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## Village settles URS dispute

by Clarke Haire  
Publisher

The village of Cass City will borrow \$450,000 to help settle a dispute with URS Corporation, Southfield, to cover all monies owed on engineering work on proposed upgrades to the Cass City Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP), related to construction of the Dairy Farmers of America (DFA) milk plant located in the industrial park adjacent to Doerr Road.

Disagreement on the billed costs, scope of the project and contract limits were all issues, according to village attorney Jason Bitzer, who has had a series of discussions with opposing council in an effort to resolve the clash totaling \$742,739.

Village Manager Peter Cristiano reported Monday during the final

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**VETERAN THUMB educator and administrator Bob Drury, pictured above with Owen-Gage Principal Terri Falkenberg, will retire again from the Owen-Gage Schools later this month after his second stint as the district's interim school chief. He'll be handing the reins over to Falkenberg, who will continue to serve as K-12 principal as well as becoming the first female school superintendent among public schools within the Huron Intermediate School District.**

## School board pleased with rank, grade in new study

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Cass City School officials took a few moments Monday night to acknowledge the junior-senior high school's stellar performance in a Mackinac Center for Public Policy study that ranked Cass City 36th among the state's 659 Michigan public high schools based on standardized test scores.

Cass City Junior-Senior High School received an "A" grade and

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## Search for top junior citizen now expanded

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

The committee behind the selection of Cass City's Junior Citizen of the Year has expanded its search for the most deserving young person this year by asking various segments of the community to offer nominations.

The honor, along with the Cass City Citizen of the Year Award, is presented during the Cass City Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner in late winter. This year's banquet is slated for Feb. 7.

In the past, the local high school teaching staff was asked to select and narrow a field of candidates to be considered for the junior citizen recognition, first presented back in the spring of 1965 to then-Cass City High School senior Betty Kennedy,

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## Falkenberg first female school chief at O-G

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

The Owen-Gage Public Schools will begin the new year with a new – but very familiar – face in the superintendent's office.

Terri Falkenberg, Owen-Gage's K-12 principal since 2010, was recently named superintendent. Believed to be the first female school chief among public schools within the Huron Intermediate School District (HISD), she will begin her duties in the dual administrative roles following the retirement of interim Supt. Bob Drury at the end of this month.

In spite of the added responsibility, Falkenberg expects to hit the ground running in the 165-student school system she's called home since 1999.

"I've taught everything from fifth grade to the twelfth grade here, just about every subject. When I first came, I also created a new art program for the district," recalled Falkenberg, who previously taught for 5 years at St. John's, Kilmanagh, after a year-long stint as a substitute teacher in the

Bridgeport-Spaulding Schools.

Falkenberg says she's also benefited greatly from working with Drury during both of his tenures as an interim school chief at Owen-Gage. "There really isn't an area in the district that I haven't been involved in, so it feels like a natural transition," she added.

Drury agreed.

"Terri is well prepared. She's handled many of the duties that the superintendent has, which I will gladly relinquish to her," he joked.

"The biggest thing is to act as the representative of the board of education in running the day-to-day operations of the school district," added Drury, who noted Falkenberg is ready to do just that as well as tackle responsibilities such as budgeting.

Drury knows what he's talking about. His resume includes 44 years in education, starting in 1969 when he spent his first year teaching at the Maxey Boys Training School in Whitmore Lake, followed by a teaching stint in the

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**"TONIGHT WAS the big one. The champ got a second-place medal again," a proud Sandra Ellesin said of her grandson, Ethan Ellesin, after he wrapped up a successful first year of competitive wrestling as a member of the seventh and eighth grade Red Hawk wrestling squad under the direction of Head Coach Adam Dorland. Ellesin finished the season with an impressive 15-3 record.**

## Thumb teen Ethan Ellesin may be short in stature, but on the wrestling mat, he's always...

# STANDING TALL

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

At just four feet three inches tall and 98 pounds, you might overlook Ethan Ellesin if you walked past him in a hallway at Cass City Junior-Senior High School, but you can be sure that his opponents on the wrestling mat don't.

In his first year of competitive wrestling, Ellesin, a seventh grade student and member of the Red Hawk junior high team, recently completed the season with an impressive 15-3 record, finishing in second place in his weight class in the season finale league tourney hosted by Cass City. The 14-year-old rookie led his team in reversals, two-point near falls and in three-point near falls over the course of the season.

In the process, Ellesin impressed teachers and coaches alike after struggling a bit in school.

It hasn't been an easy road for the transfer student. Ellesin was born with dwarfism, a condition of short stature defined by the advocacy group, Little People of America (LAP), as having an adult height of four feet 10 inches or under as a result of a medical or genetic condition.

Ellesin has also struggled with

some learning and other challenges, but athletics have been a passion, opening doors and opportunities for the teen, according to his grandmother, Sandra Ellesin, who along with her husband have raised him.

"In 2012, Ethan did well in Tae Kwon Do. Then, in 2013-14, he (did) great in soccer. He has also been great in most water sports, etc.," Sandra Ellesin said, nothing Ethan enjoys splitting wood to help keep himself in shape. She added, however, that while her grandson has proven size doesn't matter, she was hesitant to encourage his interest in wrestling.

"I felt they wouldn't be able to have a match (for him), plus we couldn't afford the gear and more gas (for) trips to practice – we are 13 miles from Cass City," said Ellesin, whose limited financial resources have prompted her and her husband to do without some things in order to give Ethan every opportunity they can.

She was thrilled to learn local school officials were willing to do the same.

"To my amazement, Ethan's coach, Adam Dorland, called me and said no way (should Ethan miss out on giving competitive wrestling a shot). He wanted Ethan on his team – he's a powerhouse," Ellesin recalled.

Dorland furnished all of Ethan's gear, as the junior high coaches try to do for all team members who need a hand. "I swell up with tears of happiness, knowing others care about (Ethan) so much," Ellesin said. She added another Cass City teacher, Ron Woloshen, who resides in the Caro area and whose son wrestles on

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# Obituaries

**Helen Hass**  
Helen Delores Hass, 83, of Cass City, died Sunday, December 14, 2014 in Tuscola County Medical Care Facility following a long illness. She was born March 10, 1931 in Roseville to Benjamin F. and Marian A. (Everts) Dalton.  
She married Calvin G. Easton August 27, 1955 in Cass City. He died June 23, 1994. She married Walter A. Hass November 7, 1998 in Cass City. He died December 20, 2007.  
Helen was a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Cass City for more than 46 years. She worked for Higby's Pharmacy in Bad Axe as a clerk from 1955 to 1967. Helen was a member of the Cass City VFW Post #3644 Auxiliary. Over the years, Helen enjoyed flower gardening, reading, skating and dancing.  
Helen is survived by her daughter, JoAnn (Steve) Smukala of Bad Axe; grandson, TJ (Jessica Sweet) Thorp of Ruth; granddaughter, Shannon (Franklin) Horning of Cass City; great grandchildren: Erica, Natalie and Bradley; sister: Alice Travis of Tennessee; many nieces and nephews.  
She was preceded in death by brothers: Emmett Dalton, Raymond Dalton and William Dalton; sisters:

Bonnie Chopp and Naomi Minnick.  
Visitation was held from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday, December 16 in Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City and from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Wednesday, December 17 in Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.  
A funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 17 in Good Shepherd Lutheran Church with the Rev. Stephen Bagnall officiating.  
Interment will be in Novesta Township Cemetery. Pallbearers for Mrs. Hass were Richard Easton, TJ Thorp, Franklin Horning and John Nitz.  
Memorials may be made to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at [www.kranzfuneralhome.com](http://www.kranzfuneralhome.com).  
Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.

**James Tuckey**  
James Allen "Jim" Tuckey, 91, of Cass City, died Wednesday, December 10, 2014 in his home with his loving family by his side. He was born November 10, 1923 at home in Cass City the first of five children born to Leslie Clair and Florence Marion (Wanner) Tuckey. He married Lillian O'Dell on

March 31, 1944. She died March 15, 1946. He married Wanda June Tuckey August 23, 1947 in Exeter, Ontario. They recently celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary.  
Jim was a crop farmer and dairy farmer. He was a very active, devoted member of Cass City Missionary Church. Jim was instrumental in building the current Cass City Missionary Church doing much of the wiring and plumbing. He also served as church trustee. He was a member of MMPA. Jim was a pilot and enjoyed flying his Piper J4E. Jim, along with Henry Doerr and Luke Tuckey, started Tuckey Block. He was one of the first people to bring a wild Mustang herd into the area. At one time, Jim drove a herd of cattle through the center of town. He enjoyed horseback riding, canoeing, gathering mushrooms, fishing, hunting turkey and deer. In his later years he enjoyed woodworking and helping Wanda with her quilting. Jim was a consultant for his boys when they needed help or advice. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather.  
Jim is survived by his wife, Wanda; children: Judy (Doug) Hall of Cass City, Jim (Shirley) Tuckey of Cass City, Scott (Rose) Tuckey of Caseville, Jeff (Jan) Tuckey of Cass City, Debbie (Keith) Hake of Phoenix, AZ, Phillip (Marci) Tuckey of Vienna, Austria, Kathy (Dave) Collins of Mesa, AZ; 21 grandchildren, 3 step grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, 4 step great-grandchildren, 2 step great-grandchildren. He will also be missed by sisters: Ruth (Joseph) VanAcker of Cass City, Betty Caudell of Davison, Esther (Jerry) Freed of Ashland, OR; sisters-in-law: Carol Tuckey of Cass City, Fonda Doyen of Cass City; many nieces and nephews.  
He is preceded in death by an infant daughter; brother, Mark Tuckey; brothers-in-law: Warren Kelley, Lee D'Arcy, Fred Caudell.  
Funeral service were held Saturday, December 13 in the Cass City Missionary Church with Dr. Phil Burkett officiating.  
Interment will be in Elkland Township Cemetery. Pallbearers for Mr. Tuckey: James A. Tuckey, Brent Hall, Bart Hall, Blake Hall, Gregory Tuckey and Nathan Hake.  
Memorials may be made to Cass City Missionary Church. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at [www.kranzfuneralhome.com](http://www.kranzfuneralhome.com).  
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## Engaged



**Michael Sterly and Dara Iwankovitsch**  
Daryl and Connie Iwankovitsch of Cass City announce the engagement and upcoming nuptials of their daughter, Dara L. Iwankovitsch to Michael J. Sterly of Charlevoix, Michigan.  
Dara and Michael were engaged in April 2014 and will be joined in the sacrament of marriage at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Charlevoix on Saturday, June 27, 2015.  
Dara is currently teaching third grade at Lincoln Elementary School in Petoskey, Michigan.  
Michael is on staff at Munson Hospital in Traverse City as an R.N. in "performance improvement."

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In Our  
OPINION...

Clarke Haire  
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# We'll say it again: get your flu shot!

*At the risk of sounding like a broken record, we're going to again encourage our readers to consider putting "Get a flu shot" on their list of things to do as soon as possible.*

*Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) officials say influenza activity in the state is increasing, especially in Michigan's southeast region, prompting them to urge residents not to wait to get their flu vaccine this year.*

*"Vaccination is the single best way to prevent against getting the flu," said Nick Lyon, director of the MDCH.*

*"Vaccine-preventable diseases like the flu are a very real threat in our communities," adds Dr. Matthew Davis, chief medical executive with the MDCH. "It takes about two weeks after vaccination to be protected against the flu, and I encourage all residents to get vaccinated now so they are protected before flu becomes widespread in Michigan."*

*The flu can be serious, and complications are usually more common in young children, older adults, pregnant women, and people with chronic health conditions. Last flu season, influenza particularly affected healthy young and middle-aged adults. This is why MDCH urges everyone age six months and older, regardless of health status, to protect themselves against the flu.*

*Each flu season is unpredictable.*

*The 2013-14 season began relatively early, was moderately severe, and was predominantly an H1N1 season. So far in 2014-15, flu activity is increasing and health officials say they are primarily seeing H3N2 along with some influenza B viruses.*

*Nationally, about half of H3N2 viruses characterized have "drifted" and do not match the vaccine strain. Because of this, there may be decreased vaccine effectiveness observed this flu season. However, the vaccine can provide some protection against drifted viruses, and is still strongly recommended.*

*Last flu season, 42.9 percent of Michigan residents were vaccinated against the flu, which remains below the national coverage of 46.2 percent. Data from the Michigan Care Improvement Registry show only 10.1 percent of adults age 18-24 were vaccinated for flu in 2013-14.*

*Spending Christmas and New Years with the flu is no way to celebrate the holidays. So why not take a few minutes and take care of that immunization. Keep in mind, by protecting yourself, you're also protecting friends, loved ones and co-workers you come into contact with on a regular basis.*

*If you're not sure how to start, contact your personal physician or stop in at the many pharmacies that offer flu shots.*

*There are multiple options of flu vaccine available. To find a flu vaccine location near you, visit <http://flushot.healthmap.org>. For more general information about flu in Michigan, visit [www.michigan.gov/flu](http://www.michigan.gov/flu).*

Slices of Life

by Jill Pertler

Sleeping through the night



“Good news, she slept through the night.”

My husband shared this information in a hushed tone at 6:00 this morning and we gave each other a silent high-five. No need to wake anyone at that early hour, especially our daughter, who had her wisdom teeth surgically removed the day before.

I’d had a fitful night, worrying about swelling, bleeding, dry sockets and mouth pain that might cause our daughter to lose sleep. I’m sure my husband experienced something similar. Such is the fodder of parenthood. We’ve been doing this for over two decades and I’ve come to understand this is only the start of it all.

Once you are a parent you’ll always be a parent. The job has no end date. You can’t quit, resign or retire. Not that you’d want to. Of course you wouldn’t want to. But sometimes the situation feels immense – to experience a love so vast and in some ways so one-sided.

Of course our kids love us in return. But they love us like kids are supposed to love parents. We love them in a different way. As only a parent can. It’s how things are. How they were meant to be.

Most days, most times, most moments, I am so grateful I’ve been given the gift, the privilege, the honor of

## Letters to the Editor

### DNR math on wolves is just not adding up

The DNR better hire someone who knows how to add and subtract. Why? Because the biologist that was assigned to Isle Royale was told that 80 wolves was a perfect balance for the 5,700 moose over there, but then they let them breed to roughly 300 and that brought the moose population down to under 1,000.

The DNR claims the wolves caught a disease and died off to roughly 28. I wonder if someone in that department with one ounce of brains knew they were in trouble and gave them a self-inflicted disease or lead poisoning.

In Michigan’s Upper Peninsula, the DNR claims there are 658 wolves, and they claim there are five wolves to a pack. If you have five wolves to a pack or 30 wolves to a pack, there will only be one breeding female to a pack. So take 658 wolves with five wolves – that equals 131 breeding females. A female can have four to seven pups, but let’s take four pups to each female and that equals 524 pups. I’d like to know, at that rate of pups, why we only have 658 wolves.

I have a question for that biologist that works for the DNR. In 2005, you claim there were 405 wolves, which equals 81 females with five wolves to a pack. Each female having four pups would equal 324 pups. Then in 2006, you claim there were 431 wolves. If that is true, I would like to know what happened to the rest of the 298 pups, because from 2005 to 2006, you say wolves only increased by 26. I know some would die from natural causes, but not 298 of them. So does anyone really know how many there are? Please don’t tell me they had abortion.

This much I do know: four to five years from now there won’t be any deer to hunt at the rate these wolves are increasing. The millions of dollars we spent bringing moose in from Canada will be dinner for those wolves. The original wolves in Montana weigh 80 to 90 pounds, and the ones that they introduced from Canada weigh 180 to 190 pounds. I’d like these biologists that are tracking the predators to put tracking collars on the high level management to see if they can hold down a real job, because they surely don’t know how to do the ones they have.

Robert Peruski  
Ubly

## Operation Christmas Child a great success

We appreciate all the volunteers and area churches for making our Operation Christmas Child Collection Center a success.

Twelve church groups and four individuals brought in 857 shoeboxes filled with school supplies, personal hygiene items and toys. The 10 collection centers in the greater Thumb brought in 10,045 boxes.

Samaritan’s Purse hopes to distribute 10 million boxes to needy children around the globe.

Larry and Sharon Robinson  
Cass City Missionary Church

## Parish ladies looking out for area children

My heart goes out to the women of Our Lady Consolata Parish who volunteered their time to make hats, mittens and scarves to classrooms for children who need such items.

Our Lady Consolata ladies are also looking for donated items, such as yarn.

God bless you for looking out for children during this cold weather. Such caring for the needy children is awesome – this is God’s doing. Praise God!

Michael A. Missovich

being a mother. It fills me with joy unlike any other.

But then there are those times, those instants, those seconds, when the weight and the pain of it all seems awfully great – to love someone so much it hurts. Caring for another person like a parent cares for a child leaves you vulnerable in a way you never imagined. It’s scary sometimes, living with that vulnerability day in, day out. Not for weeks or months, but for a lifetime.

It’s something no one admits. Something no one tells you. Something you don’t often even dare tell yourself because your weakness and susceptibility could make you seem selfish or ungrateful for the gift you’ve been given. Thinking about it – acknowledging it – makes it more real and more raw.

When they come to us as tiny babies – so vulnerable and dependent – their world becomes ours and their needs become almost more important than our own. When they hurt, we hurt. When they smile, we smile. When they sleep through the night, we breathe a sigh of relief. We worry and fret because there is no shortage of things that could go wrong.

Their vulnerability creates ours.

A new parent might believe the situation is temporary or at the very least will change as her children grow and become more independent. And it’s true; the situation does change. In some ways it multiplies.


Kids grow up and the distance between you – both physically and psychologically – increases. You’re no longer needed to kiss away boo boos or help a toddler get back to sleep after a bad dream. It isn’t as simple or as easy as that anymore. And while you might not be with them every minute or every day, you never quite lose sight of their state of being and whether they are happy or hurting, succeeding or struggling, at peace or at war and everything in between.

Two decades ago, we brought a pink bundle home with us from the hospital and watched her chest rise and fall in the relaxed cadence of a baby’s sleep. Back then we looked forward to the milestone of having her sleep through the night.

This morning my husband and I shared a tender parenting moment when we realized she had.

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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)

What do turkeys and Ramon noodles have in common? According to Cass City teacher Russell Weyer, in this case, it’s the Cass City FFA Turkey Trot.

Throughout November a nonperishable food drive was held within the local school district for families in need, collecting 2,339 items, which were all donated to Revive Ministries in Cass City. Meanwhile, over the course of three months, 18 turkeys were raised by Cass City FFA members. Then, on Nov. 25 during an assembly at the high school, the birds were raced through an obstacle course by students and staff members.

The Cass City FFA stresses the event wouldn’t be possible without the help of sponsors that included: Cass City PTO, the Cass City Education Association (CCEA), Cass City Juioir-Senior High School Student Council, Thumb Welding Supply, Cass City National Honor Society, Harris and Company, the Swiderski family, Cass City Superintendent’s Office, Cass City High School Office, Battel Sugar Bush, Lynn Island Farms, Cass City Wrestling Team, Jodi’s Country Hair Salon, Cass City 9th Grade Student Council, Cass City 10th Grade Student Council, Ken Martin Electric, and the Cass City Chronicle.

Oak wilt outbreaks are increasing in Michigan and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has conducted treatment at several state parks to halt the spread of the disease.

Oak wilt is an introduced disease that causes rapid death of infected trees. The fungus is easily transported by beetles from infected wood to nearby wounded trees.

Trees cannot be cured of oak wilt, and once a tree is infected the disease can rapidly spread to neighboring trees through underground root graft connections. The loss of large numbers of oak trees in parks can be dramatic, both for the park visitor experience and the ecology of the natural habitat.

“The likely cause of the oak wilt outbreak at Michigan state parks is the movement of infected firewood into campgrounds,” said DNR natural resources steward Heidi Frei. “Campers and other park visitors can help prevent the spread of the oak wilt fungus by not moving firewood between campgrounds.”

Treatments in 2014 included using a vibratory plow fitted with a special blade (designed and fabricated at the DNR’s Forest Fire Experiment Station in Roscommon) that severs grafted tree roots, isolating healthy trees from infected trees. Treatment also included the application of fungistats, which inhibit the growth and reproduction of fungi, and which have been used in areas declared critical dune habitat.

Human Development Commission (HDC) officials are seeking general contractors for the agency’s Homeowner Rehabilitation Program in Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac and Tuscola counties.

The Homeowner Rehabilitation Program is designed to provide needed repairs to single-family, owner-occupied homes. Approved contractors become part of HDC’s exclusive contractor list for the rehabilitation program. Bids will only be accepted from contractors who are part of the contractor list.

Contractors are expected have the capacity to complete jobs in excess of \$30,000 in a timely manner. They must carry a valid builder’s license and liability insurance, and must be a certified lead abatement contractor through Michigan Department of Community Health.

More information on the Lead Abatement Certification and how to become part of HDC’s Contractor List is available by attending an information session slated for 9 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, at the HDC office located at 429 Montague Ave in Caro. Registration is required by contacting Kristy Anderson at (989) 672-1792.

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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**Wednesday, December 17**  
•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.

**Thursday, December 18**  
•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.

**Monday, December 22**  
•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.  
•Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubly. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.  
•AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.

**Tuesday, December 23**  
•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  
•Ubly Lions Club meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Ubly Thumb Veterans Organization Hall, 2165 Bingham St., Ubly MI 48475. A pot luck is served prior to the meeting. Everyone is welcomed.

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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.

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# In Sanilac County Sheriff promotes Owens, Park

by **Tom Montgomery**  
Editor

The Sanilac County Sheriff's Department recently announced the promotions of two sergeants.

"Deputy Danny Owens, a four-year veteran of the sheriff's office, has been promoted to the position of corrections sergeant," Sheriff Garry Biniecki said. "Sgt. Owens has served the sheriff's office in various roles, notably his leadership (and) involvement in the correction Division Field Training Program.

"Deputy Shelly Park has been promoted to the position of uniform services sergeant," Biniecki added. "Sgt. Park has served the sheriff's office since 2001 in various roles, serving as corrections deputy, uniform services deputy, special

response team member and medical examiner special investigator.

"I congratulate and welcome these two sergeants to our leadership team," Biniecki said. "I am very proud of the initiative shown by my staff, and their willingness to step up and use their leadership skills to assist us in moving forward in our pledge to serve the public."



Sgt. Danny Owens



Sgt. Shelly Park

## Circuit court proceedings Several appear on felony charges

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

\*Joel J. Delmage, 31, Otisville, was sentenced to 180 days in the county jail and 36 months probation following his pleas of guilty to charges of breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny, and larceny of property valued at \$1,000 to \$20,000 between Aug. 3 and Aug. 7 in Millington Township.

He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$2,476. Restitution in the case is to be determined.

\*Jill E. Brown, 31, Vassar, was sentenced to 180 days in jail and 12 months probation following her plea of no contest to aggravated domestic violence Aug. 12 in Vassar.

She was also ordered to complete her high school education and pay costs and fines totaling \$725 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

\*Joan R. Starr, 28, Monroe, was sentenced to five to 15 years in prison following her pleas of no contest to charges of unarmed robbery, conspiracy to commit unarmed robbery, and unlawful imprisonment Dec. 30 in Vassar.

She was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,834 plus attorneys fees of \$500 and restitution of \$3,582.06.

\*Donald D. Lokken, 33, Clio, was sentenced to 10 to 30 years in prison following his pleas of no contest to six counts of second degree home invasion between Nov. 10 and Nov. 12, 2013, in Watertown, Arbela, Millington and Vassar townships. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to prison time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$476 plus attorneys fees of \$500. Restitution in the case is to be determined.

\*Dylon W. Wonnacott, 20, Caro, was sentenced to five to 15 years in prison following his pleas of no contest to two counts of criminal sexual conduct, third degree, involving a victim at least 13 years of age but under 16 years Jan. 16 in Wells Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$766 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

\*Cyle A. Eddy, 27, Caro, was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$698 plus attorneys fees of \$500 following his plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, second offense, March 27 in Caro.

\*Ryan E. Sundberg, 25, Mayville, was sentenced to 93 days in jail and 24 months probation following his pleas of guilty to possession of marijuana, subsequent offense, and no contest to operating a motor vehicle with the presence of a controlled substance in his body Aug. 24 in Fremont Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,248 plus attorneys fees of \$500 and restitution of \$120.

\*Shannon M. Diericks, 38, Caro, pleaded guilty to one count of possession of marijuana, subsequent offense, Oct. 10 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case, bond was continued at \$3,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

## Falkenberg ready to serve as O-G School chief

**Continued from page one.**

Kalamazoo Public Schools. Drury then began what would be a 30-year career in the Lakers School District, where he taught and served as a guidance counselor, assistant high school principal, junior high principal and business manager before being named superintendent, a role he filled for 15 years until his first retirement in June 2002.

"I love retirement. One of these days I'll get my gold watch," Drury joked, referring to his decision to take on the job of construction assistant at Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon for three years after he left Lakers. He then returned to Lakers as an interim superintendent for seven months before retiring again.

Drury has since served as Owen-Gage's interim school chief twice, the first time for the 2010-11 school year.

More recently, he returned to Owen-Gage in the spring of 2013 and led the charge to pass a \$3.1 million bond issue to fund a myriad of long-overdue capital outlay projects ranging from new roofing and boilers to technology upgrades to building renovation work. Voters approved the measure convincingly after rejecting it twice by 9 and 11 votes, respectively.

"I've had my share of millage defeats (over the years)," Drury recalled. "You learn that you can't take a millage defeat personally. But, yet, you have to do your job to convince (voters) that should they defeat it, the need does not go away."

Drury is also quick to say Owen-Gage's victory at the polls had

everything to do with a group of local parents and other district residents who took upon themselves the task of promoting the millage and educating the community about the need for the funding. "They were the ones that did it," he said.

As for the future, Drury plans to spend three months in Florida, taking it a bit easy and pondering his next adventure.

"I may do something in Florida, but probably not, then come back in the spring and probably look for something," he said. "It doesn't have to be demanding, it doesn't have to be financially rewarding; it just has to be something."

Falkenberg, meanwhile, intends to continue assuring residents that Owen-Gage is alive and well – and boasting a very healthy fund balance of nearly \$260,000, an amount equal to about 15 percent of the district's general fund budget.

"Things are going very well right now, so I hope to carry that forward," Falkenberg said, referring to what she described as a strong curriculum and budget as well as recent renovations and upgrades that offer students the same state-of-the-art technology available in neighboring districts. "We have great programs for our students. We have one-on-one computers plus iPads, so we're very proud of that," she added. "And our staff is very (aware) of what goes on here in the district and they've been a big help in keeping the district going."

"These are the things that are going to keep us alive and well," Falkenberg said, "so those are my hopes and goals" for the future.



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# Reporter’s notebook



## Dear Santa, please bring more bacon

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor



Dreaming of a white Christmas? Justin Esch and Dave Lefkow would like you to consider dreaming of cured meat instead.

Esch and Lefkow recently announced the latest addition to their unique J&D Foods product line: the world’s first pillowcase that looks and smells like bacon. For just \$12.99 plus shipping and handling, the bacon connoisseur on your Christmas list could be enjoying a bacon scented pillowcase.

Hey, it’s not all that far-fetched, given our passion in this country for what amounts to a meat product prepared from pig and usually cured with large amounts of salt.

Of course, bacon can be eaten smoked, boiled, fried, baked or grilled, and is used to flavor all sorts of dishes. And Americans do just that, eating an average of 18 pounds of bacon each year (that’s about 5.6 million pounds — give or take a strip — for the entire country, or the equivalent of 7.68 Empire State buildings).

Anyway, I’ve written about “bacontrepreneurs” Esch and Lefkow before in this space. They formed their unique bacon partnership in Seattle, Wash., after winning \$5,000 on “America’s Funniest Home Videos”.

The pair started out by creating Bacon Salt and later added other products such as Baconnaise, a product television personality Jon Steward described as being “for people who want to get a heart attack but are too lazy to actually make bacon.” Esch and Lefkow went on to sell 6,000 jars of their Bacon Salt in just five days to customers in 25 states and 15 countries, via a website they created in a garage.

That innovation led to Bacon popcorn, bacon ranch dressing and bacon croutons. Then came the novelty products: bacon lip balm, bacon-flavored “Mmmmmvelopes”, bacon shaving cream, etc.

You have to respect that sort of ingenuity. And, frankly, I love these guys’ laid back, over-the-top sense of humor when it comes to marketing.

“Our bacon-scented pillowcases use state-of-the-art printing technology we stole from NASA to allow the scent of bacon to permeate your dreams and expand your mind,” the pair wrote in their recent media release announcing the latest product.

“If cared for according to instructions, this pleasing aroma should last six to 12 months or more. It can even endure through multiple wash cycles and excessive sleep-drooling. Your sweet bacony sleep experience may have the following effects:

\*Happier dreams of breakfasts past, rolling around in a pile of bacon or placing the winning hog at the 4-H contest.

\*Effortless, overnight weight loss by kicking your digestive system into high gear (try not to eat your pillowcase).

\*Dramatic increases in your intelligence and higher brain functioning because: bacon.

\*Easier wake-ups – your mornings will be like being shot out of a bacony cannon.

“Science tells us that better sleep can help you live longer, lower stress and solve the New York Times crossword puzzle without Google. Science also tells us that anything is better wrapped in bacon (especially your head). So make the right choice. The bacon choice.”

Well, there you have it, folks.

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# Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas

## 5 YEARS AGO (2009)

While Cass City Rotary Club members were packing Christmas gifts for some 400 children in the Cass City School District Saturday, United Way of Tuscola County officials were just a few blocks away, doing their part to lend a hand to needy families this holiday season. According to United Way of Tuscola County Director of Operations Jim Heiser, Cass City, officials were able to distribute 62 Christmas baskets from a storage barn located behind Erla’s Food Center. He noted that a handful of Erla’s employees assisted with the distributions.

Cass City Middle School band students who brought home medals from the MSBOA District 3 Solo and Ensemble Festival are Rebecca Graff, Katie House, Daymon Tabako, Sam Bootz, Erika Martin, Libby Venema, Kara Reif, Rachel Patera, Elisabeth Milligan, Kristin Ewald and Audrey VanAuken.

Senior Kevven Dorland is this week’s Schneberger’s Athlete of the Week award winner. Winning is nothing new for the Red Hawk 4-year standout, who earned career victories number 100 and 101 Tuesday night in Cass City during Greater Thumb Conference wrestling action and, more importantly, helped the hosts improve to 2-0 in league play with victories over Mayville and Sandusky. Dorland became only the 21st Red Hawk wrestler to reach the 100-win plateau, following in the footsteps of older brothers, Aaron and Adam. Kevven’s parents are Kathy and Tom Dorland.

## 10 YEARS AGO (2004)

The Cass City Village Council didn’t waste any time dealing with the challenge of finding a new village manager following Frank Sheridan’s resignation early last week. And, it appears that Sheridan’s replacement will be a familiar face, bringing many years of village government experience on board. Council members, meeting in special session Friday afternoon, voted 6-1 to enter into negotiations to hire Sandusky City Manager and former Cass City Village manager Lou LaPonsie as Cass City’s interim manager.

The Ford Motor Company/Henry Ford Community College/Dearborn Rotary Club Computer Donation Project recently donated 2 “like new” computers to the United States Navy Sea Cadets in Cass City. The United States Navy Sea Cadets is dedicated to helping American youth realize personal success and achievement through a nautically orientated training program. The donated computers will be used to train cadets in correspondence course only available online, according to Ronald Brzuchowski, Michigan regional recruiter for the United States Navy Sea Cadets. Brzuchowski predicts the computers will be used by more than 50 cadets.

Cass City chalked up win number 4 this season with a one-sided victory over the Mayville Wildcats, 72-38. Chris Landrith opened the scoring with a hoop and Justin Glaza followed with a trey. Cass City bounced out to a 5-0 lead in the first 4 minutes of the game and was not threatened the rest of the way. Tyler Little and Jessup Hoyt each scored a hoop and Andrew Whittaker and Brett Babich each swished a three to help the bench keep producing. Glaza with 15 and Jeff Stoutenburg, 16, led the Hawks.

## 25 YEARS AGO (1989)

The Cass City Red Hawks made a valiant effort to break into the win column for the first time this season, but fell short after piling up an early lead, 52-45. The Thumb B Association game with Millington was played Friday at Cass City. Divided scoring was the key for Cass City as every player that entered the game scored, but none were in double figures. John Yorke and Ron Coleman shared honors for Millington with 17 points each. Coach Nurnberger said that Troy Perry had his best game of the young season with 10 rebounds and that Chris Herringshaw played well inside coming off the bench.

Four Cass City wrestlers placed in the Capac meet. Bob Lefler, 125 pounds, and Garold Peasley, 189 pounds, both finished first and both now have a gaudy 8-1 record. John Koepf, 103 pounds, finished third and has a 7-4 record, and Randy

Johnson, 152 pounds, finished third and has a 6-2 record.

Fred Zawilinski, son of Walter and Agnes Zawilinski of Cass City, has committed to a year of volunteer service with the Catholic Volunteers in Florida. A 1983 graduate of Cass City High School and a 1987 graduate of Central Michigan University with a degree in economics and political science, he is working as a shelter assistant at Anthony House, a homeless shelter in Zellwood, Fla.

The Elkland Township Board last week approved the township’s Board of Review for March 1990. Named to the board were John Maharg, Roy Wagg and Arlan Hartwick, who will serve as chairman.

## 35 YEARS AGO (1979)

Winning first division ratings at the solo and ensemble festival Dec. 8 at North Branch were Cass City Intermediate School students Joan Hutchinson, cornet; Jeanne Marshall, clarinet; Suzy Scollon, cornet and piano, and Jim Kappen, clarinet. Winning division II ratings were Melanie Enos, flute; Carol Lockard, flute; Colleen Whittaker, alto sax, and Chris Langenburg, tenor sax. In division III were Kelly Wallace, alto sax; Aaron Lefler, alto sax; Jon Garety, cornet; DeAngela Garety, clarinet; Chris Hartwick, French horn, and Whitney Walpole and Barb Craig, flute duet.

Brad Erickson and Becky Howard were named the most valuable players on the football and girls’ basketball teams, respectively, at the Owendale-Gagetown High School athletic banquet.

Cass City Lions netted \$300 from their annual steer raffle. Winners at the Saturday drawing were Bob Koffman, Bay City, half a steer; Wayne (Buck) Rabideau, Cass City, front quarter, and Mary Sageman, Harbor Beach, hind quarter.

The name of the game is putting the ball through the hoop and Tred Vendors did just that with some outstanding outside shooting in a 61-55 nod over IGA. Louie Calahan hit 23 and Randy Rife 22 points for the winners while Johann Schulz 23, and John Hacker 11, paced IGA.

## 40 YEARS AGO (1974)

Curt Hunt, Cass City, was elected as a member of the executive board of the Lake Huron Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, during its annual business meeting and election of 1975 officers Dec. 10 in Auburn. Dr. Ken Herrington of Bad Axe was also chosen to the board and Harold Johnson of Caro was named to the 1975 advisory council.

Cass City Brownie Troop 856 received stars for one year’s membership during ceremonies held at the Cultural Center. The girls also presented a skit for parents. They are Carolyn Westerby, Colleen Whittaker, Carla Hunter, Jamie Burnette, Lori Hanby, Libby Dickinson, Ruth Ann Baker, Debbie Anson, Paula Herron, Kim Pettinger, Kim Hightower, Tracey Copeland and Dawn Harris.

Junior High Band members placing first in this year’s Solo and Ensemble Festival at North Branch were Todd Alexander, Linda Spencer, Debbie Milligan, Linda Whittaker, Suzanne Little, Teresa Scollon, Debbie McAlpine, Frances Kozan, Carrie Carpenter, Paul Guernsey, Mark Guinther and Kurt Proctor.

## 50 YEARS AGO (1964)

The day after Christmas promises to be a quiet day in Cass City. For headed by the post office, a good many local concerns are making it an extended holiday, Christmas Day, Saturday and Sunday. Acting Postmaster Grant Glaspie says there will be no window service or delivery within the village the day after Christmas. However, he emphasized, there will be box service to patrons and rural deliveries will also be made as usual. The farm implement dealers, the elevators and feed stores will be closed to give employees a long week end.

Dear Santa, Will you stop at my house Christmas Eve? I would like a crane, grader, digger-tractor and cement mixer. My brother Joey is only 3 months old. You can bring him a wind-up musical bear. We have tried to be good little boys. Good bye Santa, see you Christmas. Love, Ricky and Joey Szarapski.

Cass City registered its first victory in four starts with an upset over Vassar at Cass City High School, 98-

76. Actually the game was much closer than the final score indicated, even though the Hawks led all the way. At the end of the first quarter it was 26-26 and at the half Cass City was in front 46-34. Three veterans paced Cass City’s victory. Coach John Oswald said that Jim Champion, Jim Knoblet and Ed Retherford played an outstanding game. Knoblet was the big rebounder again for Cass City and netted 21 points. Champion scored 31 points and Oswald said that he was very pleased with his work on defense. The coach also said that Retherford played his best game of the season, netting 15 points and rebounding very well.

## 75 YEARS AGO (1939)

Dorus W. Benkelman, retiring assistant cashier of The Pinney State Bank, was honored at a dinner at the Gordon Hotel Friday evening. In the group attending were officers and members of the bank and their wives. John A. Benkelman, father of the retiring officer, was also a guest. The honor guest was presented with a fisherman’s kit of rod, reel, tackle box and tackle. Mr. Benkelman left Tuesday, in the company of his father, John A. Benkelman, Glen Reid and Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Doerr, to spend the winter in Cortez, Florida.

The sale of Miss Alma Spencer’s reserve champion steer at the Junior Livestock Show at Detroit last week for \$360 is but one of three such sales in the Spencer family. Twice Lynn Spencer, her brother, exhibited reserved champions at the junior show. One of Lynn’s steers sold for \$500 and the other for \$360. This brought the total sales receipts of the three steers to \$1,220. Prizes received on the animal were approximately \$80, increasing the total receipts to about \$1,300.

Cass City Rotary Club members listened to a very impressive charge to two new club members here when Clarence Myers, of the Caro club, spoke at the Rotary luncheon. He reviewed the organization and growth of the Rotary movement and explained the principals and objects of the society. The new members are Keith McConkey and George Dillman.

## 100 YEARS AGO (1914)

Contributions ranging from 10 cents to \$5 were paid to six high school girls who sold tags Saturday in Cass City to create a fund to assist in purchasing a carload of flour to be sent from Tuscola county to the poverty stricken people in Belgium. The amount realized from the sale of tags on “Tag Day” was \$65.48. Of this amount, Miss Florence Bigelow secured the greatest amount \$22.95, and Miss Irene Bardwell came a close second with \$21.80. Contribution boxes were placed in business places in Cass City Saturday and have been left there all week. Amounts placed in these receptacles are expected to augment the amount in the local committee’s hands which was raised on “Tag Day.”

What does Ghoughphtheightteeau spell? Do you give it up? It spells potato – that is, according to the following: Gh stands for p, as you will find from the last letters in hiccough; ough for o, as in dough; phth stands for t, as in phthisis; eigh stands for a, as in neighbor; tte stands for t, as in grisette, and eau stand for o, as in beau. Thus you have p-o-t-a-t-o.

Not so many years ago, Christmas trees were very plentiful around Cass City and a walk of one or two miles would bring a man into the midst of trees of all sizes. Times have changed, however, and it takes a longer jaunt to catch sight of a suitable tree for use in the holiday festivities. This fact was brought vividly to mind Monday when Meredith Auten and C.A. Edgerton walked seven miles to secure a tree for the exercises of the Presbyterian Sunday School.

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# School pleased with rank in study

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was ranked 19th among district-run (non-charter) high schools based on a four-year average of Context and Performance (CAP) scores, which are based on both average student performance on the ACT composite scores and average Michigan Merit Exam (MME) subject scores in math, reading, writing and social studies.

The second-edition report was unique in that the authors also took into account students’ family income by adjusting test scores based on the number of students who qualified for a free lunch.

“It’s very impressive,” school Supt. Jeff Hartel said of the local district’s ranking during a rescheduled monthly meeting of the Cass City Board of Education Monday. Hartel lauded teachers, administrators and other staff members for their work, saying they deserve the credit for the local students’ achievement.

According to officials at the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, a non-partisan research and education institute, the study was groundbreaking.

“We were the first research group in the state to attempt this type of analysis on such a large scale,” Audrey Spalding, education policy director for the center, said in a news release announcing the results.

“We now have two, four-year periods of data with overlapping years, and it’s even more obvious that socioeconomic factors have a significant impact on standardized test results,” Spalding added. “Assessing school performance by using raw test data scores alone ignores the tremendous impact a child’s circumstances can have on his or her educational performance.

## ALTERNATIVE ED?

Turning to other matters, junior-senior high school Principal Chad Daniels asked the board to consider establishing a potentially effective – but expensive – program to deal with students whose serious behavioral issues frequently land them in expulsion hearings.

“We’re running into a growing problem,” Daniels said, adding that the current process of bringing students to the board for possible expulsion due to disciplinary problems sometimes ends in a student being given additional chances to return to school. “But it’s not fixing anything, and it’s...bringing the other kids down.”

Daniels said one way to prevent troubled kids from impacting the education of other students, and at the same time give youth with disciplinary problems every chance possible to succeed, would be to establish an alternative education program.

The concept isn’t new – the Cass City Public Schools has previously operated such a program off-campus (at the local Baker College campus). However, the cost is significant, requiring the services of a skilled educator who has a special education endorsement and is able to work well with these students. A para-professional would also be needed to run

the program, which would be limited to 15 kids.

The program could be located in the former Campbell Elementary School building, according to Daniels, who said participating students could be offered the opportunity to work their way back into the junior-senior high building with long-term acceptable behavior. If problems persist, they would be brought to the board and recommended for expulsion, he added.

## IN OTHER BUSINESS

In other business Monday, the board:

\*Briefly discussed Hartel’s suggestion that school officials consider setting aside a portion of the district’s surplus fund balance for future capital improvements and various upgrades, including parking lot and heating system repairs, and replacement of aging computer technology equipment.

Hartel noted school officials were able to put \$240,000 into the district’s fund balance at the end of the 2013-14 fiscal year, “which was about \$150,000 more than we anticipated.” With a fund balance at nearly \$1.2 million, or an amount equal to 12.67 percent of the general fund balance, Hartel added, “If you wanted to put some money aside for some of these (repairs/upgrades), now is the time to do it.

“We’ve never had the luxury to do that before. It’s not like we’re rolling in money – don’t get me wrong. We just need to brainstorm it,” he said. “We do not have to do anything this minute.”

Hartel indicated the unexpected revenue was due, in part, to measures such as reducing the number of school bus routes from nine to eight. Another factor was the loss of fewer students than anticipated.

Hartel, board members and school Finance Director Mary Cunningham discussed possibly “assigning” a certain amount of money towards capital improvement projects, but no formal action was taken.

\*Welcomed a new board member,

Emily Phillips, who fills a vacancy left by the recent resignation of Trustee Jeff Loomis. During a special session prior to Monday’s regular board meeting, the board interviewed both Phillips and Joey Kreeger for the position.

\*Heard a report from Kathy LaPonsie, RN, school nurse, regarding the “dental bus” service brought in occasionally to offer basic dental services to students. The board authorized LaPonsie to contract with the company she recommended based on its flat rate of \$40 for all services provided to youngsters who have no insurance coverage.

\*Heard a report from school Technology Director Lyle Severance, who reported on the general status of the district’s technology program and confirmed needed upgrades are on the horizon.

At any given time, Cass City’s wireless system is accommodating up to 500 devices (desktop computers, laptops, iPads, etc.), according to Severance, who said the schools’ servers are now six years old. In addition, he said, just 15 percent of the districts computers are new enough to qualify for warranty coverage (less than three years old), while 25 percent are four years old, 25 percent are five years old, and the remaining 35 percent are six years old or older. “That old. That’s very old,” he told the board.

\*Acknowledged teacher Rebecca Walker, who was nominated by VFW Post 3644, Cass City, for the SMART/Maher VFW National Citizenship Teacher Award. Walker was subsequently named the winner in a district covering six counties and 36 VFW posts, and her name has been forwarded on to the state level. The honor recognizes educators who teach citizenship and promote America’s history, traditions and institutions, both among students and within the community.

\*Recognized out-going board Secretary Sloane Stimpfel, who opted not to seek reelection last month, for her six years of service to the school district as a board member.



**CASS CITY SCHOOL Supt. Jeff Hartel (left) swears in new board of education Trustee Emily Phillips Monday night. The board appointed Phillips to fill a vacancy left by the recent resignation of Jeff Loomis. Also pictured above is board Trustee Dan Manwell.**

# Village officials settle URS dispute

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regular meeting of the Cass City Village Council in 2014 that officials have reached an agreement to pay \$658,000 to URS. This represents a reduction of \$84,739.

“The Village will borrow \$450,000 in a 10-year note payable from the revenues of the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP). The balance of the money — \$208,000 — will come from the fund balance of the WWTP.”

Chemical Bank will supply the loan at an annual fixed rate of 4.99 percent. Clerk/Treasurer Nan Walsh explained that a rate of three percent was originally discussed for a tax exempt note; however, council has been advised that the note is taxable, resulting in a higher interest rate.

URS officials have given the village until Dec. 29, 2014, to make payment totaling \$658,000. Failure to do so will result in the full outstanding amount of roughly \$743,000 becoming due, along with interest and legal fees.

## BUDGET

Following a short public hearing, the council approved the village’s 2015 operating budget. As required by law, the expenditures are balanced against anticipated revenues. The spending plan for next year totals \$3,425,832.

Cristiano said revenues levels are expected to decrease three percent in 2015, but the impact of pending legislation leaves this figure uncertain.

The new spending plan calls for a 2.5-percent increase in water and sewer rates due to the number of vacant houses in the community that utilize only minimum water and sewer services.

Cristiano also noted that no cost-of-living pay increases are planned for village employees, and the current health insurance plan will remain in place with the deductibles introduced in 2011. The 2015 costs for health insurance are 5.5 percent higher than the current year.

Also in 2015, the police department will replace a vehicle, while capital improvements at the WWTP include the replacement of the ferric pump and grit system, and in the Motor Vehicle and Equipment Fund, a new leaf vacuum, paint buggy, and additional hydraulics for the grader are scheduled for purchase.

In the Parks and Recreation Department, the day camp building, swimming pool, and other facilities have been restructured to expend fewer dollars. Additionally, by better marketing, village officials anticipate greater use in 2015, says Cristiano.

“The theme that runs through this proposed budget is one of maximizing available resources, both physical and human, to continue an exceptional quality of life for resident of Cass City,” he added. “The programs and capital improvements scheduled in 2015 are a continuation of a program of excellence that is ingrained in Cass City history. The 2015 budget meets the goals of village staff, council and residents.”

## OTHER BUSINESS

In other business Monday, the council:

\*Approved payment of \$36,840 to Spence Brothers, Saginaw, for improvements at the WWTP. In 2013, the village contracted with the Saginaw firm to be a construction manager at risk for the expansion to the WWTP. At that time, village official expected a cost between \$8 and \$10 million for services rendered. However, as Spence Brothers bid the project out, the estimates came in much higher than expected – more than \$15 million – and the project was abandoned. Still, the village was responsible for time spent on the project, plus incurred expenses.

“They did mobilize some equipment in order to fast track the project. The fee for time spent and mobilization ran about \$36,000. The money to pay this bill will come from the WWTP Enterprise Fund,” Cristiano said.

\*Approved payment of \$31,576 to World Water Works, Oklahoma City, Okla., for engineering at the WWTP. Due to fast tracking of the WWTP expansion to meet the Dairy Farmers of America’s timeline, the village contracted with the equipment vendor to get started on long-lead items crucial to completion of the project.

\*Approved payment to Miller, Canfield, Paddock, and Stone, Lansing, in the sum of \$40,933 for drafting the development agreement between the village and the DFA.



**MADISON Brinkman, a 2014 Cass City High School senior, addresses the crowd during last year’s Cass City Chamber of Commerce Dinner after being named Junior Citizen of the Year. Members of the committee charged with selecting the top junior citizen have expanded their search this year, accepting nominations not only from local teachers, but also area churches, 4-H clubs and local businesses.**

# Chamber expands search for the top “junior citizen”

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who shared the podium with her uncle, Meredith Auten, honored as Citizen of the Year that same year.

Spearheading the revised junior citizen selection process has been Kate Van Auken, director of Rawson Memorial District Library and a past Cass City Citizen of the Year herself. Van Auken said she suggested some changes after discussing the process with former Cass City Chamber of Commerce Director Dee Mulligan and businessman Jim Luth, who has been in charge of the junior citizen program for several years.

“I guess things came to a head when, a few years ago, we were interviewing the five or six candidates and one of the questions we ask is, “If you were not selected as junior citizen, who would you select?” Van Auken recalled. “Typically, the kids say another person who is nominated, but that was not the case. Three of the students suggested two other students who were not nominated. One student was suggested by two of the candidates and they did not make the cut, so to speak. This made me really think that things should be changed.”

In the past, the high school teachers nominated students and the list of prospective candidates would be gradually whittled down to a half-dozen or so finalists, who were then given a packet of information to fill out as part of the selection process.

“The high school teachers still get to do their selection, but this year I sent out about 60 letters to churches, 4-H clubs, local businesses and businesses that have co-op students,” Van Auken noted. “I have received back five nominations from the community. I am very pleased that people took the time to respond.

“Once we get the teachers’ nominations, we will send out the application to all who were nominated and decide who will be interviewed based on academics, community service, work experience, sports, activities, honors/awards, and two questions: ‘Why are you a good candidate for junior citizen’ and ‘What is your greatest accomplishment?’” she said.

Van Auken believes expanding the nomination process will result in a more thorough selection approach for what is, after all, a chamber of commerce honor.

“This is a chamber award and should reflect students who are good citizens,” she said. “This is for local students, home schooled or public schooled, that have the values, citizenship, and community service that we want to recognize.

“Now that money is involved through the scholarship, I felt that the selection process should be changed,” Van Auken added, referring to the addition of the scholarship component in 2011.

“Back when we first moved here and (my husband) Joe and I would go to the dinner, I was always surprised there was no scholarship money attached to the junior citizen award. As I got more involved in the community and with the chamber directors, I realized that the chamber did not have the funds to support this and that is why it was not done,” she said. “After I became involved with the selection of the citizen of the year in 2009 (past honorees are asked to participate in the selection of future recipients), I asked — did they ever consider it, was it ever even discussed — those kinds of things.

The next hurdle is to get the scholarship self-supporting.

“Dee and I along with (chamber board member) Karen Easterling have worked to try to get \$1,000 to \$1,500 added to the fund each year by donating \$1 from each ticket sold to the dinner as well as having a silent auction,” Van Auken explained. “In November I sent out a donation letter to past citizens of the year and some local business people, encouraging them to help get this fund to \$20,000.

“We are at about \$15,000 now, but we give away \$500 each year and earn about \$250 each year (in investment income),” she said.

“I would feel better if interest rates were higher, but to get to \$20,000 would be a great milestone to me,” Van Auken added. “Honestly, I feel so grateful that we have had the donations we have had to help us get to where we are today. Without Dee and the silent auction, we wouldn’t be close to \$15,000 like we are.”



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Pastor's Corner

Area Presbyterian Churches welcome the Grahams

This is my first chance to introduce myself to all area residents. My husband Bruce and I were called to serve both First and Fraser Presbyterian Churches in August. We are both excited and thankful to be a part of Cass City. We are thankful that we are working together to serve the Lord.

Each church is over 100 years old. While different on the outside, both churches are filled with members who are alive and active in church and the community, but each has their own unique identities. Mission is a key part in the lives of both churches. In October we hosted a young man from Iraq who spoke to the community about the persecution

of Christians in his homeland. Mr. Amin told his personal story of a terrorist coming into his church and murdering the priests during worship. This month we are actively studying the themes of Advent, Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. We have been blessed with special music during the Advent season, including the Ecumenical Bell Choir.

During November we journeyed through the parables in Matthew, and the two greatest commandments Jesus spoke of, Love God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and love your neighbor as yourself. If we think this way all the time, in everything we do, we will bring God's love to all.



Rev. Linda Graham

This is what these churches do, and it is seen in their service to the church

as well as the community.

In addition to our Sunday services - 9:30 at Fraser (Huron County Line Road and M-53) and 10:45 at First (on Church Street) we have a Bible study on Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. at First Church. Our adult walking program will begin on January 5th at 8:30 a.m. at First church. Come join us as we walk and exercise off those extra pounds from the holidays.

We invite all to our 7 p.m. Christmas Eve service; we will have special music, Holy Scripture, candle-light and a surprise! A time of fellowship with coffee and cookies will be after the service. Christmas is the time when we celebrate the birth of Jesus, gather as family and

friends, and sometimes renew relationships with God. If you are looking for a church home, join us Christmas Eve and experience the wonder of God's gift in Christ.

The Reverend Linda Graham  
Pastor First Presbyterian and Fraser Churches

*The Chronicle welcomes your submissions to be published along with our weekly church directory. Please submit your letter and a photo of yourself to [chronicle@ccchronicle.net](mailto:chronicle@ccchronicle.net) or Cass City Chronicle P.O. Box 115, Cass City, MI 48726 or stop by at the corner of Oak and Main at 6550 Main St., Cass City.*

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# Measles cases have state health officials concerned

Following the recent confirmation of two measles cases in the Traverse City area, the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) is reminding all residents to protect themselves against the disease by making certain they are up-to-date on their vaccines.

Michigan is now among 23 states that have reported cases of measles in 2014. The Michigan cases were unvaccinated and were exposed to measles during travel in the Philippines. Additional cases are under investigation.

“Although the once common disease is now a rarity in the United States, measles can spread when it reaches a community where groups of people are unvaccinated,” said Dr. Matthew Davis, chief medical executive with the MDCH. “The progress made here in the U.S. may be threatened by the high incidence of measles elsewhere in the world. To protect against outbreaks and stop the disease from widely spreading in the U.S., we need to succeed in our efforts to keep immunization rates high.”

From 2001 through 2012, the average number of measles cases reported nationally per year was 60. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), there have been more than 600 cases reported this year in the U.S., and the vast majority of cases have been among persons who had no history of vaccination against measles.

The Philippines is experiencing a very large and ongoing measles outbreak, with more than 50,000 measles cases and more than 100 measles-related deaths reported this year. Many of the cases in the U.S. this year have been traced to travel in or contact with the Philippines. Measles also continues to be common in many other parts of the world including some countries in Europe, Asia, Africa and the Pacific.

Measles is a vaccine-preventable disease that can result in hospitalization, pneumonia, encephalitis, and death. Measles illness involves a high fever, conjunctivitis (red, inflamed eyelid membranes), cough, runny nose, photophobia, and a generalized red, raised body rash starting on the head and face and progressing to the rest of the body.

Because measles is highly communicable, successful prevention and control requires high levels of immunity in all communities.

The measles vaccine is highly effective and very safe. The first of two routine childhood measles vaccine doses is given at 12 months of age. For international travel, infants as young as 6 months should be vaccinated against measles. The vaccination, or documentation of immunity to measles, is recommended for all persons traveling internationally.



**BORN WITH dwarfism, Ellesin, 14, has turned his physical challenges into advantages with a lot of hard work and determination.**

## Ethan Ellesin standing tall

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the team, arranged for transportation home for Ethan from meets both at home and away during the season.

Dorland, who teaches physical education and health in grades two through nine in Cass City, recalled meeting Ethan after the teen transferred to the district midway through the 2013-14 school year as a sixth grade student. Dorland, a 2000 Cass City High School graduate now in his second year as a teacher at his alma mater, incorporates a two-week unit on wrestling in his sixth grade physical education curriculum, and he indicated Ellesin appeared to be a good candidate for junior high wrestling.

“We did talk to him last year, trying to coax him into it, and he did, and good things happened,” Dorland said. “With the cards he was dealt, it was a perfect fit; he has the build for it – he’s stocky, he’s very strong. He kind of pushed himself, and it seemed his success on the mat really transferred to (success) in school.”

Ellesin went out of his way to prove he was serious about making a contribution. “He was there the first day, and when he saw what he could do, one thing led to another,” added Dorland, who indicated his determination and ability quickly won over his eleven teammates.

“Ethan does the best with what he’s got. He’s always there, he’s a hard worker and he doesn’t back down to anybody,” Dorland said. “He grabbed the bull by the horns and ran with it. We’re glad he came out for the season, and we hope he comes out again.”

Veteran Cass City Varsity Wrestling Coach Don Markel has also been impressed with Ellesin.

“I look forward in a few years to having Ethan on varsity. He’s tough. He’s going to have an impact,” Markel commented.

“Here’s a kid who has certain limitations, and this sport is something that is going to be right down his alley. It’s something he can have a lot of success with,” Markel added. “And, of course, Adam has had a lot to do with that.”

Family members along with Ellesin’s coaches and school officials say Ellesin’s success in wrestling has given him the confidence and motivation to successfully grapple with the difficulty he’s had in the classroom, making his participation in athletics even more satisfying.

But his grandmother is quick to say that didn’t all happen by accident. “The staff at school stood behind him all the way,” Ellesin said. “It makes tears come to my eyes just thinking about how much he’s changed. With their encouragement, he has more self-esteem.”



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**CASS CITY'S Sawyer Cuthrell makes a pass to start a fast break opportunity during the M-81 Clash contest.**



**BULLDOG DAN Good drives to the basket despite pressure from Deckerville's DJ Fritch in the season opener for both teams.**

## Owen-Gage uses OT to register first victory

Owen-Gage needed overtime Friday to earn their first victory of the season in New Haven. After suffering losses to Deckerville and CPS earlier in the week, the Bulldogs broke into the win column Friday with an exciting 54-52 overtime decision in Michigan Summit League action against the Merritt Academy Mustangs.

Trailing 36-30 entering the final quarter, the Bulldogs used a 16-10 run to the final whistle to send the game into the extra session.

Jacob Wright took matters into his own hands for Owen-Gage in the overtime, scoring 7 of his 24 points, to help turn back the Mustangs.

Owen-Gage's David Binder scored a game-high 25 points.

On Wednesday, Owen-Gage came up short, 56-52, to visiting CPS. The Bulldogs led 27-24 at the intermission, but were outscored 17-10 in the third stanza, which proved fatal for the hosts.

Binder and Wright tossed in 23 and 21 points, respectively, in vain.

On Monday, Deckerville invaded Owendale and left town with a 57-46 decision.

The Eagles led 15-10 after one quarter and 29-21 after two.

Wright's 18 points were tops for Owen-Gage, while Binder chipped in 12 points and Dan Good, 11.

## Hawk gymnasts open season

Cass City posted 13 regional qualifying scores last week during their home opener to the delight of veteran Coach Kathy Bouverette.

The Red Hawks bowed 124.025 to 119.325 Wednesday to guest Vassar and missed earning a regional qualifying team score (120) by less than one point. No matter, Bouverette was tickled with her team's showing.

"Vassar's Haley Hartman kind of dominated things, but we had several good performances. Victoria Mathewson had a great day," she said.

Hartman won the vault (8.8), uneven bars (7.875) and floor exercise (8.475) events and finished as the runner-up to teammate Teresa Foster (8.275) on the balance beam.

Mathewson, meanwhile, led the hosts with a second place effort in the floor exercise (8.425) and with third place honors in the uneven bars (7.475) and balance beam (7.85). She recorded her fourth regional qualifying score in the vault (7.925) that led to runner-up honors in the all around category, which is a combination of scores from all 4 venues.

Still, it was far from a one-woman show for the Red Hawks. Sharing the spotlight was Alexis Bates and Miranda Spry. Bates earned regional marks in the balance beam (7.45), floor exercise (8.3) and vault (8.1), while Spry earned regional marks in the vault (8.5) and floor exercise (7.925).

Completing the list of Cass City gymnasts who earned regional qualifying scores were Kendra Kerkau, Hope Wilson, Sophia Romain and Becca Mulrath. Kerkau was runner-up on the uneven bars (7.475), while Wilson met the regional standard in the vault with a score of 7.9. Romain and Mulrath earned their first regional scores – four are required to advance into the state tourney – on the balance beam with scores of 7.425 and 7.4, respectively.

## Caro is M-81 Clash winner

For just the fourth time since 2001, but for the third time since 2011, the Caro Tigers have possession of the M-81 Clash trophy - the traveling hardware awarded to the winning team in the annual backyard brawl between neighbors.

With their 56-51 victory Friday, Caro improves to 1-1 on the season, while Cass City slips to 0-2.

The Red Hawks continue with their non-conference tune-up games tonight (Wednesday) when Greater Thumb East Harbor Beach comes to town. To earn their maiden victory, the hosts will need to put together 4 solid quarters of basketball.

Cass City was unable to do that against the Tigers and it cost them. Sawyer Cuthrell was on target early and a pair of three point shots from the corner helped the visitors take a 12-7 edge into the second quarter. There, Parker Haire and Mason Erla started to get on track with drives to the hoop and at the intermission the Red Hawks enjoyed a 20-14 gap.

The 6-point Cass City cushion was wiped away in the opening moments

of the final half. Tanner Tysick led the comeback effort for Caro, scoring 9 of his game-high 17 points during a 22-8 spurt for the winners.

Trailing 36-28, treys from Cuthrell, Haire and Kyle Ross in the final 8-minutes couldn't overtake the Tigers. Caro's Bailey Krueger made sure of it, converting 7 of 8 free throws down the stretch to keep Cass City at bay.

Brandon Tomlinson added 16 points to the Caro attack, while Krueger finished with 15.

For Cass City, Haire had a team-high 15 markers, while Cuthrell tossed in 13 and Erla, 11.

### SANDUSKY

Despite a double-double by Erla, Cass City surrendered 44-29 Tuesday night in Sandusky during the season opener for both schools.

Erla netted a pair of baskets in the first and fourth quarters and finished as the Red Hawks only double digit scorer, netting 10 points while hauling in a team-best 13 rebounds.

## Cass City wrestlers tops

The Cass City wrestling team kicked off their season in splendid fashion, but veteran Coach Don Markel knows it's just a start with league play looming on the horizon.

"We are off to a nice start for the season, but there is still a lot of work to do to become better, which includes trying to figure out how to beat GTC league foe Marlette," he said.

Markel's Red Hawks opened play with a pair of victories over a couple of Tri-Valley foes Wednesday in North Branch and then cruised to first place honors on Saturday at the Marlette Team Tournament.

There, Cass City earned a 4-1 mark on the day. They defeated Algonac 42-36, Otisville-Lakeville 60-21,

North Branch 54-30 and Brown City 44-36. The team's only loss was to rival Marlette, 41-33.

"Three teams finished the day with 4-1 records. Cass City won the tie breaker which was most team points scored during the contests," explained Markel.

Final team standings and their records were: Cass City 4-1, Algonac 4-1, Marlette 4-1, North Branch 2-3, Brown City 1-4 and Otisville-Lakeville 0-5.

Wyatt Dickson, Dominik Navara and Daymon Tabako all recorded perfect 5-0 records on the day to pace the champions, while Tylor Cowdry, Alex Jeffrey, Darren Dickson and Josh Daniels registered 4-1 marks.

"Dominik Navara was voted by attending coaches as the tournament's most outstanding wrestler for the upper weight classes," said Markel noting his team's dual meet record currently stands at 6-1.

### North Branch

Cass City traveled to North Branch Wednesday and came away with a pair of victories over Millington and North Branch. Cass City defeated Millington 42-36 before downing the hosts 54-30.

Starting their seasons with unblemished 2-0 marks were Red Hawks Tylor Cowdry (103 weight class), Alex Jeffrey (112 weight class), Wyatt Dickson (119 weight class), Josh Daniels (215 weight class) and Daymon Tabako (285 weight class).

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# Turnovers lead Lady Tigers past Cass City

Road games on back-to-back nights couldn't fix the turnover woes plaguing the Cass City girls' basketball team.

After bowing to Sandusky 57-13 Tuesday in a Greater Thumb Conference crossover tilt, the Lady Red Hawks traveled to face Caro on Wednesday and suffered a 52-27 defeat at the hands of the Tri-Valley East Tigers.

Caro forced 27 turnovers to record the one-sided defeat. The winners led 13-4 after 8 minutes and 31-11 at the halfway point.

"We committed 12 turnovers in the first quarter and scored just once from the field on an Alliah Riddle basket. In the third quarter we made just four turnovers and scored 11 points in the period. It's easy to see the correlation between points and turnovers. Fewer turnovers means more shots and more shots lead to more points," said Cass City Coach Clarke Haire.

Caro Coach Jeff Sauser agrees.

"Our pressure got to them early. We were able to cause turnovers and convert them into easy points," he said.

Guards Melissa Cockerill scored 16 points and Sarah Brown added nine points to pace Caro, while Micaylee Root and Jennifer Gutierrez split 12 markers.

Freshman Sayge Cuthrell continues to make her presences felt for Cass City, scoring 12 points despite battling migraine headaches during the week. Riddle tossed in eight points for the Red Hawks, while Hunter Langenburg added three free throws and Kelly DeLong and Lauren Scott each posted two points.

"We were able to get Sayge the ball inside to start the final half and she was able to score in the paint. She's a hard worker and not one to complain, but I don't think she was feeling 100 percent at game time," said Haire.

Still, three quick baskets by Cuthrell to open the final half saw Cass City slice into the Tiger advantage, before Caro answered with six points to close out the frame leading with a 40-22 cushion.

**SANDUSKY**

Sandusky made quick work of disposing of Cass City in the non-con-

ference outing, jumping out in front 30-10 after two frames and never looking back.

The Redskin defense was the difference, according to third year Coach Haire.

"Sandusky held us to three points in

the final half. It's not surprising that an Al Demott team is fundamentally strong, especially on the defense end of the court. They play all year long and it shows. If I want to see how to build a program, I don't have to look very far."

Brooke Krueger tossed in 10 of her game-high 12 points in the third stanza, where a 24-3 run resulted in a running clock for the final period.

Riddle tallied six points to pace the visitors, while Erin Zdrojewski added four points.



THE 2014-15 Owen-Gage Bulldog junior varsity basketball team: (front, l-r) Austin Coryell, Cordell Clarkson, Matthew Fritz, Branden Fritz (back) Dustin Woodward, Brandon Binder, Michael Ray and Coach James Tuckey. Missing is Zane Schember.

## Kingston wins early season showdown

In an early season match-up that has produced the North Central Thumb League girls' basketball champion in recent years, Kingston got the better of host Deckerville, 40-31.

"Both teams fought hard, we were able to pull away by making 10 of 17 free throws in the fourth quarter," said Kingston Coach Jay Green.

Both North Central Thumb League contenders traded baskets to the intermission in Wednesday's thriller and entering the final half the two teams were tied at 20. The basket exchange continued in the third peri-

od, although Kingston managed to take a slim 28-27 edge into the deciding quarter.

Maddie Cofer paced Kingston with 15 points, while Cassidy MacGuire scored 9 and Jenna Boyd, 8.

Deckerville was led by Sarah Barker and Jenna Genoff. They split a dozen points.

**CPS**

On Friday, Kingston had no trouble with Carsonville Port Sanilac on their home floor and cruised to a lopsided 61-33 victory.

Boyl and Cofer scored 16 and 15 points, respectively, for the winners.

## Lady Dawgs exchange decisions

A game-high 18 points from Rachel Mroz wasn't enough to prevent Owen-Gage from suffering their first loss Wednesday, as Carsonville-Port Sanilac rallied for a 40-32 victory.

Courtney Wightman chipped in 8 points for the Bulldogs, who led 21-14 entering the final half but couldn't hold on.

On Friday, the Bulldogs rebounded with a 40-15 whipping in New Haven. The visitors led from start to finish against the Merritt Academy, as Alyson Witzke had a career night and posted 16 points to lead Owen-Gage, while Courtney Southgate tossed in 11.

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**BOYS' BASKETBALL**  
**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 17**  
Harbor Beach at Cass City  
Marlette at Bad Axe

**THURSDAY, DEC. 18**  
Kingston at CPS  
Mayville at Deckerville

**FRIDAY, DEC. 19**  
Bad Axe at Harbor Beach  
Cass City at Memphis  
EPBP at Uibly  
Kingston at Marlette  
New Haven at Akron-Fairgrove

**GIRLS' BASKETBALL**  
**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 16**  
Cass City at Vassar  
Mayville at Kingston

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LAST WEEKS' RESULTS  
SEASON RESULTS

9-4  
19-6 76%

8-5  
15-10 60%

8-5  
19-6 76%

8-5  
19-6 76%

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### ATHLETE of the WEEK

Schneeberger's congratulates Dominik Navara as their choice for this week's "Athlete of the Week" award winner.

The Red Hawk sophomore wrestler worked his way to a perfect 5-0 record Saturday at the Marlette Team Tournament, helping Cass City to first place honors at the 6-school gathering, while earning some individual recognition along the way.

"Dominik was voted by the attending coaches Saturday as the tournament's most outstanding wrestler for the upper weight classes," said Coach Don Markel.

Navara is a foreign exchange student from Sovialka, where he is a national judo champion for his age group. The first time wrestler competes in the 160 pound weight class.

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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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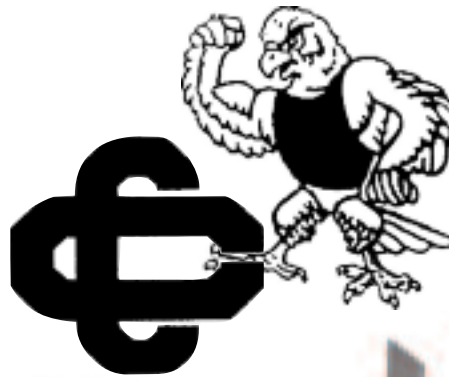
Girls' Basketball  
Dec. 18 ~ USA ~ 6 p.m.

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

Wrestling  
Jan. 22 ~ Sandusky/Mayville ~ 6 p.m.

## JR. HIGH

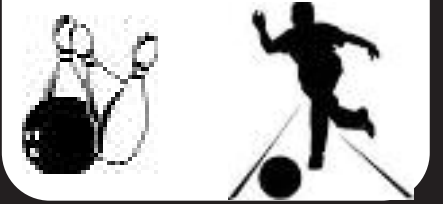
JH Boys' Basketball  
Jan. 14 ~ USA ~ 5:30 p.m.



## 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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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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There is claimed to be due on such mortgage an amount in excess of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-One and 31/100 Dollars (\$150,821.31) including interest at the rate of 7.750% per annum accrued since May 1, 2013, plus taxes, insurance, late fees and other costs incurred by the Assignee. Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the Tuscola County Circuit Court, 440 N. State Street #2, Caro,

Michigan 48733 at 10:00 A.M. Thursday, January 8, 2015. The premises are located in the Township of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 1 - Part of the Northeast quarter of Section 15, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, described as: Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section 15; thence along the North line of said Section 15, South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 1400.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence perpendicular to said North line of Section 15, South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 1321.30 feet; thence parallel with said North line of Section 15, South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, 349.47 feet; thence perpendicular to said North line of Section 15, North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 586.78 feet; thence parallel with said North line of Section 15, South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 714.90 feet; thence North 00 degrees 47 minutes 22 seconds East 305.59 feet; thence parallel with said North line of Section 15, North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 286.01 feet to the point of beginning. Parcel 2 - Part of the Northeast quarter of Section 15, Town 11 North, Range 8 East.

Described as beginning at a point on the North line of Section 15, which is West, 1,070.00 feet from the Northeast corner of said Section 15; thence continuing along said North line, West 330.00 feet; thence at rights angles to said North line, South 1,321.30 feet; thence East 330.00 feet; thence North 1,321.30 feet to the North line of Section 15 and the point of beginning. Commonly known as: 4185 Waltan Road Permanent Parcel Number: 020-015-000-0800-01 The redemption period shall be one (1) year from the date of such sale. The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. Pursuant to MCL 600.3212(f), take notice that the mortgagor 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, as further provided in MCL 600.3278.

Dated: November 17, 2014 Couzens, Lansky, Fealk, Ellis, Roeder & Lazar, P.C. Attorneys for the Geauga Savings Bank P.O. Box 9057 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48331 (248) 489-8600

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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 Deborah K. Butler, an unmarried woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 25, 2007 and recorded August 2, 2007 in Liber 1126, Page 997, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Federal National Mortgage Association by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Six and 31/100 Dollars (\$107,876.31) including interest at 2.75% 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 within Tuscola County., Michigan at 10:00 AM on JANUARY 8, 2015. Said premises are located in the Township of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 1: Commencing at point on the South line of Section 18, Township 10 North, Range 8 East, 13 rods West of the Southeast corner of said Section 18; thence North 132 feet; thence West 267 feet to beginning.Parcel 2: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 18, Township 10 North, Range 8 East; thence West along the South line of said Section 18, 13 rods; thence North at right angles to said line 132 feet; thence East parallel with said line 13 rods; thence South along the East line of Section 18 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 26, 2014 Orlans Associates, P.C.. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007 File No. 14-016563

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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 Kevin Lee Liebeskind and Denise Irene Liebeskind, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated October 18, 2006, and recorded on November 2, 2006 in Liber 1101 on Page 1, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Seven and 58/100 Dollars (\$82,547.58). Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on January 8, 2015.

Said premises are situated in Township of Novesta, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the intersection of the center line of Cemetery Road and the South line of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 4, Town 13 North, Range 11 East; thence West 350 Feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing West along said South line of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4, 100 Feet; thence North parallel to the center line of Cemetery Road to the Cass River; thence East along the Cass River to a point directly North of the point of beginning; thence South and parallel to the center line of Cemetery Road 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 26, 2014 For more information, please call: FC H (248) 593-1300 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Hwy Ste 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-5422 File #446769F01

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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 Joseph J. Armstrong and Marianne S. Armstrong, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Argent Mortgage Company, LLC, Mortgagee, dated April 26, 2005, and recorded on May 13, 2005 in Liber 1038 on Page 748, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as Trustee for the Certificateholders of Park Place Securities, Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-WCW2 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 Ninety-Two Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Six and 26/100 Dollars (\$92,346.26).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on January 8, 2015.

Said premises are situated in Township of Dayton, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 76 of Shay Lake Resorts Subdivision No. 2, according to the plat recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 4, 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 26, 2014 For more information, please call: FC J (248) 593-1311 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Hwy Ste 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-5422 File #381264F02

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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 Christopher A. Lane, a married person and Jodi Lane, His Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Irwin Mortgage Corporation its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 6, 2002, and recorded on November 27, 2002 in Liber 904 on Page 950, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Green Tree Servicing, LLC as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-Eight and 99/100 Dollars (\$54,788.99).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on January 8, 2015.

Said premises are situated in Township of Fairgrove, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 3, Block 11, Assessor's Plat of the Village of Akron, Fairgrove Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 1, Page 28B, 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 26, 2014 For more information, please call: FC J (248) 593-1311 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Hwy Ste 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-5422 File #446064F01

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This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing Mortgagee. Mortgage SALE – Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by Vonice Reed and Jodie Reed, Husband and Wife to U.S. Bank National Association ND, original Mortgagee, dated May 31, 2006, and recorded on June 14, 2006, in Liber 1084, Page 1186, and assigned from U.S. Bank National Association as successor by merger of U.S. Bank National Association ND to U.S. Bank National Association, as documented by an assignment, recorded on September 29, 2014 in Liber 1315, Page 1497 in the Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Two Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Seven and 84/100 (\$102,267.84), including interest at 9.5% 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 venue, at the place of holding the Circuit Court within Tuscola County, Michigan on January 08, 2015 at 10:00 AM. Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as: Part of the Northeast 1/4 Section 10, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the East Section line that is South 00 degrees 00 minutes 45 seconds West 926.84 feet from the Northeast corner of said Section 10; thence continuing along said East Section line, South 00 degrees 00 minutes 45 seconds West 209.42 feet; thence North 89 degrees 46 minutes 30 seconds West 208.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 45 seconds East 209.42 feet; thence South 89 degrees 46 minutes 30 seconds East 208.00 feet to the point of beginning.

Property Address: 8088 Oak Road, Millington, MI 48746 Tax ID No. 79-017-010-000 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If this 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 sale or to the Mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

U.S. Bank National Association Mortgage/Assignee Gerner & Kearns, PLLC 809 Wright's Summit Parkway, Suite 200 Fort Wright, KY 41011

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MORTGAGE SALE – Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by SHARON R. SWOISH, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, to MAC-CLAIR MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Mortgagee, dated February 25, 2004, and recorded on March 26, 2004, in Liber 985, on Page 1381, 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 Forty-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Thirteen Dollars and Thirty-Eight Cents (\$47,713.38), including interest at 6.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on January 8, 2015 Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as: PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 10, TOWN 10 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST, TOWNSHIP OF WATERTOWN, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE WEST SECTION LINE THAT IS SOUTH 00 DEGREES 30 MINUTES EAST 534.60 FEET FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 10; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 00 DEGREES 30 MINUTES EAST 209.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES EAST 209.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 30 MINUTES WEST 209.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 30 MINUTES WEST 209.00 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 MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 1 month from the date of such sale, or as to MCL 600.3241a only, 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 600 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Mortgagee/Assignee  
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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 Michael O. Davis, II, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Flagstar Bank, FSB its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 6, 2003, and recorded on June 17, 2003 in Liber 936 on Page 605, 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 Twenty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Two and 62/100 Dollars (\$25,542.62).

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 January 8, 2015.

Said premises are situated in Township of Dayton, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 369 and 370, Shay Lake Heights Subdivision No. 3, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 21.

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: December 3, 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 Curtis Stewart a married man, original mortgagor(s), to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Mortgagee, dated July 11, 2006, and recorded on July 12, 2006 in Liber 1087 on Page 1454, and modified by agreement recorded on March 21, 2014 in Liber 1303 on Page 645, and assigned by mesne assignments to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Five Thousand One Hundred Six and 19/100 Dollars (\$105,106.19).

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 January 8, 2015.

Said premises are situated in Township of Tuscola, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: The South 466.69 feet of the West 466.69 feet of the Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 9, 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: December 3, 2014  
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Aidenbaum Schloff and Bloom PLLC  
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Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Richard D. Holmes, Mortgagor, to Talmer Bank and Trust, successor by merger to Franklin Bank a division of First Place Bank, Mortgagee, on July 29, 2005, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Tuscola County, Michigan on August 5, 2005 in Liber 1048, Page 989, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Three Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Six and 92/100 Dollars (\$103,446.92) including inter-

est at 7.125% 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 venue, at the place of holding at the Tuscola County Court Building in the City of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, at 10:00 AM on January 8, 2015, any adjournment to be indicated by posting of a notice of such adjournment before or at the time and at the place where said sale is to be made. Said premises are situated in the Township of Wells, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Northeast fractional quarter of Section 6, Town 12 North, Range 10 East, described as: Beginning at the East quarter corner of said Section 6; thence along the East line of said Section 6, North 1014.12 feet to a point which is South, 1320.00 feet from the Northeast corner of said Section 6; thence parallel to the North line of said Section 6, North 88 degrees 52 minutes 10 seconds West, 218.54 feet; thence South 1013.16 feet; thence along the East and West quarter line of said Section 6, South 88 degrees 37 minutes 00 seconds East, 218.56 feet to the East quarter corner of said Section 6 and the point of beginning, EXCEPT the Southerly 258 feet thereof.

Commonly known as 200 Mona Road, Caro, Michigan 48723. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(17) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: December 4, 2014,  
Talmer Bank and Trust,  
Transferee of Mortgagee by merger  
Attorneys: Aidenbaum Schloff and Bloom PLLC  
6960 Orchard Lake Rd., Suite 250  
West Bloomfield, MI 48322

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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 David M Kuczynski, II, a married man, joined by his wife, Sara Kuczynski, non titled spouse joining as to marital and/or homestead rights only, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated August 16, 2011, and recorded on August 26, 2011 in Liber 1228 on Page 632, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, NA 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 Ninety-Two Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-Five and 20/100 Dollars (\$92,595.20).  
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 January 8, 2015.

Said premises are situated in Township of Tuscola, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: The North 132.0 feet of the East 143.50 feet of the West 343.50 feet of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 13, Town 11 North, Range 7 East, more particularly described as beginning at a point on the North line of said Section 13, which is East 200.0 feet from the Northwest corner of said Section 13; thence continuing along said North line, East 143.50 feet, thence South 02 degrees 25 minutes 45 Seconds East, 132.0 feet; thence West 143.50 feet; thence North 02 degrees 25 minutes 45 seconds West, 132.00 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: December 10, 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 David J. Michael and Marcia A. Michael, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to America's Premiere Mortgage Company, Incorporated, Mortgagee, dated March 4, 2005, and recorded on May 9, 2005 in Liber 1037 on Page 1073, and assigned by mesne assignments to Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC 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 Eighty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Two and 25/100 Dollars (\$86,432.25).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on January 8, 2015.

Said premises are situated in Township of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 12 of Miller Subdivision, according to the plat recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 2. 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: December 10, 2014  
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31440 Northwestern Hwy Ste 200  
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12-10-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE – Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Patrick J. Henderson and Kellie A. Henderson, husband and wife of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Republic Bank dated the 9th day of December, 2002, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 4th day of February, 2003, in Liber 913, Page 1117 and modified in Modification Agreement dated January 30, 2004, and recorded March 30, 2004 in Liber 986, Page 494 and further modified in Loan Modification Agreement dated July 16, 2012, and recorded December 27, 2012, in Liber 1268, Page 355, Tuscola County Records. of Tuscola Records, which said mortgage was assigned to FirstMerit Bank, National Association successor by merger to Citizens Bank successor by merger to Republic Bank, thru mesne assignments, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$98,448.40 (ninety-eight thousand four hundred forty-eight and 40/100) plus accrued interest at 4.625% (four point six two five) percent per annum. And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the

debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on, the 15th day of January, 2015, at 10:00:00 AM said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI, Tuscola County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Township of Novesta, in the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit: Situated in the Township of Novesta, County of Tuscola and State of Michigan: Part of the fractional NW 1/4 of Fractional Section 31, Town 13 North, Range 11 East, Township of Novesta, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as commencing at the West 1/4 corner of said Section 31; thence along the West line of said Section 31, North, 905.33 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing along said West line of Section 31, North, 206.25 feet; thence along parallel to the North line of the SW 1/4 of said NW 1/4 of Section 31, North 89 degrees 58 minutes 48 seconds East, 528.00 feet; thence South, 206.25 feet; thence South 89 degrees 58 minutes 48 seconds West, 528.00 feet to the point of beginning.

Commonly known as: 930 N Dodge Rd. Tax Parcel No.: 79-018-031-000-1300-03 If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale the borrower, pursuant to MCLA 600.3278 will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 17, 2014  
By: Foreclosing Attorneys Attorney for Plaintiff Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.  
2155 Butterfield Drive, Suite 200-S  
Troy, MI 48084  
WWR# 10131196

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dennis B. Connell, and Theresa M. Connell, Husband and Wife as Joint Tenants, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Mortgagee, dated August 12, 2003 and recorded August 22, 2003 in Liber 950, Page 328, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Six and 81/100 Dollars (\$132,556.81) including interest at 5.5% 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 JANUARY 15, 2015.

Said premises are located in the City of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:  
Lots 1 and 2, Block 3 EXCEPT the East 1 rod thereof, of the Plat of Centerville (now Caro), according to the Plat recorded in Liber 11 of Deeds, Pages 362-363, now being Liber 1 of Plats, Page 56, now being Page 59A.

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: December 17, 2014  
Orlans Associates, P.C..  
Attorneys for Servicer  
P.O. Box 5041  
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File No. 14-011972

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