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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 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

"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 Please turn to page 16.

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 $T\;u\;s\;c\;o\;l\;a$ County corrections offilast month is on hold after his attorney requested an



his client at the Center for Forensic Psychiatry in Ypsilanti.

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

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assisted at the scene. Schlatter was

transported by Marlette EMS to

Marlette Regional Hospital for treat-

ment of minor injuries. Deputies

noted he was wearing his seatbelt.

BAD AXE City Police Officer and Huron County Sheriff's **Department Dive Team** member Shawn Webber during emerges 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 it takes to rescue or recover a victim invited members of the media to observe the operation, organized a becomes an ice-related drowning. handful of times each year to ensure

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 a difference when we're all on the same page," Hanson noted.

up to the task at hand in what are

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 open range of the wind-swept ice on Wild Fowl Bay.

The Argo, built for tackling snow with ease, jostled another reporter

ing to Hanson, was to rehearse what

who slips below the surface and

"Our nine-deputy dive unit carries divers' skills and their equipment is 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

"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 ½ 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 day, were exaggerated out on the that could be done as safely as possi-

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

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delivery a piece of mail from Cass City to the Snover, Decker and and myself as we traveled a mile out Ubly area? to the training site, south of the west-Brenda Orton, of the Pontiac Metroplex, says about 4 days. She ern tip of Sand Point near Caseville. reports that newspapers that go to the Pontiac Metroplex will The purpose of the training, accord-

have a 3-day processing period to get those newspapers to towns with zip codes beginning with the numbers 484 - Ubly (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

USPS fails in timely delivery

So, how long does it take the United States Postal Service to

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 – start-

ing 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.



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

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-yearold Randy Slinglend of Ubly struck an Amish buggy driven by Eli Miller, 42, who was traveling with an 18-year-old passenger.

"Slinglend 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 westbound 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



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 members and one guest along with Gilligan's in Cass City. Twenty-four were present.

Hospital Auxiliary met recently for Ann Prahin, Kerry Brown and lunch and a business meeting at Danielle Blaine from Hills and Dales

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 Fun By The 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.

Prahin was the guest speaker. She

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

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

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Tom Montgomery Editor

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 dol-

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.

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 unique opportunity to directly support the veterans 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 serve those who have served. 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

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

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 Facebook.

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



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 educa-

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

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

Talk about a brief fishing season.

Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) officials say the 2015 Black Lake sturgeon harvest season ended after less than five and a half hours Saturday, Feb. 7, with five fish being harvested. The fishing season, which included spearing or hook-andline fishing, was scheduled to run Feb. 7-11 or until the harvest quota of five fish had been reached.

There were 303 registered anglers on the ice, up from 228 the year before.

According to DNR fisheries biologist Tim Cwalinski, the first sturgeon was harvested around 9 a.m. It was a 67-inch female that weighed 75 pounds. Fish number two was taken at 9:33 a.m. and was a 58-inch male weighing 45 pounds. Fish three was a 69-inch female that weighed 80 pounds, taken at 12:35 p.m. Fish four was the day's largest, a 71-inch female that weighed in at 87 pounds and was taken at 12:50 p.m. The fifth and final fish was harvested at 1:27 p.m. and was a 50-inch female that weighed 31

Temperatures remain on the frigid side, but officials with the Cass River Pet FriendZ have "beating the heat" in mind

It's difficult to think about spring being just around the corner, Cass River Pet FriendZ spokeswoman Patricia Trisch acknowledged. "However," she said, 'spring is coming and so is the heat cycle for cats. Every spring cats begin breeding and producing thousands of kittens. Cats that are only six months old are old enough to reproduce."

According to the latest statistics from the ASPCA (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals), 56 percent of dogs and 71 percent of cats that enter shelters in the United States are euthanized, adding up to nearly four million yearly.

"One of the reasons that people don't get their pets fixed is financial, but help and options are available," Trisch said. "Laursen Veterinary Service is offering a special clinic day for cats only on March 7. Female cats will be fixed for \$60 and males for \$40. Call (989) 693-6201 to make an appointment."

In addition, Trisch continued, the Spay/Neuter Express is coming to the Cass City area Thursday, Feb. 26; Thursday, April 2; and Saturday, June 20. Area residents can learn more by logging onto the website http://spayneuterexpress.com or calling (616) 897-8865 for an appointment.

"They fix both cats and dogs and offer other services at reduced prices," explained Trisch, who noted about every three months the Mayville Veterinary Clinic hosts a discount dog spay and neuter clinic. Male and female dogs cost \$100 each. Call (989) 843-5030 for information. "Dr. Carol Cook/Cookie Jar Veterinary Service will do cat spays for \$85 and give a discount if a person has more than one for the same day — \$70 per spay for more than one on the same day. Call Dr. Cook at (989) 553-2347.'

The Cass River Pet FriendZ helps offset costs for low-income people (contact them at dogtired@centurytel.net or by phone – 989-673-7141), as does the Humane Society of Tuscola County (call 989-672-

"Tuscola County has a huge pet overpopulation problem," Trisch said. "There is no excuse not to get your animals fixed."

Letters to the Editor

Support those who served their nation

On Tuesday, Feb. 24, you, the voters, will have a Currently, the veterans affairs office in Caro is under

funded, 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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Merchant, commander VFW Post 3644 Cass City

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Wednesday, February 18

•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, February 19

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

•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.

Friday, February 20

•Senior Citizen Movies, 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library

Monday, February 23

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

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

•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, February 24

•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. •Living with Parkinson's Support Group, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Holiday Inn Express, 55

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

•Ubly Lions Club meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Ubly Thumb Veterans OrganizationHall, 2165 Binghan St., Ubly MI 48475. A pot luck is served prior to the meeting. Everyone is wel-

Third Wednesday

•Spaghetti Dinner at Cass City VFW Hall from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Take out available. For more information call (989) 872-4933.

Third Thursday:

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

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

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

• Fourth Monday:

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

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

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

Fourth Wednesday:

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

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

•Community Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.

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

Last Monday:

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

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

•AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more informa-

tion, call (989) 553-5932. Every Tuesday:

•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.)

Every Wednesday:

•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.

Every Thursday:

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

At Sanilac County factory

Deputies nab parking lot thief

by Tom Montgomery Editor

A Huron County man caught helping himself to property belonging to some factory workers in Sanilac County Friday afternoon is expected to face multiple theft charges.

Sanilac County Sheriff's Department Sgt. Shelly Park reported deputies were dispatched to the business in the 3200 block of W. Snover Road in the village of Snover at about 1:15 p.m.

dispatch and said that they observed a male subject inside one of the employee's vehicles," Park said. "The male subject left in a vehicle after being located by an employee that was on break. Deputies canvassed the area and located the suspect vehicle in the 1600 block of Main Street in Snover."

who subsequently confessed to steal- County District Court.

"Employees of the factory called ing property from several vehicles in the factory parking lot.

> "The items were recovered from the suspect vehicle and the suspect vehicle was seized as evidence in the investigation," Park said. "He also confessed to stealing garden supplies from an area business.

The investigation is continuing, according to deputies, who did not Deputies interviewed the 37-year- release a name pending formal old suspect, a Port Hope resident arraignment on charges in Sanilac

Circuit court proceedings

Several appear on felony charges

The following people appeared in mitted in the presence of another uled. Tuscola County Circuit Court last week on various criminal charges:

*Mark W. Graham, 54, Caro, received a six-month delayed sentence following his plea of no contest to a charge of larceny of property valued at \$1,000 to \$20,000 by conversion between August and December 2013 in Caro.

He was ordered to complete 50 hours of community service and pay court costs and fines totaling \$798 plus attorneys fees of \$100.

*Samuel C. Rankin, 22, was sentenced to seven to 20 years in prison following his pleas of no contest to two counts of criminal sexual conduct, third degree, involving a victim at least 13 years of age but under 16 years June 13 in Caro. Rankin, who is listed as being homeless, was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to prison time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines total-

ing \$266. *Richard E. Jacques Jr., 48, Vassar, received a one-year delayed sentence following his pleas of no contest to delivery/manufacture of five to 45 kilograms of marijuana, subsequent offense, and possession of a weapon by a felon June 20 in Vassar Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (two prior

felony convictions). Jacques was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,266 plus attor-

neys fees of \$500. *Scott L. Wilson, 38, Mayville, received a one-year delayed sentence following his pleas of no contest to charges of child abuse, third degree, and child abuse, third degree – com-

child between Jan. 13 and May 29 in Fremont Township.

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

sentenced to two to 15 years in prison following his plea of no contest to second degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim under the age of 13 years between January 2013 and March 2014 in Caro/Almer **Township**

In addition to prison time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$698 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

*Michael A. Fields, 20, Akron, pleaded no contest to two counts of criminal sexual conduct, third degree, involving force or coercion and personal injury to a victim at least 13 years of age but under 16 years between Aug. 1 and Nov. 27 in

A pre-sentence investigation was \$25,000. Sentencing is to be sched-

*Randall L. Hessler, 52, Akron, pleaded guilty to a charge of possession of a firearm by a felon between Dec. 8 and Dec. 10 in Akron. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (two prior felony con-

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

*Tanya A. Carlson, 29, Flint, pleaded no contest to assault with intent to commit great bodily harm less than murder Nov. 4 in Fremont Township. A pre-sentence investigation was

*Christopher S. Glover, 47, Caro, pleaded guilty to tampering with an electronic monitoring device Oct. 2 in Indianfields Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual *Scott A. Maskell, 29, Caro, was offender (three or more prior felony

> A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$4,000. Sentencing is to be sched-

> *Randy R. Manning, 55, Millington, pleaded no contest to possession of marijuana, second offense, Nov. 14 in Arbela Township.

> A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$3,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

> *Ann M. Troxell, 36, Harrison, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Nov. 12 in Cass A pre-sentence investigation was

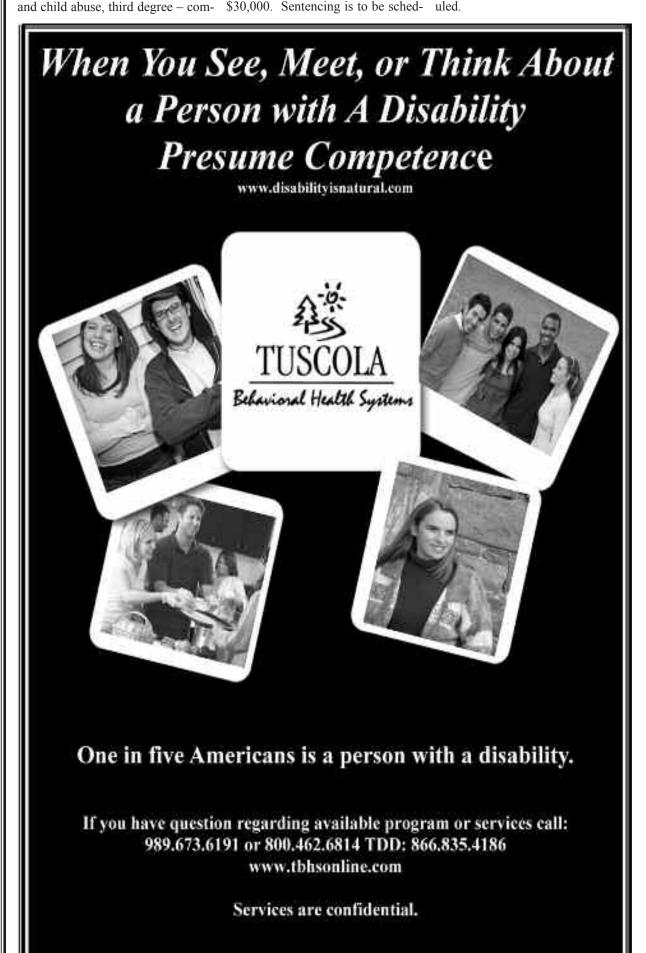
ordered and bond was continued at ordered and bond was continued at \$2,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled. *Paul T. Rogers, 26, Millington, pleaded guilty to two counts of

receiving and concealing stolen property between Sept. 1 and Oct. 2 in Vassar Township. A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at

*Kathleen M. Dolliver, 39, Mayville, pleaded guilty to delivery/manufacture of marijuana Aug. 1

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Reporter's notebook Welcome to the

by Tom Montgomery Editor

Thumb, our home



I spent a couple hours with the Huron County Sheriff's Department Dive Team on Saginaw Bay during a bitterly cold Thursday morning to watch an ice diving training exercise up close and personal.

Readers can learn more about that experience in a story featured on our front page this week. The view of the bay, even in these artic conditions — not to mention the sights along my drive there and back – reminded me of just how much the Thumb has to offer visitors.

I was also reminded of a recent article posted on the website movoto.com and shared with me by former longtime Huron County newsman Mark Rummel, who ran The Newsweekly, Thumb Blanket and Progress-Advance for about two decades before leaving the area (today he's owner and manager of a Mancino's eatery in Fenton).

The article listed several things "Someone from Michigan's Thumb Might Have to Explain to an Out-of-Towner". Here's a few most of us are familiar with and proud of when it comes to our home:

*Expect a slower way of life – The Thumb is known for its more relaxed nature, full of agriculture and small towns. The corn and soybean industries are huge here, with the farming lifestyle having a big impact on the local culture (along with the economy).

*A trip to the lake can trump a trip to the ocean – With around 150 miles of shoreline, heading to the Great Lakes is the perfect summer getaway for Thumb dwellers. The fishing's great, the beaches aren't too crowded, the sunsets are more beautiful, and it doesn't require a 20-hour drive.

*But it's not Lake Michigan here – While most Midwesterners probably recognize Lake Michigan and Lake Erie, the Thumb is all about Lake Huron, which has not only the longest shoreline of the Great Lakes, but also boasts the second largest surface area (more than 23,000 square miles).

*M-25 makes it worth the drive – Following along the state's shoreline, M-25 is one of the most scenic drives in America. Stretching from Port Huron, around Saginaw Bay and into Bay City, this 147-mile tour is a

*Lighthouses are a big deal here – famous lighthouses stretch up and down the entire shoreline of the Thumb, including those in Port Austin, Harbor Beach and Port Sanilac. Many of these old buildings are still open for tours and can make a great day trip.

*Being a Lions fan is harder than it looks – People living in the Thumb still cheer for Detroit when it comes to professional sports. They're some of the most diehard Lions fans around, despite several disappointing seasons. Never doubt their loyalty to game day.

*The people here have a crush on Jimmy Buffet – Thumb dwellers love life by the shore, so the popularity of the Cheeseburger (festival) in Caseville, Jimmy Buffet and the island lifestyle should come as no sur-

*Polka isn't just a type of dot here – With the huge amount of German and Polish heritage in the Thumb area, visitors should expect to hear a little polka music while they're here.

*Thumbers call it "pop" – Some places call it "soda", some places call it "coke", but in the Thumb, if it's sugary, carbonated and full of flavor,

*Bean soup is a big deal – Once upon a time, Kinde was the bean capitol of the world. In other words, people in the Thumb love their bean

*People love local here – Whether it's a small business or a farmer's market, Thumb residents love buying local.

*It's pronounced "See-Ba-Wing".

*And, yeah, the Sugar Festival is as sweet as it sounds – originally started with the goal of showing appreciation to the local sugar industry, the Michigan Sugar Festival in Sebewaing has become one of the coolest summer fests around.

*Don't be surprised by that head on the wall – With more than 49,000 acres of state game and wildlife areas in the Thumb region, there's a huge hunting culture here.

The Thumb is a great place to visit – scenic shorelines, woods and farm fields as far as the eye can see, and good old-fashioned small town friendliness make this region one of the coolest places in the country.





Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas

Four Cass City grapplers finished at the top of their respective weight class during the individual districts held at Standish-Sterling. Josh Jensen, a sophomore, placed first at 171. He will carry a 44-4 record into the regionals. Placing second at 189 is Eric Reif, a senior. He will carry a 47-10 record going into regionals. Also placing second was Mike Milligan, a junior in the 215 weight class. Milligan takes a 40-9 record into regionals. Finally, sophomore Nick Adkins placed third at individual districts in the 285 weight class and will carry a 31-16 record into the individual regionals.

5 YEARS AGO (2010)

Three students from Owendale-Gagetown Area School have been named local winners in the 41st America and Me Essay Contest. The students were Dakotah Alcorn, first; Benjamin Good, second; and Quinn Smith, third, All 3 received an award certificate. Alcorn's name will also be engraved on a plaque for permanent display in the school.

The village of Cass City is taking a \$90,000 step towards "going green", with a grant provided by the federal government. Cass City officials will be installing 48 215-watt solar panels on the roof of the municipal building to offset costs and reduce greenhouse gas production.

10 YEARS AGO (2005)

Cass City area resident William (Bill) Britt was recently honored as 'Citizen of the Year" by members of the Tyler Masonic Lodge 317, Cass City. "The criterion for this honor is that you be a nonmember and contribute to the betterment of the community," explained lodge member and past Master Ed Good. "Certainly Bill Britt qualifies, having been a teacher, coach, principal in the Owendale-Gagetown School system for 38 years and is now retired." Bill is married and he and his wife, Judy, have 4 daughters and 8 grandchil-

Vying for Cass City's 2005 Snow Coming King and Queen honors are Red Hawk seniors Tara Sherman, Krista Homakie, Carrie Hillaker, Tara Whittaker, Luann Laming, James McKnight, Nick Stoutenburg, Andrew Schinnerer, Paul Hoelzle and Mike Havens. The Snow Coming underclassmen court are Ashleigh Rabideau, Derek Suro, Jenni Brinkman, Jarod Stoutenburg, Caitlin Sorenson and Chris Childs.

25 YEARS AGO (1990)

Walbro Corporation and Cooper Industries, Inc. recently announced that they have signed a letter of intent for Walbro to acquire Sharon Manufacturing Corporation of Lambertville, Mich. Walbro chairman, president and chief executive officer L.E. Althaver said, "We are pleased add Sharon to Manufacturing to the Walbro family. Sharon's line of fuel rails will complete Walbro's fuel systems offerings to customers in the U.S. and over-

B.A. Calka, 1989 Citizen of the Year introduced Hills and Dales General Hospital administrator Ken Jensen as this year's Citizen of the Year. Jensen is a past president of the Cass City Rotary Club. He is a Scottish Rite Mason and a Shriner. Calka told the group that "we honor him for his enthusiastic willingness to put his shoulder to the wheel...or support his fellow citizens in any of the many ways we all are called

Jeff Bader was named junior citizen of the year. Bader the son of Robert and Shirley Bader has been president and chairman of the student council and chairman of student council subcommittees. He has worked in various civic projects, including a canned food drive and the delivery of Christmas boxes for the United Way. Bader works part-time at Rawson Memorial Library and plans to attend Western Michigan University to study engineering or

business management. Karen L. Nicol of Cass City graduated summa cum laude (with highest honor). She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education. A 1983 Cass City High School graduate, Nicol was recently hired as a third grade teacher in the Marlette Community School District.

35 YEARS AGO (1980)

A link with Cass City's past will soon be gone. The railroad depot at Garfield and Vulcan Streets, which has stood at least since early in this century, is scheduled for demolition. It was last used as a freight depot in

board 20 years earlier. The owner, the Grand Trunk Western Railroad, is presently soliciting bids for its demolition, according to Richard Dykman of the engineering public services division.

If they form a Polar Bear club in the first to join. Last week, with the temperature in the very low teens, Kibbey was walking around without a jacket. When bugged about it, Kibbey said he doesn't even own a jacket. That's surprising. Even more strange is that Kibbey claims he's never cold even when the temperature goes below zero. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Cass City High School debate team finished fifth at the state final debate tournament at Central Michigan University. The team of John Scollon, Steve Corcoran and Crystal six preliminary rounds.

40 YEARS AGO (1975)

Jack Laurie of Cass City is one of 55 Michigan dairymen who recently Holstein-Friesian Association of America, the world's largest dairy breed registry organization. The organization is designed to help dairymen improve the genetic base of their herds and provides a registry for their animals.

Staff Sergeant Mason Berridge, son of Mr. and Mrs. Burton Berridge of Ubly, has been awarded the highest possible rating in electronics maintenance given by the Strategic Air Command. Sergeant Berridge received the Master Technician will be giving out 100 free tickets. Award, which recognized exceptionally fine performance on the part of certain noncommissioned officers skilled in the repair of aircraft sys-

Marine Pvt. Leonard Gaszczynski, son of Mrs. Veronica Gaszczynski of Cass City, graduated from the Basic Warehousing Course at the Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C. He received instruction in the receipt, storage, issue, maintenance, sale and preparation for shipment of Marine Corps supplies and equipment. A 1974 graduate of Cass City High School, he joined the Marine Corps in August 1974.

50 YEARS AGO (1965)

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Ferguson left Tuesday for a four-day excursion to Bermuda on an all-expense paid trip won in the Gulf Oil Company-sponsored contest. Ferguson is the Owner of Cass City Oil and Gas Co.

Gov. George Romney has appointed Clinton House of Cass City, Tuscola County Circuit Court Commissioner.

The supporters of Warren Wood and Leland Rabideau are girding for an all-out sticker campaign at the general village election. Wood and Rabideau were defeated in the primary by Mrs. Gladys Albee and Glen "Scotty" McCullough.

An estimated 200 person attended the morning services Sunday at which Cass City Methodists dedicated new church pews and an altar cross. Congratulating Rev. James Braid were Howard Bacon, chairman of the Methodist Church Board of Trustees, and John Marshall, lay

75 YEARS AGO (1940)

elected chairman of the Tuscola and leave them 1.87 cents per mile.

1975. The last passenger got on County Chapter of the American Red Cross. He succeeds Mrs. C.L. Bougher of Caro.

Between 400 and 500 persons will be served at the Tri-County Republican banquet which will be held at Cass City High School.

Only a handful of citizens gathered Thumb, Cliff Kibbey should be the at the Council Rooms to attend the village caucus and short work was made of the nominations. Eugene B. Schwaderer was unanimously elected Village President.

Group of 258 enjoyed the fine program at the annual father and son banquet. Delbert Profit, A.C. Atwell, Orion Cardew and A.J. Knapp appeared on platform with cornets and saxophones to entertain members of the community with their quartet. Some "smelled a rat" and finally, as one player after another left the stage and the music went on uninterrupted, "the cat was let out of Gallaway was in third place after the bag" and the suspicious were convinced that a second set of players back of the curtain had provided the music. Messrs. Atwell, Profit, Cardew and Knapp needed no "backers' in vocal numbers, however, and led the group singing efficiently. George Dillman was the

piano player. The large neon sign for the Cass Theatre was placed on the front of the new theatre building. Workmen are rushing to completion the new structure which replaced the building destroyed by fire on November 29, 1939. Earlier plans were to open the theatre but the slow drying of the plaster on the walls has delayed the opening date. To honor the Cass Theatre reopening Sunoco Service

100 YEARS AGO (1915)

Post master Corkins has entered contract for the purchase of new equipment for the Cass City post office. The post office floor will be divided into two sections a lobby and a work room where the mail is handled. One of the large windows at the front of the building will light both sections. There will be a case that provides 200 lock boxes, the case is made out of well selected quartered

W.A. Mudge, manager for Thumb Creamery Co. of Cass City and Caro, is pleased to note the steady increase of business at each plant. Mudge says he has made great effort to make you the best market possible for your fat and I feel content there has been none better no matter what is claimed. With the company in good financial condition and with no desire for more than reasonable interest on their money invested, we now have exceptionally good market for our butter which directly benefits all of Cass City and Caro patrons. Mudge feels confident Thumb Creamery Co. can do even better this

Senator Burrell Tripp is the father of the new railroad bill which offers a novel solution to the passenger car problems occupying the legislature's attention. The Tripp bill will call for 2-1/2 cent fares on all but the trunk lines of the state. The question of whether they come under the law is left optional with the railroads. If they agree they must consent to spend 25 per cent of their passenger earnings in the purchase and maintenance of passenger equipment. Tripp declares this provision will be able to Guy W. Landon of Cass City was maintain its passenger's equipment



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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

Notice of **BOARD OF REVIEW**

Elkland Township

will be held

March 9, 2015 9 a.m - 12 p.m. & 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. March 12, 2015 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. & 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Elkland Township Fire Hall at 6691 Church St., Cass City Dan Erla, Supervisor



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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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the Tuesday, February 24 General Election has been scheduled for Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at the Elkland Township Fire Hall, Cass City, Michigan.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the program and tabulators that will be used to tabulate the ballots of the election have been prepared in accordance with the law.

> Ed LaBelle Elkland Township Clerk

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Sunday School 9:45 a.m. • Worship Service 10:50 a.m. Sunday Evening Service & Youth Group 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Family Night 6:30 p.m.

Pastor: Phil Burkett • Associate Pastor: Justin Kuhl www.casscitymc.org

Cass City United Methodist Church

5100 N. Cemetery Rd., P.O. Box 125, Cass City, MI 48726 872-3422

Worship: 11:00 a.m. (Summer 10:00 a.m.) Sunday School - Sept.-May 9:30 a.m. Community Dinner - Monthly (2nd Wed. at noon) Pastor: Rev. Jackie Roe

Community Baptist Church

(Independent Fundamental) 4446 Ale St., Cass City, MI 48726 • 989-872-4088 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. • Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Evening Service 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday - Pray/Bible Study & Youth Group 6:00 p.m

Deford Community Church

1392 N. Kingston Rd. (1/4 mile south of Deford on Kingston Rd.) 872-4055

Sundays - 10 a.m. Wednesdays - 7 p.m. Pastor: David Cooper DefordCommunityChurch.org

Evangelical Free Church of Cass City

6430 Chestnut Blvd., Cass City, MI 48726 • 872-5060 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. • Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. Midweek Bible Studies • Biblical Counseling Pastor: Rev. Todd R. Gould 乎 EFCA Like us on Facebook!

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First Presbyterian Church

Website: www.fbccc.us

Barrier Free • State & National Historical Registry 6505 Church St., Cass City, MI 48726 • 872-5400 Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Pastor: Linda Graham

Fraser Presbyterian Church

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Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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Pastor: Rev. Steve Bagnall www.goodshepherdlutherancasscity.webs.com

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6536 Houghton Street, Cass City, MI 48726 989-872-4637

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Mizpah Missionary Church

4631 N. Van Dyke, Cass City, MI 48726 Sunday School: 10 a.m. Sunday Service: 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Group 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday Kids' Club 6:30-8 p.m. Pastor Dale Bullock 989-872-2828



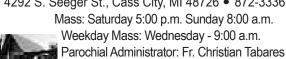
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Our Lady Consolata Catholic Church 4292 S. Seeger St., Cass City, MI 48726 • 872-3336 Mass: Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 8:00 a.m. Weekday Mass: Wednesday - 9:00 a.m.



2015 CASS CITY HIGH SCHOOL SNOWCOMING 2015





DECKERVILLE Join us for an action packed evening Friday, Feb. 20, at 6 p.m.



2015 King and Queen candidates are: (back, I-r) Kyle Ross, Jacob Guinther, Jackson Stern, Daymon Tabako (missing Brendan Karwowski) (front) Katie House, Aubrei Witherspoon, Rebecca Graff, Erin Zdrojewski and Alliah Riddle.



THE Cass City Red Hawk 2014-15 boys' basketball team members include: (front l-r) Sawver Cuthrell, Drew Loomis, Kyle Ross, Devin Klueger, Branden Horne (back) Mason Erla, Chase Winter, Jack Stern, Keith Lounsbury, Parker Haire and Logan Schenk.



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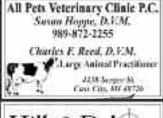
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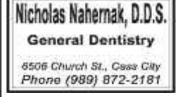
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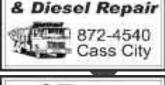












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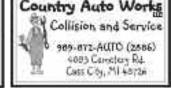




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Thumb divers prepare for the worst on bay

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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 taxpay-

"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

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, located at 895 S. State St., at knifepoint.

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







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Cass City native named the 2015 "leader in law"

by Tom Montgomery

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 ness and how best to represent their 2015 Leader in the Law by Michigan interests,' Lawyers Weekly.

MacCallum, selected for his dedication, leadership, and going above Sullivan, and beyond the call in support of his president of clients and his firm, is one of 30 distinguished lawyers who were chosen Einhorn to receive the prestigious award. Farrell PC. "They are the lawyers in Michigan setting the example for other lawyers," writes Michigan Lawyers ship and the Weekly's James K. Williams, Jr.

Neil's leader-ship and the impact that he

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

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 workasbestos litigation dockets.

MacCallum is regarded as a leader

He is involved in a number of the Wayne County Circuit Court said.

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 busi-

commented Michael Collins "Because of impact that he made,



Neil MacCallum

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.'

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 ing with the courts to help create one City High School in 1969 and still of the nation's most efficient owns the family farm a few miles outside town.

He says he still enjoys visiting the by his clients, colleagues, and in his area every couple of months, catching up with long-time friends. "Cass City has always been my home town groups and associations, including and the people there have always serving as an appointed member in been among the best I've known," he

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.

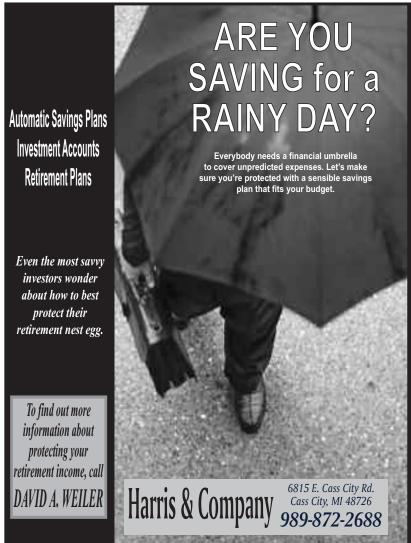
Walker registration for this year's event begins at 9 a.m., with simultaneous walks taking place in all four counties starting at 9:30 a.m.

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.

Residents can also learn and make a donation by logging onto HDC's website at www.hdc-caro.org or by visiting the organization's Facebook page.





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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 the Red Hawks need to improve. At 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 Thumb Conference Greater crossover tilt.

Although the Red Hawk losing streak reached 5 games with the 49-43 decision, Fernald saw plenty 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 the paint before the intermission. themselves and that's a step in the

right direction," he said. Avoiding sluggish starts is one area him to the bench with 3 fouls and

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 But with 4:16 remaining he collected another offensive foul that sent 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

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

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had the guests trailing just 39-34.

Grapplers on verge of school history tonight

Red Hawk wrestlers add district championship to record-setting season

The record-setting Cass City Osentoski, Blake Lebioda, capture the regional championship trophy tonight Mayville. If Coach Don Markel's now stands at 38-10. The Red grapplers can continue their win-ning ways on Wednesday, the single season in school history. result would be the first regional banner in school history.

At the Team Regional, Cass City will take on Greater Thumb 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

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

wrestling team is the favorite to Darren Dickson, Brad Baker and T.J. Moore.

Cass City's dual meet record

INDIVIDUAL DISTRICT

On Saturday, at Individual Conference foe Bad Axe in one District competition, 9 Red Hawks placed fourth or better in their weight class to advance into weekend's Individual this 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 Montei (285) and never won a Team Regional wrestling title," said Markel.

Cass City advanced into this

Cass City advanced into this 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 Hawks included Tyler Cowdry, Marlette, and Tabako recorded a Alex Jeffery, Tyler Hool, Seth fall over Ubly'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

Owen-Gage used triples of their own — by Wright, Binder and Derik Harp — in the final 8 minutes, but Eagles had 9 players entered into the 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 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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Cass City fades in GTW contest against Bad Axe

For 3 quarters, Cass City gave visiting Bad Axe all the Hatchets could handle – and more – during a

Hatchets win big

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Another Ross lay-up -- this one off a Haire steal and assist – had the Red Hawks within 43-40 with a half minute to play.

Forced to stop the clock, Cass City sent Randolph to the stripe in the closing moments and with ice in his veins, he hit 4 straight from the stripe to hold off the visitors.

Randolph's first shots from the line extended the gap to 45-40, but a clutch trey by Cuthrell had Cass City in position to complete the rally.

Instead, Randolph and Caleb Muxlow each hit a pair of freebies part of a 9-of-10 showing at the foul line down the stretch to derail the

McPhail tossed in 18 points to lead Brown City, while Randolph added a

Erla and Ross paced Cass City with 16 and 12 points, respectively.

BAD AXE

Greater Thumb West leader Bad Axe outscored host Cass City in each quarter last week en route to a 51-33

Hatchet Tommy Morneau was as good as advertised and tossed in a game-high 17 points to help decide the contest.

Cass City was limited to 4 points from Cuthrell in period one, while Schenk hit twice from the lane in the second period and Haire added a pair of hoops in the third period, but they were the only Red Hawk players to score multiple field goals in any period on the night.

Cass City was outscored just 25-19 in the closing half, but never seriously challenged the winners.

Cuthrell was the lone Red Hawk to reach double figures with 11 markers. Haire scored 7 points and Erla, 6.

Besides Morneau, Ian Messing had 11 points for the winners.

Boys' Basketball **Standings**

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Bad Axe	6	0	12	3
Reese	4	2	9	5

USA	4	2	9	5
Vassar	4	3	11	4
Cass City	1	5	3	11
EPBP	0	7	3	13
Greate	r Th	umb	East	
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Harbor Beach	6	0	11	4
Sandusky	4	1	9	6
Marlette	4	3	10	6
Brown City	3	3	8	7
Ubly	2	5	4	10
Memphis	0	7		
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	\mathbf{W}	L	$\underline{\mathbf{W}}$	L
Kingston	10	0	11	4
Peck	8	1	12	3
North Huron	6	4	7	8
Deckerville	4	6	6	10
Mayville	3	7	6	9
CPS	3	7	4	8
Caseville	0	9	0	11

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Michigan Summit League

	$\underline{\mathbf{W}}$	$\underline{\mathbf{L}}$	$\underline{\mathbf{W}}$
Flint Int.	7	0	7
BCAS	6	2	10
SASA	4	4	4
Akron-Fair.	2	5	9
Owen-Gage	0	8	2

Greater Thumb West basketball game that highlighted the Lady Red Hawks' action last week.

Cass City's Erin Zdrojewski and Bad Axe's Kaitlyn Kociba exchanged blows early during Tuesday's outing and when the dust settled, the game was knotted at 8-8 entering the frame before the intermission.

Zdrojewski, who scored half of the Red Hawks' first quarter markers, continued her assault on the Hatchets throughout the initial half and her 7 early points had Cass City in front, 19-17, entering the locker room.

Sayge Cuthrell and Alliah Riddle joined Zdrojewski in handling the scoring chores and 13 points from the pair over the middle quarters extended Cass City's gap to 31-27 with 8 minutes remaining.

"Erin's game has improved so much since the beginning of the season," said Coach Clarke Haire. "She practices very hard and I couldn't be more pleased that the extra time is paying off."

Still, it was Bad Axe transfer student Rachel Meeks that proved to be the difference in the deciding quarter. The lanky sophomore tallied 3 timely buckets and 6 of her 8 second half markers to help produce the final 40-34 decision.

'Bad Axe handled us pretty easily the first time around, winning by 19. We played much better this time and hopefully we can take some confi-

dence away from that," said Haire. For Cass City, Cuthrell posted 11 points, while Riddle added 9 points

and Zdrojewski, 7. For Bad Axe, Butch's 11 points was

BROWN CITY

On Thursday, Cass City traveled to Brown City and was soundly defeated, 54-29, in Greater Thumb Conference crossover play.

A 17-9 run to start the contest helped produce the expected results.

"That's a big, strong team. Well

coached, they will be a tough out, come tournament time," Haire said. The Green Devils settled for a 35-17 lead at the halfway point and then outscored their guests 15-6 to kick

off the final half. Lost in the final outcome was a fantastic showing by Riddle. The senior guard scored Cass City's first 9 points, scored in every period and finished with a team-high 17 points.

"Alliah was a force out there. She was hitting from all over. We need her looking for her shot. She is a threat to score from any spot of the court.'

Girls' Basketball **Standings**

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Reese	7	0	13	3			
USA	7	1	12	3			
Bad Axe	3	4	7	9			
Vassar	3	5	6	10			
EPBP	3	5	5	10			
Cass City	0	8	2	14			
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Sandusky	7	0	15	1			
Marlette	8	2	15	3			
Brown City	4	3	11	5			
Harbor Beach	3	4	11	5			
Ubly	2	6	6	11			
Memphis	0	9	1	15			
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	\mathbf{W}	$\underline{\mathbf{L}}$	\mathbf{W}	$\underline{\mathbf{L}}$			
Kingston	9	0	14	3			
Deckerville	9	2	13	3			
North Huron	6	4	7	10			
CPS	6	4	10	5			
Peck	3	6	6	11			
Mayville	1	9	1	13			
Caseville	0	9	1	12			
Flint Int	Λ	6	1	0			

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Kingston gals defeated in marquee match-up

Conference leaders Kingston and Sandusky met for a Thumb marquee match-up Friday in girls' basketball, captured by the host Redskins 37-17.

Defense prevailed in the war featuring the Greater Thumb East leaders Sandusky and Coach Jay Green's Cardinals, leaders in the North Central Thumb League. Both schools came into the contest unblemished in conference action. Kingston trailed 6-4 after one quar-

ter, but was outscored 10-2 over the final 8 minutes of the opening half

that proved fatal.

'We weren't aggressive enough against a strong Sandusky team. This was a good learning experience against a great team, said Green. Jenna Boyl and Madison Cofer

scored 6 points each for Kingston. Brooke Krueger's 9 points led

Sandusky, who had Jessica Kursinsky and Keegan Nelson with 8 points apiece.

AKRON-FAIRGROVE Earlier last week, Kingston enter-

tained Akron on Monday and disposed of the Vikings 51-18.

Despite the lopsided final score, the visitors trailed just 10-6 early before Kingston took control of the contest. Sarah Savage recorded 19 points,

which included a perfect showing in 8 tosses at the foul line in the closing half. Cassidy MacGuire chipped in a dozen tallies for the winners.

For Akron-Fairgrove, who played without leading scorer Emily Wagner, Megan Hiser finished with

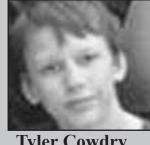
Schneeberger's ATHLETES of the WEEK

It should come as no surprise that Schneeberger's choice for their Athletes of the Week award winners are members of the Cass City wrestling team.

Coach Don Markel's grapplers are headed to Team Regionals tonight (Wednesday) looking to earn the Red Hawks' first ever regional crown. Already the school's record holder for dual meet wins in a season, the Cass City wrestlers also have recorded the Greater Thumb Conference title in 2015, and most recently, Team District honors in Mayville.

Helping to secure the Team District title were Red Hawks Tyler Cowdry, Alex Jeffery and Brad Baker. The Red Hawk trio were all double winners on Thursday during Team District competition that included the host Wildcats and Akron-Fairgrove.

Cowdry is the 103-pound weight class winner, Jeffery the 112-pound weight class winner, while Baker went undefeated in a pair of middle weight bouts to claim district bragging rights.



Tyler Cowdry



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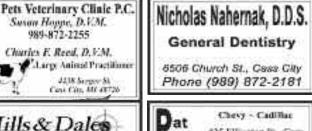
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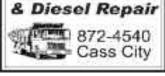
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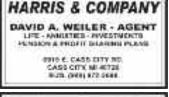
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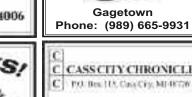
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Notices

MILITARY DUTY OR HAVE BEEN IN THE PRIOR ONE YEAR, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT 586-777-0770 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE MORTGAGE 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 DECEM-BER 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 HUN-DRED SIXTY TWO AND 21/100THS (\$42,262.21) DOL-LARS 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, necespremises. Which said premises are described as follows:

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 redeemed, except that in the event abandoned pursuant to MCLA 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

ATTORNEY FOR MORTGAGEE 24525 Harper Avenue St. Clair Shores, MI 48080

(586) 777-0770

& 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 EASE-MENT AND RESTRICTIONS OF sary to protect its interest in the RECORD. EXCEPTING AND RESERVING THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PREMISES SITUAT-ED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF CITY OF VASSAR, COUNTY OF KOYLTON, COUNTY OF TUSCO-TUSCOLA AND STATE OF LA, AND STATE OF MICHIGAN, MICHIGAN, to wit: LOT 8, TO WIT: COMMENCING AT THE such sale. BLOCK 5, HARRINGTON'S SOUTH 1/4 CORNER OF SEC-ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE TION 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 BEGIN-NING; RUNNING THENCE N 71° 17' 45" W 279.09 FEET; THENCE N 89° 27' 28" E 263.15 FEET; the sale, the property may be THENCE S 0° 45'27" E 92.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.. that the property is determined to be BEING APART OF THE SOUTH-WEST 1/4 OF SECTION 33, T11N-600.3241 a, the property may be 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 Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure 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 1-21-5 SERVICES, LLC Mortgagee FABRIZIO & BROOK, ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale P.C. Attorney for CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC

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700 Tower Drive, Ste. 510 Troy, MI 48098 (248) 362-2600 **ČMŠ FHA PUTNAMDON**

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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-Dollars Eight and 13/100 (\$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 vendue, 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

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

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 For more information, please call: FC S (248) 593-1304 Trott Law, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Hwy Ste 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-

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> 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 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-98/100 Six and Dollars

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 MORTGAGE SALE - Default has 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 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.

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IF YOU ARE NOW ON ACTIVE (MERS) as nominee for Taylor, Bean NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE Under the power of sale contained in ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale said mortgage and the statute in such 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.

> 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).

Vassar, being 4 Rods wide on Butler Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on 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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Electronic Registration Systems Inc. TACT OUR OFFICE AT THE (\$58,826.98).

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Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Inc., Mortgagee, dated November 5,

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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 Raymond Ronteltap and Windy Ronteltap, husand wife, original Mortgage mortgagor(s), to Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated February 9, 2007, and recorded on February 20, 2007 in Liber 1111 on Page 514, and assigned by mesne assignments to PennyMac Corp. as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-47/100 Three and Dollars (\$129,583.47).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on March 5, 2015.

Said premises are situated in Township of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: The West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 23, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, except a parcel of land described as follows: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of Section 23; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West on the South line of said Section, 968.39 feet to the point of beginning of this description; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West on said South Section line, 320.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 11 minutes 33 seconds East on the West line of said Section 23 and the point line of the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of of Beginning. the Southwest 1/4 of said Section, 00 minutes 00 seconds East parallel with said South Section line, 320.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 11 minutes 33 seconds West parallel with said West line of the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4, 680.25 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 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 For more information, please call: FC H (248) 593-1300 Trott Law, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Hwy Ste 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-5422 File #447098F01

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been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kenneth Ewald and Vicki Ewald, his wife, original mortgagor(s), Electronic Registration Systems, 19, 2015, at 10 o'clock in the

2012, and recorded on November 19, 2012 in Liber 1265 on Page 507, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Seven and 48/100 Dollars (\$100,447.48).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on March 12, 2015.

Said premises are situated in Township of Almer, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 1 - Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 23, Town 13 North, Range 9 East, thence South 01 Degrees 30 Minutes West 560.50 feet along the East line of Section 23 to the point of beginning, running thence North 88 Degrees 30 Minutes West 250.0 feet; thence South 01 Degrees 30 Minutes West 99.5 feet; thence South 88 Degrees 30 Minutes East 118.0 feet; thence South 01 Degrees 30 Minutes West 33.0 feet; thence South 88 Degrees 30 Minutes East 132.0 feet; thence North 01 Degrees 30 Minutes East 132.5 feet along the East line of Section 23 to the point of beginning. Being part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section Town 13 North, Range 9 East.

Parcel 2 - Part of the North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 23, Town 13 North, Range 9 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the East line of said Section 23 which is South 01 Degrees 30 Minutes 00 Seconds West, 520.50 feet from the East 1/4 corner of said Section 23; thence continuing along said feet line South 01 Degrees 30 Minutes 00 Seconds West 40.00 feet, at right angles to the East line of said Section 23, North 88 Degrees 30 Minutes 00 Seconds West 250.00 feet; thence South 01 Degrees 30 Minutes 00 Seconds West 99.50 feet; thence North 88 Degrees 30 Minutes 00 Seconds West 70.00 feet; thence North 01 Degrees 30 Minutes 00 Seconds East 139.50 feet; thence South 88 Degrees 30 Minutes 00 Seconds East 320.00 feet to the East

The redemption period shall be 680.25 feet; thence North 90 degrees 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 11, 2015

For more information, please call: FC H (248) 593-1300 Trott Law, P.C.

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File #449244F01

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ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PUR-MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by ALFRED F. BILICKI SR., ALLAN BILICKI, AND MELISSA A. BRODZIK, a single man, a single man, and a single woman, Mortgagors, to FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF AMERICA, Mortgagee, dated September 24, 2004, and recorded October 4, 2004, in Liber 1010, Page 1309, of Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this notice \$40,148.50, including interest at 13.25% per

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan, MORTGAGE SALE - Default has 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 Mortgage highest bidder, on Thursday, March

circuit court within Tuscola County, Michigan. Said premises are situated in the Township of Wells, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the NW corner of the North 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of Section 24, T12N, R10E; running thence East 411 feet; thence South 212 feet; thence West 411 feet; thence North 212 feet to the point of beginning; c/k/a 2289 Froede, Caro, MI 48723

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 peri-

Dated: February 18, 2015 LeVasseur Dyer & Associates, PC Attorneys for Mortgagee P.O. Box 721400 Berkley, MI 48072 (248) 586-1200

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MORTGAGE SALE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military

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. Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Serena R. Long, a single woman, whose address is believed to have been 1843 Van Geisen Road, Caro, MI 48723, to the United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture now known as United States Department of Agriculture Development, December 22, 2005 and recorded December 28, 2005 in Tuscola County Register of Deeds at 1066, Pages 561-566 and in which mortgage there is claimed to be due A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION

including interest at 5.3750 percent IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. per annum.

Interest is \$14.4141 per day. Notice may be rescinded by the foreclosing is also given to Michigan State Housing Development Authority, whose address is 735 East Michigan Avenue, Lansing, MI 48913 regarding a Mortgage dated December 22, 2005, could be terminated as a result of this sale. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged property, or some part thereof, at public venue, at the Tuscola County Department, 420 Court Street, in mortgage there is claimed to be due Caro, Michigan at 10:00 A.M. on MARCH 26, 2015. Said premises are situated in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as follows: Land situated in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan: Parcel 1 – Lot 3 of Country Manor, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 52. Parcel 2 - Lot 34 of Country Manor No. 2, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 4 of Plats,

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale unless the property is abandoned, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale or abandonment, if abandonment occurs after sale. NOTE: Pursuant to MCL §600.3278, if the above-described 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.

DATED: February, 2015 David L. Porteous Attorney for Mortgagee MCCURDY, WOTILA & PORTE-123 West Upton Avenue, P.O. Box If the property is sold at foreclosure

Reed City, MI 49677 TELEPHONE: (231)832.3231

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure

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forenoon, at the place of holding the as of February 4, 2015 the sum of WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR One Hundred Fourteen Thousand THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CON-Four Hundred Thirty-Seven & TACT OUR OFFICE AT THE 60/100 (\$114,437.60) Dollars NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE

> ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael L. Wilson and Melissa Kay Wilson, Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Flagstar Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated October 8, 1999, and recorded on October 12, 1999 in Liber 784 on Page 652, in Tuscola Sheriff's county records, Michigan, on which at the date hereof the sum of Forty Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Nine and 24/100 Dollars (\$40,269.24).

> 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 Čounty, at 10:00 AM, on March 19, 2015.

> Said premises are situated in Township of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at a point 104 feet North of the Southwest corner of the South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4; thence East 412.5 feet; thence North 260 feet; thence West 412.5 feet; thence South 260 feet to the point of beginning Section 14 Town 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.

> 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.

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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 greatgrandchildren.

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,

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

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.kranzfuneralhome.com.

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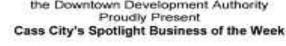
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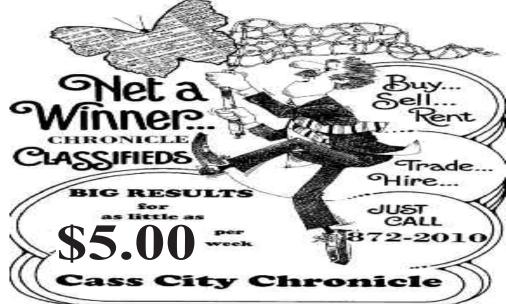
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Consumer's Energy gift of \$15,000 to boost backpack program for county youth

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 week-

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 doubledup 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.'

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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



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.

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 be in the office five days a week, available to answer questions and municipalities," he said. assist veterans seeking help.

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 said the millage would enable the EDC to provide more job opportuni-

time, free up \$50,000 the county annually provides to the EDC – making up roughly half of the program has created and retained agency's annual budget — for other

The last time we had a millage (that eased funding demands on the county's general fund budget) was in tance for businesses in Tuscola 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

"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 resione," Amend said, adding one staff member could be traveling to meet veterans and assist them in applying would fully fund the Tuscola County would fully fund the Tuscola County to raise over \$5 million for the countries of purchase new equipment," he said. "Through our grant writing service we have helped to raise over \$5 million for the countries of purchase new equipment," he said. "Through our grant writing service we have helped to raise over \$5 million for the countries of purchase new equipment," he said. for benefits, while the other would EDC as well as provide a grant ty, (and) our new service of creating matching fund of \$150,000 for local master, downtown development

The additional tax revenue would 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 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 health care and education.

chase vital equipment through the grants."

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

> "Another facet of financial assis-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 authority, and park and recreation "When we began in 1982, the master plans allows municipalities to plan for and develop their communities, downtowns, and park and recreational opportunities.

Erickson added, "(We're) seeking a 1990's the Tuscola County EDC was 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 County who represent all aspects of municipalities to struggle financialeconomic development as well as ly. If approved, this millage would relieve them of their financial sup-"In order to assist and grow our port to the Tuscola County EDC. It EDC's revolving and other loan pro-small businesses, the EDC started an would also provide them with an grams, according to Hoagland. He equipment lease program. This pro- opportunity to receive grant matchgram allows small businesses to puring dollars for federal and state

