzzle of a gun pointed in a safe direction.
- *Firearms should be unloaded when not actually in use.
- *Don't rely on your gun's safety mechanism.
- *Be sure of your target and, equally important, what's behind it.
- *Use the correct ammunition.
- *If your gun fails to fire when the trigger is pulled, handle with care!
- *Always wear eye and ear protection when shooting.
- *Be sure the barrel is clear of obstructions before shooting.
- *Don't alter or modify a gun, and have all firearms serviced regularly.
- *Learn the mechanical and handling characteristics of the firearm you are using.

Slices of Life

by Jill Pertler

Calendar captain surrenders the helm




The household calendar has been my responsibility for 20-plus years. Any human being in charge of his or her family calendar understands the significance of this duty. The calendar is the helm of the family ship. It steers us in the direction dictated by the day's agenda. A good captain holds tight to the helm and ensures accurate and efficient schedule fulfillment.

Problem is, I'm not much of a captain. I'm more like Gilligan.

If a schedule or appointment can be confused, bumbled, misinterpreted, forgotten or otherwise discombobulated, I am your gal. I did it again today. You'd think after all these years my husband would be fed up with my inadequacy and take over the duties himself — sort of like what I did with him and the laundry.

Who am I kidding? He's smarter than that.

So here we are, less than a week into the latest youth sports season. Today was the Parent Meeting. Over the years I've missed more Parent Meetings than the castaways missed opportunities for getting off that darn island. But not today. Today I was prepared. I wrote "PARENT MEETING" in big letters on the calendar. At the appointed hour both my husband and I were in attendance, practically wearing our Responsible Parent badges.

As we waited for the meeting to start, one of the moms wondered out loud if the kids were almost done practicing.

Practicing?

My face took on the expression of a deer in the headlights: dazed, stunned and unsure which way to run. I looked desperately around the room, hoping to see other confused parents. They were an antlerless bunch.

"There was practice today?" I tried to sound nonchalant as I asked the facetious question.

"It was listed on the website," said one mom.

"In two places," said another.

Oops.

I'd checked the schedule three times that day and knew one thing for certain: it was completely my fault. Somehow I'd glossed over the entry labeled "Practice" and replaced it with the words, "Take the afternoon off." There wasn't anything I could say in my defense, so I said nothing. After 20-plus years of scheduling blunders, you learn to shut up and minimize your damages. And avoid eye contact with your husband.

In the end, I fessed up to the team manager about my scheduling inabilities. She was understanding. They usually are until they experience a season or two of my schedulitis.

When I got home, I told my son about the gaffe. "Great, I missed already," he said. "I told you there was practice today."

I didn't remember that conversation. But again, when

you've got a record like mine you recall not recalling any number of conversations that may or may not have taken place on previous occasions for which you most likely cannot pin down the date or time.

"I know," he said. "I'll keep track of my own schedule. Then I won't miss anything."

The kid had a point. Besides, what do I have to lose? (Other than my scheduling reputation, and we all know that went down with the S.S. Minnow.)

It's ingenious, really — turning the schedule reigns over to a 12-year-old. He'll probably get himself to practice on time and may even learn a lesson about responsibility as a bonus. I figure he can't do any worse than me and now that I don't have to worry about being calendar captain I'll be free to simply go with the flow and enjoy the games.


It's going to be a great season.

Jill Pertler is an award-winning syndicated columnist, published playwright and author. 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)



They say the early bird gets the worm.

Accordingly, the Human Development Commission (HDC) is beginning their 25th Annual Walk for Warmth campaign. The statewide event raises funds for individuals and families in desperate need of assistance with heat and utility emergencies. It is a voluntary effort on the part of area citizens who gather pledges and walk a predetermined one-mile route. Walks will be held simultaneously throughout the HDC's service area on Saturday, February 28, 2015. Event locations for our area include the HDC buildings in Caro and Sandusky and the Wilcox Park Community Center in Bad Axe.

Contact Amy Jones at (989) 673-4121 of amyj@hdc-caro.org if you have any questions regarding how to get involved with this worthy cause.

Letters to the Editor

A 30-year war? Start by firing Kerry, Hagel

Dear editor,

They say fighting the radicals will be a 30-year war. Leaders John Kerry (secretary of state) and Chuck Hagel (secretary of defense) should be fired immediately because all they're good for is getting their photographs taken.

This mess with the radicals can be solved in one year. First, seal the boarders, which will take one month. Second, add an amendment to the First Amendment stating anybody in America who has taken up these radical views and says they want to kill American people will lose their citizenship and be deported immediately. If there's a judge out there that doesn't believe in this, deport them, too. That will solve the problem. I would never let anybody hide behind the First Amendment, saying that they are going to kill us and we can't do anything about it until they do.

In the Middle East, I wouldn't need any American ground troops. I could get enough Kurdish troops there with air support and I'll tell them what to hit. Iran has to give up their center fuses and, if they didn't comply, I will tell Israel to take them and, if they need help, they will get it. America better

understand they are out there to kill us. If we don't, we will pay dearly. I'd tell Turkey not to straddle the fence; put both feet on one side or the other so I know where they stand. Tell the coalition to go straight to hell.

Then back to America to clean out the Pentagon of all the deadbeat brass. Cut corporate business tax 36 percent down to 18 percent so we can bring our manufacturers back. If they don't do this, then they are not interested in creating jobs. Overhaul the Bureau of Land Management and the EPA because they're totally out of control. They need to stop 90 percent of the grants for the next four years. There are so many things one can cut, I don't know if I could hire enough people to keep my blade sharp.

If the Republicans don't lead this country in the right direction, they will have to put on a federal endangered species list for the world to see what they should have done and didn't do it.

The Pentagon had to know to have peace there it would have had to be a brutal undertaking. If they didn't have the backbone to do it then, they should have stayed out of there. To win it, America would have to do what ISIS is doing now.

Robert Peruski
Ubly

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is offering 11 state-owned properties in 7 counties for sale by sealed-bid auction at www.michigan.gov/landforsale. The auction runs now through Dec. 2, 2014.

Properties range in size from about 1 acre to 80 acres and are located in Alpena, Cheboygan, Clare, Isabella, Midland, Montmorency and Presque Isle counties. They vary in character and cover. Parcels may not have legal access. Prospective buyers are encouraged to research the fitness of a property for its intended use. The minimum bid price is expected to range from \$3,000 to more than \$150,000. Sealed bids must be postmarked no later than Dec. 2, 2014, and will be opened Dec. 15, 2014.

Details about each property (including the minimum bid amount, photos, map, property descriptions and conditions of sale) are available online. Instructions for submitting a bid are given on the printable bid form. A list of the properties with general locations can be found at www.michigan.gov/landforsale.

Most of these properties were acquired by tax reversion and do not meet the current recreation and resource management goals of the department. Proceeds from sale provide future outdoor recreation opportunities in keeping with the mission of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Printed property information and bid forms may be requested from the DNR Real Estate Services Section, P.O. Box 30448, Lansing, MI 48909-7948 or by calling 517-284-5962.

Best of luck to all bidders.

Thanks a lot Sandy.

After bagging the mature buck pictured here on opening morning of Michigan's firearm deer season in Huron County, I decided to take my trophy home (9 miles) to field dress the critter as I thought hanging the 8-point buck from our swing set would ease the chore.

Bad choice. Sandy — our 6-year-old golden retriever — ate the buck's innards and then deposited the guts a few minutes later on the carpet in the Haire's family room.

You probably can guess who is in the dog house at our Virginia Street home and it isn't man's best friend.



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Wednesday, November 19

- Spaghetti Dinner at Cass City VFW Hall from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Take out available. For more information call (989) 872-4933.
- 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.
- Ravenous Readers Book Club - noon at Rawson Memorial District Library.

Thursday, November 20

- 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.
- AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.
- Genealogy Group at 7:00 p.m. at Rawson Memorial District Library.

Friday, November 21

- Senior Citizen Movies at 1:30 p.m. at Rawson Memorial District Library.
- Al-Anon Family Group open speaker meeting 8:00 p.m. - Has your life been affected because of someone else's excessive drinking? Cakima Serenity Home, 3800 Lee Hill Rd., Kingston. For more information call (989) 912-5478.

Monday, November 24

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

Tuesday, November 25

- 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.
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- Fourth Wednesday:**
- Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
 - Huron County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, Huron Behavioral Health, Bad Axe. For more information, contact Rhonda Quinn at (989) 269-9293.
- Fourth Thursday:**
- Community Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.
 - Thumb TEA Party, 6:30 p.m., Evangelical Free Church, Cass City.
- Last Monday:**
- Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.
- Every Monday:**
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NRA honors Green...

DAKOTA MOORE (left) of the National Rifle Association's (NRA) Institute for Legislative Action recently presented state Senator Mike Green (R-Mayville) with the organization's prestigious Defender of Freedom Award, which recognizes legislators who have championed the rights of gun owners and sportsmen. Towards that end, Green's efforts have included sponsoring Michigan's current "shall issue" concealed pistol license law while serving as a state representative in 1999-2000. NRA officials noted Green has also sponsored fundamental reforms on behalf of gun owners and sportsmen since being elected to the Michigan Senate in 2010.

Community Thanksgiving meal organizers always welcome help

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meal, including setting up. Anyone interested in lending a hand can learn more by contacting Mills at (989) 872-5114.

As is tradition, this year's dinner will be held Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 27, at the Cass City United Methodist Church, located just north of the village on Cemetery Road. The meal is served at noon, and everyone is welcome.

The dinner is free, but make no mistake about it; this is no charity event, and it's not a soup kitchen for the needy. This project is all about sharing and bringing members of the community together for food and fellowship.

The first Cass City Community Thanksgiving Dinner was organized back in 1986 at the former St. Pancratius Catholic Church (now Our Lady Consolata Parish) in town. Earlier that year, former area resident Alan Kleo came up with the idea and, sharing his thoughts with Bob Gengler, the two men went to work.

Volunteers from other area churches were contacted to put together a village-wide and ecumenical project.

Over the years, the dinner has been located at the local VFW hall and, more recently, at the Cass City United Methodist Church, where full kitchen facilities have enabled organizers to dispense with having to utilize three different kitchens to pre-

pare all of the dishes.

Although the location of the dinner has changed over the years, the sense of community has not.

For many years, the Knights of Columbus provided the turkeys. In recent years, as the dinner has grown, volunteers have purchased the birds themselves using donations — diners typically consume 14 turkeys over the course of the annual feast. Past community dinners also saw the former Sutter's Bakery roasting the turkeys, and various churches signed up to provide side dishes, salads and pies.

Today, area churches still contribute to the meal, as do local service clubs and Hills and Dales General Hospital, and other organizations. In addition, Cass City students have become a driving force in helping to prepare and clean up after the dinner.

The philosophy, from the start, was to imitate the historical image of the original Thanksgiving. All were welcome and sat down together to enjoy the feast — just one large extended Cass City family pitching in, serving and joining in the celebration.

"It's a full meal and the intention is to sit as a family — a community," Mills said. "It's family-style. It's not a restaurant. That was the original intent and I think we've pretty much kept that tenet."

Michigan Adoption Day observance set

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permanent love and support they need and deserve."

In a casual setting, Thane added, people who have been affected by the adoption process, along with members of the public who are interested in learning more about adoption, will get together and enjoy an "open house" of sorts with refreshments.

"Every child deserves a safe and loving home," Thane said. "We come to work every day, trying to make that a reality. We have a collaborative team of professionals that meets every quarter to discuss how we can continue to make this process as successful as it can be."

Michigan Adoption Day is celebrated throughout the state on the Tuesday prior to Thanksgiving, in conjunction with National Adoption Day.

Man charged in theft case

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purchases went undetected until (last week)," he added.

Hanson said officials believe the loss involves an amount exceeding more than \$800,000 worth of computer hardware that was purchased and sold.

Deputies served a search warrant at Letson's residence, seizing a 2011 Shelby Mustang, a 2008 Jeep Cherokee, computer-related items and suspected stolen property. "U.S. Postal inspectors are also assisting and have seized suspected out-of-state computer hardware shipments," Hanson said. "Our office and the prosecutor's office are continuing to work on seizing other personal assets."

Letson was formally arraigned last Wednesday in Huron County District Court. His bond was continued at \$50,000 and he remained lodged in the county jail.

Blue Diamond Steel is a subsidiary of Huron Castings. The company employs more than 200 people and, when combined with the Huron Castings family of companies, boasts a total employment of nearly 800 people.

Beware when purchasing a used vehicle

Secretary of State Ruth Johnson and Michigan State Police Director Col. Kriste Kibbey Etue are encouraging drivers to do their homework before purchasing a vehicle in a private sale.

"If the deal looks too good to be true, it probably is," Johnson said. "If you come across an expensive car offered at a ridiculously low price or a seller who refuses to go to a Secretary of State office with you for the title transfer, walk away. By keeping some common sense tips in mind, you can protect yourself from fraud and loss when buying a vehicle in a private sale."

There have been several stolen vehicles with fake titles offered for sale in Metro Detroit since 2012, often by con-artists who find their victims through ads on Craigslist.org.

"Buyers should be very cautious when purchasing a used vehicle in a private sale," Etue said. "Doing a little research and taking some simple precautions can help car buyers protect themselves from becoming a victim."

Before buying a vehicle from someone other than an auto dealer, Johnson and Etue recommend car buyers:

- *Complete the vehicle sale at a police station or Secretary of State Office to make it easy to have the vehicle title verified as authentic. Ask the seller to accompany you for the title transfer. If the seller seems uncomfortable, offers excuses or refuses to go, step away from the deal.

- *Arrange the sale, preferably during business hours, in a well-lit location with surveillance cameras if the sale cannot be conducted at a police station or at a Secretary of State office. Avoid transactions held in parking lots of closed or vacant businesses. Many scams are staged in less populated areas on a Friday night or the weekend when businesses, such as banks and insurance companies, are closed.

- *Check the seller's identification to verify that he or she is the owner of the vehicle. All owners listed on the front of the title must sign off as the sellers to transfer the title.

- *If the seller indicates that he or she represents a vehicle dealership without being able to provide a wall license to verify that the location is licensed, walk away from the sale. All vehicle dealer transactions are required to be conducted at a licensed established place of business or at a licensed supplemental location within the same county.

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Reporter's notebook

A little bit of this
and that this week

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



I'll be the first to tell you my wife is a great nurse. She's the sort of compassionate caregiver you want taking care of someone you love, because her eye is always on her patients – not some clock.

She often brings concerns about those patients home with her because she can't help it. You see, she really cares about them.

Having said that, however, let me also tell you the "Nurse Debby" patients see in Bay City, Midland, West Branch, etc., doesn't always live up to that persona at home — around her loving husband — because, well, she's married me.

Which is why she was bandaging a cut on my hand in the kitchen the other day and, after listening to me repeatedly give her advice on positioning of said bandage, got frustrated and told me to do it myself. "Hmmmph! What sort of bedside manner is that?" I grumbled as she walked away, ignoring me.

That's about the time I'm tempted to ask, with just the slightest hint of sarcasm, how she can be so compassionate and thorough in her treatment of patients, and yet couldn't complete a minor project at home in a reasonable amount of time if her life depended on it.

Admittedly, her finished projects are usually impressive – done correctly because she has the patience to look at instructions, etc.

I'm still tempted to say something snotty, but I don't always follow through because I get the feeling that my life might depend on just letting it go. This time.

Speaking of age and wisdom I have to laugh a little every time I see that commercial sponsored by (I think) AARP that features a fresh-faced woman, walking along a scenic trail on a beautiful day, telling us how she's only in her 60s and has "a nice long life ahead, big plans..."

I don't mean to be a killjoy, so to speak, but my first reaction is, maybe, maybe not, lady.

Not that I believe 60 is old. I used to, and I can remember long-time Cass City Chronicle Publisher the late-John Haire bristling a bit some years ago when, in one of my stories, I referred to a man in his 60s as being "elderly". Of course, that was when I wasn't in my 50s. Funny how your perspective changes as the years go by and you suddenly find yourself quietly counting the number of years you have before you reach 60, isn't it?

I don't mind a bit of optimism, like the sort overflowing from the lady in this commercial, but reading the obituaries has a way of bringing you back down to reality, especially when more and more of the published names belong to folks who were younger when they passed than you are.

The bottom line, at least for me, is you can't count on anything when it comes to longevity. That is, I'm a firm believer in the view that when it's your time to go, it's your time.

I wish that thought would always be at the forefront of my mind, and not just when I see family members and friends grieve when they've lost a loved one, as reporters often do.

Sort of makes you want to go out and hug someone you haven't hugged in a while, doesn't it?

Slowly but surely, I'm getting to know my new neighbors. Most are a friendly, welcoming bunch, but there are a couple that tend to be a bit standoffish. I don't mind, given these "neighbors" have black fur with a very prominent white stripe down their backs.

I'm tempted to put up a sign at the driveway entrance, warning folks to beware of skunks and sarcastic weekly newspaper editors, but some might consider that to be a bit redundant.

I've got better things to do, anyway. In fact, now that I've got a bit of space out here in the country, I'm considering raising a few chickens. Maybe even keeping some bees.

I've often wondered what it would be like to get my honey for nothing and my chicks for free.

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Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2009)

Katelyn Holtz, a sixth grade student at Owen-Gage, has taken the first step to becoming an internationally recognized artist by winning a local competition sponsored by the Owendale Lions Club. Lions Club President Jack Laurie said he was impressed by the expression and creativity of the students at Owen-Gage. "It is obvious that these young people have strong ideas about what peace means to them. I'm so proud that we were able to provide them with the opportunity to share their visions," Laurie said. "Katelyn's poster will advance to face stiff competition through the district, multiple district, and international rounds of competition if she is to be the international grand prize winner," he added.

The Cass City High School Equestrian Team recently finished the season with its highest placing ever, earning the title of District 14, Division C, Reserve Champions. Team members are Andrea Boyd, Kelsey Cooper, Samantha Swiderski, Ashleigh Stoeckle and Sarah Zmierski.

Deford area resident Bob Wood bagged a 10-point buck while hunting in the Deford area during the late afternoon hours Nov. 17.

Tom Stilson, Gagetown, will always remember the 2009 firearms deer season. He bagged a 10-point buck, with a 15-inch spread, on opening day and then harvested an 8-point, with a 15 3/4 inch spread, on November 21 in Huron County.

10 YEARS AGO (2004)

Cindy Tewksbury, supervisor of recipient rights at Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems, recently received the Director's Award for Advocacy on Behalf of Mental Health Recipients from the Department of Community Health at the Annual Recipient Rights Conference held in Grand Rapids.

Katie N. Swiastyn has been named one of Michigan's State Finalists for the Wendy's High School Heisman Award. This award honors the nation's top high school seniors who best exemplify a supreme "citizen-scholar-athlete." Swiastyn was named as one of the state's 20 finalists from a field of 420 nominees. For her recognition, she will receive a certificate and be presented with a bronze medal from local Wendy's representatives.

Bob Cleland of Cheboygan and Bill Cleland of Walled Lake spent a few days with Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming, where they went deer hunting and where Bob Sr. got a 5-point, Bob Jr. got a 4-point, and Bill got a 4-point. (From Holbrook Area News, by Mrs. Thelma Jackson)

Deer Management. Cass City's Ryan Biddinger harvested a 10-point beast while hunting the family property east of Cass City on opening morning. The 2-1/2 year old buck had a 17" inside spread, proof to the Biddingers that "let them go, let them grow" is a high-quality deer practice.

25 YEARS AGO (1989)

Lambert E. Althaver of Cass City became one of only 800 persons nationwide ever to be a recipient of scouting's distinguished citizen award. The presentation was made at a \$100-per-plate benefit dinner at Bay Valley Hotel and Resort in Bay City and netted the Lake Huron Area Council Boy Scouts of America some \$20,000. The presentation of the award was by Col. Duane H. Bartrem, a distinguished Eagle Scout.

Cass City resident Deborah Blue, a junior studying biology at Michigan Technological University was recently inducted into the Michigan Tech Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK) National Leadership Honor Society. Blue, the daughter of Kenneth and Dorothy Blue of Cass City, was recently elected vice-president of ODK, and she is also chairperson for ODK's campus awareness/forum committee. She is a treasurer of Phi Kappa Theta Little Sisters, a member of the Spanish Club and a recipient of an MTU Board of Control Scholarship.

Leonard Smolarkiewicz was the first hunter to report to the Chronicle with a deer during last week's firearm deer season opener. The Cass City resident sighted the 5-point buck shortly after 7 a.m.

Old Man Winter arrived late Wednesday and Thursday in full

force, dumping more than 4 inches of snow in the Cass City area and blowing the white stuff around with a brisk, biting wind.

35 YEARS AGO (1979)

First hunters to show up at the Chronicle opening day of deer season with their trophies were Don Ouvry of Woodland Street and Frank Kietlyka of Lamton Road. Ouvry shot his 9-pointer, weighing about 185 pounds, at about 7:20 a.m. east of Cass City. It was his fourth buck in six years. It was Kietlyka's first buck in eight years of hunting, shot at 7:50 on the family farm. The 6-pointer weighed about 140 pounds.

The spirit of German composer Johann Sebastian Bach comes alive in Cass City Friday for the Village Bach Festival, which runs through Sunday. Musicians from as far away as Iowa and New York will be coming here for what is intended to be an annual event.

Two Lucky Stars 4-H Club members of Snover has earned top state honors for their 4-H projects and will be going to the 58th National 4-H Congress in Chicago. They are Debie Mahaffy, 18, daughter of Irvin and Aletha Mahaffy of Germania Road and Dawn Adam, 17, daughter of Wayne and Faye Adam of W. Snover Rd. Debie was state winner in personal appearance-fashion revenue. Dawn won the state 4-H swine award.

Genevieve Freiburger was honored by the Cass City Business and Professional Women's Club last Wednesday as its "Woman of the Year." A fifth grade teacher at Gagetown Elementary School, she taught school for two years prior to her marriage to Alger Freiburger and has since taught 25 years in the Owen-Gage school system.

40 YEARS AGO (1974)

Gerald McAlpine of Caro had the first buck of the season to check in at the Chronicle office Friday morning. McAlpine shot the 14-point, 150-pound deer at 7:30 a.m. opening morning while hunting north of Cass City.

Deford area residents will still have to drive beyond Novesta Township to purchase beer and wine. The township board Saturday rejected a request by owners of the Deford Country Store that they be licensed to sell beer and wine. The board turned down the request by a 4-1 vote, with Treasurer Mrs. Ruth Spencer voting in favor of granting the license. This is not the first time the Novesta board has turned down a request for an SDM (Special Designated Merchant) license. Novesta remains one of the few townships in the state where beer and wine cannot be sold. Township Supervisor Gail Parrot said he voted against the request simply because he has always opposed the sale of beer and wine in the township. He said owners of the store told the board if the license is not ultimately approved, the store may be forced to close. "But they bought the store with full knowledge of the situation," Parrot said.

A former Decker resident has been appointed Acting President of Barrington College, Barrington, Rhode Island. Dr. Louis E. Caister also continues partial responsibility as Vice-president for Academic Affairs. He went to Barrington in 1968 after five years as a registrar and associate professor of psychology at Asbury College, Wilmore, Ky. Caister, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Caister, is a former pastor at the Decker, Shabbona and Elmer Methodist Churches, and is a 1942 graduate of Cass City High School. He is married to the former Lavena Coy of Freeland. They have two children.

50 YEARS AGO (1964)

A herd of 31 registered Holsteins owned by Fred and Lela Milligan of Cass City placed first in average production of fat during October, according to the records of the local Dairy Herd Improvement Association. The herd also placed second in average pounds of milk produced among 13 herds for which improvement records are currently being kept. The herd averaged 1,542 pounds of milk and 56 pounds of fat. "Neither rain, nor hail, nor all that business can stay the mailman from his appointed rounds." About the only thing that can stop him is retirement and it was retirement that put

an end Tuesday to over 41 years of mail carrying for Howard Loomis, Gagetown. Loomis officially hung up his mail bag Tuesday after 41 and a half years as a Gagetown area mailman.

At its annual post-season banquet Monday night, the Cass City varsity football squad elected a pair of teammates to co-captain the squad during the 1965 season. Named as co-captains of the Red Hawks were Bob Rabideau and Rick Turner, who will be seniors next year.

About 40 persons attended the annual congregational meeting held Wednesday evening in Salem EUB church. Rev. R.E. Betts presided over the business meeting, which followed a potluck dinner. Officers elected were: lay leader, Stanley Kim Jr.; assistant lay leader, Don Buehrly; Sunday school superintendent, Gerald Auten; assistant Sunday school superintendent, Charles Tuckey, and trustees, Richard Hampshire and James Mark.

75 YEARS AGO (1939)

At Harbor Beach Friday afternoon, the Cass City football eleven received the ball and began a hard drive that carried them into scoring territory. McIntyre ran from the 5-yard line for the first touchdown of the game. Dewey kicked successfully for the point and Cass City took the lead 7 to 0. The Harbor Beach team showed some very nice offensive work in the last quarter and pushed the ball into the end zone and finally to the one-yard line for a first down. Here Grates went over center for their only touchdown. The kick for the conversion was blocked by Cass City and was offside so they took the play over. The game ended a few minutes later, 14 to 7.

To honor Mrs. Robert Spurgeon at her departure from Cass City forty-two neighbors spent a pleasant evening of visiting and games with her on Monday. As a farewell remembrance, Mrs. Spurgeon was presented with a monetary gift. Light refreshments were served. On Wednesday noon, Miss Dora Krapf, accompanied by Mrs. Spurgeon and sister, Miss Adah Cole, who has been visiting here, went to Detroit for a visit among relatives and friends.

Reporter, Delma Kilpatrick. We sing for morning exercises now.... We received our report cards this week. Those receiving all A's and B's are: Madelyn O'Rourke, Olson MacCallum, Isabel Martin, Harold Cummins, William Hartsell, Betty and Donna MacAlpine, Kenneth Martin, Kenneth and Audrey MacAlpine, Mary Louise Ashmore and Ileene Ellis.

100 YEARS AGO (1914)

Cass City and Marlette high schools "locked horns" on the local field last Friday afternoon in one of the best football games of the season, Marlette winning the battle 24-13. The gridiron was in an unfavorable condition for the new open game, being partly covered with snow and very slippery, making it necessary for both teams to resort to the old rushing, line-smashing style of play and here is where Marlette with her superior weight showed to good advantage.

Mrs. Anna A. Parker moved her household goods to Wilmot Wednesday and is now occupying her new restaurant and boarding house there. Mr. and Mrs. A.A. Ricker have moved in to the residence on East Main St. vacated by Mrs. Parker.

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Obituaries

Amasa Anthes

Amasa Ott Anthes, Jr., 95, of Gagetown, passed away Monday, October 6, 2014. He was born in Novesta Township on August 16, 1919, a son of Amasa and Elizabeth (Ott) Anthes, and remained a lifelong resident.

On August 16, 1940, he married Virginia Churchill. She preceded him in death September 9, 2007.

Amasa was a member of Gagetown United Methodist Church. He, along with his brother, Albert, retained and operated the family moving business, and assisted with duties on the family farm, passing it on to the next generation. Surviving are his children, Amasa "Bud" Anthes, III and Joan Vickie Koch, both of Cass City; grandchildren, Bryan (Marie) Koch, Christopher (Jaime) Anthes, Jason (Kate) Anthes, Brad (Lauren) Koch and Justin (Stacy) Anthes; and great-grandchildren, Kendall and Carson Anthes, Bryce and Kaylee Koch, Kellen Koch and Hayden and Ryder Anthes. His brother, Albert also survives.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Mabel Ondrajka and grandson Kevin Koch.

The funeral was held October 9 at Gagetown Methodist Church with Pastor Bill Cleland officiating. Burial will be in Elkland Township Cemetery.

The family has suggested memorials to the church, the Thumb Octagon Barn or to the food pantry at St. Agatha Catholic Church.

Arrangements were made by the Gagetown Funeral Chapel.

Ruby Hartsell

Ruby Mae (Bliss) Hartsell, 83, of Livonia, formerly of Cass City, died Tuesday, November 11, 2014 in Camelot Hall Convalescent Center, Livonia following a long battle with Alzheimers. She was born July 9, 1931 in Cass City to John and Gladys (Schribner) Bliss.

Ruby lived most of her life in Cass City. She worked as a caregiver for many elderly persons in the Cass City area. She also did housekeeping at Hills and Dales General Hospital and for area homeowners. In her younger days Ruby was a cashier at the Cass Theater and told

stories about those times in her life. Ruby was a former member of Cass City First Presbyterian Church. She enjoyed reading, taking walks and working in her flower gardens. Ruby truly loved her family; her children were her greatest joy in life. She raised her children as a single parent and worked hard to make the best life for them.

Ruby is survived by her loving children: Lauri (Bryan) Bowman of Livonia, Phillip (Cindy) Hartsell of Columbiaville, Leo Hartsell of Akron, OH; grandchildren: Tyler VanAllen, Timber Hartsell; step grandchildren: Jonathan and Breanne Bowman, Luis and Angelina Magana; five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents John and Gladys Bliss; twin sister, Ruth Windy; brothers: Wayne Bliss, Raymond Bliss and John Bliss.

A funeral service was held Saturday, November 15 in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City with the Rev. Linda Graham of Cass City First Presbyterian Church officiating. Interment will be in Elkland Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund or Alzheimer's Association of Michigan. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Tommy Powell

Tommy Lee Powell, 54, of Cass City, died unexpectedly Saturday, November 15, 2014 in his home. He was born November 18, 1959 in Georgia to William Miller and Betty Inez (Wade) Powell.

Tommy served in the U.S. Army. He worked as a flooring installer laying carpet and installing tile for Schneeberger's Carpet, Furniture and Appliance Store and for Hendrian's Flooring. Tommy was a licensed semi-truck driver and at one time drove cement truck for Dyke's Concrete Inc. in Clio. He enjoyed hanging out with his friends and playing cards with his friends at Gilligan's Restaurant. At one time he enjoyed fishing and riding motorcycles.

Tommy is survived by his children: Danielle and Paul; sister, Pauline (John) Fitzpatrick of Cass City; brother, Richard Powell of Pontiac; dear step father, Roy Koop of Cass City; several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his sisters: Betty Novak, Shelby Peters; brother, Dennis Powell and his parents.

Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Friday, November 21 in Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.

A funeral service will follow at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, November 21 in Kranz Funeral Home with the Rev. Wendy Orzel officiating.

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

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Dale Sorenson

Dale Mark Sorenson, 63, of Cass City, died Saturday, November 15, 2014 in Greenleaf Township. He was born August 27, 1951 in Cass City, the second of four children born to Harold Lester and Lillian Rose (Webster) Sorenson.

He married Dorothy "Sue" Guthrie July 27, 1979 in Roseville.

Dale worked as a roofer for area builders including Bob Bliss, Tom Herron and Harold Lowe. He was an avid hunter. Dale enjoyed hunting duck, rabbit, squirrel, turkey, deer and even enjoyed the opportunity to bear hunt in the Upper Peninsula.

Dale also enjoyed antiquing and was particularly interested in antique guns and lightning rods. He was very handy and could do anything that needed to be done and was willing to help anyone who needed something done. Although he would deny it, Dale loved his cat, Peach, he also loved and fondly remembered his buddy and companion, his German Shorthair Joe. Most important to Dale in the last few years was spending time with his grandchildren. He didn't want a day to go by without seeing or talking to the grandchildren.

Dale is survived by his wife, Susie; children: Scott (Danielle) Sorenson of Sterling Heights, Jordan (Rick) Schank of Cass City, Jason Sorenson of Cass City, Kyle Sorenson of Cass City; grandchildren: Alex, Alessandra, Alyssa, Alexa, Dakota and Austin; sister, Terry Milner of Roseville; brothers: Lynn Sorenson of Cass City; Craig (Carolyn) Sorenson of Cass City; several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Lillian Sorenson.

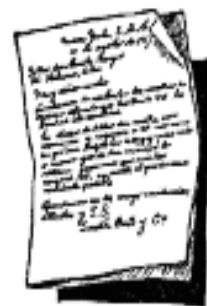
Visitation will be held from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday, November 19 in Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 20 in Kranz Funeral Home with Brad Speirs of Novesta Church of Christ officiating.

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

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.

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Local elementary contest winner

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invited to view the entries at: www.AHealthierMichigan.org/mikidscan.

"In a partnership with Detroit Lions quarterback Matthew Stafford, Blue Cross recently asked Michigan kids ages seven to 14 to create a two-minute video or submit a photo and short essay answering the question, "What's your favorite way to get moving and be active?" explained Andrew Hetzel, vice president of Corporate Communications for Blue Cross. "Three finalists were chosen in each category: video and photo/essay submission."

Cass City Elementary School's submission features both students and staff in a fitness-packed video featuring the song, "Be True to Your School". Leading the charge in the production was second grade student Trent Patrick, 7, who was identified by the members of the teaching staff as being a great ambassador to represent the school.

"His favorite sport is basketball, but he also enjoys football, baseball, kick-ball, golf and dance. He's also attended golf and basketball camps," the staff wrote in their submission letter to contest organizers. "Trent thinks his school has great school spirit, and the students are active throughout the school day. Cass City Elementary has a salad bar and snack bar which encourages healthy eating habits. Students also attend gym and music/movement classes."

Trent, who's known for his love of doing head stands at home to stay active, says he likes to eat fruits and vegetables, from blueberries, apples and raspberries to carrots and celery, and enjoys finding healthy items like those in his lunch every day.



Matthew Stafford

MIKIDSCan contest," Hetzel said. "These finalists are great examples of how kids can have a great time getting active every day, and we think they'll inspire other kids to do the same."

While Cass City will be hosting Stafford during an assembly focusing on healthy eating and exercise, the winner of the photo/essay category will receive tickets to the Detroit Lions Thanksgiving game along with some autographed Detroit Lions gear.

Hetzel said the competition is an extension of Blue Cross' ongoing efforts to help Michigan families make good choices leading to healthier lifestyles, in an effort to combat issues such as childhood obesity - nearly one in three children in this nation are overweight, and Michigan has the 18th highest childhood obesity rate in the United States.

With a focus on improving children's health, Hetzel added, over the past decade Blue Cross has given more than \$6 million in support of kids' health and wellness initiatives across the state, reaching more than 100,000 youngsters.

Rebecca Walker, creative arts (music/art) teacher at Cass City Elementary School, spearheaded the local school's winning video effort utilizing both staff members and students ranging from Young 5s to the fourth grade. She noted the project enjoyed plenty of support from school nurse Kathie LaPonsie and phys ed instructor Adam Dorland.

"It just really showed the unity in our building," Walker said. "It was such a great project for the whole school - even the kids who weren't in it (video) were excited."

"We are extremely impressed by the incredible entries we received from Michigan kids entered in the



CASS CITY VFW Post 3644 members Phil Nichols (far left) and Joe Merchant presented certificates to this year's Patriot's Pen Essay Contest winners representing the Cass City Public Schools. They are (from left) Mary Muter, Hailey Beckrow, Marla Muter, Sierra Walker and Sandyn Cuthrell. Also receiving special recognition was teacher Rebecca Walker.

AT RIGHT, Cass City Boy Scouts and seventh grade students (from left) Gunnar Koon, Logan Severance, Payton Bock and Zach Jammer (not pictured) raise the American flag in front of the junior-senior high school during last week's annual Veterans Day ceremony.



Red Hawk future farmers networking...

THE CASS CITY High School chapter of the Future Farmers of America (FFA) was recently represented at the National FFA Convention and Expo in Louisville, Ky. Attending from the local chapter were (front row, from left), Rachel Miller, Bobby Steely, Courtney Szczepanski, Kelsey Priestly, Alexis Mazure, (back row, left) Evan Baranski, Jesse Nye, Brad Good, Kenna Nye and FFA Advisor Russ Weyer.

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Daniels named GTW all star

Senior Josh Daniels ended his Cass City High School football career earning Greater Thumb West (GTW) all-conference first team honors on both offense and defense.

Daniels led a handful of Red Hawk honorees. He was selected as the dream team center on offense, while making the fantasy squad at tackle on defense. Daniels, Bad Axe's Tom Morneau, and Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port's Terrance Dubs are the GTW's only 2-way all stars in 2014.

Daniels caps a career, which began with his father - High School Principal Chad Daniels - coaching him as a member of Cass City's first 3rd and 4th grade football team.

Joining Daniels on the GTW first team offense was fellow classmate



Josh Daniels

Jack Stern at end, junior J a k e Lawrence at guard and junior S a w y e r C u t h r e l l at running back. Stern led the Red Hawks in receiving touchdowns; Cuthrell led the team in rushing touchdowns. They both have guard Lawrence - a 2-year letter winner - to thank partly for their success.

Also named to the first team, by the vote of league coaches, was junior quarterback Morneau, Bad Axe junior tackle Nick Walsh, Vassar senior lineman Matthew Shoemate, Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port (EPBP) senior lineman Quinn Smith, Reese senior tackle Jonah Jones, EPBP sophomore receiver Seth Bowles, Vassar senior wide receiver David Wargo, Vassar senior running back DeAndre Callahan, EPBP senior running back Dubs and Vassar senior kicker Michael Pratt.

Landing on the GTW all-conference second team offense was a pair of Cass City senior tackles in Daymon Tabako and Ethan Montei. They, too, had much to do with the Red Hawks' return to the post season and an extended run to the Division 7 District title game.

Rounding out the second team selections was EPBP senior quarterback Dustin Kady, USA senior guard Chandler Fritz, EPBP senior linemen Austin McCabe and Taylor Fahl, Reese senior center Scott Selle, Bad Axe senior receiver Mitch Dore, USA senior split end Dominic Guardian, USA senior running back Ryan Millerwise, USA junior running back Aaron Saenz and EPBP

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VETERAN COACH Aaron Fernald works with senior Kyle Ross Monday, while Lady Red Hawk junior Kelly DeLong sharpens her shooting skills.



High school hoops underway in state

Practices for high school basketball teams are in full swing at Cass City and throughout Michigan.

Approximately 20 Red Hawk students are competing for playing time for girls' basketball Coach Clarke Haire and boys' Coach Aaron Fernald.

The Lady Red Hawks will feature a roster with 7 senior players including returning Greater Thumb West all-conference picks Alliah Riddle and Erika Martin. The pair will join junior Macy Dickinson as leaders and tri-captains of this year's team.

"One key to our season will be how quickly Erika can return to action. She tore her ACL this summer while working at Bay Shore Camp. She had surgery in September and doctors have been telling her she should be good to go after the Christmas holiday," said Haire.

For basketball fans hoping to get an early look at Cass City's varsity and junior varsity squads, both

teams will be in action Friday during a pre-season scrimmage with Kingston and Uby. Action is slated for 6 pm with the varsity team on tap at the local Elementary School gym, while the junior varsity teams will tangle in Uby.

Turning to the Red Hawk boys' team, Fernald will dress a double digit roster that will include a pair of

sophomores in Logan Schenk and Chase Winter.

They too have injury issues as returning senior Drew Loomis has been on the sidelines for early season workouts after suffering concussion symptoms in the Red Hawks' gridiron playoff loss to Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port during the Division 7 District Finals on November 8.

Look for the Red Hawk boys to be on the hunt for GTW honors, while the Lady Red Hawks will look to improve on last year's win total of 3.

Media day for all Cass City winter sports teams are on tap for Monday, November 24. Be sure to pick up next week's Chronicle for a run down on all the Hawk teams.



DANDY DAY. Dalton Powell, 14, of Gagetown, was the first to report his success to the Chronicle office. He bagged this nice 9-point buck near Kingston on opening morning of the 2014 firearm season.

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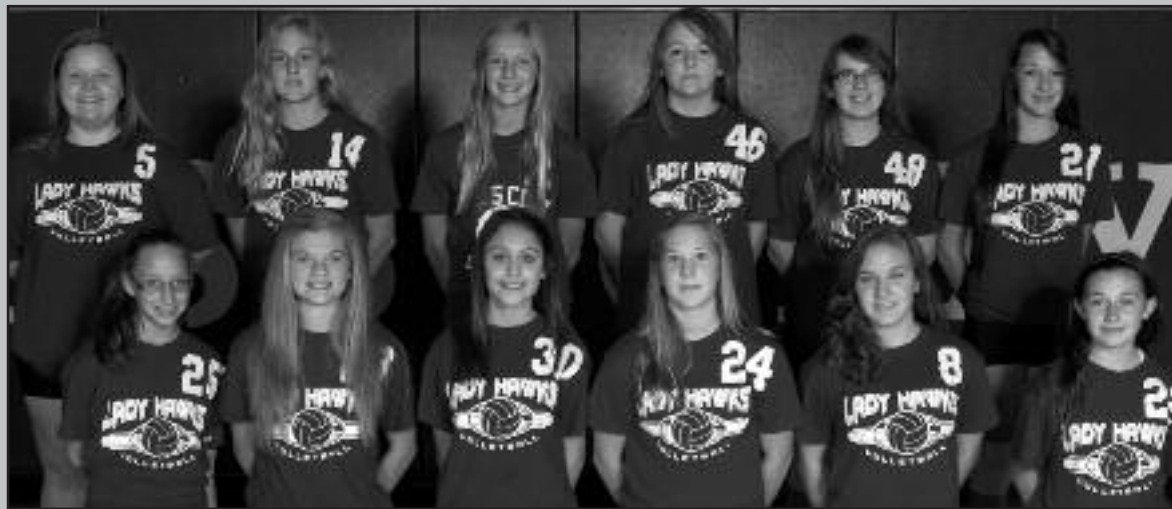


AFTERNOON DELIGHT. Randy Smith of Decker bagged this nice 7-point buck on the opening day of the firearm season hunting his Leslie Road property.



ALL IN THE family. Ashtyn Janiske Weiler, right, and her Grandpa Joe Weiler each shot trophy bucks over the weekend minutes apart in the Sandusky area. Ashtyn, 18, bagged an 8-point, while Joe, 74, bagged a 9-point.

JUNIOR HIGH LADY RED HAWK SPIKERS WRAP-UP SEASONS



THE CASS CITY 8th grade volleyball team members are: (front, l-r) Emily Bruno, Brianna Mester, Kirsten Popp, Brittany Hamilton, Stephanie Skiles, Kelly Ziegler (back) Taryn Thornton, Jalene Krol, Kacey Haire, Josie Russell, Lauren Grady and Gabby Romain. The Lady Red Hawks were coached by Hope Thornton.



THE CASS CITY 7th grade volleyball team members are: (front, l-r) Morgan Russell, Hailey Beckrow, Abbey Salcido, Taylor Cumper, Imogen Sanders, Alexis Hull (back) Olivia Peters, Tiara Anthony, Tayryn Pisarek, Madi Tschirhart, Paige Poluszny and Tiana Tageson. The Lady Red Hawks were coached by Amy Cuthrell.

Daniels named GTW all star

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senior running back Mauricio Diaz. The GTW honorable mention offensive picks were led by Cass City junior quarterback Mason Erla. Also with honorable mention recognition were Vassar senior Pratt and Reese sophomore Jacob Galsterer, both at quarterback. Turning to the GTW all-conference defensive choices, joining Daniels were Reese senior end Devin Jones, Laker senior lineman Austin McCabe, Vassar junior end Tyler Humpert, Vassar junior linebacker Robert Atwood, EPBP senior linebackers Taylor Fahl and Dubs, Bad Axe senior linebacker Joey Aymen and junior cornerback Morneau, EPBP senior cornerback Dustin Kady, Vassar junior cornerback Logan Amend and USA senior punter Millerwise.

Cass City linebacker Parker Haire, cornerbacks Erla and Cuthrell were all placed on the GTW all-conference second team defense as juniors. Haire was the team's leading tackler and the insertion of Erla into the defensive starting line-up at about mid-season proved to be a difference maker. Cuthrell was a quarterback's nightmare in the secondary.

Completing the second team picks were EPBP senior linemen Smith and Ian Snider, Vassar senior tackle Shoemate, EPBP senior linebacker Diaz, Reese senior linebacker Marty Wilkinson and Reese sophomore linebacker Mitchell Bender, USA senior linebacker Chandler Fritz, USA senior cornerback Guardian and Michael Pratt, senior Vassar punter.

Senior Drew Loomis, who was a welcome addition to the team after

sitting out his junior season, was named as a GTW honorable mention cornerback, while USA seniors Millerwise and Austin Harper,

Reese's Logan Schroeder, Vassar's Colton Fabbro and Bad Axe's Matt McVey and Morneau finish the listings.

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BOYS' BASKETBALL

All games at 6 p.m. unless noted

12/10	Sandusky
12/12	Caro
12/17	Harbor Beach
12/19	Memphis
1/7	Ubyly
1/9	Bad Axe
1/14	Marlette
1/21	Lakers
1/23	BCAS
1/30	Vassar
2/4	Reese
2/6	USA
2/11	Bad Axe
2/13	Brown City
2/18	Mayville
2/20	Deckerville (Snowcoming)
2/25	Lakers
2/27	Reese
3/3	Vassar
3/5	USA
3/9-3/13	Districts @ Bad Axe

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

All games at 6 p.m.

12/2	Harbor Beach
12/5	Memphis
12/9	Sandusky
12/10	Caro
12/16	Vassar
12/18	USA
1/6	Ubyly
1/8	Bad Axe
1/13	Marlette
1/20	Lakers
1/22	Mayville
1/29	Vassar
2/3	Reese
2/5	USA
2/10	Bad Axe
2/12	Brown City
2/17	Akron-Fairgrove
2/19	Deckerville
2/24	Lakers
2/26	Reese
3/2-3/6	Districts @ Bad Axe

WRESTLING

12/10	Millington	6:00 p.m.
12/13	Marlette Team Tourny	8:00 a.m.
12/17	Caro	1:30 p.m.
12/20	Cros-Lex Team Tourny	9:00 a.m.
1/3	North Branch Team Tourny	9:00 a.m.
1/7	Memphis/EPB Lakers	6:00 p.m.
1/10	Saginaw Heritage	9:00 a.m.
1/14	Bad Axe/Marlette	1:30 p.m.
1/17	Marysville Team Tourny	8:00 a.m.
1/22	Sandusky/Mayville	6:00 p.m.
1/24	Mayville Team Tourny	9:00 a.m.
1/28	Vassar/Brown City	1:30 p.m.
1/31	Bullock Creek Team Tourny	8:30 a.m.
2/7	GTC League Meet @Bad Axe	TBD
2/11	Team Districts	TBD
2/14	Individual Districts	TBD
2/18	Team Regionals	TBD
2/21	Individual Regionals	TBD
2/27-28	Team State Finals @ Battle Creek	TBD
3/5-3/7	Team State Finals @Auburn Hills	TBD

GYMNASTICS

12/10	Vassar	6:30 p.m.
1/10	Fraser Invitational	9:00 a.m.
1/13	Vassar	6:30 p.m.
1/17	Milford-Lakeland	8:30 a.m.
1/22	Vassar	6:30 p.m.
1/31	St. John Invitational	10:00 a.m.
2/7	Vassar Invite	12:00 p.m.
2/26	Vassar	6:30 p.m.



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SR. HIGH

Girls' Basketball
Dec. 2 ~ Harbor Beach ~ 6 p.m.

Boys' Basketball
Dec. 17 ~ Harbor Beach ~ 6 p.m.

Gymnastics
Dec. 10 ~ Vassar ~ 6:30 p.m.

Wrestling
Dec. 10 ~ Millington ~ 6 p.m.

JR. HIGH

JH Girls' Basketball
Nov. 20 ~ Reese ~ 5:30 p.m.

JH Boys' Basketball
Jan. 14 ~ USA ~ 5:30 p.m.

JH Wrestling
Nov. 19 ~ Mayville/Brown City ~ 5:30 p.m.

BOWLING

All meets at 4 p.m. unless noted

1/8	North Huron
1/13	Harbor Beach
1/15	Ubyly
1/20	USA
1/27	Brown City
2/5	Reese
2/10	Bad Axe
2/12	Sandusky
2/14	Conf. Singles Tourny @ Sandusky
2/17	Girls Position RD @ Harbor Beach
2/19	Boys Position RD @ Capac 4:00 p.m.
2/21	Conf. Team Tourny @ Bad Axe



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JH BOYS' BASKETBALL

All games at 5:30 p.m.

1/14	USA
1/20	Reese
1/21	Vassar
1/26	USA
1/28	Reese
2/2	Vassar
2/4	USA
2/9	Reese
2/11	Vassar
2/12	EPBP Lakers
2/14	8th grade League Tourny



TBD

JH GIRLS' BASKETBALL

All games at 5:30 p.m.

11/3	Vassar
11/5	USA
11/7	EPBP Lakers
11/10	Reese
11/12	Vassar
11/17	USA
11/20	Reese
11/24	Vassar
12/1	USA
12/3	Reese
12/6	8th grade League Tourny



TBD

JH WRESTLING

11/8	Mayville	9:00 a.m.
11/12	Bad Axe/Brown City/Sandusky	5:30 p.m.
11/13	Mayville	5:30 p.m.
11/17	Brown City/Marlette/Lakers	5:30 p.m.
11/19	Mayville/Brown City	5:30 p.m.
11/24	Vassar/Memphis/Brown City	5:30 p.m.
12/3	Bad Axe/Lakers/Memphis	5:30 p.m.
12/5	GTC League Meet @ Lakers	5:30 p.m.



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IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICEMEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY NOW OR IN THE PRIOR NINE MONTHS, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE. Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Leola Retherford, by Sandra Joyce Kozen as Attorney in Fact to One Reverse Mortgage, LLC, Mortgagee, dated October 5, 2011, and recorded on November 8, 2011, in Liber 1234, Page 521, Tuscola County Records, said mortgage was assigned to Urban Financial of America, LLC, formerly known as Urban Financial Group, Inc. by an Assignment of Mortgage dated June 26, 2014 and recorded July 10, 2014 in Liber 1310, Page 1470, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Seventy and 77/100 (\$57,570.77) including interest at the rate of 2.73900% 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 venue, at the place of holding the Circuit Court in said Tuscola County, where the premises to be sold or some part of them are situated, at 10:00 AM on December 4, 2014 Said premises are situated in the Village of Cass City, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: A piece of land beginning at a point 16 rods South of the Southwest corner of Lot 4, Block 17 of Seeger Addition to the Village of Cass City, running thence East 8 rods, thence South 6 rods, thence West 8 rods, thence North 6 rods to the place of beginning, part of the Southeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 33, Town 14 North, Range 11 East, Elkland Township, Tuscola County, Michigan. Commonly known as: 4282 West St., Cass City, MI 48726 If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 6.00 months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes.

If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights.

Dated: October 29, 2014
Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Urban Financial of America, LLC, formerly known as Urban Financial Group, Inc.
43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180,
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302,
(248) 335-9200
Case No. 14MI00636-1

10-29-5

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 Joseph J. Switalski, and Virginia Switalski, husband and wife, and Jonathon J. Switalski, a married man and Lisa Ann Nelson, also known as Lisa A. Nelson, a married woman as joint tenants with full right s of survivorship and not as tenants in common, to Ameriquet Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated August 31, 2004 and recorded January 20, 2005 in Liber 1024, Page 1084, Tuscola

County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by CitiMortgage, Inc. by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventeen Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Seven and 16/100 Dollars (\$117,127.16) including interest at 4.4% 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 at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County., Michigan at 10:00 AM on DECEMBER 4, 2014.

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

Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of Section 6, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, thence Southerly on the West line of Section 6, 240 feet; thence Easterly perpendicular to said West line 200 feet; thence Northerly on a line which is parallel to and 200 feet measured at right angles, from the West Section line to the East and West 1/4 line of said Section; thence Westerly on said East-West 1/4 line of said Section; thence Westerly on said East -West 1/4 line to the West 1/4 corner, being the point of beginning of this description.

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

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

Dated: November 5, 2014
Orlans Associates, P.C..
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007
File No. 14-013101

11-5-4

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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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 Andrew Sloan and Wanda Sloan, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Flagstar Bank, FSB its successor and assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 20, 2002, and recorded on September 30, 2002 in Liber 896 on Page 14, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Flagstar Bank, FSB as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Two Thousand Five and 07/100 Dollars (\$72,005.07).

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 December 4, 2014.

Said premises are situated in Township of Watertown, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 1, Block 15 of the plat of the Village of Fostoria, according to the Recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Liber 1, Pages 44 and 45, Now being Pages 45A to 46A, 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: November 5, 2014
For more information, please call:
FC J (248) 593-1311
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File #421613F03

11-5-4

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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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 Robin Heit and Mary Heit, a married couple, original mortgagor(s), to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated February 11, 2003, and recorded on March 20, 2003 in Liber 921 on Page 1231, and modified by agreement dated August 5, 2013, and recorded on September 6, 2013 in Liber 1291 on Page 750, and assigned by said Mortgagee to MidFirst Bank, a Federally Chartered Savings 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 One Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Eight and 19/100 Dollars (\$122,958.19).

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 December 4, 2014.

Said premises are situated in Township of Tuscola, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the intersection of Loren Road and the East line of Section 28, Town 11 North, Range 7 East, thence along the centerline of Loren Road, South 64 degrees 08 minutes 30 seconds West 821.60 feet and South 24 degrees 49 minutes 30 seconds West 880.60 feet to the point of beginning of the description, thence continuing along thence centerline of Loren Road South 24 degrees 49 minutes 30 seconds West 208.00 feet, thence North 47 degrees 53 minutes 20 seconds West 464 feet, more or less, to the Cass River, thence Northeasterly along the Case River 78 feet, more or less, thence South 65 degrees 10 minutes 30 seconds East 448 feet, more or less 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: November 5, 2014
For more information, please call:
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Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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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 Daniel B. Hippensteel and Ruth A. Hippensteel, Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated January 8, 2003, and recorded on February 10, 2003 in Liber 914 on Page 958, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Bank of America, N.A. as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Fifty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy and 32/100 Dollars (\$258,970.32).

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 December 4, 2014.

Said premises are situated in Township of Arbela, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Southwest corner of Section 32, Town 10 North, Range 7 East; thence East 20 rods; thence North 20 rods; thence East 20 rods; thence North 20 rods; thence West 40 rods; thence South 40 rods to the point of beginning, except commencing at a point 40 rods North of the Southwest corner; thence East 200 feet; thence South 150 feet; thence West 200 feet; thence North 150 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: November 5, 2014
For more information, please call:
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Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-5422
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11-5-4

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 Victor O. Dicks, Jr. and Ruth A. Dicks, Husband and Wife, to Flagstar Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated November 26, 2001 and recorded January 24, 2002 in Liber 858, Page 1070, and Judgment to Quiet Title in Real Property and to Reform Mortgage, recorded August 8, 2014, in Liber 1312, page 1353, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Forty-One and 65/100 Dollars (\$67,241.65) including interest at 4.5% 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 DECEMBER 11, 2014.

Said premises are located in the Township of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Section 33, Township 11 North, Range 8 East, commencing at a point that is North 89 degrees 02 minutes 14 seconds West 651.49 feet from the Southeast corner of Section; thence North 89 degrees 02 minutes 14 seconds West 120 feet; thence North 02 degrees 54 minutes 40 seconds West 595.54 feet; thence South 89 degrees 02 minutes 14 seconds East 120 feet; thence South 02 degrees 54 minutes 40 seconds East 595.54 feet to 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. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

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

Dated: November 12, 2014
Orlans Associates, P.C..
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
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File No. 13-010252

11-12-4

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PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248)539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by SHERI DEPREKEL, SINGLE WOMAN, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 24, 2008, and recorded on October 24, 2008, in Liber 1160, on Page 819, and assigned by said mortgagee to TOWNE MORTGAGE COMPANY, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$41,720.60), including interest at 6.125% 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, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on December 11, 2014 Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as: COMMENCING AT A POINT 61 RODS NORTH OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 16, T13N, R8E, RUNNING THENCE EAST 20 RODS, THENCE SOUTH 6 RODS, THENCE WEST 8 RODS, THENCE NORTH 4 1/2 FEET, THENCE WEST 12 RODS, THENCE NORTH 5 RODS AND 12 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, TUSCOLA COUNTY RECORDS. 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.

TOWNE MORTGAGE COMPANY
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Legal Notices

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE SALE THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT.

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The aforementioned Judgment(s) and/or Order(s) established a debt owing to Plaintiff in the amount of \$45,284.39, plus post-judgment interest at an annual rate of 9.850% and other amounts recoverable pursuant to said Judgment(s) and/or Order(s). NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in order to satisfy said Judgment(s) and/or Order(s), in whole or in part, the property described below shall be sold at public auction, by an authorized sheriff/deputy sheriff or county clerk/deputy county clerk, to the highest bidder, at the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola, on the 8th of January, 2015 at 10:00 am, local time.

On said day at said time, the following described property shall be sold: property located in the Township of Juniata, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, particularly described as Commencing at the Northeast corner of Lot 1, Block 14, Village of Watrousville, thence West to the East line of the West half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 16, Town 12 North, Range 8 East, thence South to North line of Lot 11, said Block 14; thence East to the East line of said Block 14; thence North to the Point of Beginning, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 6 of Deeds on Page 12, Tuscola County Records.

Together with: all that part of the platted Third Street Right of Way, being a 66 foot wide strip of land, bounded on the west by the east line of lots 1 and 12 of block 14 and on the east by the west line of the Public Square and on the North by the South right of way line of Prospect Street and on the South by the South line said lot 12, block 14 extended east to the southwest corner of the Public Square, all in the Plat of Watrousville, recorded in Liber 6 on Page 4, section 16, Juniata Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.. Tax Parcel ID: 014-500-114-0100-00.

More commonly known as: 4655 Prospect St, REDEMPTION PERIOD IS SIX MONTHS.

For more information please call 248.642.2515.
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
31440 Northwestern Hwy Ste 200
Farmington Hills, MI 48334-5422
T# 419981L02

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Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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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 Jace E. Sears and Roxanne M. Sears, husband and wife as tenants by the entirety, original mortgagor(s), to Wells Fargo Bank,

N.A., Mortgagee, dated January 29, 2010, and recorded on March 4, 2010 in Liber 1193 on Page 844 in instrument 201000927811, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Seven and 83/100 Dollars (\$129,157.83).

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 December 11, 2014.

Said premises are situated in Township of Kingston, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: The Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 23, Town 12 North, Range 11 East. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

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

Dated: November 12, 2014
For more information, please call:
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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 Cynthia L. Aldridge and Christopher D. Aldridge, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Oxford Bank Mortgage Services, LLC, Mortgagee, dated July 13, 2006, and recorded on July 25, 2006 in Liber 1088 on Page 1232, and assigned by mesne assignments to U.S. 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 One Hundred Ten Thousand Thirty and 47/100 Dollars (\$110,030.47).

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 December 11, 2014.

Said premises are situated in City of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 47 and 68, Block 12, of the Plat of the Village (now city) of Vassar, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Deeds, Page 143 and in Liber 2 of Deeds, page 93.

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: November 12, 2014
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PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248)539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by DONALD P. JOHNSON, A SINGLE MAN, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 17, 2010, and recorded on August 25, 2010, in Liber 1204, on Page 601, 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 Thirty-One Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Three Dollars and Forty-One Cents (\$31,223.41), including interest at 4.750% 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 December 18, 2014 Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as: COMMENCING AT A POINT 297 FEET WEST OF THE NORTH-EAST CORNER OF SECTION 30, TOWN 10 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, MILLINGTON TOWNSHIP, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, THENCE SOUTH 146 2/3 FEET; THENCE WEST 297 FEET; THENCE NORTH 146 2/3 FEET; THENCE EAST 297 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, BEING PART OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 30, TOWN 10 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST.

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 during the redemption period. JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association Mortgagee/ Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.
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PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248)539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by AYHAB Y. TOMA and SANJUANITA TOMA, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to CHASE BANK USA, N.A., Mortgagee, dated September 2, 2005, and recorded on September 12, 2005, in Liber 1053, on Page 1240, 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 One Hundred Twenty-One Thousand Twenty-Eight Dollars and Seventeen Cents (\$121,028.17), including interest at 6.725% 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 December 18, 2014 Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as: Lot(s) 5 and 6, Elbers Subdivision, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 34. 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.

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Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman,
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PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248)539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by ERIC WILSON and ERIN WILSON, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 11, 2009, and recorded on February 19, 2009, in Liber 1167, on Page 1075, and assigned by said mortgagee to Matrix Financial Services Corporation, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-Five Dollars and Eighty-Five Cents (\$147,795.85), including interest at 5.500% 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 December 18, 2014 Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as: PART OF SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 10 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST, DESCRIBED AS: THE SOUTHWEST 1 / 4 OF SOUTHEAST 1 / 4 EXCEPT COMMENCING AT SOUTH 1 / 4 CORNER OF SECTION 23, THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 46 SECONDS EAST 660.91 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 26 SECONDS WEST 1320.78 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 25 SECONDS WEST 663.97 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 03 SECONDS EAST 1319.34 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 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 during the redemption period.

Matrix Financial Services Corporation Mortgagee/

Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Paula Wade, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, Mortgagors, to "MERS" IS MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR AMERICA'S WHOLESALE LENDER, Mortgagee, dated the 1st day of November, 2005 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 11th day of May, 2006 in Liber 1081 of Tuscola County Records, page 181, said Mortgage having been assigned to The Bank of New York Mellon , f/k/a The Bank of New York, as trustee for the certificateholders of the CWABS, Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-17 _ on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Two Hundred Sixty Four Thousand Three Hundred Forty Seven Thousand and 72/100 (\$264,347.72), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 18th day of December, 2014 at 10:00 AM o'clock Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in Village of Caro, Tuscola Cty MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 8.990 per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Township of Tuscola, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit: The North 52.5 feet of Lot 25, all of Lot 26 and the South 55 feet of Lot 27, Broad-Lea Subdivision, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 28 and 29, Tuscola County Records. During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale.

Pursuant to MCLA 600.3278, the mortgagor(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney

Dated: 11/19/2014
The Bank of New York Mellon , f/k/a
The Bank of New York, as trustee for the certificateholders of the CWABS, Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-17 Mortgagee
FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C.
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Bowling



Wednesday Night Trio (Charmont Lanes) 11/12/14 Scores Week 10

Place.	Team Name	Points
1.)	Scheurer Community Services	49
2.)	Mi-Tech Tooling, Inc.	46
3.)	Rooney Contracting	42
4.)	Nicol & Sons, Inc.	42
5.)	Scheurer Hospital	41
6.)	Prographix	41
7.)	Scheurer Healthcare Network	36
8.)	3 Meat Treat	33
9.)	Kelly & Company	27
10.)	Martin Electric	27
11.)	Curtis Chrysler	25
	<i>Terry Lutz</i>	212
	<i>James Smithson</i>	201
	<i>Jeff Mathewson</i>	225
	<i>Tyler Erla</i>	224
	<i>Ken Martin Jr.</i>	215
	<i>Dan Curtis</i>	205
	<i>Joel Nicol</i>	220
	<i>Rooney Contracting</i>	1476

Team Name	Score
Nuts and Bolts	53
Just One More	47
Charmont Chix	34
Thumb Octagon Barn	31
The Pink Ladies	26
No Shows	17

Team	High Game Actual	High Series Actual
Nuts and Bolts	577	1668
Team	Hdcp Game	Series
Nuts and Bolts	815	2382
Individual	High Game Actual	
Cyndi Martin	170	
Individual	Hdcp game	
Cyndi Martin	235	
Individual	High Series Actual	
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THIS YEAR'S harvest has turned into a marathon of sorts, thanks to weather conditions that have significantly delayed maturity of some crops. Farmers are in a race against the clock, with weather quickly approaching, and the late harvest has officials concerned about the potential for accidents involving passenger vehicles and tractors and other farm equipment on rural roadways.

MARATHON

Farmers and motorists in Thumb facing some challenges this year

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The fall harvest has turned into a marathon this year, rather than the usual sprint to the finish, causing potential headaches for farmers as well as motorists, who are reminded to be aware of farm equipment on Thumb roadways later than usual this fall.

"Nobody's more eager than the farmers themselves to get this year's grain out of the field and into storage, but as autumn transitions toward winter, the conditions necessary for accomplishing that task are slipping away," said Craig Anderson, manager of Agricultural Labor and Safety Services at Michigan Farm Bureau (MFB).

"Slowly but surely, they're getting the job done, but the clock's ticking and that means everyone behind the wheel of a vehicle needs to maintain that extra level of caution and awareness that's warranted when we've got tractors, combines and grain trucks sharing the roads with everyday sedans, mini-vans and SUVs," Anderson added.

"We're heading into the shortest days of the year, with daylight fading fast when most of us nine-to-fivers are heading home for the day," he noted. "Psychologically, that alone impairs our attentiveness – that's bad enough. But when you add to the equation random pieces of bulky, slow-moving farm equipment, the potential for disaster is all too real."

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agriculture Statistics Service (NASS) Great Lakes Regional Office, only 31 percent of Michigan's 2014 corn crop was harvested as of Nov. 1 – some 20 percent behind the five-year average. Soybeans were roughly 71 percent harvested, about 12 percent behind average.

"Mother Nature's been setting the stage for this all year," said Bob Boehm, manager of the MFB Center for Commodity, Farming and Industry Relations. "Last winter was brutal and long; spring was cold, wet and slow; summer was relatively cool; and a fairly wet autumn so far has led to delays in harvesting."

On the bright side, yields so far have been encouraging. Corn yields are on track for a record high of 166 bushels per acre – 11 bushels per acre more than last year – and soybean yields of 45 bushels an acre are slightly better than in 2013.

Sugar beets are bucking the trend, according to Boehm, who says the harvest is ahead of schedule and more than three-quarters complete, with yields approaching 30 tons per acre – numbers that are poised to best 2012's bumper crop.

But there are a number of potential complications this year. While the harvest is nearing completion or finished for most crops, the corn harvest will linger as fields continue to see rain and now snow, while moisture levels of grain remain higher than normal, according to Jim Byrum, president of the Michigan Agri-Business Association (MABA).

"Test weights – the amount a bushel of corn weighs – for corn are going to suffer, and we're already seeing issues such as vomitoxin in corn. The nature of this harvest means more expense to ship the crop, more expense to dry it and a tougher time marketing it," Byrum added. "Growers are balancing some critical issues as we wrap up harvest."

Typical moisture levels for corn are in the range of 14 to 19 percent, but so far this year grain is trending in the 20- to 30-percent range, and even into the low 30s, according to Byrum.

Corn moisture determines how easily it can be stored, and the quality of the grain when it is used for feed or other purposes. Grain stored through the fall, winter and beyond ideally contains no more than 14 to 15 percent moisture to avoid mold and other problems.

Test weight, another measure of corn quality – specifically, how much a bushel (by volume) of grain actually weighs – is also trending lower. The normal test weight for corn is 56 pounds per bushel, but this year, that weight is generally significantly lower, with some samples testing below 50 pounds per bushel.

Byrum said the unpredictable weather, extended harvest season and lower crop test weights are already raising issues across Michigan agriculture, including:

*Natural gas availability is critical as grain drying needs increase. Grain elevators and farmers dry their crop with heat generated either by propane or natural gas, and the cost of doing so this year will be significant because of the amount of drying required.

There also is a real concern about gas supplies and cost as the season wears on. Farmers may be inclined to leave their crop in the field, hoping for natural "dry down," but that can be difficult, especially if snow and cold weather come early, as is forecast over the next few weeks.

*Transportation logistics and infrastructure are front and center once again this year.

This year's crop will be high-volume, but low test weight. That means trucks and rail cars may be full with volume, but because of the lower weight of the corn itself, transportation costs, rail cars and trucks will cost more to move. A more serious problem is that buyers often require corn to meet certain test weight requirements, and it may be tough to meet those conditions with this year's crop.

*For commodity crop producers, markets have scaled back from record levels of recent years. Prices have moderated since reaching record four-year lows early this fall on projections of record corn and soybean crops. However, lower prices are forecast well through next year, and farm financials will be stressed over the coming months. Many say that agriculture is in a decent position to weather the downturn, with strong farm financial indicators after several years of high prices.

"When you factor in prices, the difficulty posed by this year's harvest is magnified for producers and the businesses they work with," Byrum said. "These new challenges come at a time when prices for corn have dropped by more than 30 percent in the past year, to levels that many farmers say is at or below their cost of production. These conditions will put even more stress on farmers as they struggle to get the crop under cover and start planning for next year."

Early indications suggest that pricing and challenges this year may cause farmers to reduce their corn acreage in 2015, but cropping options are limited.

Wheat, normally planted in the fall, is an attractive crop for many, but rain and a late soybean and dry bean harvest have limited the acreage available for farmers to plant wheat. Some estimate that while wheat acreage is projected to be up this fall, as much as 20 percent of the intended acreage in some areas wasn't planted.

As a result, farmers have corn and soybeans to look at for next year's planting. In Michigan's Thumb and Saginaw Valley, dry beans are also a possibility, and sugar beet acreage remains pretty constant, limited by processing capacity and market conditions.

Given the range of challenges so far this fall, farmers will face some tough decisions in 2015, Byrum acknowledged.

"The fact is that while this may be an adequate year for Michigan agriculture, options are limited for farmers as they start to think about 2015," he said. "Prices, logistics and energy all pose critical challenges. Farmers at this point are ready to be done with this harvest so they can fully focus on next year's challenges."

HUNTER'S SAFETY

With Michigan's rich tradition of fall hunting getting underway, conservation officers at the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) have offered their top 10 tips for a safe outdoor experience.

"Hunting in Michigan is a time-honored activity, rich in tradition, when families and friends come together to enjoy our great outdoors," said Lt. Andrew Turner, who leads the DNR's Recreation, Safety and Enforcement Section for the Law Enforcement Division. "Making your hunt a safe and responsible experience is key to having an enjoyable and memorable time. By following these safety tips, hunters can help us all have a good season."

1. Treat every firearm as if it is loaded.
2. Always point the muzzle in a safe direction.
3. Be certain of your target, and what's beyond it, before firing. Know the identifying features of the game you hunt. Make sure you have an adequate backstop; don't shoot at a flat, hard surface or water.
4. Keep your finger outside the trigger guard and off the trigger until ready to shoot.
5. Don't run, jump or climb with a loaded firearm. Unload a firearm before you climb a fence or tree, or jump a ditch. Pull a firearm toward you by the butt, not the muzzle.
6. Avoid alcoholic beverages before or during hunting. Also avoid mind- or behavior-altering medicines or drugs.
7. All firearm deer hunters on any land during daylight hunting hours must wear a hat, cap, vest, jacket, rainwear or other outer garment of "hunter orange" visible from all sides. All hunters, including archers, must comply during gun season.
8. Camouflage hunter orange is legal, provided 50 percent of the surface area is solid hunter orange. (Exceptions: water-fowl, crow and wild turkey hunters, and bow hunters for deer during bow season).
9. Always let someone know where you are hunting and when you plan on returning. This information helps conservation officers and others locate you if you get lost.
10. Carry your cell phone into the woods. Remember to turn your ringer off or set your phone to vibrate rather than ring. Your cell phone emits a signal that can help rescuers locate you when you are lost. If you have a smartphone, go to the settings and enable your GPS to help searchers find you if you get lost. Make sure before you leave for the woods each day that your phone is fully charged. If you have a smartphone, download a compass and flashlight app – there are many versions of these apps that are free to download in the iPhone App Store or on Google Play for Android.

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