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Election day

Tuscola County residents to decide millages for veterans, EDC in special vote Feb. 24

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Tuscola County residents will be asked to boost funding for veterans services and local economic development efforts in a special election slated for Tuesday, Feb. 24.

Two millage proposals are on the ballot; a special veterans services millage of .17 of a mill, and .2 of a mill to fund business and job development through the Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation (EDC).

According to Tuscola County Controller Mike Hoagland, both millages, if approved, would be levied for six years.

The proposed EDC tax would generate \$322,000 in the first year and cost the owner of a home with a market value of \$100,000 about \$10 more in taxes annually. The veterans services millage would generate roughly \$276,000 in the first year and cost the owner of a \$100,000 home \$8.50 more in taxes.

The veterans services millage would be used to more adequately staff the local veterans' affairs office and provide funding for transportation," Hoagland explained. "The program is modeled somewhat after the program in Sanilac County, which has a (larger) staff and...a veterans' millage," he said.

"If there is a group that should be first in line, it's the veterans, and right now we're underserving them," Hoagland added.

Ron Amend, who has served as Tuscola County's Veteran Affairs director for seven years, agreed wholeheartedly, noting the lack of manpower in his department.

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Robbery suspect's case on hold for psychiatric evaluations in Ypsilanti

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The criminal case involving a Caro man charged in two armed robberies and in the vicious assault of a Tuscola County corrections officer last month is on hold after his attorney requested an evaluation of his client at the Center for Forensic Psychiatry in Ypsilanti.



Devin Harris

Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark E. Reene said the purpose of the evaluation of suspect Devin Harris, 18, is two-fold; to determine competency and criminal responsibility.

"They are two separate evaluations that are done," added Reene, who explained competency involves a defendant's awareness of his actions and the circumstances of the case against him, while the second examination will determine if he can be held criminally responsible for his actions.

It's a process that will take time, given the number of defendants sent to Ypsilanti for the same types of exams, Reene acknowledged.

"They (psychiatric center staff) have a limited number of individuals who can be evaluated."

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Amish driver, passenger escape injury in collision

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies say icy roads contributed to a pair of traffic crashes last Wednesday, including a collision involving an SUV and an Amish buggy about four miles east of Cass City.

There were no serious injuries in that accident, which was reported at 1:30 p.m. at the intersection of Cass City Road and M-53.

According to deputies, a 2002 Chevrolet Blazer driven by 31-year-old Randy Slingsend of Ubyly struck an Amish buggy driven by Eli Miller, 42, who was traveling with an 18-year-old passenger.

"Slingsend was attempting to pass the buggy and lost control on ice and rear ended the buggy. The buggy was extensively damaged; however, the occupants reported no injuries. The horse had minor cuts, but they believed it would be fine," Sgt. Shelly Park reported.

"Alcohol was not a factor," added Park, who reminded drivers to slow down and drive according to road conditions.

Later the same day, deputies investigated a one-vehicle personal injury accident that occurred at about 4:45 p.m. on Snover Road near M-53.

Park stated a 2008 Chevrolet Colorado driven by 26-year-old Nickolas Schlatter of Caro was west-bound on Snover Road when he lost control on the icy roadway and entered the south side ditch, causing his vehicle to roll over.

Marlette EMS and Lamotte Township Fire Department crews

assisted at the scene. Schlatter was transported by Marlette EMS to Marlette Regional Hospital for treatment of minor injuries. Deputies noted he was wearing his seatbelt.

USPS fails in timely delivery

So, how long does it take the United States Postal Service to deliver a piece of mail from Cass City to the Snover, Decker and Ubyly area?

Brenda Orton, of the Pontiac Metroplex, says about 4 days. She reports that newspapers that go to the Pontiac Metroplex will have a 3-day processing period to get those newspapers to towns with zip codes beginning with the numbers 484 - Ubyly (48475), Snover and Decker (48472).

Chronicle subscribers in those areas can expect delivery of the Chronicle on Saturday at best, Orton says. Further, Orton tells the Chronicle's February 4th issue was lost at the Pontiac Metroplex due to high volume of mail backed up from the snowstorm that Monday (2-2-15) and sent to Pittsburgh - as far as they know.

Really? The Saginaw Metroplex doesn't have any problem making timely deliveries. They have the Chronicle to our 487 zip code subscribers in Deford, Caro and Kingston every Wednesday as it should be.

In the meantime, Saturday delivery of mail postmarked on Tuesday won't work here. The Chronicle will drop ship papers to our 484 post offices every Tuesday - starting this week - until the problem is corrected. Unfortunately, the solution is only temporary as delivery costs may not be covered by our subscription prices.

Any help our valued subscribers can lend to solve this dilemma would be appreciated. Orton's number at the Pontiac Metroplex is 1-248-758-5715. Cass City postal employees can be reached at 989-872-2565.

Perhaps, the squeaky wheel gets greased.



BAD AXE City Police Officer and Huron County Sheriff's Department Dive Team member Shawn Webber emerges during Thursday's ice diving training on Wild Fowl Bay. Divers entered the water through a hole cut with a chainsaw inside a protective tent (right).



ICE DIVING

Thumb sheriff's department divers, Coast Guard brave bitter cold to train on the bay

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

It's a scene repeated too many times in the past: specially-trained sheriff's department divers gathered on the snow-covered shore of Saginaw Bay, boarding an airboat and ATVs and heading out on the wind-swept ice.

Their mission? To dive into frigid waters in search of a drowning victim claimed by misfortune and hypothermia, as grieving family members stand by, waiting.

The mood among divers from the Huron and Tuscola County sheriff's departments along with members of the Coast Guard station in Harbor Beach on this bright but bitterly-cold Thursday morning, however, was light because they knew they would come up empty-handed.

This was only practice. Huron County Sheriff Kelly J.

Hanson, a veteran diver himself, had invited members of the media to observe the operation, organized a handful of times each year to ensure divers' skills and their equipment is up to the task at hand in what are often the worst possible conditions.

It's also a test of coordination and communication among different agencies, including local police and fire departments and the Coast Guard. "There's some massive coordination now. It makes a big difference when we're all on the same page," Hanson noted.

Although the sun was bright and welcoming as we headed out on the ice in an Argo, an amphibious ATV with a tank-like track wrapped around its wheels, an Arctic air surge had pushed temps down to about 6 degrees, with winds gusting up to 30 miles and windchill readings in the double-digits. There were gale warnings on Lake Huron, and advisories related to the dangerous cold, issued on the mainland earlier in the day, were exaggerated out on the open range of the wind-swept ice on Wild Fowl Bay.

The Argo, built for tackling snow with ease, jostled another reporter and myself as we traveled a mile out to the training site, south of the western tip of Sand Point near Caseville.

The purpose of the training, according to Hanson, was to rehearse what

it takes to rescue or recover a victim who slips below the surface and becomes an ice-related drowning.

"Our nine-deputy dive unit carries out at least three training dives per year, with at least one being an ice dive," Hanson noted. "Normally these ice training dives are held at gravel pits or ponds in order to be in a more controlled environment. However, this year's ice dive is being held off shore in order to reacquaint all of our members of the logistics involved to carry out such a task.

"Possibly some media members may recall our last two actual and unfortunate ice-related drowning recoveries," he said. "One occurred in January of 2010, 2 1/2 miles off shore, and the other occurred in March 2013, five miles off shore. Those operations required a lot of effort and presented many challenges in getting people and equipment out to those scenes, as well as recovering the victims, in a manner that could be done as safely as possible."

For training purposes, Hanson and his department hauled an equipment trailer, fully-equipped with gear that included a tent they set up and secured to the icy surface with spikes before using chainsaws to cut out a triangular section of what turned out to be ice.

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AN AIRBOAT and ATVs were the mode of transportation to the diving site, which was located about a mile off Sand Point near Caseville.



DAN CURTIS OF Curtis Chrysler Dodge Jeep (center), Cass City, recently presented a \$1,000 check to Cass City Elementary School representatives Kathy Milligan (left) and Deidre Zdrojewski following the 2015 Chrysler Sign & Drive Event last fall. The money will be used for school field trips and supplies.

28 attend auxiliary meeting

The Hills and Dales General Hospital Auxiliary met recently for lunch and a business meeting at Gilligan's in Cass City. Twenty-four members and one guest along with Ann Prahin, Kerry Brown and Danielle Blaine from Hills and Dales were present.

Prahin was the guest speaker. She spoke to the group about volunteer opportunities that will arise when the new Swing Bed Program starts. She asked members to think about activities they could do with patients when the need arises. Members asked about whether they can donate items such as puzzles, movies, games, etc., to the program, and Prahin said they could. In addition, Brown discussed patient and resident rights with the members.

The group discussed its past and upcoming fundraisers, including the raffle and cookie walk, book sale, gift shop, and popcorn sales. Members also discussed the upcoming blood drive planned for Tuesday, April 7. Money raised by the auxiliary is used to help purchase new equipment, make building improvements and support educational programs in a joint effort with the Hills and Dales Foundation.

The auxiliary is always looking for new volunteers to join its efforts. Some responsibilities include messenger service throughout the hospital, working in the gift shop, selling popcorn and working at blood drives. Anyone who is interested can contact Brown at (989) 872-2121 for more information and an application packet.

The next auxiliary meeting will be Monday, Feb. 23. The guest speaker will be Pria Eithrajan.

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In Our OPINION..

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Scammers calling? Be safe - not sorry

Hardly a week goes by without local law enforcement agencies reminding citizens to beware of phone scams circulating in the region, sometimes costing unsuspecting residents hundreds or even thousands of dollars.

Law enforcement officials repeat the warnings because, in reality, there is often little they can do to track down scam artists utilizing the wide array of technological tools at their disposal these days.

And they know it.

Need proof? The Tuscola County Sheriff's Department last week reported taking a complaint of a typical scam, with the caller stating the would-be victim's grandchild was in jail and needed bond money, and not to tell anyone about the call.

"This scam has been going around for quite some time, and they pick on the vulnerable seniors," Sheriff Lee Teschendorf noted.

"The deputy called the number back that was associated with the scam, and this is what they heard:

Person: U.S. Embassy.
Deputy: (explains who he is and why he is calling).
Person: It's a scam.
Deputy: I figured that. Where is your embassy located? The area code comes back to Quebec, but the victim was told Mexico.

Person: It's a scam. Tell her not to send money. You did not call the embassy.
Deputy: Who are you then? And how do you know it's a scam?
Person: Because I was the one that called the lady. It's a scam.

Deputy: Why would you do something like that? What's your name?
Person: Because I am a bad man and I need the money (hangs up).

"Since it's a foreign country, there is zero chance of prosecution and the caller was bold enough to give the above information," Teschendorf said. "Make sure any vulnerable senior/adult is made aware of scams. Once the money is gone, it's gone forever. Entire retirement savings have been lost this way."

As Teschendorf stated, this wasn't an isolated incident, a fact that Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette cited when he urged the FCC (Federal Communications Commission) to utilize call-blocking technologies that would better protect consumers from illegal telemarketing robocalling and phone scams.

Schuette noted that in 2013, the Federal Trade Commission received more than 100,000 complaints from Michigan residents about unwanted calls. Between January and September 2014, Schuette's office received another 250 complaints from consumers who received an unwanted call, the majority of them unidentified callers.

In the end, no amount of legislation or revised laws will replace good old-fashioned common sense when it comes to protecting yourself. If you receive a suspicious call, hang up. You can try to obtain as much information as you can about the caller, such as their location and contact details, but consult with your local law enforcement agency before doing anything else.

It goes without saying, but we'll repeat it anyway: Never, ever give out personal information (bank account numbers, Social Security number, etc.) to an unknown caller.

As always, it's better to be safe than sorry.



Slices of Life

by Jill Pertler

We are the Nielsens



I've never used a pen name or adopted an alias. My family's not in the witness protection program, which I'm assuming would necessitate a name change. But this week we are the Nielsens. It's a moniker steeped in power, prestige and a TV viewing diary.

The Nielsen in our house is the Nielsen Company, which establishes ratings and rankings for TV shows by gathering information from regular people like us. Families are randomly selected and asked to participate by keeping a TV viewing diary for seven days. People in large cities often have electronic monitoring devices attached to their TVs. Small town folks still complete diaries the old-fashioned way with pen, paper and the occasional writer's cramp.

Nielsen has been tracking and compiling viewership data since the 1950s. Starting last Thursday, my family became members of Team Nielsen.

Just think - what we watch today will be statistics tomorrow!

This creates a stress and pressure. Oh, sure, I love the idea of being a statistic. The question is: which one?

Some shows are trendy and cool. Others educational. Or sophisticated. Or raunchy. There's reality TV. Reruns. Crime shows. Comedies. Cartoons. Talk shows. News. Sports. Prime time. Late night. Early morning. What I watch - or my diary says I watch - paints a picture of me. A Nielsen family has to admit their viewing habits to the world, and we can't be tuned in to the History and NASA channels all the time. Although my husband would like to give it a try.

We must, in the name of Nielsen, admit to our real, true, not always educational and sometimes junky viewing pleasures - even if we are a happily married woman tuning in to The Bachelor. We also must face the reality of quantity over quality as the diary fills and we come to the realization that we regrettably do watch more TV than we thought. Furthermore, a person who keeps the TV on all day while she is home, even though she isn't watching, is required to document this in the diary. Fessing up to not watching the infomercials as they play on the TV in the kitchen may not be something to take pride in, but it does require honesty.

All this transparency helps the Nielsen Company do its job. According to their website, they track not only TV habits, but monitor books, music, video games, movies, social media, smart phone operating systems and website merchandisers. If you're tuning in, chances are Nielsen is attuned to it. It feels a little like Big Brother, which is another reality show some very nice, smart people at my house may or may not watch.

Keeping the diary makes one more cognizant of one's viewing choices. Before this week, TV was TV. Spending a mindless hour with Ellen, Dr. Phil, the Property Brothers, Judge Judy, the Kardashians or Pat

and Vanna might have been a guilty pleasure, but no one had to know about it. Now I have to take pen to paper and make my wheel watcher status official. The choices are weighted with value. What kind of person spends four hours watching home improvement shows on a Saturday? Certainly not me!

I'm nearing the completion of the diary and wonder: at the end of it all will my viewing habits make me look like the biggest loser or an American idol? Is there any chance I'll walk out a survivor or am I simply walking dead? One thing's for sure. By this time next week I'll be back to being plain old me. But for now, I am a Nielsen.

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

Here's a bit of trash for thought, courtesy of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), which last week released its 19th annual solid waste report.

In 2014, Michiganders increased the amount of waste they sent to landfills by more than two million cubic yards, a 5.6-percent jump. While the increased waste generated is seen by many as a sign of the state's economic resurgence, it also underscores the importance of Michigan's effort to increase residential recycling statewide.

Here's why: every year, the state's residents landfill roughly \$435 million worth of recyclable metals, plastics and wood. Developing new markets for these valuable materials is one component of Gov. Rick Snyder's initiative to double Michigan's residential recycling rate within the next two years. In addition, DEQ officials are working with municipalities to increase access to recycling, measure progress, and provide technical assistance and education.

One more note - the amount of waste Michigan has taken in from Canada and long-haul states such as Florida and Pennsylvania declined in 2014, compared to the year before. However Illinois, Indiana and Ohio all increased the amount of waste they sent our way.

While there seems no end to trash, make no mistake about the Great Lakes State's capacity to continue dealing with the volume. At current rates and presuming no new capacity is developed, officials say Michigan landfills have about 26 years of remaining disposal capacity. Another rabbit track

Letters to the Editor

Support those who served their nation

On Tuesday, Feb. 24, you, the voters, will have a unique opportunity to directly support the veterans of Tuscola County.

Currently, the veterans affairs office in Caro is underfunded, under staffed and operating on a part-time schedule of three days a week. Because of these shortfalls, it is impossible to render proper attention to the needs of our nearly 5,000 countrywide veterans.

Your "yes" vote on the proposed millage request of .17 of a mill will cost an average of an addition \$8 per \$100,000 of property value and will help generate approximately \$275,000 annually in veterans funding out to 2021. This revenue will allow for the staffing of two full-time counselors eight hours of a day, five days a week, plus the purchase of another shuttle van to ease logistical problems in transporting veterans to and from health care facilities, and better enable this office to serve those who have served.

Many returning servicemen and women today have been deployed several times in the "war on terrorism", and as a direct result, are facing serious health issues, not the least of which is Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, commonly referred to as PTSD. With the suicide rate of current returnees significantly on the rise across the country, there is no corner of America that remains untouched from the pain and suffering.

These people, ever faithful to the cause of freedom, need to know there is somewhere they can turn to at the local level for guidance and counseling in their pursuit of justly-deserved benefits.

As a Viet Nam vet myself, I urge all my fellow comrades to make sure you get out and vote in support of this special veterans funding proposal.

To the voters at-large, I ask that you please support the Veterans Affairs Office of Tuscola County with a "yes" vote on Tuesday, Feb. 24.

We have always stood for you. Will you now stand with us?

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Merchant, commander
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Cass City Athletic Boosters

The Cass City Athletic Boosters' Auction is coming once again. The auction will be held **Friday, February 27** during the boys' basketball game.

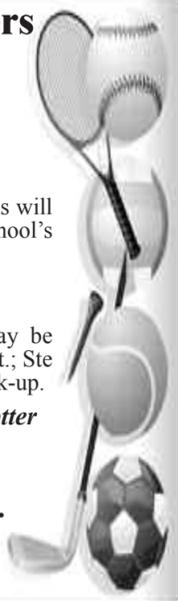
We would greatly appreciate any donation to support our fundraising efforts. Auction proceeds will be used to benefit Cass City Jr. and Sr. High School's athletic programs.

It would be greatly appreciated if items were **donated by Monday, February 23**, or at least a description submitted. Items may be dropped off at Healthcare at Home 6450 Main St.; Ste 2 (the old Totalcom bldg.), or contact me for pick-up.

Any questions can be directed to Paula Potter at 989-545-0182 or e-mail p_potter88@hotmail.com.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
The Cass City Athletic Boosters



CASS CITY VILLAGE officials recently joined with representatives of Frankenmuth Credit in a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the credit union branch office at 6358 Main St. in Cass City. Pictured above are (front row, from left) Carrie Luana, Cass City Chamber of Commerce interim director; Carl Palmateer, village president; Vickie Schmitzer, Frankenmuth Credit Union CEO; (second row) Carrie Bryce, Cass City team leader; Jeanne Rhodes, teller; (third row) Joy Scherzer, head teller; Shannon Roth, chamber board member; and Charla Wichert, service representative. Also pictured in back are other members of the chamber and credit union.

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Thumb divers prepare for the worst on bay

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to be about 16 inches of ice. Officers also fired up a portable heater to ensure that if a diver were to suffer hypothermia, the impact of the cold would be lessened until they could be transported to shore.

Veteran diver Jake Dhyse indicated hypothermia isn't common while wearing today's modern "dry suits", although he pointed out the divers work in shifts, each limited to about 15 minutes in the water. By that time, the cold - the water temperature on this day hovered around 29 degrees -- begins to take a toll on your feet, he said.

Although the training took place in roughly 16 feet of water, the visibility was excellent, allowing for a crystal clear view to the sandy bottom of the bay. Still, the divers and those standing by on the ice relied on the safety of a rope used to ensure the diver can communicate via a series of tugs as they circled below.

Hanson was quick to point out the staged training was just that - staged. True emergency situations aren't nearly as neat and clean; there's little time to devote to creature comforts. "That's what we're normally up against. You don't have the luxury of setting up a tent or transporting a heated trailer," he said, adding time is of the essence, and weather conditions along with the sheer size of Saginaw Bay can make locating an accident scene difficult at best.

At the same time, the sheriff added the revival of the dive unit started back in 2010, including efforts to fully equip the team, have paid off in creating one of the best prepared water emergency response units in the state. An added bonus, he said, is that the bulk of some \$100,000 worth of vehicles and equipment was secured without burdening taxpayers.

"I'm very proud to report that nearly all the equipment we use to do this has been acquired through donations, grants, military surplus, fundraisers and forfeiture funds," Hanson said.

"We've got a lot of (equipment) that most of the sheriff's offices in the state don't have," he added. "We've never been equipped the way we are today."

Robbery case now on hold for evaluation

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that are performing these evaluations," he said. "So, it can certainly take months."

Harris faces three counts of armed robbery and one count each of carrying a weapon with unlawful intent; assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer - causing injury; and assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer, all in connection with the Jan. 23 armed robbery of the Rite Aid store in Caro.

He was also arraigned on one count of attempted escape from jail through violence, and two counts of assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer, all stemming from his assault against a female corrections officer and his attempted escape from the Tuscola County Jail while he was being booked during the early morning hours of Jan. 24.

Bond was set at \$200,000 cash for the first set of charges, and \$100,000 cash for the counts involving the assault and attempted escape.

Police began searching for Harris after Rite Aid employees reported that a knife-wielding suspect had robbed the business while wearing some sort of zebra outfit. There were no injuries among store employees and customers inside the business at the time.

Investigators later said Harris was wearing a long coat with zebra stripes, with a nylon covering his head. Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro took him into custody after their investigation led them to an apartment in the area.

During the booking process inside the county jail in Caro, Harris attempted to escape, first struggling with a corrections officer and then punching her in the face three times. The attack was recorded on surveillance video.

"He ran out of the booking room and attempted to get out several exit doors," Tuscola County Undersheriff Glen Skrent said. "He was subdued by the female deputy and others who arrived on scene. The deputy later sought treatment at a local hospital."

In addition to the charges related to the Rite Aid robbery, Harris was arraigned just days earlier after he allegedly attempted to rob Ziels Wine Shop, formerly the Caro Wine Shop, at 895 S. State St., at knife point.

Those charges include carrying a concealed weapon and possession of a weapon with unlawful intent.



WEBBER RESTS for a few moments after completing his dive, which involved circling in 16 feet of water in a mock search for a drowning victim. Divers entered the water in 15-minute shifts.

Cass City native named the 2015 "leader in law"

by Tom Montgomery Editor

Collins Einhorn Farrell PC, a leading defense litigation firm in Southfield, recently announced that its colleague, Cass City native Neil W. MacCallum, has been named a 2015 Leader in the Law by Michigan Lawyers Weekly.

MacCallum, the co-managing shareholder of the firm, has worked in the legal industry for over three decades. He focuses his practice on the defense of asbestos personal injury and property damage claims.

In addition to managing the firm's recent growth and success, MacCallum has become a recognized leader in his area of practice. His skills have enabled him to assist his clients in navigating the legal system, while simultaneously working with the courts to help create one of the nation's most efficient asbestos litigation dockets.

MacCallum is regarded as a leader by his clients, colleagues, and in his community.

He is involved in a number of groups and associations, including serving as an appointed member in the Wayne County Circuit Court

Steering Committee for Asbestos Litigation. MacCallum also serves as coordinating counsel in asbestos litigation throughout the state.

"Clients don't just look to Neil as a problem solver; they look to him as a partner, who understands their business and how best to represent their interests," commented Michael J. Sullivan, president of Collins Einhorn Farrell PC. "Because of Neil's leadership and the impact that he has made, Neil has earned the respect and gratitude of everyone he has worked with both inside and outside of the firm. His selection as a 2015 Leader in the Law is well deserved."



Neil MacCallum

MacCallum will be formally honored at an awards ceremony hosted by Michigan Lawyers Weekly Thursday, March 26, at Detroit Marriott Troy, and will be profiled in the March 30 edition of Michigan Lawyers Weekly.

Born in Cass City in 1951, MacCallum graduated from Cass City High School in 1969 and still owns the family farm a few miles outside town.

He says he still enjoys visiting the area every couple of months, catching up with long-time friends. "Cass City has always been my home town and the people there have always been among the best I've known," he said.

Walk for Warmth set this month in Thumb to benefit the needy

Saturday, Feb. 28, is the date set for the 25th annual Walk for Warmth, which raises funds to assist Thumb area residents with utility emergencies. The event will be hosted by the Human Development Commission (HDC), and the agency is asking for community support with this important event.

Walk for Warmth is a statewide event sponsored by Community Action Agencies, such as HDC, to raise money to help local families in need heat their homes. Local citizens gather pledges and walk a one-mile route in the cold to keep others warm.

Last year, with the support of community volunteers and businesses, HDC raised more than \$62,000 to help struggling families and senior citizens in Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac and Tuscola counties. Money raised in each county stays in the respective counties.

Walker registration for this year's event begins at 9 a.m., with simultaneous walks taking place in all four counties starting at 9:30 a.m.

In Tuscola County, the walk begins at the HDC Office located at 429 Montague Avenue in Caro; the Sanilac County walk begins at the HDC Office at 215 N. Elk St., Sandusky; Lapeer County's walk begins at the County Historic Courthouse; and Huron County's Walk begins at the Wilcox Park Community Center, 650 Whitelam St. in Bad Axe.

To make a donation, obtain more information on the event, or to have a pledge sheet sent to you, contact one of the following HDC locations: Huron County at (989) 269-9502, Lapeer County at (810) 664-7133, Sanilac County at (810) 648-4497, or Tuscola County at (989) 673-4121.

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CASS CITY'S Alex Jeffery, top, was a double winner for the Team District Champion Red Hawk grapplers Thursday in Mayville.

Red Hawk comeback falls short Friday in Brown City

For 2 quarters Friday in Brown City, it looked like the same old Cass City Red Hawk basketball team. That changed, however, during the final half as Coach Aaron Fernald's team played with much more heart and emotion during a valiant comeback effort that fell just short in the Greater Thumb Conference crossover tilt.

Although the Red Hawk losing streak reached 5 games with the 49-43 decision, Fernald saw plenty of the veteran mentor can build on heading into Snowcoming week contests against visiting Mayville and Deckerville.

"We competed much better than we have lately. Last week we kind of shut it down in the 4th quarter and that was disappointing. Although we lost, the kids felt much better about themselves and that's a step in the right direction," he said.

Avoiding sluggish starts is one area

the Red Hawks need to improve. At Brown City, Cass City trailed 14-6 entering the second frame and 30-17 at the break. The hosts got to most of the loose balls before the intermission and used second shot chances to build a commanding advantage.

Green Devil guards Justin McPhail and Jeffrey Randolph were on the mark early and combined for 5 treys to help build a double digit bulge.

Cass City countered using their height advantage. Mason Erla and Logan Schenk both found success in the paint for the visitors in the opening stanza, but the period ended with Erla collecting an offensive foul with just 2 ticks showing on the clock.

Erla continued to be active inside the paint before the intermission. But with 4:16 remaining he collected another offensive foul that sent him to the bench with 3 fouls and

Cass City trailing 24-12.

Both teams went cold to open the final half. Cass City used baskets by Erla, Sawyer Cuthrell and Parker Haire to slice into the Brown City margin entering the final 8 minutes, where teammate Kyle Ross came to life.

Ross sparked a 16-7 run that brought Cass City within one possession in the final minute. A hard driving lay-up by the senior forward had the guests trailing just 39-34.

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Grapplers on verge of school history tonight

Red Hawk wrestlers add district championship to record-setting season

The record-setting Cass City wrestling team is the favorite to capture the regional championship trophy tonight in Mayville. If Coach Don Markel's grapplers can continue their winning ways on Wednesday, the result would be the first regional banner in school history.

At the Team Regional, Cass City will take on Greater Thumb Conference foe Bad Axe in one semifinal contest, with Burton Bentley and Sandusky meeting in the other semifinal match. Cass City has defeated all 3 schools during regular season battles.

"We faced Burton Bentley earlier in the year, but we will first have to get past a tough Bad Axe team to advance (into the regional final). We have reached the finals before, but Cass City has never won a Team Regional wrestling title," said Markel.

Cass City advanced into this week's action with an impressive Team District performance Thursday in Mayville. They defeated host Mayville 54-20 before going on to beat Akron-Fairgrove 78-6.

Double winners for the Red Hawks included Tyler Cowdry, Alex Jeffery, Tyler Hool, Seth

Osentoski, Blake Lebioda, Darren Dickson, Brad Baker and T.J. Moore.

Cass City's dual meet record now stands at 38-10. The Red Hawk win total is the most for a single season in school history.

INDIVIDUAL DISTRICT

On Saturday, at Individual District competition, 9 Red Hawks placed fourth or better in their weight class to advance into this weekend's Individual Regionals to be held at New Lothrop.

Wyatt Dickson (119), Blake Lebioda (135) and Daymon Tabako (215) led Cass City on the day and earned the title of district champion. T.J. Moore (189), Ethan Monte (285) and Darren Dickson (140) recorded runner-up honors, while Josh Daniels finished third (189) and Dominik Navara (171) and Seth Osentoski (130) placed fourth.

Dickson's title run included pins over Bad Axe's Ben McVey and Jackson Thomas, while Lebioda posted pins over teammate Eric Peters and Jake Zuhike, of Marlette, and Tabako recorded a fall over Ubyly's Zackary Walker.

Owen-Gage comes up shy

Akron-Fairgrove used a big second quarter Friday to down visiting Owen-Gage in a battle between Michigan Summit League foes.

Bulldogs Jacob Wright and David Binder helped to keep the visitors close in the early going with 13 first quarter tallies, but a Viking 19-11 spurt to the intermission proved too much for Owen-Gage to overcome.

Trailing 33-26, Dan Good got loose for several good looks in the third quarter and poured in 10 markers to offset triples by Vikings Jeremy Verhelle and Austin Carter in the period.

Owen-Gage used triples of their own — by Wright, Binder and Derik Harp — in the final 8 minutes, but could only trade baskets down the wire in the 58-53 final score.

Verhelle paced the winners with 21

points that included 5 baskets from behind the 3-point arc, while Carter accounted for 17 points and Adrian Vliet, 14.

For Owen-Gage, Wright scored 19 points, Binder, 15 and Good, 12.

DECKERVILLE

Also last week, Deckerville limited the Bulldogs to just 28 points during a non-conference affair.

The Eagles led 36-12 after two quarters of play and would never trail en route to a 54-28 whipping.

Wright and Good split 24 tallies for the Bulldogs.

A well-balanced offense by the Eagles had 9 players entered into the score book, topped by Keegan Bowerman and Curtis Fritch with 10 points apiece.



SENIOR KYLE ROSS keeps close tabs on Brown City's Jeffrey Randolph during Friday's GTC crossover game. Cass City rallied late, but would surrender 49-43 to the host Green Devils.

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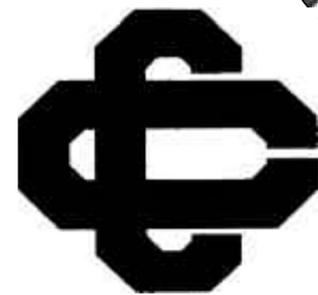
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CITY OF VASSAR, COUNTY OF TUSCOLA AND STATE OF MICHIGAN, to wit: LOT 8, BLOCK 5, HARRINGTON'S ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE (NOW CITY) OF VASSAR, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 1, PAGE 23A OF PLATS, TUSCOLA COUNTY RECORDS. MORE COMMONLY 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

1-21-5

(MERS) as nominee for Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corp., Mortgagee, dated the 11th day of December, 2008 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 18th day of December, 2008 in Liber 1163 of Tuscola County Records, page 1120, said Mortgage having been assigned to CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Ninety-nine Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-seven and 85/100 (\$99767.85), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 26th day of February, 2015 at 10:00 AM o'clock Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in Village of Caro, Tuscola Cty MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 4.750 per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Township of Koylton, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit: THE SOUTH 5 ACRES OF THE WEST 8 ACRES OF THE EAST 26 ACRES OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 33, TOWN 11, RANGE 11 EAST, SUBJECT TO EASEMENT AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD. EXCEPTING AND RESERVING THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PREMISES SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF KOYLTON, COUNTY OF TUSCOLA, AND STATE OF MICHIGAN, TO WIT: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTH 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 33, T11N-R11E, KOYLTON TOWNSHIP, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN; THENCE S 89° 27' 28" W 592.24 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 33; THENCE N 0° 45' 27" W 735.67 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; RUNNING THENCE N 71° 17' 45" W 279.09 FEET; THENCE N 89° 27' 28" E 263.15 FEET; THENCE S 0° 45' 27" E 92.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. BEING APART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 33, T11N-R11E, KOYLTON TOWNSHIP, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN. During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale. Pursuant to MCLA 600.3278, the mortgagor(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney
Dated: 01/28/2015
CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC
Mortgagee FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C. Attorney for CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC
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Troy, MI 48098
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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 Jason L. Hulburt, a married man and Shari L. Hulburt, his wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated March 13, 2006, and recorded on March 21, 2006 in Liber 1074 on Page 1245, and modified by agreement dated October 10, 2012, and recorded on November 20, 2012 in Liber 1265 on Page 749, and modified by Affidavit or Order executed on May 19, 2008 and recorded on May 22, 2008 in Liber 1150 on Page 108, and assigned by mesne assignments to MidFirst Bank as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Eight and 13/100 Dollars (\$195,278.13).

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 March 5, 2015.

Said premises are situated in Township of Elkland, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: The East 30 acres of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 Section 13, Town 14 North, Range 11 East.

Affidavit of Affixture recorded in Liber 1079, Page 421 and further evidenced by Affidavit of Scrivener's Error recorded in Liber 1298, Page 835

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: February 4, 2015
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dan Butler and Lori Butler, Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 7, 2007, and recorded on August 15, 2007 in Liber 1127 on Page 795, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Selene Finance LP as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Six and 98/100 Dollars (\$58,826.98).

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 March 5, 2015.

Said premises are situated in City of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing on Butler Street, 8 Rods East from the Southwest corner of Block 20 in North's Addition to the City of Vassar, Running thence North 6 Rods, thence East 4 Rods and 3 feet; thence South 6 Rods to Butler Street; thence West on North line of Butler Street to the place of beginning. Part of Lots 3 and 4 Block 20 North's Addition to the City of Vassar Also: The South Part of Lot 4 in Block 20 of North's Addition to the City of Vassar, being 4 Rods wide on Butler Street and 6 Rods in Depth North and South, all in the City of Vassar; EXCEPT commencing at Southwest corner of Lot 4, Block 20, North Addition to City of Vassar; thence North on East line of said Lot 6 rods; thence West 58 feet; thence South 6 Rods; thence East 58 feet to the place of beginning. Property located in 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: February 4, 2015
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dennis R. Geitman II, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated August 24, 2004, and recorded on September 10, 2004 in Liber 1007 on Page 1256, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Nationstar Mortgage LLC as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety Thousand Nine Hundred Eight and 64/100 Dollars (\$90,908.64).

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 March 5, 2015.

Said premises are situated in Township of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 35, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the South line of said Section 35, which is East, 465.00 feet, from the South 1/4 corner of said Section 35; thence continuing along said South line East 186.02 feet; thence North 00 degrees 05 minutes 50 seconds West 350.0 feet; thence West 186.02 feet; thence South 00 degrees 05 minutes 50 seconds East 350.00 feet to the South line of said Section 35 and the point of beginning. Except an undivided 1/2 interest in and to all oil, gas and other minerals.

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.

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Dated: February 4, 2015
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Donna C Putnam, a single woman, Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc.

Obituaries

Edward Nauka

Edward Nauka, 83, of Decker, died Saturday, February 14, 2015 in Clio, Michigan. He was born September 20, 1931 in Detroit, Michigan, the son of the late Louis and Mary (Krawczyk) Nauka.

Edward was a 1950 graduate of Marlette High School. He served in the U.S. Marines from 1952-1955, where he earned many medals and a certificate for Operation Freedom from the U.S. Marine Corp.

Edward worked and retired from General Motors as a machine repairman. He was a master of all trades, an inventor, a wood craftsman and a great story teller.

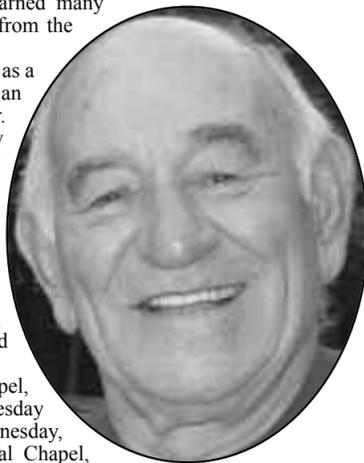
He is survived by: Jacqueline & Kent Shaw (daughter) of Clio, Thomas Nauka (son) of Argyle, James Nauka & Sarah Kaldhal (son) of Clio, Pamela Nauka & Tim Tyndall (daughter) of Birch Run; Henry & Elizabeth Nauka (brother) of Commerce Twp.; 13 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by daughters, Shirley Nauka, Mary (Nauka) Jacklet; grandson, Jeffrey Nauka; and brothers, John, Eugene and Louis Nauka.

Visitation will be held at Marsh Funeral Chapel, Marlette on Tuesday from 3-8 p.m. and on Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, February 18 at 11:00 a.m. at the Marsh Funeral Chapel, Marlette.

Pastor Douglas Richardson will be officiating. Burial will be in the Moshier Cemetery in Hemans.

Memorial suggestions to the U.S. Marine Corp. League Detachment No. 570. Arrangements were made by Marsh Funeral Chapel, Marlette, www.marshfuneral.com.



Alger Osentoski

Alger "Pat" Edward Osentoski, 78, of Cass City passed away February 8, 2015 in his niece's home in East Pointe.

He was born May 8, 1936 in Ubly, Austin Township to Edward and Tresa (Polach) Osentoski. He was married to Carole Johnson.

Pat worked as a Manager for Greendale Screw Products in Detroit for more than 40 years. He was a member of St. Pancratius Catholic Church in Cass City. Pat was well known for his green thumb and since he was a young man he grew a large garden. Pat enjoyed deer hunting, repairing lawn mowers and snow blowers and loved traveling and cruising around the globe.

Pat is survived by his children: Steven Osentoski of Utica, Daniel Osentoski of Emmett, A. Gary and wife Temmy Osentoski of Tustin, CA, and Corey Osentoski of Shelby Township; grandchildren: Justin (wife Christine), Danielle, Nathan, Derrick, Steven and Devon; several nephews and nieces; sister-in-law, Marie Osentoski of Cass City; special friend of over ten years, Helen Clor of Ubly. Pat joined our Creator with his parents and siblings: Ira and Bernice; and half-brothers: Stanley, Alfred and Sylvester Osentoski and half-sister, Leona Wahowski.

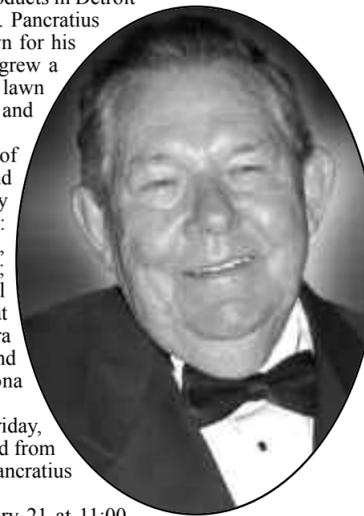
Visitation will be from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. Friday, February 20 in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City and from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Saturday, February 21 in St. Pancratius Catholic Church.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, February 21 at 11:00 a.m. in Our Lady Consolata Parish, St. Pancratius Catholic Church, Cass City with the Rev. Christian Tabares officiating.

Interment will take place in the spring in St. John Cemetery, Ubly. Pallbearers for Mr. Osentoski: Justin Osentoski, Nathan Osentoski, Steven Osentoski, Derrick Osentoski, Devon Osentoski, and Ken Osentoski.

Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranz-funeralhome.com.

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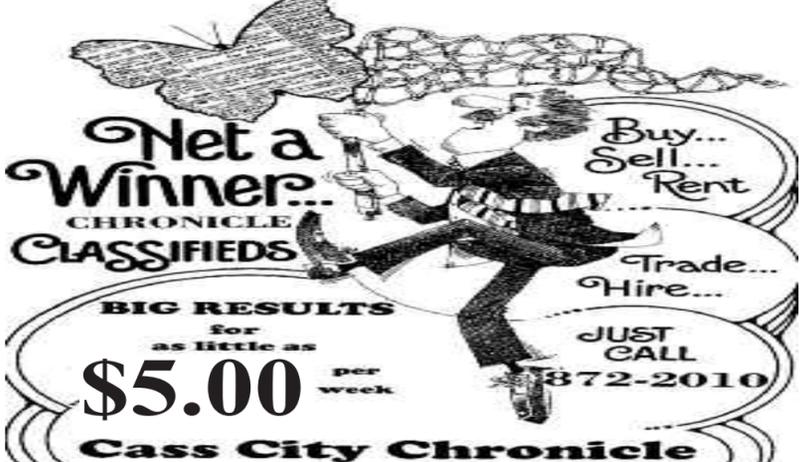
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10 acres with a 3 bedroom home. 70% of the acreage is wooded, great hunting. The property also has a pond and mature fruit trees. Nice and private. The home has been well taken care of. New roof 2 years ago. Move in ready. There is also a small storage shed for your mower and toys. CC-710



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Just bring your personal property and your family. There is nothing more you will need to do. Everything has been maintained to a tee, inside and out. It even has a brand new roof. Concrete driveway, 30' x 50' shed with cement floor and electric. Nice landscaped yard with rear deck and covered front porch to enjoy the view. The interior has a nice open floor plan. Located on paved road. 1.18+/- acres. A must see. Call for appt. CC-114



MOVE IN READY!!!

Large family home with plenty of character close to downtown. Many updates including a new roof and new 200 amp electric service. Yard is fenced in with nicely manicured landscaping. All you need is your furniture. It's move in ready!!! CCT-511



INCREDIBLE VALUE!!!

Great location, on paved road, just 2.5 miles from town. This home offers 2 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, full semi finished basement, dry walled and could be finished off further for more living space. 2 car attached garage, sets on 5 acres with nice mature trees in the yard. Call for a personal showing today!



SOLD!!!

It's simply gorgeous with a well thought out floor plan. There are 4 nice sized bedrooms, the living room has a fireplace, in the formal dining room you will find beautiful built in cabinets. Vaulted ceilings run through the kitchen, dining room and formal dining room. Also on the main floor is a family room, and a 3 season room with a large deck to view the nicely landscaped yard and wooded area. Nice woodwork throughout the home, partial basement is finished and much, much more. CCT-522



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Immediate possession - 3 bedroom, 1.75 bath, 2-story, 2,100 sq. ft. home in the Village on a corner lot. Circle drive has a large 2.5 plus car garage with work area. Close to downtown, appliances included. TCC1699

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PRICE REDUCED!

Move in day of closing - Cass City Country, 3-4, bedroom home with 1-1/2 baths, full basement, 2-car garage. Home has wood flooring, nice kitchen and large foyer area. CY2681



This home is a must see - This 3 bedroom, 2 bath home is very well taken care of and very much loved. The open floor plan includes a large open living room, formal dining room and an amazing master suite including a walk-in closet. It sets on 3 acres and includes a 24' x 40' pole barn/man cave. CY2697



Owendale Country - remodeled home with a few finishing touches, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, attached garage plus a hip roof barn and large 3 sided shed. CY2697



Quiet Cul-de-sac location - beautiful 5 bedroom, 3 full, 2 half bath home in a lovely 1.5 acre wooded setting in the village of Cass City featuring a dream kitchen every woman will love, dining room with conversation area, den with a full bath, large first floor laundry room, a finished walkout lower level with a fireplace, wet bar, billiards room with a half bath, 2-car attached garage and so much more. TCC1674



PRICE REDUCED!

Must See! - Neat and clean 3 bedroom home features a partially finished basement, deck with retractable awning off the dining room, an attached 1.5 car garage and nice fenced back yard with a shed. Home has upgraded vinyl siding, newer roof, furnace, insulation, windows and remodeled bath. TCC1692

Consumer's Energy gift of \$15,000 to boost backpack program for county youth

Tuscola Intermediate School District (TISD) officials say a generous financial gift from Consumer's Energy will go a long way toward boosting efforts to ensure youth going through tough times aren't going hungry on the weekends.

Every year more than 350 students are identified as homeless and living in a transitional housing situation in Tuscola County, according to Angila Adams, truancy/homeless coordinator for the TISD. "Many of our students are unaccompanied homeless youth or youth living in a shelter, or doubled-up with other relatives or friends," she said.

"The Tuscola Intermediate School District facilitates a weekly 'backpack' program to ensure these youth have food to eat over the weekend," Adams added. "Every Friday backpacks filled with non-perishable food items are discretely sent home with students from school."

TISD officials recently received a \$15,000 check from Consumer's Energy to help fund the project.

"Our students look forward to Fridays, knowing they will have food to eat for the weekend," Adams said, noting officials truly appreciate Consumer's Energy's assistance. "Removing barriers that our students face such as food, clothing, school supplies and transportation to school is proven to increase student achievement and success."



ANGILA ADAMS (left), truancy/homeless coordinator for the Tuscola Intermediate School District (TISD), and Susan Walker, director, Great Start Tuscola, display the \$15,000 donation recently presented by Consumer's Energy officials to support the TISD's backpack program.

Notice of BOARD OF REVIEW for Novesta Township

will be held

Monday, March 9, 2015

9 a.m. – 12 p.m. & 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Tuesday, March 10, 2015

9 a.m. – 12 p.m. & 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Tentative Equalization Factors:

	Multiplier	Ratio
Residential	1.0323	46.74
Agricultural	1.0323	47.95
Commercial	.9727	50.89
Personal	1.0000	50.00

Cass City Gun Club

2676 Englehart Road, Cass City, MI 48726

Joann M. Tauber, Assessor

Notice of Public Hearing Village of Gagetown Zoning Board of Appeals February 26, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. Gagetown Village Hall 4764 State Street, Gagetown, MI 48735 Case: ZBA 2015-01

ZBA 2015-01: Vita Plus, 6506 Mill Street, Gagetown, Michigan 48735 is requesting zoning variances on property in the Village of Gagetown, property is located on Mill Street. Parcel numbers are 037-500-151-0150-00 and 037-500-154-0100-00 (the old Evans Factory property). The property is classified as light industrial. Vita Plus request is to build a 595,000 bushel capacity grain bin for storage with a conveyor reaching and connecting to the existing Vita Plus on adjacent property.

The following variances requested:

- #1. Set back, Vita Plus request to build on the property line located on the southeast corner.
- #2. Request to exceed the height for the grain bin, supporting legs and conveyor.

Persons interested in commenting on this request may appear in person at the public hearing or if unable to attend the meeting, may submit written comments to the Village of Gagetown, P.O. Box 107, Gagetown, MI 48735

Gene Bucholtz, Zoning Administrator
Village of Gagetown, MI

Special election scheduled for Feb. 24 to benefit veterans, Tuscola Co. EDC

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office is frustrating when it comes to adequately serving the county's estimated 4,600 veterans.

Even working part-time, three days a week, Amend has helped to secure some \$15 million a year in various benefits for servicemen and women and their spouses, ranging from service-related injury claims to pensions and education benefits.

But Amend knows he can't possibly begin to adequately service the county's veterans now because he often must travel to serve clients, which means that while he is on the road, no one is in the office to answer questions brought in by veterans, some of whom are hesitant to ask for assistance in the first place and will attempt to do so only once.

"This (millage) would give us two people to work this office instead of one," Amend said, adding one staff member could be traveling to meet veterans and assist them in applying for benefits, while the other would be in the office five days a week, available to answer questions and assist veterans seeking help.

The additional tax revenue would also enable the office to purchase a second van to transport more veterans to VA-approved medical facilities in locations such as Bad Axe and Saginaw as well as Detroit, Ann Arbor and Battle Creek.

EDC MILLAGE

In addition to providing more stability in terms of revenue, the proposed EDC millage would pay for an expansion of staffing – from 1 ½ to 3 ½ positions – and augment the EDC's revolving and other loan programs, according to Hoagland. He said the millage would enable the EDC to provide more job opportuni-

ties in the county and, at the same time, free up \$50,000 the county annually provides to the EDC — making up roughly half of the agency's annual budget — for other purposes.

"The last time we had a millage (that eased funding demands on the county's general fund budget) was in 1988 with the first road patrol and senior citizen millages," said Hoagland, who noted Tuscola County already has among the lowest allocated millage rates in the state.

"Like everything else, it takes more resources to do (everything), but these are pretty modest millage amounts. We've done well with what we've had to work with," Hoagland added.

Tuscola County EDC director Steve Erickson said the special levy would enable his office to better serve residents while providing a dependable funding source. "If approved it would fully fund the Tuscola County EDC as well as provide a grant matching fund of \$150,000 for local municipalities," he said.

"When we began in 1982, the Tuscola County EDC was formed and supported by our local farmers and businesses. We provided the funding they needed to grow in our county," Erickson said. "In the early 1990's the Tuscola County EDC was expanded to help grow our manufacturing base within the county. Today, we have grown from a board of 12 to 23 volunteer community members from throughout Tuscola County who represent all aspects of economic development as well as health care and education."

"In order to assist and grow our small businesses, the EDC started an equipment lease program. This program allows small businesses to purchase vital equipment through the

Tuscola County EDC, so that their business can grow and thrive in our county," Erickson explained. "This program has created and retained much needed jobs...and provided \$150,000 of funding to our county businesses."

"Another facet of financial assistance for businesses in Tuscola County is our Revolving Loan Program," he noted. "This program offers businesses gap financing to assist them in growing their business. This program has also retained and created jobs."

"(We're) actively involved in meeting the need of growing our energy infrastructure to meet the current and future demands of our agriculture and manufacturers within our county. The EDC is dedicated to working with our manufacturers to receive state grants that help them to expand their operations or purchase new equipment," he said. "Through our grant writing service we have helped to raise over \$5 million for the county, (and) our new service of creating master, downtown development authority, and park and recreation master plans allows municipalities to plan for and develop their communities, downtowns, and park and recreational opportunities."

Erickson added, "(We're) seeking a millage to combine all of our funding from one source. Currently, changes within the tax structure coupled with decreases in property values and lost revenue from the personal property tax have caused most municipalities to struggle financially. If approved, this millage would relieve them of their financial support to the Tuscola County EDC. It would also provide them with an opportunity to receive grant matching dollars for federal and state grants."

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