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Candid camera

Body camera technology nothing new for local police department

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

People lie. Cameras don't.

It's a reality that has prompted police agencies across Michigan and the nation to invest in small body cameras that provide video and audio recordings of police officers' contacts with citizens during traffic stops as well as in a myriad of other situations, especially in recent months since the fatal shooting of an unarmed, black teenager by a white police officer in Ferguson, Mo., which led to days of civil unrest and protests.

In that case, the officer involved was not wearing a camera, leaving investigators to sort through conflicting accounts from witnesses. The

officer stated he was being attacked when he made the decision to use lethal force to defend himself, while some bystanders claimed the suspect had his hands in the air when he was fatally shot.

Use of a police body camera could have cleared up the confusion, because video of the confrontation essentially allows investigators, prosecutors and defense attorneys to be at the scene when they review the recorded footage.

At the same time, the specialized cameras have sparked questions over privacy issues, and there's the issue of whether requiring an officer to use one constitutes a lack of trust on the part of his or her supervisors.

While body cameras have become a

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Akron man pleads not guilty to embezzlement

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A Tuscola County man charged with embezzling hundreds of thousands of dollars from his employer — the Blue Diamond Steel plant in Huron County's Windsor Township — pleaded not guilty last Wednesday in Huron County Circuit Court.

The defendant, Chad M. Letson, 34, of Akron, is charged with embezzlement involving more than \$100,000

worth of money and/or property.

Huron County Circuit Court Judge Gerald Prill scheduled Letson's pre-trial hearing for Monday, Feb. 2. Bond in the case was continued at \$50,000 cash, and Letson remains lodged in the Huron County Jail.

Huron County Sheriff's deputies arrested Letson in November after company officials reported an estimated \$800,000-plus worth of computer hardware missing.

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State: bovine TB testing completed in the Thumb

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

State agriculture officials recently completed testing for bovine tuberculosis (TB) in designated areas in a handful of Michigan counties, including Huron County in the Thumb, saying there is no evidence the disease has spread.

The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) officials have released the Potential High Risk and Special Surveillance Area designations for bovine TB established in 2014 for Huron County as well as portions of Presque Isle, Cheboygan and Otsego counties.

Bovine TB is an infectious disease that primarily affects cattle; however, other Michigan animals have become infected as bovine TB can be transmitted between wildlife populations and other mammals, including humans.

"As part of vigilant testing of bovine TB, MDARD stepped up surveillance testing and (was) able to quickly prove the disease had not spread," said Dr. James Averill, state veterinarian. "We are appreciative for the continued cooperation of our cattle farmers."

On March 17, 2014, MDARD designated Potential High Risk Areas for circle testing within a 10-mile radius around two TB positive free-ranging white-tailed deer, one found in Presque Isle County and the other found in Montmorency County.

Surveillance areas for circle testing within a three-mile radius were also established March 31 and May 6, 2014, around two separate TB positive feedlots located in Huron County, where the radius included Brookfield, Fairhaven, Sebawaing and Windsor townships.

As required by Public Act 466 of 1988, as amended, MDARD must test all cattle on farms within a specific geographical circle when TB positive

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ADDY BATTEL, 12, and Ethan Healy, 13, both members of the Cass City Junior High Future Farmers of America (FFA) Chapter, recently applied for and received a \$1,000 grant from the National FFA Foundation. They'll use the funding to operate their own maple syrup business as part of their FFA supervised agricultural experience this year.

County Line Kids bag \$1,000 national grant for FFA project

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Addy Battel and Ethan Healy are fairly new to Future Farmers of America (FFA), but the Cass City area youths, friends and neighbors have wasted no time proving they've got what it takes to bring plenty of enthusiasm, determination and leadership skills to the program.

Addy, 12, the daughter of Sue and Bob Battel, and Ethan, 13, son of Cathy and Jeff Healy, recently applied for and received a \$1,000 grant from the National FFA Foundation.

The money was awarded to enhance the pair's supervised agricultural experience (SAE), an annual requirement that all FFA members must complete.

A SAE involves FFA members creating and

operating their own agriculture-related business, work at an agriculture-related business or conduct an agricultural research experience. Upon completion, the members must submit a comprehensive report regarding their career development experience.

Battel and Healy, both members of the new Cass City Junior High FFA Chapter, were selected from hundreds of applicants nationwide to receive an SAE grant through the National FFA Organization, which provides leadership, personal growth and career success training via agricultural education to 610,240 student members in grades seven through 12 who belong to one of 7,665 local FFA chapters throughout the United States, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

For their part, Battel and Healy will use their grant to fund their own maple syrup

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Cass City/Thumb Branch

AAUW marks 50th anniversary

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Members of the Cass City/Thumb Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of an organization that has suc-

ceeded — and then some — in achieving its goal of enhancing life in the community.

From donating thousands of books to youngsters, to helping nearly 40 women return to school to earn college degrees and pursue careers, AAUW members have faithfully given of their time and talents.

What was first called the Cass City branch of the AAUW was officially organized Dec. 9, 1964, with 29 members involved.

"These women wanted to have a positive impact on the Cass City community," said Sharon Dunn, president of the Cass City/Thumb Branch of the AAUW. "The idea of forming the group came from Marilou Drews, who became the group's first president."

Three charter members — Holly

Althaver, Geraldine Prieskorn and Dotty Scollon — remain members today and were honored recently by the local branch and national AAUW organization as honorary life members.

When the group was first organized, meetings were held in members' homes. Since 1976, meetings have

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KRISTYN AND Alejandro Casarez of Cass City are pictured above with their newborn son, Dominic Reyes Jay Casarez, who arrived Monday, Jan. 12, at Huron Medical Center in Bad Axe. Dominic — the first local baby of 2015 reported to the Chronicle, weighed in at a hefty 11 pounds 8 ounces and measured 24 inches in length.

Cass City's first baby of '15 big boy

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Kristyn Casarez was told the chronic pelvic pain she was feeling during her pregnancy was among the symptoms she should expect as she and her husband, Alejandro, awaited the birth of their first child.

Still, Casarez wondered if the discomfort she was feeling was typical. After all, she never considered herself to be a wimp, having always been able to hold her own while growing up with brothers. On the other hand, she and Alejandro, who works for Walbro Corp., knew their firstborn would be a big boy, based on the results of her regular ultrasounds during the pregnancy.

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MEMBERS OF the Cass City/Thumb Area Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) recently celebrated their 50th anniversary. Today's membership includes three founding members, including Geraldine Prieskorn (left) and Dotty Scollon. Not pictured is Holly Althaver.

Obituaries

Charles Crandell

Charles “Chuck” Crandell, 62, died Monday, January 12 in his home at Grebe Village Senior Housing, Cheboygan, Michigan.

He leaves his son, Courtney Crandell; his brother, Ron Crandell; and sister in-law, Sue Gimble-Crandell and his close friends.

Raised in Cass City, Michigan he was a lifelong resident of the state and spent most of his years in the northern Lower Peninsula.

As an intelligent and adventurous young man, he dabbled in many of life’s pursuits before finding a talent for fine woodworking. Spending several years as a craftsman with James Rutledge Builders, working on many of the beautiful homes tucked away in the northern woods, near its most beautiful lakes and streams, he refined his skills. Eventually, he broke away from construction and focused his efforts on fine woodworking on a smaller scale. He artfully designed and crafted many beautiful pieces that will act as a reminder of his love and respect of nature.

Though plagued with many ailments throughout his life, he always remained strong spirited. He had a youthfulness and sincere curiosity of the world around him. He enjoyed spending time with animals including pet birds and most of all his late best friend, a golden retriever named Kasha.

He was a singular man, who left a strong impression on everyone he met. He will be missed and thought of often.

No services are planned at this time.

Memorials may be made to the Andrea Gimble Elementary Field Trip Fund, Grebe Village, or a designation of the donor’s choosing

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Restaurant in Kingston for 39 years where she meticulously kept the books, ordered supplies, scheduled staff, cared for every part of running that business and her family. Barb enjoyed crocheting, knitting and working in her flower gardens. She played on pool leagues over the years winning many trophies with her teammates. She loved to play golf and especially enjoyed the relaxing nature of the ladies league in Vassar. Barb was one of the best cooks around and loved to cook for her family and friends. She had an uncanny way of figuring things out, she was a problem solver. That may be why she loved watching Murder She Wrote and other “Who Done It” type shows and reading mysteries. Barb loved to travel and took Tyler all over the world including Mexico, France, Italy, Spain and Aruba. She wanted Tyler to see the world and incite him to work hard so he could afford more travel if he wanted it as an adult. Barb opened her heart to stray animals and wayward souls.

She loved and encouraged her friends and family members and will be greatly missed.

Barb is survived by her husband, Jim Harp; son, Tyler (Casandra Reeves) Harp of Kingston and her first grandchild due in April. Barb will also be missed by her brothers, Jerry (Sandy) Buxton of Arkansas, Corky “Buck” (Donna) Buxton of Fenton; several nieces, nephews and many dear friends. She is preceded in death by her parents.

A visitation will be held from 12 to 2 p.m. Saturday, January 24, 2015 in Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.

Memorial service will be held Saturday, January 24, 2015 at 2 p.m. in Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City with Marianna Hartsell officiating.

Memorials may be made to Cass River Pet Friendz. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com.

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Cass City’s first baby of ‘15

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City area merchants, a tradition dating back several decades in the community.

But even the Cass City woman was surprised when she gave birth early last week to the first Cass City area baby of the new year, a healthy boy weighing in at a whopping 11 pounds eight ounces and measuring 24 inches in length.

Dominic Reyes Jay Casarez was delivered via C-section Jan. 12 at 8:27 a.m. at Huron Medical Center in Bad Axe – five days before his projected due date.

Casarez, who works as an office manager for Narayan Physical Therapy of Caro, learned she was pregnant on Mother’s Day, May 11. She noted Dominic’s estimated weight increased from three pounds, seven ounces Oct. 24, to eight pounds, seven ounces two days before Christmas.

“I had massive pelvic pain the whole pregnancy. We knew he was going to be a big boy, but never did I ever expect him to come out at 11 pounds,” recalled Casarez, who noted the delivery was routine without complications, although she had developed gestational diabetes.

Aside from his parents, Dominic was welcomed by his grandparents, Chris and Marie Struve of Deford, Benino Casarez of Tennessee Ridge, Tenn., and Anne Casarez of Powell, N.J.

As the first local baby born in 2015 and reported to the Chronicle, Dominic and his parents will be showered with some gifts from Cass

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MSU Extension is offering ServSafe Food Safety Certification classes.

The classes include educational information on time and temperature control when handling food, ensuring proper personal hygiene, preventing cross contamination, proper cleaning and sanitizing as well as many other topics. The training is designed for managers and certification will be received after passing the certification exam.

MSU Extension is also offering an eight-hour ServSafe recertification class for those who have a current ServSafe certificate (not expired) on the following dates:

*Wednesday, Feb. 4, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Tuscola MSUE Office, 362 Green St., Caro.

*Wednesday, March 4, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Huron MSUE Office, 1142 S Van Dyke Rd., Suite 200, Bad Axe.

*Thursday, May 14, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Tuscola MSUE Office, 362 Green St., Caro.

Each registration includes course materials and exam fee. Books are purchased separately. ServSafe 16 hour training class will be held:

*Tuesday, March 10 and 17, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Tuscola MSUE, 362 Green St., Caro.

*Thursday, April 23 and 30, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Huron MSUE, 1142 S Van Dyke Rd., Suite 200, Bad Axe.

To register for both classes and purchase a ServSafe 6th Edition book, visit: <http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/servsafe>.

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Brody Horton

Jon & Ashley (Hendrick) Horton of Saginaw announce the birth of their son Brody Charles Horton. Brody was born October 25, 2014 at 11:36 a.m. at Covenant Hospital, Saginaw. He weighed 8 lbs. 8 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long. He joins his brother Brock at home.

Brody's grandparents are Chuck & Kelli Hendrick of Decker, Steve & Sheila Kimball of Houston, Texas and the late John Horton. His great grandparents are Janice Winter of Cass City and the late Marv Winter. Doris Hendrick of Decker and the late Earl Hendrick.

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In Our
OPINION...

Clarke Haire
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Editor

Walk a mile in school board trustees’ shoes

When tensions are high — even when they’re not — it can be easy to criticize the folks who serve on a local board of education.

We suspect, however, that there would be more pats on the back and fewer critical remarks if more members of the community would take a mental mile-long stroll in the shoes of a school board trustee.

It can be a thankless job. Board of education trustees are charged with the stewardship of multi-million dollar budgets as well as overseeing teaching and administrative staffs and thousands of children, from the youngest tots just starting their educations to high school seniors itching to collect their diplomas and conquer the world.

School board members must understand the ins and outs of public education funding, including the impacts of countless unfunded mandates, new state regulations and standardized tests that seem to change from one year to the next based on the whims of Lansing and/or Washington, D.C. They face shrinking enrollments and, subsequently, shrinking revenues while the cost of doing everything continues to rise.

Boards of education are challenged to keep up with curriculums, weigh financial and other considerations while making policy decisions, ensure buildings are safe and functional, and serve as the final step in resolving disciplinary issues.

Trustees not only volunteer thousands of hours attending various meetings and extracurricular functions, many also devote additional time to complete training in an effort to become even more effective board members.

Trustees receive very little compensation for their efforts, yet they often find themselves in the line of fire when it comes to making unpopular but necessary decisions for the good of all.

January is set aside each year as a time for special recognition of school board members and all they do, and we’d like to personally thank each trustee, past and present, who has served in the Cass City Public Schools as well as those in our neighboring districts, including Owen-Gage, Kingston and Ubly.

We’d also like to encourage all area residents to make a point of offering a word of praise, support and encouragement to these volunteers, who give of their time, talent and experience.

Board members come from all walks of life — they’re parents, grandparents, neighbors, retirees, bankers, mechanics, pharmacists, etc. — but they all share at least one goal; providing our children with a quality education in a safe and healthy environment.

That’s a job worthy of both our respect and gratitude year-round.



Slices of Life
by Jill Pertler
Feeling accostigated and other such reflections



My family has a lot of fun with words and workings of the world. We aren’t alone. Recently a friend posted a new term on Facebook: Recognore. It’s when you are out in public and you see someone you know but pretend you don’t and ignore them instead. I found the concept clever, even though I’ve never, ever recognored anyone. I’m sure you haven’t, either.

Just when I think I’ve heard it all, one of my kids comes up with a new way to interpret the English language or provide honest feedback on the environment. Their inventiveness makes me pause and sometimes makes me giggle. On good days, I write down their contemplations to share here. I hope one or two makes you crack a smile too.

Vacations and cell phones

- When the kids were younger, we were discussing places to go on vacation. “Let’s go to London,” one said. “They’ve got a really big bridge there.”
- “Not anymore,” piped in his brother. “It fell down!”
- We were traveling and couldn’t find a lodging spot equipped with what my kids consider an essential feature when one son asked, “What’s the point of building a hotel if they aren’t going to make a pool to go with it?”
- When one of the phone chargers went missing (again) my husband and I questioned them as to the possible whereabouts. After a few minutes of pleading innocence, they must have been growing weary of our inquiries. One of them said, “It feels like you’re accostigating us.”

Books and other schoolwork

- Spelling words were proving especially troublesome one

Letters to the Editor

Coaches and papers - recognize all athletes

Editor,

I am writing this letter, hoping someone can answer a question that confuses me; I would like to know what the word pride means. I am sure I could look up the definition in the dictionary, but I believe it would differ from the beliefs of some of Cass City’s finest.

Although I graduated from Cass City High School, I am sorry to say that I am not well educated. That is no one’s fault but my own, so I am placing no blame on anyone but myself. Now I am hoping some of our more educated readers can help me.

My son has been in the Cass City School System since kindergarten and is currently a senior in high school. He has participated in sports from the beginning – baseball, basketball, football and wrestling. Although he decided not to play football or basketball after middle school, he still participates in wrestling and baseball. So after many years of being involved in sports, I feel I have been well educated on what it takes to play sports for Cass City.

First, I appreciate all the coaches; they have been awesome. They have all been great to my son. All of them have pushed him to succeed, on and off the field of play.

As of late, my son has been getting quite a bit of recognition, especially in the local newspaper. He has been “athlete of the week” for both baseball and wrestling. I am very proud of him.

That being said, here is my complaint: I am tired of reading about the same handful of athletes, week in and week out, my son included. There are other athletes that are just as deserving of recognition. Maybe even more deserving.

The last I checked, there are nine players that make up a baseball team. It takes 14 to make up a full wrestling team. Why do we only recognize the same couple players every week?

Why don’t we ever hear about the boy who wrestles in the 112-pound weight class but only weighs 80 pounds? He is wrestling kids 30 pounds over his weight. And what about our 125-pounder? He is a huge underdog every match, but that does not stop him. He works hard and never complains, knowing that he will probably not finish in victory. We have a wrestler that went 11-1 in his short time on varsity, filling in for an injured wrestler. We have a girl on the team that goes to practice and works hard every day. She knows, barring injury, she will not wrestle a varsity match all year. The list goes on and on.

What does a kid have to do to make the paper? Go out and steal a candy bar and you will make the paper for sure. Is that what we want to read about? Not me!

I think we would have better teams if we would start playing like one. This includes our coaches.

Coaches and sports writers – I say that you have fumbled the ball. Take pride in your team. Your whole team.

Cass City athletes deserve praise, and I mean all of them. It takes hard work and extraordinary discipline to play sports for Cass City. We should all be proud of our athletes. I am. Keep up the good work!

Respectfully,
John Lebioda
Cass City

Editor’s note: Mr. Lebioda’s points are well taken, and we couldn’t agree more when he says all area athletes and coaches deserve praise.

However, the reality is – at least at the varsity level – student athletes’ playing time, in general, is based on their ability, and the athletes who play key roles in contests and/or excel individually are the kids who receive the most attention in the press. There’s nothing new under the sun here. And, not to pass the buck, but the information provided by coaches to writers also plays a big part in whose names are mentioned after various contests. Some coaches are very faithful in that respect. Others, not so much.

Having said all that, Mr. Lebioda, we’d like to point out just how many area athletes received some recognition (their names mentioned) in the Chronicle’s Jan. 14 sports section – no fewer than 34 different student athletes from Cass City, Ubly, Kingston and Owen-Gage competing in varsity boys and girls basketball, wrestling and gymnastics.

As for the “athlete of the week” honors, you should note the honor is called “Schneeberger’s Athlete of the Week”, appropriately named after the local business that sponsors, pays for and selects a student athlete to honor in an advertisement each week in the Chronicle.

Finally, while we don’t have the staff to chase after sports features left and right, we do our best to cover human interest stories that are sports-related when we have time and become aware of them. Maybe you read, for example, our story on Ethan Ellesin, who was born with dwarfism but recently closed out an unusually successful first year of junior high wrestling in Cass City?

week when one son said, “I think I’ve got laryngitis of the memory.”

- It was the day of the big science test and we hadn’t studied as much as planned. I told our son to do well and he gave me a timid look, so I said, “I’ll say a prayer that you do your best.” His immediate reply, “You better make it a really big prayer!”
- A math test didn’t go so well and I mentioned maybe studying more was the answer. My son’s reply, “Sometimes it doesn’t help for me to study. On those days my mind is like a steel trap – one that’s shut tight.”
- When describing my voraciousness for words and love of books, one son said. “You read and read and never stop. It’s like you’re a diarreader!”
- After a weekend of avoiding homework, one said. “I want to study, but then I find something else to do. It’s like I’m moticrastivating.”

Food and mealtimes


- I went to the great effort of making homemade bread for dinner and son number three said, “This bread is pretty tasty. Almost as good as store-bought.”
- It was almost dinnertime when the son who is always hungry was spotted with his head in the pantry, looking for food. “I’m having a snack before supper,” he said. “I need a little something to hang me over.”
- They were excited about the grand opening of a local convenience store, which featured complimentary food items to shoppers. The youngest summed the experience up best when he said, “Nothing beats the price of free.”

Health, luck and cement trucks

- The son who’s been known to make some rather unique observations noted, “Have you ever thought about the fact that it’s a good thing when you cut the mustard but a bad thing when you cut the cheese?”
- One of them had a headache and we suggested he drink a glass of water and take an over-the-counter pain reliever. About 30 minutes later, he was a new man and announced, “Just like that my head is re-vaporated.”
- We were on the freeway when one asked, “How does the cement truck driver see where he’s going when he has to drive backwards all the time?”
- One day we were plagued with bad luck. Nothing seemed to go right and I said, “When it rains, it pours.” The youngest didn’t pause before adding, “Unless it’s only sprinkling.”

And so it goes. Time spent together – doing homework, during mealtimes, on vacation or even in the car leads to interesting banter and observations. My kid’s wit and wonder often surprise me, mostly because I understand exactly where they are coming from. I guess you could say I find their talents hard to recognize.

Jill Pertler is an award-winning syndicated columnist, published playwright and author. She welcome having readers follow her column on the Slices of Life page on Facebook.



Rabbit Tracks
by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Hey, we made the top ten.

The Mackinac Center for Public Policy recently released its latest estimates for cigarette smuggling rates in 47 of the 48 contiguous states, including Michigan, which saw its overall rate drop 9.4 percent — from 27.6 percent through 2012 to 25 percent through 2013.

Michigan still has the 10th highest smuggling rate in the nation. This means that of all the cigarettes consumed in the Great Lakes State in 2013, 25 percent were smuggled in.

“People don’t realize the degree to which government induces illegal and dangerous activity with bad policy,” said Michael LaFaive, director of the Mackinac Center’s Morey Fiscal Policy Initiative. “In this case, individuals cross borders for personal smokes and an organized, criminal class brings in contraband cigarettes by the van-full.”

This is the fifth set of smuggling rate estimates published by Mackinac Center analysts. The first two studies were published in 2008 and 2010, and contained detailed histories of smuggling in Michigan and other states. The numbers were updated in 2013 and 2014.

The top smuggling rates in the nation — according to the Mackinac Center’s new study — include New York (58 percent); Arizona (49.3 percent); Washington (46.4 percent); New Mexico (46.1 percent); and Rhode Island (32 percent).

The largest increase in smuggling occurred in Illinois, which moved up 16 spots to 14th overall.

“We attribute this sizeable increase to recent hikes in cigarette excise taxes at the state, county and city levels,” said Todd Nesbit, a senior lecturer in economics at Ohio State University, co-author of the study and an adjunct scholar with the Mackinac Center.

Since 2012, the state and Cook County (in which Chicago is located) have increased taxes \$1 per pack and Chicago 50 cents. The cities of Evanston and Cicero, also in Cook County, impose separate taxes.

“Gary, Ind., with much lower taxes, is just 30 miles away from Chicago,” LaFaive noted.

As the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) continues its efforts to raise awareness about the dangers of binge drinking, a new Vital Signs report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) indicates that alcohol poisoning kills an average of 77 people in Michigan each year, and three in four of those deaths involve adults ages 35 to 64 years.

The report analyzed alcohol poisoning death rates across 46 states.

“This study dispels the common notion that youth and young adults have the biggest problem with binge drinking,” said Dr. Matthew Davis, chief medical executive of the MDCH. “It emphasizes the need for comprehensive solutions to reduce binge drinking among all ages, including community prevention strategies, screening and counseling by health care providers, and substance abuse treatment when necessary.”

MDCH is currently working to improve public health surveillance about excessive alcohol use and related health outcomes among Michigan residents.

In addition to these efforts, MDCH supports state and local public health activities to reduce alcohol poisoning deaths by preventing binge drinking. Some of these activities include partnering with police, community groups, health departments, and health care providers to reduce binge drinking and related harms, monitoring the role of alcohol in injuries and deaths, and supporting proven programs and policies that decrease binge drinking.

MDCH also allocates funding to Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans to support prevention, treatment, and recovery services provided at the local level to persons at risk or with substance use disorders related to alcohol use and abuse.

Binge drinking is defined as consuming four or more drinks for women, and five or more drinks for men on an occasion.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Wednesday, January 21

- 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.
- 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.

Thursday, January 22

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

Monday, January 26

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

Tuesday, January 27

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

STANDING COMMUNITY CALENDAR ITEMS

First Sunday:

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

First Monday:

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

Second Monday:

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

Second Tuesday:

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

Second Wednesday:

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

Second Thursday:

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

Third Tuesday:

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

Third 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.
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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.
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M-53 closed after trucker loses payload, no one hurt

By Tom Montgomery
Editor

Sanilac County Sheriff’s deputies were forced to shut down a portion of M-53 northeast of Cass City after a semi-truck and trailer lost its payload on the highway last Wednesday.

The incident was reported at about 1:30 p.m., according to Deputy Rob Wendling, who reported the semi-truck, which was hauling a crane extension boom, was traveling on North VanDyke Road (M-53), south of Bay City-Forestville Road, when the driver stopped to avoid a vehicle that was turning into a private drive.

“The (truck driver’s) load had shifted on the trailer when (he) stopped,” said Wendling, who noted the driver was enroute from Elkton to Toledo, Ohio, when the incident occurred.

“The driver contacted Rooney Crane Service out of Bad Axe for assistance,” Wendling said. “Once Rooney’s was on scene, sheriff’s deputies closed M-53 down to one lane for approximately 2 ½ hours. Rooney’s was able to lift and re-position the crane extension, and the driver returned on his way.”

No one was hurt and there was no property damage, according to the deputy.



SANILAC COUNTY Sheriff’s deputies temporarily closed M-53 down to one lane near the intersection of Bay City-Forestville Road last Wednesday after the driver of a semi-truck and trailer hauling a crane extension boom lost his payload on the roadway. There were no injuries and no property damage.

Circuit court proceedings

Several appear on felony charges

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

*Tara L. Springsteen, 35, Fostoria, pleaded no contest to attempting to maintain a drug house June 24 in Watertown Township.

She was subsequently sentenced, with the court ordering her to pay court costs and fines totaling \$225.

*Hunter B. Jacques, 17, Mayville, pleaded no contest to charges of delivery/manufacture of a controlled substance and impaired driving Nov. 10 in Mayville.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$2,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Daniel E. Ford, 26, Caro, pleaded guilty to attempted fraudulent use of a public utility (Thumb Electric Cooperative) between June 26 and Oct. 15, 2014.

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

*Leslie M. King, 45, Caseville, pleaded guilty to attempting to obtain a controlled substance (Oxycontin) by fraud June 26 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$5,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Brandon M. Smith, 23, Caro, pleaded no contest to breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny Dec. 2-6 in Almer Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff’s department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Jennifer M. Randall, 35, Caro, pleaded no contest to two counts of breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny between April 30 and Sept. 4 in Almer Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$5,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*John K. Forrest, 51, North Branch, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Nov. 1 in Vassar.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$5,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Brady C. Horne, 24, Cass City, pleaded no contest to charges of second degree child abuse and aggravated assault Aug. 10 in Novesta Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$25,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

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Reporter’s notebook



She’s still there for me each day

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



It’s no secret I give my wife, Deb, a little grief now and then in this space, but I’ll be the first to tell you I can’t imagine my world without her. She’s the love of my life. Sometimes she’s my nemesis — usually when I’m in need of an ample serving of reality. And, there are times when I just want to pour a bowl of spaghetti sauce over her head, especially when she’s right about something she said she would be right about, but which I desperately wanted to be right about.

But Deb will always be my best friend. And my one true love.

We met on a blind date – a first for both of us. At the time she was working for an optical store while attending a Bible college in Grand Rapids. I was earning my way through junior college by flipping pizzas.

We had very little in common. She liked hymns, I liked rock music. She was extremely conservative. Me? Not so much.

Somehow we fell in love anyway, and a year later we exchanged vows in a small church in Lowell. In spite of our youth and stupidity, or maybe because of it, we were delightously happy as we started our life out together living in married housing at Central Michigan University while I finished my degree. She worked at a Giantway store in Mt. Pleasant, and I worked third shift, frying donuts at an adjoining French bakery.

Deb and I didn’t have two nickels to rub together most of the time, but we didn’t realize we were poor.

As I neared graduation, we welcomed our firstborn, Jennifer, at Central Michigan Community Hospital. We figured we could never be happier.

As the years rolled by, we welcomed two more daughters and a son. I pursued my career in journalism – most of those years right here in the Thumb. For Deb, a job as an emergency room clerk at Hills and Dales General Hospital led her to become a dialysis technician in town, which prompted her to return to school. I supported her as she earned first her LPN, then her RN credentials and eventually took on a supervisory position with a major dialysis company.

We worked hard together, but there were moments when we took each other for granted. We sometimes forgot about the happiness shared in those early years as we tended to the daily grind and weathered the sort of difficult times many couples face at one time or another. I was a thoughtless, selfish person in this relationship more times than I’d ever care to admit. Even worse, I allowed addiction to take over my life, prompting me to distance myself from everyone who cared about me – especially Deb – until things were so bad I finally confessed the secret I had kept so well from her.

Our story might have ended there, but it didn’t because Deb never gave up on me. She was there for me each day as I worked to get my act together, just as she always had been, despite some very trying circumstances in other areas of our lives at the time.

I look back on the day we exchanged our wedding vows, nearly 33 years ago now, and I’m amazed at all we’ve been through together, and at how our family has grown — we now have nine beautiful grandchildren. I’m also amazed at the love Deb still has for me and I for her.

Don’t get me wrong; I still want to dump a bowl of spaghetti sauce over her head now and then, and I suppose she might like to do the same to me every few years or so.

But I know she’ll always be there by my side. That doesn’t make her the perfect wife, but I’m pretty sure this is about as close as I’ll ever get on this earth to experiencing the perfect love.



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Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2010)

Cass City Middle School students recently represented their school well in the Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee in Midland. In Level One, fifth and sixth graders Zachary McCoy, Ilana Blattner, Katlyn Babcock and Maegan LeValley competed, with LeValley the top Cass City finisher, leaving the competition in the 10th round. In Level 2, for students in grades 7 and 8, Kayla Zmierski was named the winner, while Michael Mulligan finished in fourth place. Zmierski will next participate in a Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee March 6 in Standish.

Two Tuscola youngsters recently donated some of their hair to the Locks of Love organization, which provides children suffering from illness-related hair loss with wigs. They are Alaina Fetterhoff, 7, of Argyle, and Mersadi Guthrie, 5, of Mayville. Both of the children had their hair trimmed at the VIP Salon in Cass City.

There’s little doubt the Greater Thumb Conference wrestling match in Cass City will include the league’s 2009-10 eventual champions. The Red Hawks did their part to enter the GTC showdown last week in Pigeon, where Coach Don Markel’s grapplers defeated Saginaw Nouvel, 39-22, and host Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port, 64-12, to remain undefeated in conference play.

10 YEARS AGO (2005)

Caro Transit Authority officials and the Human Development Commission (HDC) have made good on a promise to expand bus transportation service to Cass City. Officials announced last week that the Thumbbody Transportation System is now offering transportation between Cass City and Caro as well as limited service within the village.

Ed Hewitt shakes his head a little when he recalls his 7-month deployment to Kuwait during Operations Desert Shield-Desert Storm. “Ten years (ago). It’s been awhile,” the 1984 Cass City High School graduate commented Thursday while visiting with family, including his mother, Amor West, in Cass City. Hewitt, 38, recently returned home from his second tour of duty in a combat zone - just over 13 months at a base located about 20 kilometers from Mosul, north of Baghdad in Iraq, where he recalled he handled some different duties in the midst of a very different conflict compared to his time in Kuwait. Hewitt, a U.S. Army staff sergeant, deployed to Iraq more than a year ago with Delta Troop, 3rd Squadron, 17th Cavalry out of Fort Drum, New York. His assignment was similar to the one he carried out in Kuwait - to ensure Army attack helicopters were kept in top shape at all times.

For 8 years now we have chronicled the progress and the prowess of Craig Emmert on the basketball floor. That includes 4 years playing at Cass City High School and he’s now in his 4th year at Milligan College. Emmert is tied percentage-wise for the tops in the statistic chart with a .638 average. He’s played in 17 games, hitting 115 of 181 shots. It’s not listed, but Emmert’s assist total just has to be up there, too. In high school his passing was always a top feature of his game. (From Rabbit Tracks, by John Haire)

25 YEARS AGO (1990)

Tuscola County Sheriff’s Deputy Glen Skrent recently was promoted to the rank of sergeant. Sgt. Skrent has been employed by the Tuscola County Sheriff Department since Sept. 5, 1978, and has worked in both corrections and patrol. The new sergeant is married to the former Angie Houghton of Cass City and they have 2 children, Amanda, 6 and Rebecca, 3. Sgt. Skrent is a former Cass City policeman and has a Bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice from Ferris State College. Sgt. Skrent and his family reside on Rossman Road, Caro.

The Rev. Rick Sheppard and his family have lived in Cass City for only a short time, but the new pastor says he and his wife, Sandy, and their children, Christine, 7, and Scott, 5, feel very welcome in the community. “It’s the warmest welcome we’ve ever received at a church and we’re impressed with that,” he remarked Thursday. Sheppard is the new pastor at Trinity United Methodist Church, 6536 Houghton Street.

Strategic Air Command officials recently announced that Col. James H. Reid has been named vice commander of the 321st Strategic Missile Wing, located near Grand Forks, N.D. Reid, a graduate of Cass City High School and the University of Michigan, is the son of Donald

and Jean Reid, who own and operate a farm near Cass City.

35 YEARS AGO (1980)

James Pierce, a driver for Continental Can Co. of Melvindale, was headed south on Elkton Road (Cemetery Road) nearing the Tuscola-Huron county line, when he decided his empty truck was going to be blown over. He had only a couple of hundred yards further to go to Huron Line Road, the first place he could turn to head his rig into the wind, when he decided he wouldn’t make it. He pulled his truck tractor off the right side of the road and was moving toward the right side door to get out when the wind blew the tractor and trailer onto their sides, into the left lane. “It just picked it up and tipped it over,” he explained.

An outmanned Harbor Beach Pirate quintet battled host Cass City Red Hawks for 3 ½ quarters Tuesday night before finally bowing to a late Hawk surge that resulted in a 65-50 Cass City victory. Ken Martin scored 20 for Cass City and Tim Fahrner had 12. In double figures for Harbor Beach were Bill Maurer with 18 and Darryl Wehner with 12.

McDonald’s hamburgers taste the same in Japan as they do here, but in Japan, they cost more. That is the observation of Teruyo (Terry) Hayashi, who likes them in either country. The 18-year-old arrived in Cass City Aug. 27 as an exchange student through the Youth for Understanding program. She is spending the year with the Ronald Nicholas family at their N. Seeger Street home, and will be returning home in July. There are McDonald’s restaurants in Japan, which is where she got her first taste of their hamburgers. (A plain one costs the equivalent of 75 cents there, compared to 39 cents here.)

40 YEARS AGO (1975)

Elkland Township is one of the safest places to live in Tuscola County, according to a study recently completed by the Michigan State Police from the Caro Post. Statistics compiled by Post Community Services Officer Donald Reed show Elkland township rates 20th in terms of reported crime out of the county’s 23 townships. Only Juniata, Gilford and Columbia townships rate safer, Reed said.

Lloyd D. Severance, 58, Evergreen Township farmer, was unanimously elected Chairman of the Sanilac County Board of Commissioners during the board’s organizational meeting Wednesday, Jan. 8, in Sandusky. Severance, a veteran of township and county politics for many years, succeeds Russell Wilson as head of the eight-member board and will serve for one year.

It was a beautiful night Tuesday for the Cass City Red Hawks and their fans. The Hawks rolled over Marlette in a laughter, 73-57, and Frankenmuth topped the Lakers to move the Hawks back into contention in the Thumb B Conference title battle. Cass City showed its usual balanced scoring with most of the team sharing in the scoring. Ken Lowe led the pack with 18. Chuck Bliss had 15, Jerry Toner 12 and Charlie Walsh scored eight. Marlette’s Pete Diegel led all scorers with 19 points.

50 YEARS AGO (1965)

Dr. K. L. MacRae, Cass City osteopath, has been named chief of staff at Cass City Hospital, Inc., according to Joseph Weiler hospital administrator. Other staff officers, elected last week, are: Dr. D.C. McNeil, Sandusky, vice-chief of staff, and Dr. June MacRae, Gageton, re-elected secretary-treasurer. Also on the staff are Dr. James Ballard of Cass City and Dr. R.T. Oliver of Kingston.

Red Hawk debaters continued their winning streak by taking both negative and affirmative contests in a meet with Harbor Beach Wednesday, Jan. 13, at the high school. The squad currently has a 3-1 State

record and a 15-3 record in the Lower Thumb League. Team members are Richard Hartwick and Robert Milligan, affirmative, and Tim Knight, Mary Lou Spencer and Reiner Jack, negative.

Mrs. Fritz Neitzel of Cass City has been hired to teach fifth and sixth grades at Deford Community School beginning second semester. Mrs. Neitzel was approved by the Cass City Board of Education at a recent meeting. She replaces Mrs. Geraldine Henry.

75 YEARS AGO (1940)

Members of the Shrine fraternity of the Cass City community are pleased to note the recent elected of Willard J. Nash, Saginaw attorney, as the new potentate of Elf Khurafeh Shrine. Mr. Nash, who spent his boyhood days on a farm near Cass City and graduated from the local high school in 1894, was elected one of a group of five to represent Elf Khurafeh Temple at the imperial council sessions June 10-13 in Memphis, Tennessee.

Sand Valley School – Teacher, Mrs. Warner. Reporter, Dorothy Klinkman. Those having 100 per cent in spelling are Lance Robinson, Jack Palmateer, June Nowland and Dorothy Klinkman.... Those on the honor roll for December are Raymond Windy, Lance Robinson, Robert Warner, June and Donna Nowland, Dorothy Klinkman, Jack Palmateer, Robert Connell and Elaine Shagena.... We have a new Safety poster.... The boys have had fun sliding down hill and playing snowball.... Monitors for the week were Joe and Althea Palmateer, June and Bob Nowland, Bob Shagena, Robert Warner, Dorothy Klinkman and Steve Windy.... Those neither tardy nor absent in the month of December are Dorothy and Kenneth Klinkman, June, Donna, Bob and Henry Nowland, Lance and Billy Robinson, Althea, Evelyn and Letha Palmateer, Art and Harold Easton, Joe and Raymond Windy.... The third and fourth grades are finishing airplane books for English... The little folks are learning a January poem.... The fourth and fifth grades had reviews and tests in geography.

After a machine has churned two million pounds or more of butter, it has earned a place on the retirement list, and should be given a rest. So figured, M.E. Kenney, proprietor of the Kenney Creamery in Cass City, and accordingly he has replaced this machine with a new Cherry Burrell churn of 800-pound capacity.

100 YEARS AGO (1915)

Cass City high school contested with Owendale Friday and won in a hard-fought game by a score of 22-10. The team was well picked and each player showed her ability to handle the ball. Lena Brown, captain, and Vaina McPhail proved themselves capable of holding down forward on the team. Owendale can be complimented on their sportsmanship and their willingness to learn more about the game which Referee Townsend was eager to show them.

Colin McCallum of Greenleaf township, received a large salmon Christmas week from his brother, Neil, of the Pacific coast. Colin is proudly handing out samples of the fish which he claims weighed forty pounds, but his friends smile dubiously when they think of it.

The Cass City high school boys won the first basket ball game of the season at Owendale and it was an easy victory for the local team with a final score of 29-1. From the first blowing of the whistle until the last, every man played the game “right.” Team work was the great feature of the game as several times the ball was carried the length of the hall by Cass City. Duncanson made a good showing both in handling the ball and in throwing founds. Benkelman was in the game every minute and succeeded in throwing his share of field baskets.

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The blessing of first fruits -- He deserves our best

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God asks us to seek Him first. As God blesses us, we need to bless Him and that is done through obedience. You see, we don’t own anything, it is all God’s and He empowers us to be stewards. A steward is someone that watches over someone else’s resources. God expects us to be good stewards of His resources and acknowledge Him by giving back of our first fruits. He does not want our left-overs, He wants and deserves our best.

Tithing is a great example of this principle. God simply asks us to give back to Him the first 10% of our income. This is not because God

needs our money – believe me, He does not. It is also not because the church needs our money either. Yes, the church does have expenses but what the church really needs is people that are walking in obedience to God and then God will work everything out regarding the finances. God simply asks us to tithe to recognize Him and the fact that He is the one that provides for all of our needs.

Tithing is not the only way to give God our first fruits. God also wants to be a priority in our busy schedules as well. He wants us to give the first fruits of our time in prayer and service to Him. God has gifted each of us uniquely to accomplish a purpose in life and He expects us to use those gifts.

A great way to serve God is to use your gifts to show God’s love to others. So many are hurting in this

world and even here in Cass City. Just a simple act of kindness will go a long way. Especially this time of year as winter can be especially challenging for many.

I challenge everyone first of all to take a good look at what they have and realize that all blessings come from the Lord. Then go find someone less fortunate than you and go and bless them.

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A Public Hearing has been scheduled before the Novesta Township Planning Commission for **Tuesday, February 3, 2015** immediately following the regularly scheduled meeting at 7:30 p.m. regarding a request for a special land use permit involving a request to open a daycare center for 7 or more children on parcel number 018-015-000-1425-00.

The hearing will be held at the Cass City Gun Club located at 2676 Englehart Rd, Cass City, Michigan.

Any questions, contact the Township Clerk at (989) 671-7625.

Joann Tauber
Novesta Township Clerk

Novesta Township Meeting dates:

Please be advised that the *Novesta Twp. regular board meetings* for 2015 will be:

February 2, March 2, April 13, May 4, June 1, July 6, August 3, September 8, October 5, November 2, and December 7.

All meetings begin at 7:30 p.m.

Please note the April meeting will be the second Monday.

The *Novesta Township Planning Commission meetings* for 2015 will be:

February 3, April 7, June 2, August 4, October 6, and December 1.

Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m.

The Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, March 28, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

All meetings will be held at the Cass City Gun Club located at 2676 Englehart Road, Cass City, Michigan 48726.
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Joann Tauber
Novesta Township Clerk

Body cameras effective tool

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hot item, the Cass City Police Department has been experimenting with the high-tech equipment for a few years now. Today, the department, which operates 24/7 year-round and is staffed by four full-time officers, including veteran Police Chief Craig Haynes, plus another half-dozen part-time officers, utilizes three body cameras.

“The first small cameras we got five years ago were (obtained via) the underage drinking grants to combat underage drinking,” recalled Haynes, who said he felt a mobile camera would complement the dashboard cameras installed inside the department’s patrol vehicles.

“A lot of times we’re away from the car, so we didn’t have the video,” he said. Haynes added an increasing number of domestic violence calls also convinced him body cameras could be a vital tool in recording interactions with subjects.

The first camera model – about the size of a Thumb – used by the local police department proved to be inexpensive (about \$100), but was also limited in picture quality and storage ability, and required the officer to push various buttons to operate it. Later, Haynes experimented with better quality cameras, also purchased with the help of grant funding.

While more expensive, the better

cameras (costing up to \$1,000 each), Haynes said the better models offer high definition images, a wider field of view, generous internal storage capacity, and longer battery lives.

“You’re always looking for simplicity in the operation of these cameras,” he continued, noting the latest camera model in service allows the officer to activate by simply flipping down a lens cover.

In spite of what some people might believe, all recorded video is treated as evidence and not made available to the public via Internet sites such as Youtube or Facebook, according to Haynes, who said all footage is saved for three months or longer, depending on the case involved.

As for debates over invasion of citizens’ privacy, Haynes pointed out that legal opinions have ruled the cameras do not pose an invasion on the part of police officers, many of whom have welcomed the high-tech tools.

“We don’t get many (complaints against officers), but people don’t always agree with our decisions, so if things are turning less than civil, you can turn on your camera and record” an interaction with a subject, Haynes said, adding knowledge that an interaction with an officer is being recorded tends to discourage people from making false accusations against an officer.

At the same time, even officers who wouldn’t behave in an unprofession-

al manner without a camera are reminded to take stock and better police their own conduct.

“They (Cass City officers) felt it was protecting them, and it is,” Haynes said. “On the other hand, it also protects the citizens.

“We may be a small town, but times have changed,” he continued, referring to an increasingly transient population in towns across the Thumb and beyond. “This is a technology that I would be foolish not to use. I think it mitigates liability for the village and the department. We have a well-trained, well-equipped police department here, and I think it benefits the community to use the technology that’s available.”

Of course, any one tool isn’t going to determine the quality and professionalism of a police department, Haynes acknowledged.

“It’s important that you have the right people, obviously, and then supervision of the officers, and training,” he said. “And you instill in them the community-oriented policing philosophy – we’re part of the community. We’re not strangers; we’re involved in the community outside of police work. We’re not looking at numbers, we’re looking at faces. I think that makes a difference.”

The chief added, “You need to be in touch with your community. We’re in this together.”



BODY CAMERAS the Cass City Police Department has experimented with over the past few years include these Scorpion (left) and Taser brand models, which clip to the front of the officer’s uniform.

AAUW marks 50 years

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been held at various locations in Cass City. Currently, members gather at Hills and Dales General Hospital.

“Various (AAUW) projects through the years have included book discussion and literature groups; study groups addressing various current topics; and a lecture series held at the cultural center, including speakers from the University of Michigan, Michigan State University and Wayne State University, and at monthly meetings, a variety of guest speakers from the local area as well as from colleges and universities,” Dunn noted.

“An annual book sale was held in the summer to raise money for scholarships for women,” she added. “In the past, members were also involved in the Art Train, the Bach Festival, Picture Lady presentations at Cass City schools, and live productions from the Detroit Youth Theatre for local students, co-sponsored with the Michigan Council for the Arts. Various conferences for girls have also been sponsored, including a math and science day for middle school girls at Saginaw Valley State University.”

The group, which currently has 40 members, is still active and flourishing, according to Dunn, who said the local branch was named the Cass City/Thumb Branch to include members outside Cass City.

“Current projects include a Halloween carnival held in late October at the elementary school for children up to age twelve. This was started as a service to the community in 1976 so the children would have a safe place to celebrate Halloween. Many adults who bring their children to the carnival have fond memories of attending as a child,” Dunn said.

“Members also present an activity and distribute free books to first and second graders at the elementary school three times per year as part of a Reading is Fundamental (RIF) project. Over 10,000 books have been distributed since this program started in 1976,” she continued.

The area AAUW branch also hosts an annual Flamingo Fling in April, an event that includes a dinner, silent and live auctions and a raffle as a fundraiser for scholarships for women returning to school to earn a college degree. Forty-nine women have been awarded a combined \$39,750 in school grants between 2002 and 2014.

The group’s other fundraisers include a butter braids sale in October and a Christmas wreath sale in November, according to Dunn, who indicated members of the local AAUW branch are looking forward to an active and productive future.

“Plans are to continue to be a positive influence in the Cass City area for years to come,” she said.

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Bovine TB testing done in Huron Co.

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wildlife or cattle herds are found.

A total of 7,441 head of cattle from 55 herds were tested in the designated circles, and no evidence of bovine TB was found. Based on these results, MDARD released the orders for Potential High Risk and Special Surveillance Area designations.

The decision to begin testing in Huron County in the spring of 2014 was based on laboratory tests on samples taken from a two-year-old Holstein steer during slaughter surveillance, which were confirmed positive for bovine TB.

The carcass was removed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food Safety Inspection Service (USDA-FSIS) and lesion samples were sent to USDA’s Animal Research Laboratory in Ames, Iowa, to confirm the strain of TB.

Laboratory tests confirmed a genetic link between the Huron County steer and a bovine TB-positive Saginaw County herd from the year before. State ag officials said the positive test in Huron County marked the fourth location of a TB-infected animal as a result of testing more than 26,000 cattle linked in the previous five years to the Saginaw County herd. The strain of TB involved is considered the Michigan

strain.

The bovine TB-positive Huron County steer came from a feedlot that was part of the trace investigation for the 2013 Saginaw County dairy herd, according to officials, who noted the feedlot owner had signed an agreement to only ship to a USDA-FSIS slaughter plant.

It is common practice in Michigan to sell castrated calves, usually Holsteins, from dairy farms to businesses that raise them for beef. The cattle are co-mingled from multiple farms before the steers go to market at their optimal weight, usually between 18 and 24 months of age.

Bovine TB is a disease caused by the bacterium Mycobacterium bovis, which is different from the strain of mycobacterium that usually infects humans. In the United States, the disease is found primarily in cattle, captive cervidae (deer and elk), bison and goats.

Bovine TB is a slow growing bacterium that infects the lungs and the lymph nodes of cattle. The bacterium does not grow in muscle tissue, so food is not impacted. However, as an added measure of caution, the carcass is always condemned.

Michigan has been testing for bovine TB and working to eradicate the disease since 1995.

Akron man pleads not guilty

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

“Because supervisors are allowed to purchase items without further management approval, as long as it’s below a certain dollar limit, these purchases went undetected” for some time.

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Cass City grapplers handed first league defeat at Bad Axe

Despite struggling with the flu, back pains and the usual cuts and bruises, Coach Don Markel's Cass City grapplers turned in a gutsy performance Saturday to finish as the runner-up at the 6-team Flushing Team Tournament. Earlier in the week, the Red Hawks traveled to Bad Axe and traded victories with a pair of Greater Thumb Conference foes.

"We are currently a little nicked up and battling the flu as a team; so to come away with 5 wins during last week was a good accomplishment," said Markel. "These injuries are pretty typical this time of year."

Over the weekend, Cass City posted a 4-1 record. They defeated Lansing Everett, 42-37; West Branch Ogemaw Heights, 45-33; Swartz Creek, 46-35; and Bay City John Glenn, 51-30. The Red Hawks' only defeat was at the hands of tournament champion Flushing, 42-34.

Wyatt Dickson and Blake Lebioda both went 5-0 at the gathering, while

Darren Dickson was a perfect 3-0 to pace Cass City. Also with outstanding showings for the Red Hawks were Tylor Cowdry, Dominik Navara, T. J. Moore, Josh Daniels and Ethan Monte, all who posted 4-1 records.

GTC MATCH

Cass City split decisions with GTC foes Bad Axe and Marlette on Wednesday. The Red Hawks defeated Bad Axe, 40-28, before falling to Marlette, 39-36. Double winners for the visitors included Dickson, Lebioda, Navara and Moore.

"Both matches were very exciting and came down to one match at the end; both in victory and in defeat," said Markel noting the match was played in front of the Bad Axe student body during a school wide assembly.

Cass City's dual meet record now stands at 24-8 overall and 3-1 in the GTC.

Poor shooting continues for Hawks at Marlette

The Cass City boys' basketball team was able to wait out (the) Storm last week, but had no answer for anyone doubting Thomas.

Marlette's Andrew Storm and Conner Thomas connected for 21 points to power the host Red Raiders to a 40-32 decision over Cass City Wednesday during a Greater Thumb Conference crossover outing.

The win improves Marlette to 6-4, while the Red Hawks sink to 1-6.

"We have to rebound better and get to the loose ball," said Cass City Coach Aaron Fernald. "Those 2 things would help. We also need to knock down some shots."

Marlette made use of a pair of first quarter treys from Austin Redman and Hunter Kelly to take a 14-8 early advantage before settling for a 20-16 gap at the intermission.

While the Red Raiders were hitting shots from the perimeter, Cass City would counter by pounding the ball inside mostly to Mason Erla. The Cass City junior responded with 10 of his game-high 16 tallies in the opening half, despite collecting a pair of fouls that forced the Red Hawk forward to the pine off and on leading up to the intermission.

Cass City kept its game plan intact and continued to deliver the ball into the paint during the third stanza. Once again, Erla was up to the challenge and responded with 5 points. A hard driving lay-in by Erla with 3:53 on the clock had the visitors trailing just 26-23.

Cass City's strategy suffered a major blow moments later when Erla was tagged with his third and fourth fouls, allowing Thomas to take charge during a 9-2 spurt that carried over into the final quarter. Marlette's double digit spread, 35-25, proved too much for Cass City

to overcome.

Thomas had his way under the basket during the deciding quarters. He controlled the glass and registered all of his team-best 14 points after the break to hold off Cass City. Thomas continued his assault on the Red Hawks in the final period and 2 quick baskets had Marlette in front 35-25 with 5:15 remaining. At that point, the winners went into a stall and actually increased their margin to 40-25, before the game's final 2 baskets by Parker Haire made the final outcome closer than the final score indicated.

Ross tossed in 7 points, Haire 5, for Cass City, who also had Chase Winter and Keith Lounsbury with 2 points each.

Storm chipped in 7 points and Isaac Dale 8, while Redman, Kelly and Mark Hart all had 3 points for Marlette.

Red Hawks ready for break in GTC play

Coach Clarke Haire says his Cass City girls' basketball team is ready for a break from the rigors of Greater Thumb Conference play. And Thursday he gets his wish as Mayville comes to town for a battle between one-win teams.

"The GTC plays some good bas-

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Cass City bowling teams hit the lanes

The Cass City bowling team consists of 10 girls and 9 boys in 2015. They include girls Lindsay Schotter, Laken London, Kendra Goss, Ilana Blattner, Amy Verhines, Jenna Schaufele, Olivia Smerdon, Katerina Halvorson, Megan Graham and Samantha London.

The boys' team members include Kyle Potrykus, Dustin Miller, Robert Haley, Dalton Prieskorn, Brad Thornton, Chandler Cryderman, Alex Graham, Darren Hutchinson and Josh Schaufele.

The Red Hawks first match was against North Huron. The boys' team won 26-4 highlighted by big games from Alex Graham (205) and Kyle Potrykus (178).

The Red Hawks' second match of the season, last Tuesday in Harbor Beach, saw the boys' team winning 23-7. High games came from Potrykus (221), Cryderman (240) and Haley (198).

The Lady Red Hawks came up short against the Pirates and bowed 22-8. Verhines turned in a high score (213).

On Friday, the Red Hawks' third match of the season, both teams defeated Ubly, with the boys' recording a 21-9 decision and the girls' a similar 20-10 win. High Games included Potrykus with totals of 236 and 187, Cryderman 198 and Schaufele 120.



CASS CITY'S Keith Lounsbury set a pick on Marlette's Andrew Storm during a Greater Thumb Conference crossover contest. Ready to help is Red Raider Isaac Dale.

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O-G lets one slip away

Owen-Gage raced to a 17-6 head start Friday in Alba, but couldn't hold on during a non-conference thriller.

After the dominating start, the Bulldogs traded baskets with their hosts during the 2 middle quarters to take a 45-33 spread into the fourth quarter.

The double digit lead wouldn't stand, however, as Alba used a 17-5 spurt to end regulation and send the contest into the extra session knotted at 50s.

Owen-Gage's shooting woes continued in the OT, where they were held to a Dan Good trey and eventually surrendered 56-53.

Jacob Wright recorded 27 points to top Owen-Gage, including all 5 of the Bulldog's fourth quarter markers. David Binder added 13 points and Good finished with a dozen in vain.

Flint International

Flint International posted an easy 87-60 victory over guest Owen-Gage Tuesday to record their first win of the season.

Flint led 29-14 after one quarter and 45-31 after 2.

For Owen-Gage, Wright tossed in 21, Binder 17 and Good 14.



CASS CITY students, from left, Kevin Estrella, Tiffany Matson, and Hailey Beckrow participated in the Knights of Columbus Saginaw Diocesan Spelling Bee recently in Hemlock. The Red Hawk level 2 representatives had Hailey placing in 6th place, Tiffany in 7th place and Kevin in 10th place.

Lady Cards roll to lopsided victory over North Huron

Kingston kept its North Central Thumb League record unblemished last week with an easy victory over visiting North Huron.

With the 64-16 decision Tuesday, Coach Jay Green's Lady Cardinals improve to 6-0 in conference play and 9-2 overall.

"Our interior passing led to a number of good looks against their zone," says Green.

Jenna Boyl and Sarah Savage split 28 points to pace the winners, while a balanced attack also had Cassidy MacGuire and Madison Cofer in double figures with 12 and 11 points, respectfully.



CASS CITY students, from left, Madi Beckrow, James Lefler and Alexis Bogart represented Cass City Schools in level 1 competition at the spelling bee. Madi finished in 13th place and Alexis finished in 12th place. James went through 28 rounds and finished in 3rd place. In level one there were 16 participants and in level two there were 12 participants at the spelling Bee. Level 1 is 5th and 6th graders, while level 2 is 7th, 8th and 9th graders.

Mayville visits Thursday

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ketball," says Haire. "We've been playing some of the area's top teams in USA, Sandusky and Marlette to name a few and quite frankly we need a break. Mayville will be coming here looking to steal one; we have to make sure that we are ready for the challenge."

In Cass City's latest outing, they fell to the Greater Thumb East leading Lady Red Raiders 50-15 last Tuesday.

"Marlette – just like the other elite teams in the Thumb – plays solid defense. The final score could have been worse if Coach (Kathy) Storm didn't call off her girls. Marlette didn't press us and the game still ended up with a running clock. That being said, our girls never stopped trying, never stopped battling and fought to the final whistle with their heads up," Haire said.

Freshman Sayge Cuthrell paced Cass City with 7 points



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ATHLETE of the WEEK

Schneeberger's choice for this week's "Athlete of the Week" award winner is Victoria Mathewson.

The Cass City gymnast enjoyed a banner week leading the Lady Red Hawks to a 14th place finish at the Jeanne Caruss Invitational Saturday at the Lakeland High School.

"We beat Vassar," said a delighted Coach Kathy Bouverette noting Mathewson was a key performer over the weekend.

Mathewson finished 23rd in the all around with a score of 30.100. She placed third on the bars with a mark of 6.9, third on the beam with a tally of 7.6 and 4th on the floor with a total of 7.050 at the mega school event.

Earlier in the week, Mathewson place third in the all around during a dual meet in Vassar. She earned regional qualifying scores in the vault (8.20) and floor exercise (8.25).



Victoria Mathewson

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BOYS' BASKETBALL WEDNESDAY, JAN. 21 Reese at Bad Axe EPBP at Cass City USA at Vassar Ubly at Sandusky O-G at Caseville	Reese Cass City Vassar Sandusky Owen-Gage	Reese Cass City Vassar Sandusky Owen-Gage	Bad Axe Cass City Vassar Sandusky Owen-Gage	Reese Cass City Vassar Sandusky Owen-Gage
FRIDAY, JAN. 23 Bad Axe at EPBP BCAS at Cass City Reese at USA Marlette at Sandusky Harbor Beach at Ubly CPS at Kingston Akron-Fairgrove at O-G	Bad Axe Cass City USA Sandusky Harbor Beach Kingston Akron-Fair.	Bad Axe Cass City USA Marlette Harbor Beach Kingston Akron-Fair.	Bad Axe Cass City USA Marlette Harbor Beach Kingston Owen-Gage	Bad Axe Cass City USA Marlette Harbor Beach Kingston Akron-Fair.
GIRLS' BASKETBALL TUESDAY, JAN. 20 Reese at Bad Axe EPBP at Cass City Ubly at Sandusky CPS at Kingston O-G at Caseville Mount Morris at A-F	Reese EPBP Sandusky Kingston Caseville A-F	Reese EPBP Sandusky Kingston Caseville A-F	Reese EPBP Sandusky Kingston O-G A-F	Reese EBBP Sandusky Kingston Caseville A-F
THURSDAY, JAN. 22 Bad Axe at EPBP Mayville at Cass City Reese at USA Harbor Beach at Ubly Akron-Fairgrove at O-G	EPBP Cass City Reese Harbor Beach Akron-Fair.	EPBP Mayville Reese Harbor Beach Akron-Fair.	EPBP Cass City Reese Harbor Beach Akron-Fair.	EBBP Mayville Reese Harbor Beach Akron-Fair.
LAST WEEK	13 - 7	16-4	13 -7	18 - 2
SEASON RESULTS	54-19 (74 %)	46-27 (63%)	51-22 (70%)	58-15 (79%)

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BOYS' BASKETBALL

All games at 6 p.m. unless noted
12/10 Sandusky 44, Cass City 29
12/12 Caro 56, Cass City 51
12/17 Harbor Beach 59, Cass City 47
12/19 Cass City 49, Memphis 28
1/9 Bad Axe 50, Cass City 37
1/14 Marlette 40, Cass City 32
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 Ugly 51, Cass City 17
1/8 **Bad Axe 51, Cass City 32**
1/13 Marlette
1/20 **Lakers**
1/22 **Mayville**
1/29 **Vassar**
2/3 Reese
2/5 USA
2/10 **Bad Axe**
2/12 Brown City
2/17 **Akron-Fairgrove**
2/19 Deckerville
2/24 Lakers
2/26 **Reese**
3/2-3/6 Districts @ Bad Axe

WRESTLING

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

GYMNASTICS

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



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SR. HIGH

Girls' Basketball

Jan. 20 ~ Lakers ~ 6 p.m.

Boys' Basketball

Jan. 21 ~ Lakers ~ 6 p.m.

Wrestling

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

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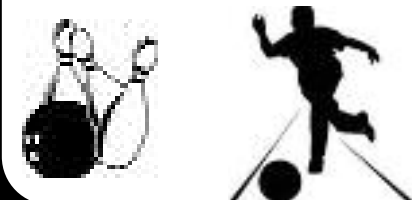
JH Boys' Basketball

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 Ugly
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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1/14	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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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.

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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 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.

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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
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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, 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.

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MORTGAGE SALE – Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Jace E. Sears and Roxanne A. Sears, husband and wife, a/k/a Jace E. Sears Sr., a/k/a Roxanne M Allen-Sears of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgagor to National City Bank dated the 22nd day of January, 2005, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 15th day of February, 2005, in Liber 1027, Page 1125 and modified in Modification of Agreement dated January 13, 2010, and recorded April 21, 2010, in Liber 1196, Page 1292 and in Future Advance Money Mortgage Modification Agreement dated September 6, 2007, and recorded September 20, 2007, in Liber 1130, Page 728 of Tuscola Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$81,073.65 (eighty-one thousand seventy-three and 65/100) plus accrued interest at 3.25% (three point 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 5th day of February, 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 Kingston, in the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit: Situated in the Township of Kingston, County of Tuscola and State of Michigan: The Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 23, Township 12 North, Range 11 East. Commonly known as: 2374 White Creek Road Tax Parcel No.: 015023000060002

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: January 7, 2015
By: Foreclosing Attorneys Attorney for Plaintiff Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co.,

L.P.A.
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Amy L. Childs, unmarried and Ryan Pomeroy, unmarried, original mortgagor(s), to PLB Lending LLC, Mortgagee, dated May 26, 2006, and recorded on May 31, 2006 in Liber 1083 on Page 410, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Seven and 40/100 Dollars (\$145,477.40). 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 February 5, 2015.

Said premises are situated in Township of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Northeast corner of Section 1, Township 11 North, Range 8 East and the point of beginning; running thence South 0 degrees 39 minutes 26 seconds East 203.11 feet along the East line of said Section 1; thence North 84 degrees 03 minutes 39 seconds West, 1194.91 feet, thence North 0 degrees 41 minutes 55 seconds West 78.66 feet thence North 89 degrees 57 minutes 40 seconds East 1187.13 feet along the North line of said Section 1 to the point of beginning. Being a part of the Northeast quarter of Section 1, Township 11 North, Range 8 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: January 7, 2015
For more information, please call: FC J (248) 593-1311
Trott Law, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Hwy Ste 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-5422
File #431565F05

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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 Chad Deming and Richelle Deming, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated March 3, 2006, and recorded on March 21, 2006 in Liber 1074 on Page 1053, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Soundview Home Loan Trust 2006-OPT5, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-OPT5 as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Six Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Three and 63/100 Dollars (\$106,243.63).

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 February 12, 2015.

Said premises are situated in Township

of Arbela, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: The South 200 feet of the North 759 feet of the West 333 feet of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 9, Town 10 North, Range 7 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: January 14, 2015
For more information, please call:
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Trott Law, P.C.
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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 586-777-0770 NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE MORTGAGE SALE-Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made by RHONDA PALMER, a single woman, 638 WILMOT STREET, VASSAR, MI 48768, Mortgagor(s) to FRANKENMUTH CREDIT UNION, 580 NORTH MAIN STREET, FRANKENMUTH, MI 48734, Mortgagee dated DECEMBER 6, 2007, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Tuscola County, and State of Michigan on DECEMBER 17, 2007, in LIBER 1137 on PAGE 258 of Tuscola County Records and Scrivener's Affidavit dated MAY 14, 2014, and recorded on MAY 16, 2014, in LIBER 1307 on PAGE 736 of Tuscola County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of FORTY TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SIXTY TWO AND 21/100THS (\$42,262.21) DOLLARS at 4% percent per annum and attorney fees as provided for in said Mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof; NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN 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 FEBRUARY 19, 2015, AT 10:00 A.M. local time, said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder in the main lobby of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, aforesaid, on said mortgage with interest thereon and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows:

CITY OF VASSAR, COUNTY OF TUSCOLA AND STATE OF MICHIGAN, to wit: LOT 8, BLOCK 5, HARRINGTON'S ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE (NOW CITY) OF VASSAR, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 1, PAGE 23A OF PLATS, TUSCOLA COUNTY RECORDS. MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 638 WILMOT STREET, VASSAR, MI 48768 During the SIX (6) MONTHS immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241 a, the property may be redeemed during the thirty (30) days immediately following the sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foregoing 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: 1-21-15
KENNETH C. BUTLER II (P 28477)
ATTORNEY FOR MORTGAGEE
24525 Harper Avenue St. Clair Shores, MI 48080
(586) 777-0770

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Legal Notices

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

Default has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage made by ARTHUR L. BARCLAY, a single man ("Mortgagor"), to CHEMICAL BANK, a Michigan banking corporation, having an office at 333 E. Main Street, Midland, Michigan 48640-6511 (the "Mortgagee"), dated February 4, 2014, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Tuscola County, Michigan on February 24, 2014, in Liber 1301, Page 1424 (the "Mortgage"). By reason of such default, the Mortgagee elects to declare and hereby declares the entire unpaid amount of the Mortgage due and payable forthwith. Mortgagee is the owner of the indebtedness secured by the Mortgage. As of the date of this Notice there is claimed to be due for principal and interest on the Mortgage the sum of Sixty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Four and 22/100 Dollars (\$62,924.22). No suit or proceeding at law has been instituted to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage or any part thereof.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in the Mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, and to pay the above amount, with interest, as provided in the Mortgage, and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fee allowed by law, and all taxes and insurance premiums paid by the undersigned before sale, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises at public vendue to the highest bidder at the Tuscola County Courthouse in Caro, Michigan on Thursday the 26th day of February, 2015, at ten o'clock in the forenoon. The premises covered by the Mortgage are situated in the Township of Fremont, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, and are described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of the East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 27, Town 11 North, Range 9 East; thence East 313 feet; thence South 209 feet; thence West 313 feet; thence North 209 feet to the point of beginning.

Together with all existing or subsequently erected or affixed buildings, improvements and fixtures; all easements, rights of way, and appurtenances; all rights to make divisions of the land that are exempt from the platting requirements of the Michigan Land Division Act, as it shall be amended; all water, water rights, watercourses and ditch rights (including stock in utilities with ditch or irrigation rights); and all other rights, royalties, and profits, relating to the premises, including without limitation all minerals, oil, gas geothermal and similar matters.

Commonly known as: 341 W. Snover Road, Mayville, Michigan 48744
P.P. #79-011-027-000-1300-00

Notice is further given that the length of the redemption period will be six (6) months from the date of sale, unless the premises are abandoned. If the premises are abandoned, the redemption period will be the later of thirty (30) days from the date of the sale or upon expiration of fifteen (15) days after the Mortgagor is given notice pursuant to MCLA §600.3241a(b) that the premises are considered abandoned and Mortgagor, Mortgagor's heirs, executor, or administrator, or a person lawfully claiming from or under one (1) of them has not given the written notice required by MCLA §600.3241a(c) stating that the premises are not abandoned.

If the premises are sold at a foreclosure sale, under MCLA §600.3278 the Mortgagor will be held responsible to the person who buys the premises at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the Mortgagee for damaging the premises during the redemption period.
Dated: January 21, 2015
CHEMICAL BANK
Mortgagee
Timothy Hillegonds
WARNER NORCROSS & JUDD LLP
900 Fifth Third Center
111 Lyon Street, N.W.
Grand Rapids, MI 49503-2487
(616) 752-2000
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1-21-4

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE: Default having been made in the conditions of certain Mortgage made by DUANE E. WEBSTER, a single man, and CINDY E. WEBSTER n/k/a Cindy E. Cox, a single woman, (formerly husband and wife) of 5625 Arbela Road, Millington, MI, to THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through Rural Development, United States Department of Agriculture, with its Office being located at 4300 Goodfellow Blvd., Building 105, FC-215, St. Louis, MO, 63120, the Mortgagee, the Mortgage being dated January 24, 1985, and recorded January 24, 1985, in Liber 547, Pages 1054-1057 in Tuscola County Records, and the Borrower having assumed a prior mortgage between BARRY HALLWOOD and EULETTA HALLWOOD, husband and wife and THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through Rural Development, United States Department

of Agriculture, the Mortgage being dated May 27, 1975 and recorded in Liber 449, Pages 882-885, Tuscola County Records, and the debt of the prior Mortgage having been added to the debt of the January 24, 1985 Mortgage, pursuant to said Mortgage; which is being foreclosed hereby; and such Mortgage being given to secure Promissory Note payable to the Government, and by reason of such default the Mortgagee elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of such Mortgage due and payable forthwith, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due as of January 21, 2015, for principal, interest and other charges, the sum of SIXTY TWO THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED, SEVENTY-SEVEN AND 73/100 (\$62,777.73) DOLLARS, and no proceedings having been instituted at law or equity to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative; Now, Therefore, Notice is Hereby Given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described, or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the County Courthouse at 440 N. State Street, in the City of Caro, County of Tuscola, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2015 at 10:00 a.m., local time, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount due as aforesaid on the Mortgage together with 11.88% interest, legal costs, attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises described in said Mortgage are situated in the State of Michigan, Tuscola County and are described as: Part of the Northeast one quarter of Section 31, Township 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township. Described as beginning at a point on the North line of said Section 31, which is North 89 degrees 37 minutes 20 Seconds West, 1111.61 feet from the Northeast corner of said Section 31, thence continuing along said North line North 89 degrees 37 minutes 20 seconds West, 230.00 feet; thence South, 335.14 feet; thence South 89 degrees 37minutes 20 seconds East, 230 feet; thence North 335.14 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 1.77 acres and subject to the use of the Northerly 33.0 feet thereof as Arbela Road. During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed unless the property is abandoned, in which case the redemption period shall expire thirty (30) days from the date of sale. According to MCL §600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, 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.

For further information with regard to this foreclosure, contact USDA - Rural Development, Centralized Servicing Center, Foreclosure Centralization Initiative, 4300 Goodfellow Blvd., Building 105, FC-215, St. Louis, MO, 63120, telephone (800) 349-5097 ext. 4500. Dated: January 21, 2015 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, Mortgagee Michael I. Conlon (P43954) Running, Wise, Ford, P.L.C. 326 E. State Street, P.O. Box 686 Traverse City, MI 49685-0686

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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 Tracy Lince, a married woman, and Jeffrey A. Lince, her husband of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for, Republic Bank dated the 15th day of April, 2004, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 28th day of April, 2004, in Liber 989, Page 1377 and modified in Loan Modification Agreement recorded December 17, 2009, in Liber 1189, Page 665 and further modified in Loan Modification Agreement recorded May 4, 2011, in Liber 1221, Page 984 and further evidenced by Affidavit of Scrivener's Error recorded May 16, 2014, in Liber 1307, Page 837 of Tuscola Records, which said mortgage was assigned to FirstMerit Bank, N.A., thru mesne assignments, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$150,214.60 (one hundred fifty thousand two hundred fourteen and 60/100) plus accrued interest at 3.00% (three point zero zero) percent per annum. And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statue of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on, the 19th day of February, 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 Wells, in the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit: Situated in the Township of Wells, County of Tuscola and State of Michigan: A parcel of land in the N 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 29, T12N, R10E, Wells Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as follows: Commencing at the NW corner of Section 29; thence N 90 deg 00 minutes 00 seconds E. along the N section line of said section, 658.24 feet to the point of beginning; thence N 90 deg 00 minutes 00 seconds East, along the N section line 330.50 feet; thence S 00 deg 11 minutes 20 seconds W, 1,321.93 feet to a point on the N 1/8 line of said section; thence N 89 deg 58 minutes 21 seconds W, along the N 1/8 line, 330.50 feet; thence N 00 deg 11 minutes 20 seconds E, 1,321.77 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as: 2580 Ross Rd. Tax Parcel No.: 022-029-000-0600-01 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: January 21, 2015
By: Stuart A. Best
Attorney for Foreclosing Entity
Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.
2155 Butterfield Drive, Suite 200-S
Troy, MI 48084
WWR# 10126566

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Russell Hoard Jr., a single man, to Mayville State Bank, Mortgagee, dated February 11, 2008 and recorded February 19, 2008 in Liber 1141, Page 1055, and Loan Modification Agreement recorded on March 20, 2012, in liber 1243, page 634, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by The First State Bank, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Six Thousand Six Hundred Fifteen and 25/100 Dollars (\$106,615.25) including interest at 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 FEBRUARY 19, 2015.

Said premises are located in the Township of Arbela, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: The East 290 feet of the West 590 feet of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 21, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, Arbela Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; Except the East 150 feet of the North 350 feet thereof. Also, including the East 25 feet of the West 300 feet of the North 474 feet of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 21, also including the East 35 feet of the West 275 feet of the North 249 feet of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 21, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, Arbela Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.

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: January 21, 2015
Orlans Associates, P.C..
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007
File No. 15-000207

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MORTGAGE SALE – Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Edwin Blackmer and Diane Blackmer, Husband & Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for First NLC Financial Services, LLC., its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 30, 2005 and recorded December 9, 2005 in Liber 1063 Page 1249 Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned through mesne assignments to: DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, as Trustee for MORGAN STANLEY HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 2006-1, by assignment dated August 15, 2014 and recorded August 27, 2014 in Liber 1314, Page 43, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Three Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars and Three Cents (\$63,248.03) including interest 2% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00AM on February 19, 2015 Said premises are situated in City of Fostoria, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Beginning at a point 670.00 feet South of the Northwest Corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 26, Town 10 North, Range 9 East, thence running East 168 feet, thence South 130 feet, thence West 168 feet, thence North 130 feet to the place of beginning. Commonly known as 9319 Edward Road, Fostoria MI 48435 The redemption period shall be 12 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: 1/21/2015
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, as Trustee for MORGAN STANLEY HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 2006-1, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123
Our File No: 13-88286

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MORTGAGE SALE – Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by MICHELLE R. ESSEX, A SINGLE WOMAN and EDWARD R. BOYLE, A SINGLE MAN, to INDEPENDENT MORTGAGE COMPANY, Mortgagee, dated March 17, 2008, and recorded on March 19, 2008, in Liber 1144, on Page 107, and assigned by said

mortgagee to MICHIGAN STATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Twelve Dollars and Twenty-Two Cents (\$135,012.22), including interest at 5.000% 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 March 5, 2015 Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as: PARCEL 1 - Part of the Southeast quarter of Section 2, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, described as beginning at a point which is South 0 degrees 03 minutes 05 seconds West, 755.51 feet along the East line of Section 2 to the centerline of East Dayton Road and North 65 degrees 45 minutes 00 seconds West 907.22 feet along said centerline and North 24 degrees 15 minutes 00 seconds East, 228.85 feet from the East quarter corner of said Section 2, thence continuing North 24 degrees 15 minutes 00 seconds East 203.01 feet to the East and West quarter line of Section 2, thence South 89 degrees 02 minutes 40 seconds East, 235.15 feet along said quarter line, thence South 24 degrees 15 minutes 00 seconds West 89.25 feet, thence North 65 degrees 45 minutes 00 seconds West, 50.00 feet, thence South 24 degrees 15 minutes 00 seconds West, 206.75 feet thence North 65 degrees 45 minutes 00 seconds West, 165.98 feet to the point of beginning, together with an easement of ingress and egress over and across the Westerly 20 feet of land described as part of the Southeast quarter of Section 2, Township 12 North, Range 9 East described as beginning at a point on the centerline of East Dayton Road, which is South 00 degrees 03 minutes 05 seconds West, 755.51 feet along the East line of Section 2 to the centerline of East Dayton Road and North 65 degrees 45 minutes 00 seconds West, 741 .24 feet along said centerline from the East quarter corner of said Section 2 thence continuing North 65 degrees 45 minutes 00 seconds West, 165.98 feet, thence North 24 degrees 15 minutes 00 seconds East, 228.85 feet, thence South 65 degrees 45 minutes 00 seconds East, 165.98 feet, thence South 24 degrees 15 minutes 00 seconds West, 228.85 feet to the centerline of East Dayton Road.

PARCEL 2 Part of the Southeast quarter of Section 2, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, described as beginning at a point which is South 0 degrees 03 minutes 05 seconds West, 755.51 feet along the East line of Section 2 to the centerline of East Dayton Road, and North 65 degrees 45 minutes 00 seconds West, 907.22 feet along said centerline and North 24 degrees 15 minutes 00 seconds East, 228.85 feet from the East quarter corner of said Section 2; thence continuing North 24 degrees 15 minutes 00 seconds East, 203.01 feet to the East and West quarter line of Section 2; thence South 89 degrees 02 minutes 40 seconds East, 235.15 feet along said quarter line to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 89 degrees 02 minutes 04 seconds East, 62.28 feet; thence South 0 degrees 03 minutes 05 seconds West, 102.48 feet; thence North 65 degrees 45 minutes 00 seconds West, 105.0 feet; thence North 24 degrees 15 minutes 00 seconds East, 89.25 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.

MICHIGAN STATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 USBW.002929 FHA

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FRIGID TEMPERATURES and biting winds eased their grip on the Thumb towards the end of last week, giving area residents a brief respite in what has been a fairly uneventful Michigan winter so far. Even subzero wind chill readings in recent weeks, however, haven’t diminished the beauty of the spectacular sunrises residents on the “sunrise side” of Michigan enjoy.



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Battel, Healy receive \$1,000 grant for maple syrup project

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business experience in the coming months.

It’s a process both are very familiar with, especially Battel, who is the sixth generation of Battels to be involved in the family business, Battel’s Sugar Bush Pure Maple Syrup. The family has been producing high-quality maple syrup in the same woods northeast of Cass City, along Daus Road just west of M-53, since 1882.

“We’ve been neighbors since I was six years old, and we’ve been friends since before that,” Battel said of Healy during an interview in the family’s sugar shack, just west of Sue and Bob’s farmhouse. “His family’s always lived across the road and they’ve helped us over the years.”

Battel noted they will be using their grant to purchase syrup making equipment such as spiles (tree taps), sap collection receptacles, a barrel to haul sap – just about everything they need except for the boiling and canning equipment.

“We’re going to ask grandpa (Mark Battel) to do that for us in exchange for some sap that we collect. It will be a good percentage because it’s a lot of work. It’s very, very labor intensive,” she said, adding her dad is also involved in tapping trees and boiling sap, while her mom and grandmother, Diane Battel, handle the canning duties at the family sugar shack.

“The actual (syrup making) process will begin when we tap, sometime in the spring, depending on the weather,” Battel continued.

“It (temperature) needs to be above freezing in the day and below freezing at night,” Healy added.

The youths say they plan to tap 66 trees with an expectation of collecting some 1,200 gallons of sap over the course of the short season. The sap will then be boiled down to roughly 33 gallons of finished pure maple syrup.

In between, the collected sap is poured into a holding tank and put through a reverse osmosis process. “That takes out...40 percent of the water, so it makes it even richer before it goes into the boiler pan,” Battel explained.

Once they’re finished, Battel said the pair will move on to the final step. “We’re going to sell it,” she said. “We’re going to specialize in gift size containers, which are usually like a pint or smaller.”

The young entrepreneurs already have plans to market their syrup on their own Facebook page – County Line Kids Pure Maple Syrup.

Battel and Healy, both seventh grade students who are home schooled, previously teamed up last fall to raise and sell chickens for their SAE project. Their efforts earned a silver medal in the junior high division at a state broiler contest.

But they indicated they expect their latest partnership will be even more enjoyable.

Asked what they expect to enjoy the most, Healy responded, “Driving the Ranger (off-road utility vehicle).”

“I guess I just really like to make maple syrup,” Battel added, “and it’s more fun to do it with a friend.”



BATTEL AND HEALY both know their way around a sugar bush, having grown up around the Battel family’s maple syrup business, which has been around since 1882 in the same woods northeast of Cass City. Addy Battel is the sixth generation to be involved in the family tradition.

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