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Sheriff: another \$1,000 donation brightens holiday

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Another Christmas season has come and gone, but the generosity of a handful of Huron County residents hasn't subsided.

Few people understand that as keenly as Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson, whose department was asked by a county resident over the weekend to anonymously distribute a \$1,000 donation to residents in need.

The cash, presented to the sheriff's department Saturday, was the fourth such gift to come across Hanson's desk over the past two weeks. The first came Dec. 18, when a family anonymously donated \$1,000. From there, the

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Still playing Santa Claus...

HURON COUNTY Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson (far left) hands Christmas cards, each containing a \$100 bill, to two of his officers to distribute to residents in need. In all, four individuals/families have each anonymously donated \$1,000 since Dec. 18 in an effort to brighten others' Christmas holiday. The latest \$1,000 gift came Saturday.

State's road plan in the hands of voters

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

State Rep. Terry Brown (D-Pigeon) lauded the state's plan to fix roads and ensure funding for schools and communities via a one-percent hike in the sales tax. The proposal now rests in the hands of voters, who will decide the plan's fate at the polls next spring.

Lawmakers adopted the bipartisan package following marathon discussions during the final legislative session of 2013-14.

"(I'm) proud to have voted in support of a plan to raise money to fix

Michigan's crumbling roads and bridges while also guaranteeing tax relief for Michigan's families and constitutionally protecting money for Michigan's schools," said Brown, who marked the end of his career in the House this month due to term limits.

The plan hinges on voters approving a ballot proposal that would eliminate the sales tax on gas and raise the state sales tax and use tax from six percent to seven percent, to benefit public schools and eliminate the sales tax on motor fuel.

"This is a great example of what

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Year in review

2014 certainly had its ups and downs

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The task of summing up any one year via a handful of stories is challenging at best, largely because it's a subjective task; 2014 will be remembered with sadness by anyone who lost a loved one, for example, while the year may have marked a new and wonderful beginning for others.

However, we all share in a general sense of community, weathering various events together as friends and neighbors, lending a hand to those in need, and working together to maintain a way of life we've come to know and appreciate in many ways.

As a community newspaper, the Chronicle strives to report on the news and features that impact area residents. It's a job we take seriously, just as previous owners and staffers have over the past 100-plus years. And we hope it's a mission we will continue well into the future.

Before turning to the first chapter of 2015, however, it seems only appropriate to take a look back at the stories that helped to shape our community for better and worse in 2014.

With that in mind, the Chronicle's editorial staff presents its annual Year in Review compilation featuring stories pulled from our archives throughout the past 12 months.

ERLA'S CLOSING

Erla's Foods owner Venu Ganga confirmed in late August what the local rumor mill had been cranking out unsubstantiated for several weeks: Erla's was, indeed,

closing its doors in September, leaving Cass City without a grocery store and nearly four dozen area residents without jobs.

The decision was based on a number of factors, including a shrinking population and competition for shoppers' hard-earned dollars during some difficult economic times, according to Ganga, who blamed neither the community nor loyal Erla customers for the closure.

"It's not the fault of the community. It's not anybody's fault; it's economics," Ganga said in an interview following the announcement. "We cannot, a small store like us, compete with a Dollar General, we cannot compete with a Walmart."

Ganga attempted to increase customer traffic – and sales – by investing in an in-store buffet restaurant over the summer, but the venture failed and was shut down less than two months after it opened.

Ganga and his wife, Madhavi Yeluri, purchased Erla's Foods Inc., in February 2001, after moving to the Thumb from Washington State.

The transfer of ownership to the Gangas marked the end of an era of sorts in town, where the Erla family's legacy of serving the community spanned nearly six decades.

MARSHALL CLOSING

The year ended on a sour note with the announcement that another longtime

Cass City business – Marshall Distributing Inc. – had been purchased by an out-of-state firm and will be closing its doors for good in the spring.

Marshall's, whose local roots date back to the mid-1960s, is now part of the Boise, Idaho-based Western Power Sports Inc. (WPS). Chief executive officers Roger Marshall of Marshall's and Craig Shoemaker of WPS made the joint announcement last month.

Marshall Distributing, an industry leader in the distribution of aftermarket parts and accessories for motorcycles, snowmobiles, ATVs and personal watercrafts, boasts more than 100,000 part numbers.

The company was established back in 1964 when Marshall and his father, John Marshall, pur-

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VENU GANGA closed Erla's Foods in September, leaving Cass City without a grocery store and nearly four dozen area residents without jobs. (Related photos, page 6)

Gifts await first 2015 newborn

The arrival of 2015 will have special meaning to couples that are also expecting their own little arrivals, but just when the first baby of the new year will be born is anyone's guess.

Will the first birth take place just minutes or hours after the bells start ringing after midnight, Jan. 1, or will several days or even weeks pass before the blessed event?

Regardless, the first baby of the new year born and reported to the

Chronicle by a Cass City area family will be showered with gifts and well wishes from local merchants, a tradition that has continued for many years in the community.

The only question mark each year is timing. In 2012 the first baby arrived Jan. 1, when Irwin and Susan Bricker of Cass City welcomed their daughter, Maria I. Bricker, at home on Leslie Rd.

For 2013, Carrie and Josh Byer of Kingston welcomed their son Josiah D. Byer on Jan. 1, as the first baby.

Last year Josh and Adrienne Klein welcomed their first born Lennox Rose Klein on Jan. 2.

As was true last year, the coming year's proud parents will receive a \$20 floral bouquet from Special Scents Floral

Shoppers, Gilligan's will have a \$20 gift certificate waiting.

In addition, 2 area banks will offer their best wishes. Chemical Bank and Thumb National Bank each have a \$10 savings account for the new arrival.

But that's not all; Curtis Chrysler has chipped in a free oil change.

Finally, the family can read about their new arrival and other local news all year long with a free, one-year subscription to the Cass City Chronicle.

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Annual New Year's Eve concert on tap

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A New Year's Eve tradition spanning nearly 50 years in Cass City will continue tonight (Wednesday) at 7 p.m. when the annual New Year's Eve Gospel Concert gets underway at Cass City High School.

The event continues to be sponsored by the Cass City Laymen's Club, although the organization hasn't been an active "Club" in the real sense for many years. Still, the legacy started by a handful of faithful men back in the 1960s lives on in the community.

And this year's 47th concert prom-

ises to continue a number of traditions, including the return of the Calvarymen Quartet. The faces and voices of the Calvarymen have changed many times over the past several years, but the group's faithfulness to the Cass City gathering has not. The Calvarymen appeared

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Obituaries

Brian Puterbaugh

Brian James Puterbaugh, 35, of Snover, died Tuesday, December 23, 2014 in Gaylord Tendercare Nursing Home after a long battle to recover from injuries sustained in an ATV accident.

Cass City to Larry and Denise (Beutler) Puterbaugh. As a young boy, Brian attended Mooretown Brethren In Christ Church and participated in the local 4-H club. He graduated from Cass City High School in 1998. After high school, Brian studied Agricultural Science at Michigan State University.

Brian was a life-long farmer, raising beef cattle and crop farming. He was an outdoorsman and enjoyed fishing and hunting deer and pheasant. In his spare time, Brian enjoyed shooting pool, tractor pulling and camping.

Brian is survived by his father, Larry Puterbaugh of Snover; mother, Denise (Edward) Osantoski of Port Austin; sisters: Renee (Jeremy) Bolsby of Snover, Ashley (Antoin) Akl of Watertown, MA; brother, Kurt (Cari) Puterbaugh of Snover; nephews: Nathan, Cole and Caden; grandmother, Jacqueline (Robert) McAlpine of Snover; step brothers: Jason (Kelly) Osantoski of Lapeer, David (Erica) Osantoski of Port Austin, step sisters: Nancy Osantoski of Port Austin, Jackie Osantoski of Port Austin; many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. He is preceded in death by his grandfather, Franklin "Bud" Beutler and grandparents, Ryerson and Dorothy Puterbaugh.

Funeral services were held Sunday, December 28 in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Pastor David Cooper of Deford Community Church officiating.

Interment was in Evergreen Township Cemetery.

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

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.

State sales tax vote in hands of voters

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happens when elected leaders work together in a bipartisan fashion to solve problems," Brown said. "If voters approve the sales tax increase, this road plan will not only fix our crumbling roads and bridges, it will also bring needed funding to our schools and give tax relief to working families."

Legislators scheduled the sales tax increase for a vote in May. With voter approval, it would raise \$1.3 billion over four years while eliminating the sales tax on fuel and transitioning to a tax on the wholesale price. Some of the money would go to schools and local government to replace lost revenue from the repeal of the gas tax. Voter approval would also trigger the following:

*Full restoration of the Earned Income Tax Credit, taking it back to 20 percent of the federal credit for a total credit of \$277 million.

*An additional \$300 million would go into the School Aid Fund, and that funding would be protected under the Constitution so that it would only go to pre-kindergarten through grade 12 schools and community colleges.

*\$40 million would go to at-risk schools.

*\$94 million in additional funding would be generated for local units of government.

*Additional funding would be generated for mass transit, taking more cars off the roads and lessening the need for further road repairs.

*An increase in fees on trucks weighing more than 26,000 pounds and a requirement of warranties on road work.

*A commitment to hiring more minority and women workers in the construction industry.

"Michigan roads have been neglected for years as elected leaders tried to come up with an answer to road funding that didn't harm Michigan kids and families," Brown said. "We've finally found a plan that fixes our roads, but not at the expense of kids and hard working families."

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In Our OPINION..

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Editor

Falkenberg will do well at Owen-Gage

The new year will bring some new challenges for Terri Falkenberg – recently named the new superintendent at Owen-Gage Schools – but we’re confident the district’s first-ever female school chief will be more than up to the task.

Falkenberg was the ideal choice to fill former interim Supt. Bob Drury’s shoes, and not just because she’s benefited from working with the veteran Thumb educator and administrator over the past few years. Drury, who will tell you she’s well prepared to lead Owen-Gage, has included her in virtually every aspect of running a school district during his two tenures as the 165-student district’s school chief, from mechanical issues to budgeting.

And, Falkenberg knows Owen-Gage – its students, staff, parents and other community members, having considered herself a loyal Bulldog since she joined the district in 1999. During her tenure, she has taught just about every subject in grades five through 12, in addition to creating a new art program for students early on in her career.

Since 2010, Falkenberg has served as K-12 principal, a role she will now juggle with her duties as superintendent.

You won’t find one of Falkenberg’s most impressive characteristics on her resume, but residents in the community are certain to find out – if they haven’t already – just how passionate she is about providing students with a quality education, and ensuring parents that small school districts aren’t necessarily on the endangered list.

A small but dedicated group of residents can take some credit for that, following a unified and successful effort to pass a \$3.1 million bond issue last year – after two failed votes – to fund numerous major capital improvement projects and upgrades at Owen-Gage. Without that money, which has paid for roof repairs, new boilers and technology upgrades, school officials would have been forced to close the doors eventually.

Today, Falkenberg can proudly tell residents that Owen-Gage has a 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,” she commented during a recent interview with the Chronicle.

“We have great programs for our students. We have one-on-one computers plus iPads (for our students), so we’re very proud of that. And our staff is very aware of what goes on here in the district and they’ve been a big help in keeping (it) going,” she said.

Falkenberg added, “These are the things that are going to keep us alive and well.”

We’re confident Falkenberg will play a key role in Owen-Gage’s success in the future as well, thanks to her own devotion to the kids, a solid working relationship with the board of education, and a strong desire to do what it takes to maintain a viable school system.

We wish her and the entire Owen-Gage community a Happy New Year!



It was a simple trip to the grocery store. Something I could probably do in my sleep. Pick up a few items, hit the checkout line and bag up the goods. I’d even remembered my coupons. It was a good day.

I didn’t even bring my purse because I have a new trendy phone case that has a nearly invisible compartment to hold a driver’s license and one credit card. I snapped open the case, feeling smart and sleek and #hipster and handed the checkout lady my plastic. I didn’t give it a second thought.

I had no idea my day was about to change. She swiped the card through the swipey machine. Twice. I hardly noticed because I was thinking about the meatballs I planned to make for supper using extra jumbo pack of ground beef that was on sale and in my cart. The lady with my card frowned and picked up her phone to call someone over to the register. I figured the machine was jammed or something.

A second clerk came and stood by the lady with my card. Together they stared at the computer screen, which I could not see.

Behind me, people were starting to pile up in line. First one man. Then another. Then a young mom with a couple squirming kids.

The second store employee shook her head and said, “We’ll have to call the manager.”

I was beginning to take notice. The manager came over and the three store employees stared at the screen, which I still could not see, but was beginning to wish I could. They were frowning. I was trying not to. The people in line had grown to a small crowd inconvenienced by my credit card mishap.

After about five infinitely long seconds, the manager spoke up. “Your card’s been rejected,” she said in a voice loud enough for people as far back as the produce section to hear.

I was perplexed, but this was hugely outweighed by embarrassment at having my card rejected within ear and eyeshot of a standing-room-only grocery store crowd. I wanted to shout, “I have excellent credit. There’s been a mistake here!”

Instead, I offered to call the credit card company. I figured I could clear up this pesky little mess in no time.

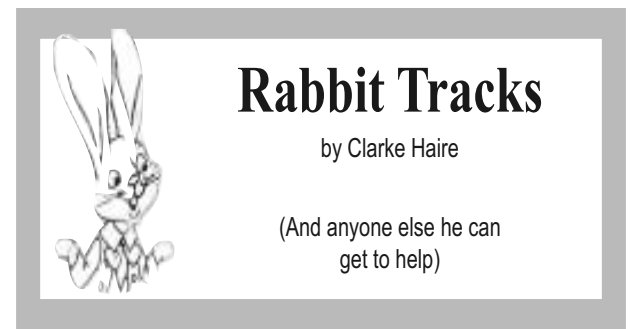
The manager, all no-nonsense, escorted me to the courtesy counter where I could make the call. No need to further inconvenience the real shoppers who had legitimate means to pay for their food. I wanted to crawl in a hole or curl up in the fetal position and make myself invisible. Instead, I dialed the 1-800 number and spoke to a chipper lady named Jess in Ohio. I explained my situation and Jess listened politely. Then her perky voice said, “We sent out new

cards to that account.”

“My husband got one,” I acknowledged. “Yours was sent a day after his,” she said. “When he activated his new card, yours became invalid.”

I looked at my cart full of bagged – albeit unpaid for – food. I asked Jess what she thought I should do and how I should pay for my groceries. After a cheerful and enthusiastic apology about my unfortunate circumstances, which she totally understood, but which she was sadly and regrettably unable to do anything to remedy, she came up with her first (and only) useful suggestion. If I called my husband, he could provide the new secret code numbers from the back of his card and the transaction would be successful and complete.

Thank goodness (thank goodness, thank goodness!) my husband picked up after the second ring. He had his card, gave me the numbers and I was free to take my food to my car. I don’t have to tell you I practically ran. And the next time I go to the store, one thing’s for certain. I’m bringing cash.



Secretary of State Ruth Johnson and State Treasurer Kevin Clinton recently announced that select motorists are being sent letters stating they are eligible to perform community service in place of paying certain Driver Responsibility fees.

About 168,000 residents meet the criteria for the Driver Responsibility Fee Community Service program. The new law, which was passed in 2014, requires individuals to complete 10 hours of community service for each qualifying Driver Responsibility assessment.

“This new law allows eligible residents to perform a service for their community while easing the burden of paying the fees,” Johnson said. “It provides a benefit to the individual and the community.”

Under the program, community service is defined as engaging in a useful and productive activity for someone other than a family member without receiving any compensation (money or gifts). Volunteer work at local non-profits organizations, churches, synagogues, temples, mosques and other places of worship, schools, or city and state agencies can count.

The Driver Responsibility fees that can be erased by community service are for no proof of insurance, no insurance, driving without proper license/endorsement/vehicle group designator, driving while license is expired and driving while unlicensed or with an invalid license.

Michigan motorists aren’t the only ones benefiting from performing community service to reduce penalties. Vassar varsity basketball Coach Chuck Fabbro says Vulcan athletes who commit violations of team rules can have their punishment reduced by doing community volunteer work.

A just-released observation survey of Michigan drivers found that 8.4 percent were talking, texting or using a hands-free device.

The survey was conducted by the Wayne State University Transportation Research Group and funded by the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning with federal traffic safety funds.

This is largely unchanged from a survey conducted in 2010 when 8.6 percent of drivers were engaged in the same activities.

“Cell-phone use and other distractions while operating a motor vehicle remain a concern in our state,” said Michael L. Prince, director of the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning. “Advances in technology and communication have provided more means for people to connect, however, our focus remains on getting drivers to keep their hands on the wheel and eyes on the road.”

Last year, 682 Michigan drivers involved in crashes were using a cell phone in some manner.

The Virginia Tech Transportation Institute found sending and receiving a text takes the driver’s eyes from the road for an average of 4.6 seconds. That is the equivalent of driving an entire football field at 55 mph.

Distracted driving is a concern for safety advocates as cell phone use and in-vehicle technology increases. According to the Governors Highway Safety Association, 44 states have adopted anti-texting laws and 14 states have prohibited the use of all hand-held phones for motorists.



Michigan law prohibits a driver from reading, manually typing or sending a text message while driving. Motorists violating this law receive a \$100 fine for the first offense and a \$200 fine for subsequent offenses. In 2013, more than 2,300 drivers were cited under the texting ban.

Ten drivers operating on a Level 1 and Level 2 license are prohibited from using a cell phone. Known as Kelsey’s Law, the cell phone ban for younger motorists is named for 17-year-old Kelsey Raffaele. In January 2010, the Sault Ste. Marie teen was killed in a cell phone-related crash.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Wednesday, December 31

•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, January 1

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

Sunday, January 4

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

Monday, January 5

•Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubyly. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.

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

•Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.

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

Tuesday, January 6

•Al-anon meeting, 7 p.m., St. Francis Parrish, Pigeon.

•AA Meeting, 7-8 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 4960 N. Argyle Rd. (Meeting will be held in the hall next to the little stone church.)

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Second Monday:

•Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.

•VFW monthly meeting, 7:00 p.m., VFW Hall, Cass City.

Second Tuesday:

•Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7 p.m., fire hall in Gagetown.

•Tuscola County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., HDC Intergenerational Building, 430 Montague Ave., Caro. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

•Kedron OES #33 of Caro meeting, 7 p.m.

•Huron County Family Caregiver Support Group, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Human Development Commission, 150 Nugent Rd., Bad Axe. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

Second Wednesday:

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

Second Thursday:

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

Third Tuesday:

•Living with Parkinson's Support Group, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Holiday Inn Express, 55 Rapson Lane West, Bad Axe. For more information, call Merry at (989) 673-4121.

•Family Caregiver Support Group, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Harbor Beach Community Hospital Administration Building/Conference Center, 147 S. First St., Harbor Beach. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121

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

Third Wednesday

•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.

Third Thursday:

•Sanilac County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, 3 p.m., HDC Adult Day Services Building, 227 N. Elk St., Sandusky. For more information, contact Kim at (989) 673-4121 or Amanda at (810) 648-4497.

•Grief Support meetings, "Healing Together," Heritage Hill, 1430 Cleaver Rd., Caro, 7-8:30 p.m. For questions or to register to attend please call the office at (989) 872-5852 or toll free (877) 872-5852. These sessions are open to anyone dealing with a grief or loss. Sponsored by Hospice Advantage, Cass City.

•Caregiver Support Group, 11:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Bullard-Sanford Memorial Library, 520 W. Huron Ave., Vassar. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

Fourth Monday:

•Cass City School Board meeting, 7 p.m.

•Hills & Dales General Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 11:30 a.m., Gilligans (no meetings July, August, December).

•Tuscola County Right to Life meeting, 6:30-8 p.m., Caro Area District Library, 840 W. Frank St., Caro. For more information, call (989) 872-3259.

Fourth Wednesday:

•Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m.

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

Fourth Thursday:

•Community Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.

•Thumb TEA Party, 6:30 p.m., Evangelical Free Church, Cass City.

Last Monday:

•Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.

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Friday morning in Sanilac County

2 adults, 2 children hurt in crash

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Sanilac County Sheriff's Department investigators say two adults and two children suffered injuries in a two-vehicle traffic accident Friday morning in Sanilac County's Marlette Township.

The accident was reported at 11:15 a.m. at the intersection of Butler and Lynd Roads.

According to deputies, a 2013

Buick SUV driven by 78-year-old David Dolby of New Baltimore was eastbound on Lynd Road when he failed to stop at the signed intersection. His vehicle was then struck by a northbound 2012 Chevrolet Cruze being driven by 31-year-old Peter Liccardello Jr. of Sandusky. The collision caused both vehicles to leave the roadway and come to rest in the northeast ditch of Butler Road.

Dolby was transported to Marlette Regional Hospital by Marlette EMS,

while Mr. Liccardello and his five-year-old daughter and 18-month-old son were transported by personal vehicle to Marlette Regional Hospital for treatment.

All occupants in the vehicles were properly restrained and alcohol is not believed to be a factor in the crash," deputies noted.

Officers were assisted at the scene by Marlette EMS and the Marlette Fire Department.

Sheriff: \$1,000 gifts make holiday brighter

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spirit of giving snowballed, according to the sheriff.

"This morning (Saturday), our Sgt. James Hunt was requested by a Huron County resident, wanting to not be identified, to respond to his home and pick up \$1,000," Hanson said. "His family asked that the money be distributed like we recently did with \$3,000 worth of cash (already donated), with the primary

intention being to help someone out and to brighten up their Christmas holidays.

"Like we did with the earlier money, it, too, will be put in Christmas holiday cards containing \$100 bills and distributed (to residents) in need of help," Hanson added. "This now brings this year's cash distribution effort to a grand total of \$4,000, or 40 \$100 bills, which we will have given out by Monday.

"To my knowledge and in my 33 years of being involved with the sheriff's office, between the donated \$4,000 and our involvement with the Toys for Tots program, our office has never been more fortunate in being able to positively impact someone's Christmas holidays like we did this year," Hanson said.

"We should all be proud of our community and the many generous people who live in it."

Annual New Year's Eve concert scheduled

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at the first-ever local New Year's Eve Gospel Concert and have returned to Cass City every year since.

This year's line-up also features The Thurstons and the Gospelmens, both of which are no strangers to the Gospel concert in Cass City.

The event is free, but a freewill offering will be taken. There will be an intermission with donuts, coffee and milk.

"This is an opportunity to welcome in the new year with Christian friends enjoying great Gospel music by some of Michigan's finest artists," said longtime Cass City Laymen's Club member Arthur Severance, whose father, Lloyd, was among the founding members of the club and whose family has helped to continue the tradition.

The community concert was organized by the laymen's club, a small group of area men dedicated to serving God as laymen. Although no longer active, a few members – most of them relatives of the founding members – continue to organize the

concert in an effort to offer the community an alternative to traditional New Year's celebrations.

The first concert was held at the old high school (formerly Cass City Intermediate School, which was demolished and is now the site of the Cass City Playscape). Tickets were sold that first year and the sing featured the Calvarymen and Crystalaires.

The laymen's club was officially organized Oct. 23, 1967, with Severance's father serving as president, William O'Dell as secretary and Warren Kelly as treasurer.

"It was kind of set up for the laymen to get together, but also to sponsor some programs at the school. They (hosted) Rex Humbard and the Cathedrals," Severance said. "We did have regular meetings and we had devotions."

Those involved in the early years included Keith McConkey and Burton Allen. "There were a few others; Don Buehrly and Dale Buehrly were both part of it," he said, adding the club remained active for about two decades.

Today, Severance and his brother,

Les, and Arthur's son, Randy, are helping to keep the legacy alive.

"Basically all we do now is sponsor the New Year's Eve concert," he said. "The goal, basically, is to provide something for everybody at no charge. We go with no charge so it's available for everybody."

Program set on alcoholism next month

A program on the Jellinek Chart on the phases and symptoms of alcoholism will be presented Monday, Jan. 19, at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Cass City.

The program is slated to begin at 7 p.m. and the public is welcome. The church is located at 6820 Cass City Rd. (M-81) at the east end of Cass City.

Coffee and donuts will be served.

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Reporter's notebook

Guess it's time for a resolution. Not

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



Promises, promises.

As many folks vow to do a myriad of things most of them won't follow through on, I was curious about which New Year's resolutions are the most popular to fall by the wayside.

I wasn't surprised when I began to search for various poll results.

According to the experts, they are (in no particular order) lose weight and get fit, quit smoking, learn something new, eat healthier and diet, get out of debt and save money, spend more time with family, travel to new places, be less stressed, volunteer, and drink less.

I wonder why they left off "make fewer sarcastic comments to family members, friends and co-workers", and "try to make fun of your wife less often in your weekly newspaper column"?

Doesn't matter, considering I fully intend to fail in both of those categories, too.

The way I see it, the biggest problem with New Year's resolutions is that success in bringing about personal change requires real work and effort, the prospects of which most of us aren't exactly thrilled with. Think about it; many resolutions are about reversing poor habits that you've spent considerable time nurturing. Doesn't it make sense that turning those behaviors around would take an equal amount of time?

I can't imagine how a resolution at the beginning of the year would make any difference in the amount of motivation you can muster to make a real change from within. I mean, when you get right down to it, you have to really want to make it happen and (gasp) be willing to put up with some discomfort along the way.

I suppose that's why some folks who want to drop a few pounds, for example, are tempted to buy into advertisements for miraculous formulas that promise to let you shed pounds while lounging on the couch, snacking on a nice, big cheesecake.

The bottom line? Change isn't easy, which is probably why my wife would really struggle if she ever vowed to not be right. All the time. About everything. Or to lighten up when it comes to reminding (nagging) me to do something she just reminded me about six months ago.

And while I'm at it, just once I'd like to hang a picture or arrange some furniture without her walking into the room with that expression on her face - most husbands have seen it - the one that instantly conveys the message, "Nice try, but it's not quite right. Or even close. Here, let me fix that for you..." Heck, I'd even be satisfied if she would resolve one of these years to give me a real answer when she's clearly upset about something, and I ask what's wrong, and she replies, "Nothing."

Really, dear?

Now, that sort of wife-speak has taken years of marriage to perfect, so I can understand why she isn't all that enthusiastic about tackling resolutions that might address our frequent communication gaps. Honestly, neither am I. Maybe that's a good thing.

As for resolutions, guess I'll pass again this year and leave them to folks who delight in embracing new frontiers and tackling challenges that promise to bring about positive changes in their lives.

Personally, I wouldn't mind change so much if things could just stay the same.

You, too?

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2009)

Rawson Memorial District Library is a modern facility that serves thousands of Cass City area patrons each year by offering everything from a variety of reading materials to access to the Internet to a host of programs geared towards all ages. The library is marking its 100th anniversary.

10 YEARS AGO (2004)

Each year when the Chronicle publishes its Christmas edition I'm always amazed at the talent of the students. I leafed through this year's art pages to find which was the best of the best this season. Thinking about it, my conclusion is that like most art what impresses me may not excite you. This year my vote goes to Angela Stoeckle, a senior, for artistry and to Logan Gaymer for commentary on the affairs of the day. Both of my favorites appear on page 13 of the Dec. 22 Chronicle. (From Rabbit Tracks by John Haire)

5 is a big number for the Cass City Red Hawk basketball team this year. The Hawks remained undefeated with victory number 5 over the Caro Tigers last Tuesday, 56-44. Cass City posted victory number 5 in a row in the annual M-81 clash with the victory. Justin Glaza became the 6th winner of the most valuable player award in the clash and the award was number 5 in a row for Cass City players.

25 YEARS AGO (1989)

The combined pay for Cass City's 15 full-time employees will cost the village about \$19,500 more next year based on raises approved by the Village Council earlier this month. The council approved 4.5 percent increases for most of the employees. Those include the village manager, 3 police officers (including a sergeant and chief), 5 Department of Public Works employees (including DPW

superintendent) and 3 wastewater treatment employees.

More than 100 relatives, neighbors and friends gathered Dec. 17 at the Lamotte Township Fire Hall for a surprise birthday party in honor of area resident Martha Bezemek, who turned 90 Dec. 15.

35 YEARS AGO (1979)

Two Owendale-Gagetown High School band members have received All-American honors from the All-American Hall of Fame Foundation. They are Jennifer Errer, of Owendale, who plays saxophone, and Robin Sullivan, of Gagetown, who plays clarinet. Both are seniors. Jennifer is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Errer. Robin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sullivan.

40 YEARS AGO (1974)

The lamb showmanship of Cass City's Roger Seelye Jr. won a Grand Championship at the 44th Annual Junior Livestock Show held in Howell, Mich. The show was sponsored by the Michigan Junior Livestock Society, Inc., and was open to Michigan boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 18. The show and its attendant sale netted over \$55,000 for the young livestock handlers.

50 YEARS AGO (1964)

A rash of minor accidents marred the holidays in the Cass City area, but the only serious Cass City casualty was a deer which lost a battle with a passing motorist. Tuscola county police officials investigated a total of six accidents, but the only injury occurred when Ronald Heck, 17, of Elkton, failed to notice the dead end at the Muntz Road and Cemetery Road intersection, north of Cass City. Heck suffered cuts and

bruises as he left the road and crashed into a sign. His car was declared a total wreck. The accident occurred Dec. 26.

75 YEARS AGO (1939)

Two Cass City mothers - Mrs. Audley Rawson and Mrs. A.H. Higgins - were made happy Christmas Day by receiving telephone calls from their sons in distant states. Ensign Ralph W. Rawson, aboard the U.S.S. Detroit, phoned Mrs. Rawson at five o'clock Christmas morning (eight o'clock Cass City time) from San Diego, California, a distance of 2,700 miles. Mrs. Higgins' message came from Leland Higgins at Topeka, Indiana, while Mrs. Higgins was spending Christmas Day with another son, Dr. Kenneth Higgins, in Detroit. Clare Rawson, a tenth grade student in high school here, added to the pleasures of the day, by sending a telegram conveying Christmas greetings to his brother, Ralph, at San Diego.

100 YEARS AGO (1914)

"The fight for prohibition will go on. It is not lost by the action of the house. It will go on. It will - it must win eventually." This was the declaration of Representative Hobson, champion of national prohibition, following defeat in the national house of representatives Tuesday night of his "dry" resolution. Hobson said the vote of 197 votes for the resolution and 189 against although 61 votes less than the necessary two-thirds for submission of the constitutional amendment, was really a victory and not a defeat. The "drys" were jubilant. They declared the vote clearly indicated the growing prohibition sentiment which will eventually make the nation dry. But two of the 13 Michigan congressmen, Reps. Beakes and Doremus, voted against the measure.

Pastor's Corner: Motivation Matters

We have just come through the Christmas season, a season filled with an increased attention to generosity, kindness and love. It is inspiring to see people caring for, helping and serving one another.

The gospel of Matthew (chapter 6) reminds us that our motivation for doing charitable deeds matters to God. This can seem a little petty on the surface so let me illustrate the

point. Imagine with me a husband who goes the extra mile to dote on his wife - buying flowers, breakfast in bed, candle lit dinners, thoughtful notes, and even puts his dirty laundry in the hamper instead of on the floor. His wife would be very pleased and honored! But imagine his wife finds out that all of these good deeds were actually an attempt to avoid suspicion and cover up an

affair that he was having. How will the wife view these acts of kindness now? The reason the husband was doing them makes all the difference in the world!

Why do you do what you do? Let us all keep doing the right things, the loving things, but let us ask God to search our hearts and make sure we are doing them for the right reason - to honor, serve and glorify the

God who has given us life and sent His only Son to rescue us from our sins!

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Year in review: taking a look back at 2014 in photos



CURTIS MAEDER (left), one of three instructors at Baker College's new welding lab in Cass City, talks welding with Keith Bricker, Cass City, during an open house last February at the 5,000-square-foot facility, located in a renovated portion of the former Nestles Building.



HURON COUNTY Sheriff's deputies continued their fight to put heroin traffickers out of business in the county in 2014. The department successfully concluded lengthy investigations that resulted in both arrests and seizure of drugs and property during the year.



STATE SENATOR Mike Green (R-Mayville) read a special tribute he presented on behalf of himself, state Rep. Terry Brown (D-Pigeon) and Gov. Rick Snyder to members of St. Agatha Catholic Church as they marked the Gagetown parish's 135th anniversary over the summer. St. Agatha's was closed this year as part of a restructuring plan within the Diocese of Saginaw.



HILLS AND DALES General Hospital officials unveiled their new Hospital Drive Pharmacy in Cass City during an open house in May.



THE CHIEF executive officers of Marshall Distributing Inc. in Cass City (above) and Western Power Sports (WPS), Boise, Idaho, announced in November that they had agreed to a deal in which WPS acquired Marshall's. The local company is expected to close its doors this spring.



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CHRONICLE SPORTS

Kingston gals cruise

Sarah Savage and Jenna Boyd combined for 39 points Monday to lead Kingston past North Branch in the opening game of the Harry C. Moore basketball tournament in Brown City.

The Lady Cardinals' full court pressure resulted in several easy baskets as a short-handed Coach Jay Green squad improved to 6-1 on the year with the lopsided 54-27 triumph. The Broncos, meanwhile, fall to 0-6.

"We were missing 2 players out with injuries," said Green noting the absent of Kali Powell and Michayla McComb. "But we still were able to execute well. The girls passed the ball around and we were able to convert our open looks."

Four different Cardinal players scored buckets in the early going resulting in a quick 8-1 advantage before most fans had time to find their seats in the noon contest. After a North Branch time out did little to slow down the winners, Kingston closed the opening frame with a 5-0 run and took a 13-1 edge into the second quarter.

Savage took over the scoring chores early in the period before the half and tossed in 8 of her game-high 21 points to help expand the gap to 23-5 with less than 4 minutes remaining till the intermission.

While Savage was dominating the paint area, Boyd was doing the same from the perimeter. She knocked

down a pair of corner jumpers and added a pretty floater in the lane that removed most doubt from the game's outcome as the antics of the junior guard helped increase the margin to 34-10 to start the final half.

Lauren Bickel got on track for the Broncos in the third quarter and an old-fashioned 3-point play, followed by a short jumper from the corner and a rare fast break bucket to end the frame had North Branch trailing 45-19 with 8 minutes remaining.

Kingston's aggressive man defense resulted in foul troubles that disqualified Madison Cofer and Ashton Fetting down the stretch - leaving Kingston with just 5 players - and saw the Cardinals use their four corner stall for the final 3 minutes.

Boyd finished with 18 points and numerous assists for the North Central Thumb League leaders, while Cofer and Cassidy MacGuire split a dozen markers.

Bickel's 9 points were tops for North Branch, while Calla McNuty had 7 points.



BATTELING for floor space Monday at the Harry C. Moore basketball tournament in Brown City are Kingston's Madison Cofer and North Branch's Kelci Gormley.













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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	Ubly
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	Cass City 32, Harbor Beach 72
12/5	Cass City 47, Memphis 37
12/9	Cass City 13, Sandusky 57
12/10	Cass City 27, Caro 52
12/16	Cass City 34, Vassar 35
12/18	Cass City 16, USA 58
1/6	Ubly
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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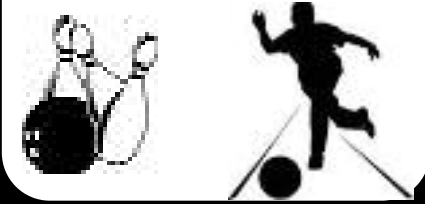
JH Boys' Basketball
Jan. 14 ~ USA ~ 5:30 p.m.



BOWLING

All meets at 4 p.m. unless noted

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



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JH BOYS' BASKETBALL

All games at 5:30 p.m.

1/14	USA
1/15	EPBP Lakers
1/20	Reese
1/21	Vassar
1/26	USA
1/28	Reese
2/2	Vassar
2/4	USA
2/9	Reese
2/11	Vassar
2/14	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, 768.24 feet; thence North 00 degrees 47 minutes 22 seconds East 429.00 feet to said North line of Section 15; thence along 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.

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Dated: November 17, 2014
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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.

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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.

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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.

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Dated: December 10, 2014
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Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale
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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by 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 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 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
For more information, please call:
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Attorneys For Servicer
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Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-5422
File #447031F01

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

12-17-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by 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 venue 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
Troy, MI 48007
File No. 14-011972

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MORTGAGE SALE – Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by TERRY R. MOCNY II and AMY J. MOCNY, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (“MERS”), solely as nominee for lender and lender’s successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 8, 2005, and recorded on March 7, 2005, in Liber 1029, on Page 1376, 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 Sixty-Four Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-One Dollars and Thirty Cents (\$64,361.30), 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 venue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o’clock, on January 22, 2015 Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as:

PARCEL A: A parcel of land in the Southwest Fractional 1/4 of Section 28, Township 11 North, Range 7 East, Village of Tuscola, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as follows: Commencing at the intersection of the Southwesterly line of Bray Road right-of-way (formerly known as Fourth Street and Lapeer Road) with the Southerly line of Van Cleve Road right-of-way (formerly Saginaw Road); thence North 83 degrees 30 minutes 00 seconds West on said Southerly line of Van Cleve Road, 53.11 feet thence South 06 degrees 19 minutes 30 seconds West on an apparent line which was approximately defined in a Quit Claim Deed recorded in Liber 42, page 294, Tuscola County Records, 120.00 feet; thence South 83 degrees 30 minutes 00 seconds East, parallel to said Southerly line of Van Cleve Road 80.44 feet to the Southwesterly line of Bray Road right-of-way; thence Northwesterly, on said Southwesterly line, 123.16 feet to the point of beginning. **PARCEL B:** A parcel of land in the Southwest Fractional 1/4 of Section 28, Township 11 North, Range 7 East, Village of Tuscola, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as follows: To fix the point of beginning commence at the intersection of the Southwesterly line of Bray Road right-of-way (formerly known as Fourth Street and Lapeer Road) with the Southerly line of Van Cleve right-of-way (formerly Saginaw Road); thence North 83 degrees 30 minutes 00 seconds West on said Southerly line of Van Cleve Road, 53.11 feet; thence South 06 degrees 19 minutes 30 seconds West on an apparent line which was approximately defined in a Quit Claim Deed recorded in Liber 42, page 294, Tuscola County Records, 120.00 feet to the point of beginning of this description; thence South 06 degrees 19 minutes 30 seconds West on said defined line and its Southerly extension, 50.00 feet; thence South 83 degrees 30 minutes 00 seconds East, parallel to said Southerly line of Van Cleve Road 91.84 feet to the Southwesterly line of Bray Road right-of-way; thence North 06 degrees 30 minutes 00 seconds West on said Southwesterly line, 51.31 feet; thence North 83 degrees 30 minutes 00 seconds West, parallel to said Southerly line, 80.44 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL C: Commencing at the Northeast corner of Howard Slaters Lot, said point being South 0 degrees 07 minutes East 33.83 feet and North 76 degrees 45 minutes West 220.80 feet along the South side of Center Street from intersection of center line of Bray Road and Center Street, thence South 12 degrees 58 minutes West 170.00 feet; thence South 76 degrees 45 minutes East 133.80 feet; thence North 12 degrees 58 minutes East 50.00 feet; thence North 06 degrees 45 minutes West 30.00 feet; thence North 12 degrees 58 minutes East 120.00 feet; thence North 76 degrees 45 minutes West 103.80 feet to the point of beginning. Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 28, Township 11 North, Range 7 East, also land in the Village of Tuscola, described as Commencing at a point being South 0 degrees 07 minutes East 33.83 feet and North 76 degrees 45 minutes West 117.00 feet along the South side of Center Street from the intersection of the centerline of Bray Road and Center Street; thence South 12 degrees 58 minutes West 120.00 feet; thence South 76 degrees 45 minutes East 30.00 feet; thence North 12 degrees 58 minutes East 120.00 feet; thence North 76 degrees 45 minutes West 30.00 feet to the point of beginning, part of the

Southwest 1/4 of Section 28, Township 11 North, Range 7 East. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 1 month from the date of such sale, or as to MCL 600.3241a only, 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later.

If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 600 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association Mortgagee/Assignee
Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.
23938 Research Drive, Suite 300
Farmington Hills, MI 48335
JPMC.002858 USDA

12-24-4

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. **MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Paulette M. Teno, original mortgagor(s), to U.S. Bank National Association ND, Mortgagee, dated July 13, 2006, and recorded on July 31, 2006 in Liber 1089 on Page 774, and modified by Affidavit or Order executed on April 11, 2012 and recorded on April 13, 2012 in Liber 1245 on Page 823, and assigned by said Mortgagee to U.S. Bank National Association as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Two and 57/100 Dollars (\$155,522.57). 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 22, 2015.

Said premises are situated in Township of Juniata, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the North half of the Northeast Fractional 1/4 of Section 3, Town 12 North, Range 8 East, described as; beginning at a point on the North-South 1/4 line of Section 3 which is South 00 degrees 23 minutes 35 seconds West, 293.85 feet from the North 1/4 corner of said Section 3; thence continuing along said North- South 1/4 line, South 00 degrees 23 minutes 35 seconds West, 463.83 feet; thence along the South line of the North seven acres of the West ten acres of said North half of the Northeast Fractional 1/4, South 89 degrees 26 minutes 58 seconds East, 402.48 feet; thence along the East line of the West ten acres of said North half of the Northeast Fractional 1/4; North 00 degrees 23 minutes 34 seconds East 31.68 feet; thence, North 49 degrees 02 minutes 23 seconds East, 652.05 feet; thence, North 89 degrees 26 minutes 58 seconds West, 891.94 feet to the West line of Section 3 and 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 24, 2014
For more information, please call:
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Trott Law, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Hwy Ste 200

Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-5422
File #426284F02

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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 Jeff Colosky and Kelly Colosky, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Flagstar Bank, FSB its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 1, 2003, and recorded on August 7, 2003 in Liber 947 on Page 939, and assigned by said Mortgagee 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 Fifty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Fourteen and 21/100 Dollars (\$55,414.21).

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 29, 2015.

Said premises are situated in City of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Situated in the City of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, the South 11 Feet of Lot 7 and the North 53 Feet of Lot 6, Block 20 of North’s Addition to the City of Vassar, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, now being Page 21A, 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: December 31, 2014
For more information, please call:
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File #443339F02

12-31-4

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. **MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Elaine L. Halsne, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to U.S. Bank National Association ND, Mortgagee, dated April 12, 2006, and recorded on May 2, 2006 in Liber 1079 on Page 967, and assigned by said Mortgagee to U.S. Bank National Association as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Seven and 93/100 Dollars (\$67,877.93).

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 prem-

ises, 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 29, 2015.

Said premises are situated in Township of Watertown, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 25, Township 10 North, Range 9 East, described as beginning at a point on the East line of said Section 25 which is North, along said East line, 1731.90 feet from the East 1/4 corner of said Section 25; thence continuing North, along said East line, 200.00 feet; thence South 88 degrees 18 minutes 12 seconds West 250.00 feet; thence South parallel with said East line, 200.00 feet; thence North 88 degrees 18 minutes 12 seconds East 250.00 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to the use of the Easterly 33.00 feet thereof as Willits Road.

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 31, 2014
For more information, please call:
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File #442930F01

12-31-4

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE—Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by JEREMY T. POWELL AND BILLIE M. POWELL, husband and wife, Mortgagors, to FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF AMERICA, Mortgagee, dated November 10, 2004, and recorded November 22, 2004, in Liber 1018, Page 530, of Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this notice \$34,167.33, including interest at 11.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction to the highest bidder, on Thursday, January 29, 2015, at 10 o’clock in the forenoon, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, Michigan. Said premises are situated in the Village of Kingston, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel A: A piece of land commencing at a point on the East boundary of Pine Street, said point being 12 rods South of the South boundary line of Kingsbury Alley; thence East to a point 22 and half feet West of Alder Creek Drain; thence South 4 rods; thence West to the East boundary line of Pine Street; thence North to the place of beginning. The same being a part of the SW 1/4 of Section 33, T12N, R11E. Parcel B: The West 60 feet of the North 5 feet of those premises described as: Commencing 100 feet North of State Street and the East line of Pine Street; running thence North 4 rods thence East to a point 22 and half feet West of Alder Creek Drain; thence South 4 rods; thence West to a point of beginning. The same being a part of the SW 1/4 of Section 33, T12N, R11E. c/k/a 3479 Pine, Kingston, MI 48741 The redemption period shall be six months from the date of the sale, unless the premises are determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption

period shall be one month, or until the time to provide the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c) expires, whichever is later.

Please be advised that if the mortgaged property is sold at a foreclosure sale by advertisement, 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 31, 2014
LeVasseur Dyer & Associates, PC
Attorneys for Mortgagee
P.O. Box 721400
Berkley, MI 48072
(248) 236-1765

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MORTGAGE SALE – Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by TERRY BOWEN and DARLENE BOWEN, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to CitiMortgage, Inc. successor by merger to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc, Mortgagee, dated November 13, 2002, and recorded on July 15, 2003, in Liber 941, on Page 1485, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-One Dollars and Thirty-Two Cents (\$100,281.32), including interest at 5.875% 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, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o’clock, on January 29, 2015 Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as: PART OF THE NORTHWEST 1 / 4 OF SECTION 21, TOWN 11 NORTH, RANGE 10 EAST, DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING ON THE NORTH LINE OF SECTION 21 AT A POINT SOUTH 88 DEGREES 26 MINUTES WEST 348.96 FEET FROM THE NORTH 1 / 4 CORNER; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 1117.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 26 MINUTES WEST, 206.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST, 1117.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 26 MINUTES EAST, 206.00 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. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid.

The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee’s attorney.

CitiMortgage, Inc. successor by merger to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.
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Year in review: 2014 certainly had its ups and downs

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In 1968, Marshall Plastic Company was formed, with plastic windshields, tracks, etc., manufactured in a shed behind the existing Marshall Implement Company. A year later, the company issued its first parts catalogue, and in 1973, Marshall's expanded to include motorcycle parts and accessories. The firm continued to expand, opening warehouses in Clifton Park, N.Y., and Sparks, Nev., in 2004 and 2009, respectively.

CAMPBELL ELEMENTARY

Cass City School officials voted to list the former Campbell Elementary School building for sale after several months of debate and discussion over the future of the structure.

The decision came in April after the board had hoped to let voters decide the issue at the polls, but subsequently learned that wasn't a legal option. At the time, it had been more than two years since school officials closed Campbell in a consolidation effort designed to cut expenses following a multi-year trend of declining enrollment that has cost the local district more than 500 students.

In early 2013, the board began talks with representatives of a group of Thumb dentists who had proposed utilizing the building to house a non-profit regional dental clinic to serve Medicaid patients.

The dentists agreed to a three-year lease and offered to buy the building outright, but negotiations stalled when the board approved, on a split vote, a motion to not sell the former school.

Board members opposed to selling expressed concern for the possible need for more space in the future, especially in light of construction of the new Dairy Farmers of America (DFA) plant in town. However, other board members suggested it's highly unlikely enrollment will increase significantly due to the plant construction. They also noted the district has some existing space that could be used to accommodate additional students.

Today, the building remains for sale, with a portion of the space leased to Thumb Area Psychological Services, which provides services such as counseling, tutoring and applied behavior analysis for autistic children as well as typically developing youngsters.

FATAL SHOOTING

The case involving an accidental fatal shooting that claimed the life of a Sanilac County boy in November 2013 came to a conclusion in 2014 with the conviction and sentencing of a father and son.

The victim in the shooting, Tyler Dunn, 11, died during an unsupervised sleepover in Marlette Township, where the juvenile defendant was showing Dunn a lever-action rifle that accidentally discharged. There were no adults in the home at the time.

The 12-year-old defendant was subsequently convicted on a charge of reckless discharge of a firearm and sentenced to a period of intense probation that could continue until he reaches the age of 19. His 57-year-old father, who pleaded guilty to charges of being a felon in possession of a firearm and contributing to the delinquency of a minor, was sentenced to 365 days in jail.

WAR ON DRUGS

Thumb law enforcement officials particularly those in Huron County, scored some victories in their battle to keep heroin traffickers in check over the past 12 months.

Huron County sheriff's deputies arrested a pair of Elkton residents in April following a several-month-long investigation targeting heroin use and sales. They also seized five grams of the drug, with a street value of \$50 to \$100 per tenth of a gram, along with drug paraphernalia and a vehicle. Both suspects were subsequently convicted and sentenced.

A few months later, the sheriff's department arrested two more suspects following a seven-week investigation, also targeting heroin traf-

ficking. Seized were nearly four dozen packets of suspected heroin along with drug paraphernalia, prescription drugs and cash.

Heroin use in the United States jumped a whopping 79 percent from 2007 to 2012, and heroin overdose deaths rose 45 percent between 2006 and 2010. Police and health officials say Michigan is on the same track.

Experts say the increased use and overdoses involving heroin are directly related to the rapid increase in the misuse of opiate prescription drugs such as OxyContin and Vicodin. The steep cost of those drugs is prompting a number of addicts to seek out heroin, a cheaper opiate. Unfortunately, buying heroin on the street comes with a number of risks, starting with the fact that the user doesn't know just how potent a dose he or she is purchasing, or whether the drug has been laced with some form of poison.

NEW PARISH

It was a difficult year for many area residents, as restructuring came to pass among parishes within the Diocese of Saginaw.

The local parish, including the churches of St. Pancratius in Cass City, Holy Family in Sebewaing, St. Agatha in Gagetown and St. Michael in Wilmot, are now known as Our Lady Consolata Parish in accordance with a study conducted by Bishop Joseph Cistone called "Planning Tomorrow's Parishes". The study's goal was to merge 105 parish communities into 56 in an effort to put each individual church to better use.

Officials with the Catholic church said the restructuring was due, in part, to decreasing church attendance, fewer priests and shifting demographics.

As a result, St. Pancratius remains a parish church, with regularly scheduled masses and sacraments for all members of the parish community, while Holy Family is an additional use church, also with regularly scheduled masses and celebrations. St. Agatha and St. Michael, however, became "occasional use" churches, meaning they no longer host regular mass but may be used for weddings, funerals and other events.

ELECTION YEAR

Like the winter of 2013-14, Republicans roared into the general election this year, dominating at the polls for seats representing Thumb residents in Lansing.

In fact, Republicans didn't just hold onto the state House and Senate, they grew their majorities, guaranteeing Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder, who won reelection over Democratic challenger Mark Schauer, at least two more years of full GOP control in Lansing.

Closer to home, the winners included Dr. Edward J. "Ned" Canfield, a 58-year-old Sebewaing family physician who defeated Democratic challenger David Jaroch in a race for the 84th District House seat representing Tuscola and Huron counties. Incumbent 84th District State Rep. Terry Brown (D-Pigeon), forced from the post by term limits, ran unsuccessfully against St. Clair's Phil Pavlov for the 25th Senate District seat.

In the 31st Senate District, which includes Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties, first-term Senator Mike Green (R-Mayville) posted a convincing victory over Democratic challenger Ron Mindykowski.

NEW LEADERSHIP

The year saw a change in leadership at Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City, where Jean Anthony was selected to fill a vacancy left by the departure of veteran administrator Mike Falatko, who had been on family/medical leave and was unable to return to his duties as president and CEO.

Anthony has been a fixture at Hills and Dales for close to four decades, beginning her career as a licensed practice nurse (LPN). In the years since, she has earned her license as a registered nurse (RN) as well as a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing and a Master of Arts and Organizational Management Degree.

Anthony previously served as Hills and Dales' chief operating officer for 14 years.

"Jean's years of experience will be critical...in a time when health care

standards...are changing so frequently," Hills and Dales Board of Trustees President Orville Beecher said in making the announcement last March. "Her knowledge of nursing and patient care, her outstanding relationship with the physicians, as well as her years of dedication to the hospital makes her an exceptional candidate to fill the position as CEO."

WELDING LAB

In spite of the loss of Erla's and Marshall Distributing in town, there were some bright spots in the downtown development front, including

the opening of Baker College's 5,000-square foot welding lab inside a renovated section of the Nestles Building, a former milk plant located just west of the Erla's building.

Baker College officials, who estimated their investment at roughly \$615,000, launched the project in conjunction with plans to offer welding certificate and associate degree programs through the local Baker College campus.

The program — Baker's fourth welding lab in the state — provides training for those who have an interest in become a welding engineer, welding inspector, structural ironworker, custom vehicle designer and metal art

sculptor, among other professions.

Named the Cass City Industrial Center, the new lab can accommodate up to 24 students. There are a dozen two-man workstations, and each workstation has a MIG (metal inert gas) and TIG (tungsten inert gas) welder. Other equipment shared by students includes multiple torches, a plasma cutter, bench cutter, drill presses, grinder, tube bender, band saws and a Scottsman Sheener that cuts steel.

In addition to Baker College's investment, Hills and Dales General Hospital officials unveiled their new Hospital Drive Pharmacy, located just south of the hospital, last spring.



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